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| **PRIORITY NOTICES** |
| HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS  **A note from the Chairlady:**  **May I take this opportunity to wish all JOYARA members and their families a very happy and healthy 2025. I look forward to meeting you all again in 2025 at the monthly meetings and to making more happy memories. Warmest wishes, Marilyn Kingham.**   1. The Members’ Attendance Draw occurs after the entertainment.   **PLEASE, do not rush up for cakes just because the ‘tea ladies’ move to start preparing.**  **Certain members are still taking more than one cake at the start: please wait until later to see if there are leftovers, else we’ll look to start serving to ensure everyone gets one.**  **None are for non-attendees, “for later”, “for family members”.**   1. **JIGSAWS & BOOKS: use for charity donations has not worked out so we intend to cease the process again – if you would like us to reconsider, please let one of us know.** 2. **Please see the Notice Board for new/prospective events being displayed.** 3. **Final payments due for the Cedrus Restaurant meal and MJ The Musical.** |

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| **SUMMARY OF LATEST EVENTS** |
| 17th December – our last meeting of 2024. 115 attendees, the largest since February, enjoyed the entertainment provided by the school choir, followed by the Christmas Raffle. Thank you to Yvonne for arranging the entertainment, and Jake and Jan for all the shopping and packaging involved in providing the raffle.  18th December – Orchard Christmas Panto. Very well received and better than anticipated. Well done Dave.  3rd January – Short Walk from Joydens Wood to The Anchor (aka The Blue Anchor) at the far end of Bexley. 8 enjoyed the stroll down through Bexley and beyond… and the subsequent meal in The Anchor. Thank you Rob  8th January – Star Inn and Garden Centre. 52 booked but unfortunately 7 had to drop out. But evidently a good time had by those that went… even in the cold, and didn’t want to come back early! Thank you Dave.  21st Jan – Art Class. 10 attendees including a newbie. Thank you Jenny.  23rd Jan – DAODS panto. Aladdin panto evidently well received. Well done Fred, your first event. |

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| **JAN** | **MM: 28th - 1:30pm ENTERTAINMENT: CLAYTON SCHLIMPER - SINGER** | |
| **WED 29th Jan. Time tbc. WALK: Canary Wharf Winter Lights Free** | | **LAST CALL** |
| Canary Wharf light display. Anyone wanting to join Rob and the walking group this is your last chance to get on the WhatsApp group to get the meeting details.  Making our own way to Canary Wharf – train/tube/DLR. | | **Rob** |

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| **FEB** | **MM: 25th - 1:30pm SPEAKER: HOWARD MYERS – THE HISTORY OF FIREFIGHTING IN KENT** | |
| **Wed 5th Feb. 6:30pm. MEAL: Food Around the World #7 – Lebanon**  **Cedrus Restaurant, Sidcup. Only 28 places and a bit pricier at £30** | | **LAST CALL** |
| Taste of The Lebanon. Three courses, tea/coffee, tip included. V.Small restaurant and only seats 28… so we have exclusive use. One place has become available. | | **Graham** |

**FINAL BALANCES FOR ANY EVENT SHOULD BE MADE BY THE MEMBERS’ MEETING PRECEDING THE EVENT.**

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| **Thur 27th Feb. Matinee. THEATRE. MJ The Musical 50 places at £60**  **Coach transfers to/from The Prince Edward Theatre incl.** | **FINAL PAYMENTS** |
| Life and music of Michael Jackson - very good reviews. Without block discount, the ticket price alone would cost ~£90 each! Anyone that expressed interest but has yet to pay a deposit, a minimum £15 is now payable or you are likely to lose your place on the list. | **Dave** |

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| **MAR** | **MM: 25th - 1:30pm SPEAKER: DELIA TAYLOR – DESERT ISLAND DISCS** | |
| **Sat 1st Mar. 7pm. SOCIAL. Murder Mystery Evening £10** | | **SELLING NOW** |
| Calling all amateur sleuths… an evening of fun at the Community Hall! Bring your own food/drink. | | **Christine** |

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| **Thur 27th Mar. 11am. EVENT/MEAL. Petanque & Pub Meal From £14** | **SELLING NOW** |
| Back by popular demand… a morning of fun followed by a pub lunch at The Chequers, Crockenhill.  £14 2-course. £17 3-course. Excl gratuity and no tea/coffee. | **Paula** |

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| **Saturday 29th Mar. 7pm. SOCIAL. Quiz Night 100 places at £10** | **SELLING NOW** |
| Also back on the calendar after a good few years… get those brain cells working! Community Hall | **Lesley** |

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| **APR** | **MM: 22nd - 1:30pm SPEAKER: JO LIVINGSTONE – AN ARCHITECTURAL PUB CRAWL** | | |
| ~~Mon 7~~~~th~~ ~~Apr ‘25~~ | | ~~Dutch Bulb Fields - 5-day holiday~~ | **CANCELLED** |
| Despite 27 expressing initial interest, there were ultimately only 3 people that contacted JEWELS. | | | |

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| **Wednesday 9th April. 7.45pm. THEATRE. Everyone’s Talking About Jamie 30 places at £20** | **SELLING NOW** |
| Bob Hope theatre. Coming of age musical about a 16-year-old drag queen, and benefitting from “phenomenal writing and amazing music”. Some attendees meeting at the nearby Goban Turkish restaurant from 5:45. If you wish to join the meal, please make your own restaurant booking. | **Fred** |

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| **TBC late April - tbc. MEAL. Curry Club #4 – Spice Club - Hawley 40 places at £tbc** |  |
| Graham to confirm venue and cost for a ‘normal’ four course meal with tea & coffee. | **Graham** |

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| **BEYOND 3 MONTHS – NOTHING BEING SOLD TODAY** |

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| **<< REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS >>** | | | |
| **ART CLASS – THIRD TUESDAY MONTHLY, 2PM** | | **SHORT WALKS - IRREGULAR DATES, 10:30AM** | |
| All abilities welcome – ask Jenny for details. | | Free. Join Rob’s WhatsApp group to get regular updates. | |
| £12 a session. Next: | 18TH Feb. | Free. Next: | Wed 12th Feb. Mahan’s to Hall Place via Crayford |

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| **SAVE THE DATES** | | Selling | Cost per person | |
| Thur 15 May ‘25 | Milestones Museum, Basingstoke. Moved from Feb. | Feb | £34 | Chris |
| Wed 22 Oct ‘25 | Just For One Day – W.E. Theatre re Live Aid | May | £50 | Dave |

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|  | **PROVISIONAL** |
|  | Activities: 10 Pin Bowling, Blue Badge Walks // Social Evenings: Bingo, Cheese & Wine, Singalong, Race Night |
|  | Meals: Italian, Sophie’s Choice, Xmas // Theatre, Musicals: West End, The Orchard, local AmDrams. |
|  | Day trips: Portsmouth, Wine Tasting, Waddesdon Manor (joint with JWGC), Whitstable, Steam Train |
|  | Extended trips: November 2025**:** Longleat (by popular demand). Bruges. |

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| **BOOKINGS/REFUNDS:** Not generally provided where it would cause an event loss, and WILL NOT be given because of oversight or choice. **The attendee has primary responsibility for finding an alternate when unable to attend, not the organiser (who may be able to help).** |

* JOYARA’s website has full Terms and Conditions, membership and event limitations: [www.joyara.org.uk](http://www.joyara.org.uk).

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