

DIARY

Date	Event/Location	Price	Pay Date	Organiser	Time
Dec 6	Allara Christmas Lunch	£35	Nov meeting	Philip	13.00
Jan 30	Mandy's Quiz	£3	Nov meeting onwards	Mandy	14.00

Ramblers

November 2023 Walk

We all met up at Matfield on a lovely sunny morning for this month's walk. The main group set off on their 5 mile walk while the short walkers, 9 of us, made our way to Brenchley for a walk into the village and into the lovely old church with the sun streaming through the beautiful stained glass windows. We met a builder who was working in there who told us a lot about the history of the church. We then walked through the large old churchyard, through the farm buildings, heading up onto the field meeting up with the main group for coffee in the Bowling Club. Later finishing up with 8 of us enjoying a good pub lunch in Paddock Wood. Thank you Ian for arranging another good time out. *M & J D*

It was a bright, yet chilly, (7 degrees) morning when the ALLARA walkers took to the fields around Matfield just outside of Paddock Wood. Some 19 hardy walkers turned up, with the main group walking nearly 5 miles around the Kent countryside. Surprisingly it was, despite all of the rain, quite steady under foot. So we set off on our circular walk heading for the Brenchley Bowls club where some of us partook in a cup of coffee. Suitably refreshed we set off to complete the second half of the walk ending up at the Star PH where we had parked our cars. We were due to eat at the Brewers Fayre but unfortunately it had a fire the previous night so I had to find alternative option fast. I stumbled over the John Brunt pub in Paddock Wood who were able to accommodate all 8 us at short notice. What a gem, the food and service was excellent

Overall a very good walk was had by all. Just to remind all walkers that our next walk is not scheduled until the 5th March Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all *Ian B*

10 Pin Bowling

Hi well it's been quite eventful since my last report. We entered 3 mixed teams into the Kentara Ten pin bowling tournament at Rochester. We were unable to get any practice due to schools half term. There were a total of 19 teams from various ARA's comprising teams of three bowlers in each team, either Men's, Ladies or mixed. ISTARA and organizers WON with an impressive total over 3 games of 1228 points. Our teams came 3rd, 6th and 10th, a good result overall.


Everybody had a good time and played well with special mention to Madeline who had her best games yet so far. Our next outing is on Friday 1st of December at 10:45 for 11:00 in Lockmeadow Maidstone. All are very welcome *B.U.*

Kurling

Katie Hogan

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Katie on November 2nd. She was a long time member of Allara and a popular member of our Kurling group. Katie had recently been in the Heart of Kent Hospice. The funeral is on Thursday 30th Nov. at Vinters Park Crematorium at 2.0pm. Our condolences go to Katie's family.

Allara News



THE NEWSLETTER OF ALLINGTON ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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No sunshine, lots of rain.
 No warm days, snow again.
 No bugs or bees.
 No leaves on trees.
 You must remember
 This is November!

November's name has remained unchanged since the ancient Roman calendar, which was in use until 45 BC. This first Roman calendar was only made up of ten months, with November being the ninth month. November actually translates rather appropriately into "ninth month" in Latin. When the Julian calendar was adopted in 45 BC, two new months were added, which pushed November back to the 11th month. Despite its change in position, November was never renamed.

On November 19, 1978, the largest group suicide in history took place in Jonestown, Guyana. The group who took their lives were instructed so by Reverend Jim Jones, who led the suicide cult called the "People's Temple." Over 900 of the cult members drank a cyanide-laced drink, with those who refused being forced to consume it.

Don't go to Jonestown for your holidays!!

Fish & Chips

Thank you Gerry for organising a great lunch, good food, good company, interesting quiz.

Thanks also to those who put the tables out and away and the tea makers.

Rhoda

October Speaker

I would just like to say how much I enjoyed the Bodyguard to the Queen talk by Richard Griffin at our October Meeting. It must have been very interesting working with the royal family and it gave us an insight as to how they were, he must have so many stories about them.

Can we have him again Diane?

Kathy R

Proposed Holiday

Gerry is planning a 5 day holiday to Norton Grange Coastal Village, Isle of Wight on Monday 29th April 2024 priced at £399 p.p. See the notice boards for details

Lunch Club

A total of 38 attended the first meeting at the Sir Thomas Wyatt on Thursday 9th Nov. for a very nice meal and a lot of friendly conversation. It was noted that quite a number were new members of Allara, so it was a nice welcome. Our thanks go to Glynis for her hard work organising the event and to Audrey B for her generous bulk donation to the staff gratuity box.

