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| **PRIORITY NOTICES** |
| 1. **Unfortunately, recent requests relating to the rush for, and taking of, multiple cakes have not been heeded. Last month, one of the ladies trying to uncover the cakes was jostled unnecessarily: to ensure the well-being of those helping, cakes will now be dispensed from the side room service hatch.**  * **When we are ready, you will be invited to queue in the side room and hand in a ticket (or tickets, if collecting for others) to collect your cake(s);** * **Once the initial rush has died down and we believe everyone has had their first choice, residual cakes will be made available for anyone that wants a second.**  1. **Last call for the Murder Mystery evening! Please consider coming as we’ve room for more.** 2. **URGENT REQUEST.**   **Graham took over publication of the Newsletter as a ‘temporary stop-gap’... as of the end of May, he will have been producing it for three years.**   * **He has therefore given notice of his intension to cease production beyond May ’25 (due to other club demands including membership, meals…);** * **Accordingly, we need someone to take on responsibility for publishing the Newsletter else, come June, there will be no newsletters going forwards.** * **The existing Committee members are all fully-engaged so we need someone else to take this on - please speak with one of the Committee members, or email Graham on** [**graham@joyara.org.uk**](mailto:graham@joyara.org.uk) **and he’ll get back to you with more detail.** |

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| **SUMMARY OF LATEST EVENTS** |
| 28th January – our first Members’ Meeting of ’25, with nigh 100 attendees evidently enjoying the light-hearted start to the year with the singer Clayton Schlimper… he definitely got people involved. Good feedback and one possibly for a social evening? Good one Yvonne.  29th January – ultimately only six attendees took to the winter lights walk around Canary Wharf, with a few going the day before, but those that did go gave very positive feedback about the experience… and the weather held out! Thanks due to Rob for highlighting and organising.  5th February – Food Around the World #7 – Lebanon. 28 of us took over the Cedrus in Sidcup. Quite a few were taken aback once the starter courses ended and the mains yet to come… they were already full! Service was a bit disjointed but, overall, those that attended evidently had a good time… and walked away stuffed. Thank you Graham for arranging. A common question on the night “when’s the next meal?”… well, see below… |

**EVENTS DISPLAYED IN THE FOYER AND BY THE KITCHEN ARE FOR INTEREST.**

**EVENTS DISPLAYED AT THE FRONT ARE BEING SOLD AND NOT JUST FOR RESERVING – IF YOU DON’T PAY A DEPOSIT WE WON’T KNOW IF THE EVENT IS VIABLE, THEREFORE IT MAY BE CANCELLED.**

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| **FEB** | **MM: 25th - 1:30pm SPEAKER: HOWARD MYERS – THE HISTORY OF FIREFIGHTING IN KENT** | |
| **Thur 27th Feb. Matinee. THEATRE. MJ The Musical 50 places at £60**  **Coach departs @ 12, so Summerhouse Garage for 11:45am please so you don’t miss out!** | | **FINAL PAYMENTS** |
| Life and music of Michael Jackson - very good reviews.  Without block discount, the ticket price alone would cost ~£90 each! | | **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** | | **LAST CALL** |
| 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** | **FINAL DUES** |
| 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** | |
| **Wednesday 9th April. 7.45pm. THEATRE. Everyone’s Talking About Jamie 30 places at £20** | | **SELLING NOW** |
| Bob Hope theatre. “Phenomenal” coming of age musical about a 16-year-old drag queen. Some attendees meeting at the nearby Goban Turkish restaurant from 5:45. Restaurant self-booking. | | **Fred** |

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| **Tuesday 29th Apr. 6:30pm. MEAL. Curry Club #4 – Spice Club - Hawley 32 places at £20** | **SELLING NOW** |
| Cost covers popadom, starter, main, side, rice or bread, tea or coffee. Tip incl. | **Graham** |

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| **MAY** | **MM: 27TH - 1:30pm SPEAKER: ALAN HAINES – BABY BOOMER NOSTAGLIA SHOW PART 2** | |
| **Thursday 8th May. 7:30pm. THEATRE. DAODS – Little Shop of Horrors 36 places at £17** | | **SELLING NOW** |
| Horrifyingly fun musical and dark comedy. Heathfield Hall. | | **Fred** |

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| **Thursday 15th May. 9:30am. TRIP. Milestones Museum, Basingstoke 50 places at £34** | **SELLING NOW** |
| A trip back in time to a Victorian living museum | **Christine** |

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| **Wednesday 21st May. 9:30am. WALK. Blue Badge – City of London 20 places at £18** | **RESERVING** |
| Guided walk starting at 11am from St Pauls, around the western side of the City of London.  Personal travel arrangements to get to the St Pauls starting point. | **Rob** |

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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 Mar. | Free. Next: | Mon 17th March. Avery Hill to The Fenman |

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| **SAVE THE DATES** | | Selling | Cost per person | |
| 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. |

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

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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).** |

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