



UpARA UPCHURCH



ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Events April 2017

Monthly Meetings

Members Free; Guests £2

Fri 7th April 2017, 2pm

Don Ball

Samuel Pepys

Fri 12th May 2017, 2pm

Barbara Stevens

Journalistic Talks

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Coffee Mornings

Members £1.00; Guests £2

Tue 25th April 2017, from 9.30

Tue 23rd May 2017, from 9.30

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Table Tennis

2.00 pm Tuesdays

11th, 25th April 2017

9th, 23rd May 2017

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Bat & Trap

Returning!

Mon 10th April 2017

Upchurch Recreation Ground

Line Dancing

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th April 2017

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st May 2017

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New Age Kurling

2.00 pm Mondays

No Monday session in April

8th May 2017

2.00 pm Fridays

28th April 2017

26th May 2017

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Boules/Petanque

Upchurch Golf Club

Tuesdays 1.00 pm

18th April 2017

16th May 2017

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Coming up

Friday, 12th May 2017

UpARA's 3rd Birthday Party

Tickets on sale from 7th April

Trips

Saturday, 6th May 2017

Film Music Gala

*The Royal Philharmonic @ The
Royal Albert Hall*

Thursday, 29th June 2017

Sister Act @ The Marlowe

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Walks

On the 1st & 3rd Fridays

7th April 2017

Setting off from Village Hall at 10.00

21st April 2017

**Setting off from The Ship Inn,
Cobham at 10.00**

**(or leaving village in convoy at
09.15)**

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Ten Pin Bowling

Tuesdays 9.45 am

No bowling in April

(due to school holidays)

9th May 2017

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Newsletter April 2017

Dear Friends,

I always find it a bit odd to be in the official British Summer Time, when we are still wary of frosts. I do not think many of us actually hibernated for the winter as our attendance numbers did not diminish, in fact we had our record numbers for a Monthly Meeting and a Coffee Morning.

Two significant events in March were our three teams attending the KentARA Quiz. We may not have won, or come bottom, but carried the UpARA flag with distinction. Also in March was the trip to the Marlowe to see *The Commitments*. Another very enjoyable outing – thanks to Bryn.

Spring is a time for new things and your committee is looking to have more activities for you to sign up for so we can finish organising. We have the prospect of Keep Fit/Pilates classes and also Art Classes. Details are on the Notice Boards and I need you to sign up for these on the days you want to participate. We have also tentatively started Short Tennis/Pickle Ball after our Table Tennis sessions, and as support grows we may look to book the hall specifically for this. All these new activities are for your enjoyment, so please think positively and sign up. Let's see them take off like our Line Dancing, but not everything happens that way, and the idea of a Sports Day on 4th July has been postponed until next year. So, any ideas what else we could do that day, before I cancel the hall booking, will be appreciated.

One of our established sports will be receiving a boost as we have a grant from Swale BC to build our own Petanque pitch. With a proper pitch, I look forward to more of you playing, but not necessarily throughout the Winter as some of us have. Given the size of our grant this will be a DIY project, so I hope to persuade a few of our more able bodied members to lend a hand with a little bit of digging. Speaking of gardening, if when you are planting out your seeds for this year, you plant a few extra, we will see about organising a plant sale in a couple of months. Who can volunteer to manage on the day?

Two business items. Firstly, there are still a few outstanding subscriptions renewals. As you know there is a waiting list if you decide not to continue. Secondly, we are still awaiting the return of DVDs - *Miss Potter*; *Quartet* and *My Old Lady*. I hope to see them come back, rather than buying replacements.

Regards