ALLARA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Philip Puttifer 686305
Hon. Sec.: Myra Farrer 756475
Treasurer: Gerry Waters 671691
Membership Sec.: Hilary Susans 661464
Outings: Marilyn Bateup 750480
Theatre/Shows: Vacant
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Kentara: Gerry Waters 671691
Newsletter: Colin Lester 717511
Speakers: Diane Lefevre 756326
General Asst. Jean Saxby
Glynis Haylett 290468
Hall Booking Kathy Ribiero
Meet & Greet: Betty Douglas 753424

INFORMATION

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm

Monthly Meeting

There were 88 members + 5 new members & 3 visitors attending the October meeting

Suggestion Box

There were no suggestions

All suggestions are recorded and kept for future consideration by the committee.

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

November 21st
Simon Waterfield
The Kilted Tommy

December 19th
Nick Boswell
Vocalist & Keyboard

ALLARA ACTIVITIES

Tai Chi

Every Monday 11.30 to 12.30 - £5.00
Contact: Christine 677629

Art Group

Every Monday 1.30 to 4.00 - £3.00
Contact: Betty 753424

Rambling

1st Tuesday in month 10.00 - FOC
Contact: Roly 677629 or Ian 750480

Kurling

2nd & 4th Mondays in month
2.00 to 4.00 - £4.00
(Inc. Tea/coffee & cake)
Contact: Philip 686305 or Colin 717511

Ten Pin Bowling

Last Friday in month 11 to 2 - £9.00
(3 games)
Contact: Brian 678078

KENTARA ACTIVITIES

Line Dancing

Every Monday
Larkfield Village Hall
Beginners 12.00, Easy Class 12.45 £3
More Advanced 2 to 3.45 - £3.50
Contact: Gerald Benham 01732 870715
email: patbutler758@gmail.com

KENTARA EVENTS

THE KING AND I

Dominion Theatre
Performances from 20th January 2024 –
2nd March 2024
10+ Accelerator Rate
Book by 30th April and pay by 30 June
Off-Peak Monday to Thursday perform.
Price Levels 1-2 reduced to £44.50*

Allara First Aider

Audrey Boston 01622 755232
Kent Community Warden Service
Dawn Riach-Brown 0777 3397125

Quirky Quiz

1. What runs but never walks. Murmurs but never talks. Has a bed but never sleeps. And has a mouth but never eats?
2. What gets wet while drying?
3. What is the difference between a jeweller and a jailer?
4. What can go up a chimney down, but can't go down a chimney up?
5. What can you catch, but not throw?
6. What has many teeth but cannot bite?
7. What has one eye but can't see?
8. What can travel all around the world without leaving it's corner?
9. What two things can you never eat for breakfast?
10. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
11. Two in a corner, one in a room, zero in a house, but one in a shelter. What am I?
12. A plane crashed between the border of France and Belgium. Where were the survivors buried?
13. I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish . What am I?
14. Spelled forward I'm what you do every day, spelled backward I'm something you hate. What am I?

Answers

1. A river 2. A towel 3. A jeweller sells watches and a jailer watches cells
 4. An umbrella 5. A cold 6. A comb
 7. A needle 8. A stamp 9. Lunch & dinner 10. Mt. Everest, it just wasn't discovered yet 11. The letter "R"
 12. They weren't survivors so don't need to be buried. 13. A map
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Why do cows lie down in the rain?
To keep each udder dry



I thought I would just say I have been and seen my next vehicle, one that will work well in the future. It has only just been out for experimental use but as you know after 2035 there will not be any petrol so this vehicle runs on natural gas, it does not need insurance or MOT. It goes from 10 in about an hour so no worries about speeding tickets. You don't have to stop for a pee when coming home from the pub owing to the new inbuilt loo with advanced plumbing . I did go and see it in the hope of putting a deposit down, but at the moment this is the very basic model. I did ask if they made one that was completely covered in and was told that would be classed as a de-luxe model which includes a heated seat and would cost a lot more. I must admit I'm a little sceptical about this invention but if as it says, complies with all the regulations and is in full production it would certainly be a head turner when on the open road.

Myra

How do you make antifreeze?
Steal her blanket.