

# LenARA

## LEN VALLEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello All

Isn't it nice to know February is now behind us weather-wise, the wettest February on record apparently as the weatherman said and he wasn't kidding! I wouldn't mind taking bets that when summer actually arrives

we will see our old friend back 'the hosepipe ban'- watch this space.



### PAST EVENTS

On Monday, 26th February we, at LenARA Short Mat Bowls, were invited to Harrietsham to play Harrietsham Bowls Club, in a friendly. I'm pleased to say our team did well and won the game on the day. So needless to say we will give them a return match and this time put our A team out LOL.

### QUIZ NIGHT



What a good night this was, very well done with John and Helen Nye and not forgetting their son, who all worked very hard to do a professional job. A big thank you to



you all. I would like to recommend that if this is carried out again you get your names down early a good night out for £2 a person.

### TINA THE MUSICAL



Speaking to many members regarding the show, each everybody thoroughly enjoyed it saying it was brilliantly done and glad they went.



and

I wish this was a musical newsletter because the atmosphere and the music was fantastic. Thank you Barbara for organising it for us.

The Pub Lunch at the Dering Arms in Pluckley was very well attended and food was good. One of the ladies left a scarf behind, it's a large grey scarf and we have it in our cupboard ready for collection if it is yours.

SPEAKER



The speaker at the last meeting was Katherine Ferry giving us a talk on Billy Butlin, she gave a very knowledgeable and detailed talk that was very interesting on one of Britain's greatest entrepreneurs.



One of Butlin's original chalets at Skegness, now preserved and a listed building



Butlins Bognor Resort in 1962

Butlins Skegness looking toward the Skyline pavilion.



FUTURE EVENTS

A Mystery Tour has been booked for Friday 26th April. As you know the coaches soon fill up for this event and I think Barbara Peacock has a few seats left so as we say first come first served.

Julia has booked the LenARA Christmas lunch at the Orida Hotel - you may know it by its previous name The Hilton Hotel. We have to book early otherwise we lose out and do not get the accommodation we need.



LENARA CHRISTMAS LUNCH

December 5<sup>th</sup> 2024

At the ORIDA HOTEL

*Bearsted Road, Maidstone ME14 5AA*

3 COURSE FESTIVE LUNCH

Festive music and entertainment by MISS VINTAGE

COST-£38

£10 non-refundable deposit on booking.

At present Julia has 36 names so please if you are interested get your names down ASAP to avoid disappointment.



## Members' meeting March 27<sup>th</sup> 2024

The Speaker this month will be Lisa Lumsden talking on Tax, Care and Toy Boys.



This month pub lunch will be at the Wagon and Horses Charing see Menu below.

### LUNCH AT THE WAGON AND HORSES, CHARING

20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### Starters

Tomato and Basil soup with crusty bread and butter

Sauteed garlic mushrooms served with crusty bread and butter

Breaded whitebait with salad garnish and tartar sauce

#### Mains

Suet Crust Steak and Kidney Pie

Served with new potatoes and vegetables

Chicken breast with a mushroom and tarragon cream sauce

Served with diced herb potatoes and fresh vegetables

Poached salmon fillet with lemon and herb butter

Served with new potatoes and vegetables

#### Dessert

Gypsy tart with cream

Hot chocolate fudge cake and ice cream

Apple crumble and custard

Lemon Roulade and cream

2 courses £22                      3 courses £28



We are at present looking at day trips and holidays and once we confirm dates we will certainly let you all know. As you can appreciate everything has got so much more expensive so we have to take into account the costings and we will do our best for you.

#### Our weekly events –

Short Mat Bowls	Tuesday	2.00pm to 4.00pm	£3 per session	Phil Gooda 01622 851217
Zumba	Wednesday	9.30am to 10.30am	£6 per session	Chris Godden 01622 858658
Line Dancing	Wednesday	7.30pm to 9.00pm	£4.50 per session	Ann Rolfe 01622 859725
**Petanque (weather permitting)	Thursday	10.00am to 12.00pm	£3.00 per session	John Edwards 01622 858439

\*\*Hopefully we will be getting back to Petanque soon – watch this space!

## Our monthly events –

### MARCH

Ten Pin Bowling in Ashford	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	11.00am	£7 for two games	Pat Highsted 01622 743658
Members meeting:-Tax, Care and Toy Boys! – Lisa Lumsden	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	2.00pm	Lenham Community Centre	

### APRIL

Ten Pin Bowling in Ashford	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	11.00am	£7 for two games	Pat Highsted 01622 743658
Members meeting: Bygone Kent – Christine Rayner	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	2.00pm	Lenham Community Centre	

### MAY

Ten Pin Bowling in Ashford	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	11.00am	£7 for two games	Pat Highsted 01622 743658
Members meeting: Lenara AGM	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	2.00pm	Lenham Community Centre	

**Annual Subscriptions** – It has been decided that due to increased costs for venues, speakers etc the Annual Subscription this year will be £10 per person. We will be collecting the subscriptions at our meetings in April and May. We consider this is still excellent value for money and we will continue to try and organise interesting trips and events for you. If any of your details change please let our Membership Secretary know so that the records can be kept up to date and then you will not miss out on anything. We distribute most of our information by email so if you know of anyone who is not on our email list please could you pass the information on to them so that they are kept informed. If you are not on our email list we can post out the monthly newsletter to you if you can provide some stamped self-addressed envelopes.

**Please remember that in order to carry on with our activities etc we need YOU to support US.**

Regards John

