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| **PRIORITY NOTICES** |
| 1. **URGENT: as noted last month, production of the Newsletter will cease beyond May ’25 unless someone takes on responsibility for publishing for June.**  * **Graham has been providing ‘temporary stop-gap’ cover: at end May, it will have been three years.** * **All existing Committee members are fully-engaged so help from someone else to take this up is needed - 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.**  1. **Yvonne recently attended an Area 12 meeting (the KENTARA area of which JOYARA is a member). We are evidently one of the larger member groups and, enjoy a very active programme of events compared to our fellow local ARAs. Given such benefit provided by existing committee members, help with the newsletter and managing our actual event diary would be appreciated.** |

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| **SUMMARY OF LATEST EVENTS** |
| 25th February – another meeting with over 100 attendees, including 3 new joiners on the day! Average meeting attendance since October has reached ~110: if it continues to rise, we may need to set seats up in the side room or even restrict entrance for late-comers and/or guests. Speech by Howard Myers on The History of Firefighting in Kent was evidently well received. Thank you, Yvonne.  27th February – MJ The Musical – 54 attendees for the theatre trip to see the musical about Michael Jackson. Feedback generally positive, and a good time had. Thank you Dave for another successful theatre trip.  1st March – Murder Mystery Social. 46 came to the hall and apparently enjoyed an evening of murder and mayhem, trying to guess who / what / why… those of us unable to attend apparently missed a fun evening. Thank you, Chris.  17th March – Short Walk – Avery Hill. Albeit chilly and dry, a nice walk in the sun for 13 of us, the biggest Short Walk group since Rob started the initiative. 10 then finished in The Fenman, which must have appreciated the business as without the walking group the pub was basically empty! Well done Rob.  Feb & March Art Class – 11 attendees in February, and 7 in March. If you’re intrigued, please talk with Jenny for more details as there is room for more. Well done Jenny. |

**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, SO IT MAY BE CANCELLED.**

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| **MAR** | **MM: 25th - 1:30pm SPEAKER: DELIA TAYLOR – DESERT ISLAND DISCS** | |
| **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.  Prices FROM £14 2-course, £17 3-course, plus supplements. 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** | | **RESERVING** |
| 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 50 places at £20** | **SELLING NOW** |
| Cost covers popadom, starter, main, side, rice or bread, tea or coffee. Tip incl.  First 32 places sold, and having revisited the restaurant we can now accommodate a few more. | **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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| **JUNE** | **MM: 24TH - 1:30pm SPEAKER: TBC** | |
| **Mon 2nd Jun. 11am. EVENT/MEAL. Petanque & Pub Meal From £15.95** | | **Next month** |
| A morning of fun followed by a pub lunch at The Chequers, Crockenhill. Pub has a new menu and price slightly higher: £15.95 2-course. £19.95 3-course. Excludes gratuity and no tea/coffee. | | **Paula** |

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| **TBC late Jun. 7pm MEAL. Italian £tbc** | **Next month** |
| Evening meal in one of the local Italian restaurants.  Venue and cost not yet decided. Watch this space! | **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: | 15th Apr. | Free. Next: | Wed 16th April. River Shuttle to The Fenman |

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| **JOYARA Bowls Roll-up**: starting again Monday 14th April, 9.45 to 1pm, Empire Bowls Club, Greenhithe.  £3.50 a session. Speak to Dave Orama or Alan Hands for more information. |

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| **SAVE THE DATES** | | Selling | Cost per person | |
| Thur 17th July | JOYARA Picnic | Apr | Tbc | Lesley |
| Sun 20th July | Waddesdon Manor (joint with JWGC) | Apr | Tbc | Janice |
| 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: Wine Tasting, 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).** |

* 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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