

ALLARA TRIPS 2019

To avoid disappointment make a note of these dates then watch for further details nearer the time of each trip

October 10

Eltham Palace

Two course carvery - £8.50

Coach £12.50

Palace entry £12.00

(English Heritage members free)

Total: Members £21.00

Non Members £33.00

3 spaces still available

Organiser: Marilyn

Possible Outing Reminder

Rosemary is considering an outing on February 20th or 27th to The Dog and Duck at Plucks Gutter for a meal and entertainment. Due to popular demand, this has to be booked well in advance, so if you are interested please register your name with her at October meeting. Payment at November meeting..

Ramblers

14 members gathered for this walk at Linton which had been rearranged by our walk leader at a very late stage due to unforeseen circumstances. Well done Ian! This is a nice countryside walk passing through orchards heavily laden with fruit emphasising that we don't need to buy from the E.U. The return route passes Boughton church which affords wonderful views across the deer park and the weald. Our walk concluded with an excellent Lunch taken in the garden of The Walnut Tree East Farleigh and with food portions large enough to defeat the Pudding Club fraternity Our October walk is from The Star P.H. in Matfield and will be lead by John.S. Come and join us for a pleasant day out.

Art Group

The Allara Art Group meet on Mondays at 1.30pm in the small hall We bring our own equipment and have suggestions on subjects to paint from our leader Megan - or we can 'do our own thing'. This month we are having a demonstration by a professional water colour artist. It is a friendly group with birthdays and Christmas celebrated as well.

We welcome new members so do come and join us. Contact details are listed in this Newsletter *Betty.*



Kurling

August Session 1

Barbara, Malcolm, Roger. Score 102

August Session 2

Audrey, Katie, David. - Score 76

(Only 12 attended - hot Bank Holiday so extra cake had to be consumed!)

Last Night of the Proms Finale

Land of Hopeless Tories
Just can't seem to agree,
Loopy Libs and the Lefties
Leave us up a gum tree.
Wider still and wider
Will divisions be
Until our useless elected
Learn about democracy
Respect the referendum
And finally set us free.

Sir Edward Welgar

Allara News



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Events & Happenings in September

September 1st 2019 is the start of Autumn in Northern Hemisphere and start of Spring in Southern Hemisphere

1st 1698. Russia began taxing men's beards
3rd 1752. became 14th 1752 with the introduction of Gregorian calendar in U.K.
3rd 1939 was the outbreak of World War 2 when Germany invaded Poland.

6th 1880 the first cricket match played in England versus Australia at the Oval.

6th 1997. millions of people mourn for Diana, the Princess of Wales.

7th 1533. Queen Elizabeth 1 of England was born.

15th 1971 "Greenpeace" is founded.

17th 1877. the penal colony at Port Arthur, Tasmania was closed.

19th 1893. New Zealand becomes the first country in the world to give women the vote.

Best Quote of Any Era

"The Budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance." - Cicero 55 BC.

Some things never change do they?

These days, my back goes out more often than I do.

Fish & Chip Lunch

Thursday 14th November

St Nicholas Church Hall 12.30 for 1pm

Due to printing error the time shown on tickets sold at August meeting was incorrect. It should be as above 12.30 for 1pm **not** 2 - 4pm

Please note and alter your ticket

Membership Renewal

34 members have not yet renewed and will be deleted from the records from October. Application for membership can of course be made at any time.. £10 annual membership fee is a bargain and probably the least expensive of any ARA, so spread the word among friends and acquaintances to enable them to share in all the facilities on offer.

BBC - Bloated, Biased Corporation

If the BBC leans much further to the left it will fall flat on its back. While in this prone position get to work with the pruning shears to chop out the bloated salaried executives and 'stars', revive with a bucket of cold water and appoint a management committee of Pensioners with a true understanding of the real world of entertainment A bonus would be decent comedy programs for a change. I commend the idea to the house!

