

Please note AGM date: Friday 9 June

Diary Dates: June 2023

Mon 05 June	Country Dancing
Tues 06 June	Croquet
Wed 07 June	Walking / Bookworms
Thur 08 June	Creative Crafts - cancelled
Fri 09 June	AGM Members Meeting
Mon 12 June	Country Dancing
Tues 13 June	Croquet
Thur 15 June	Wildlife / British History
Mon 19 June	Crib / Blurr
Tues 20 June	Croquet
Wed 21 June	Dining Club / Wildlife
Mon 26 June	Gourmet Diggers
Tues 27 June	Croquet
Mon 03 July	Country Dancing
Tues 04 July	Croquet
Weds 05 July	Walking / Bookworms
Thurs 06 July	Creative Crafts
Mon 10 July	Crib / Country Dancing
Tues 11 July	Croquet
Weds 12 July	Dining Club
Thurs 13 July	Wildlife
Fri 14 July	Members Meeting
For sailing dates please see Sailing report	

HBu3a Committee Monthly Update

At our meeting on Friday 12th May our speaker was George Cooper who presented a detailed, fun and informative talk about Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat. George gave a lighthearted presentation on the history of our local lifeboat from its origins up to the present day, including the lifeboats dropped by the RAF in the Second World War which are now housed at the Museum of the Broads in Stalham. We learnt about its joint working with the emergency services and the huge variety of incidents and accidents they have helped to resolve over the years. We were most grateful to George for his time and such an interesting afternoon, and our members generously donated over £100 to our local independent lifeboat funds.

After the presentation we enjoyed, as always, home-made tea and cakes provided by our ever generous cake bakers, and we chatted and caught up with each other's news and the activities of our interest groups.

At our next meeting at **2:00 pm on Friday 9 June** we will be holding our AGM, after which we are honoured to welcome our dear friend Pat Nearney - who will entertain us with his hilarious Norfolk anecdotes and songs. We look forward to seeing you

News from our Interest Groups

Group Contact Co-ordinator

Helen Foster:

Bookworms – Reading Group: 1st Wednesday (2:00 – 4:00 pm) Hickling Barn

Kathy Cooper:

Bookworms meet at Hickling Barn on the first Wednesday of the month 2-4pm. Members choose their own book from the library list and the member who chooses the book to be discussed that month will lead the meeting. On 3 May we discussed 'Blood Orange' by Harriet Tyce which was chosen by Judy and this is Judy's review:

"Blood Orange is a psychological thriller written by Harriet Tyce and published in 2019 in the UK.

This debut from Harriet Tyce has it all - a tricky murder case, a complex and conflicted female barrister battling her own demons, and layer upon layer of intrigue right until the unexpected ending. The story centres around Alison, a criminal barrister (also a heavy drinker) who is having an extra-marital affair with Patrick, a colleague. Initially her husband, Carl, seems sensible until Alison's first murder case leads her to see a parallel life to her own. Alison takes on the case of Madeline, a wealthy woman found one morning sitting next to her dead husband, Edwin, and who insists she is guilty of the crime. Carl's true nature simultaneously unfolds as he drugs Alison, spies on her and attempts to discredit her worth as a mother.

The author grew up in Edinburgh and studied English at Oxford University before doing a law conversion course at City University. She practised as a criminal barrister in London for nearly a decade, and recently completed an MA in Creative Writing - Crime Fiction - at the University of East Anglia.

Most of us enjoyed reading this book and a good discussion was held at the meeting talking about the different characters and the storyline. It was given a 7/10."

On 7 June we will be discussing 'A Thousand Ships' by Natalie Haynes which was chosen by Keith. Please contact me if you would like more information about Bookworms.

BLURR – The Camera Group: 3rd Monday (2:00-4:00pm) at Hickling Barn

Dick Roberts:

Please contact Dick if you are interested. This group often meets on location on a Thursday also.

British History

Steve Whitby:

Rather than meeting at the Barn our May meeting saw us visiting St Nicholas church in Gt. Yarmouth. Janet acted as our guide and gave us an enjoyable and informative tour of the church and its grounds, including highlighting 6 gravestones and the stories of the people they remembered.

Interestingly the people letting us into the church had been warned to expect Hickling Broad year 3A so were surprised that we were not a group of 7-8 year old schoolchildren. None was more confused than a member of the clergy who arrived, fully robed, for the benefit of the "youngsters".