Niggled Nigel

ALLARA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Philip Puttifer 686305
Vice Chair: Jo Dolton 762665
Hon. Sec.: Myra Farrer 756475
Treasurer: Gerry Waters 671691
Membership Sec.: Hilary Susans 661464
Outings: Marilyn Bateup 750480
Theatre/Shows: Rosemary Welcome 736017
Holidays: Philip Puttifer 686305
Kentara: Jo Dolton 762665
Newsletter: Colin Lester 717511
Speakers: Diane Lefevre 756326
General Asst. Rosemary Kitney
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 104 members + 2 renewals + 2 new members & 1 visitor attending the August meeting
Suggestion Box
Cadbury's World of Chocolate
This was considered by the committee but felt that Birmingham was too far to go for a day trip.

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

September 17
Keith Simmons
Name Dropping 50 Years in Showbusiness

October 15
Prue Anderson
Pilgrimage to Adriano

Allara Activities

Tai Chi

Every Monday 11.30 to 12.30 - £4
Contact: Christine 677629

Keep Fit

Every Wednesday 10.30 to 11.30 - £3
Contact: Myra 756475

Art Group

Every Monday 1.30 to 4.00 - £2.50
Contact Megan Christmas 759426

Rambling

1st Monday in month 10.00 - FOC
Contact: Roly 677629

Kurling

2nd & 4th Monday s in month
1.45 to 4.30 - £2.50
(Inc. Tea/coffee & cake)
Contact: Philip 686305 or Colin 717511

Kentara Activities

Ten Pin Bowling

Last Friday in month 11 to 2 - £6.25
(3 games & tea or coffee)
Contact: Brian 759796

Line Dancing

Every Monday
Beginners 12.45 to 1.45 - £3
Advanced 2 to 4 - £3.50

Kentara Diary Dates

October 25

Annual Supper & Race Night
Ditton Community Centre 7pm start
£9 including Ploughman's Supper

December 5

Kentara Christmas Concert
Ditton Community Centre

Allara First Aider

Audrey Boston 695466

Kent Community Warden Service

Dawn Riach-Browne 0777 3397125

Denbies Winery

We set out on a pleasant Autumn day to Denbies Vineyard which nestles in a beautiful chalk valley in the Surrey countryside between Box Hill and the little town of Dorking. The coach arrived at our destination only to find our driver was unable to negotiate a low railway bridge and so we walked the final few yards to the reception area. Coffee and cakes were in plentiful supply in the onsite café and after a pleasant break we boarded a small train to be taken on a tour of the extensive estate. We ascended some 600 feet through beautiful wooded hillsides and then the guide stopped and gave us a very interesting talk on the type of grapes grown and the methods of picking the harvest which varied on the incline of the slopes. The flatter areas were mechanically harvested whilst the steeper slopes had to be handpicked. It probably helps if the pickers are fit and with the agility of a mountain goat. From our vantage point we had wonderful views of the vineyards and all the surrounding countryside. We then continued further up to the top of the estate where we were told of the original owner, Thomas Cubitt who was the founder of Cubitts the builders. He is famous for building Eaton Square, the frontage of Buckingham Palace and Osbourne House. The original home of the estate was indeed modelled on Osbourne House, we were told the Duchess of Cornwall spent much of her school summer holidays at the vineyard.

On our return to the visitors centre we had lunch followed by a tour of the cellars and bottling plant and were delighted to be given the chance to sample three of the different wines. Waitrose actually stocks the most renowned, - Summer Gold. We returned to the coach and after a 10 minute drive visited a local farm which had a lovely tea room and plenty of cake! After an uneventful journey we returned to Allington just before 6pm.

Finally, a thank you to Rosemary for a delightful day.

Gill H.

Truisms

A cow drinks about a bath full of water every day.
The chances of dying on your way to buy a lottery ticket are greater than your chance of winning big.
When young and impoverished, Pablo Picasso kept warm by burning his own paintings.
Sheep outnumber humans in New Zealand 15-1.
A man named Charles Osbourne has had hiccups for 69 years.
Only female mosquitoes bite.
The trouble with bucket seats is that nobody has the same size bucket.
Money can't buy happiness ..but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Bentley than a mini.

After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint.... you're probably dead.
Life isn't tied with a bow.... but it's still a gift.

Tell Me It Won't Happen

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her phone to report that her car had been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher.
"They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator" she cried.
The dispatcher said "Stay calm, an officer is on his way".
A few minutes later, the officer radios in "Disregard" he says. "She got in the back seat by mistake".