In June we return to our usual format in the Barn at 2 p.m. on Thursday 15th June when Kaye will lead us through the topic of "The General Strike" - all are welcome

Country Dancing: 1st and 2nd Mondays (2:00 – 4:00 pm) in Hickling Barn

Dinah Slatter:

Please contact Dinah if you are interested in joining.

Creative Crafts: 1st Thursday (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

Rose Pigula:

Do you enjoy crafting? Any sort at all? We are a small, friendly group who enjoy a variety of different crafting hobbies and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Just contact Rose if you are interested.

Please note that unfortunately the June meeting has had to be cancelled and so the next meeting will be 6 July.

Crib: 2nd Monday in Hickling Barn

Roy Smith:

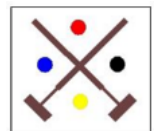
PLEASE NOTE This month's meetings has been moved back one week to **19th June**, 11.30 am to 1.30 pm at the Barn - all welcome.

Contact Roy for further details

Croquet: Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Michael Steward:

This group meets every week during the season.



Dining Club: 3rd Wednesday (various locations)

Diana Fossett:

Joan and Keith Burton organised the venue for May which was the Walcot Lighthouse, first recorded in the 1851 census. A smaller turn out of 13 members enjoyed their lunch in a separate area provided by the staff by the coffee bar. It would appear that everyone enjoyed themselves and all are looking forward to June's venue. The Lighthouse hope many will visit again to try their Sunday roast and evening menu.

I, Diana, am organising the next lunch which will be at the Brick Kilns, Little Plumstead 12.00 for 12.15 p.m. on Wednesday 21st June. **Please note the change of time.** If you would like to join the Dining Club, please contact me

Discovering the Broads

Chris Foster:

This month we chartered the Passenger Wherry Yacht, Olive. We set off from Wroxham and light winds meant we made slow but serene progress to the Hoveton Great Broad board walk. We had a quick look round and then sailed to Salhouse Broad for lunch. On the return journey we visited Wroxham Broad and with a little more wind made it back to base by 5.00pm. A great privilege to sail on this historic vessel and a lovely relaxing day.



Gourmet Diggers: 4th Monday (2:00-4:00 pm) at Hickling Barn

*Jane Brooker: and
Kate Fletcher:*

Our success with this years competition, growing a pumpkin from seed, seems to be more difficult than we imagined. A few of us haven't even managed to get the seed to germinate, whilst others are going ahead in leaps and bounds.

The topics of gardening that we talked about in the May group were Companion Planting, for those that grew Veg said that they mostly did that and it was quite successful. The do's and don'ts of buying plants from nurseries and gardening jargon was next on the agenda, along with jobs to be done in the garden in the month of June. We finished off with a general chit chat about what we had all done in our gardens that month.

In the Gourmet part of the group we were all treated to 2 lovely courses. The letter E was this months theme. Glenda superbly presented us with a starter dish consisting of Egg with asparagus on a bed of watercress salad with dill and French tarragon with a wonderful dressing.

For pudding, Eton Mess made with raspberries was on offer, what a treat we had. Thank you Glenda for that.

Sailing: Every Tuesday and Friday, Newbies on alternate Thursdays

John Stacey:

The 2023 season is well underway and the main group resumed sailing on the 18th April and the 'newbies' on the 27th April.

Voices of Hickling

Steve Whitby:

The group were saddened to hear of the death of one of its members - Teri Ellis - last week. Teri played an active role throughout the life of the group, interviewing a number of our "Voices" to record their experiences. She will also be remembered fondly for the delicious cakes she provided for the various "Voices" tea parties.

Uncertainty surrounds future meetings of the group, including the proposed tea party later in June. Further information will become available shortly.

Walking: 1st Wednesday (usually 10:00 am) Various locations

Roy Smith:

The May walk took 13 of us to Whittlingham Country Park. We walked through the woods and then around the lake in the Country Park. It was an interesting walk covering just under 4 miles. The weather was glorious and most of us enjoyed a lunch at the Barn Café next to the lake.



Wildlife Group: 3rd Thursday (10:00 am) Various locations

Chris Foster:

This month we visited the board walk at Hoveton Great Broad. The only way to get there is via water, so we hired an electric boat from Wroxham and made our way to the reserve. We were met and briefed by a very knowledgeable warden (who rows out everyday) and the walk was full of information boards. We learnt about the £4.5 million project to restore the broad (<https://hovetongreatbroad.org.uk/visit-hoveton-great-broad-nature-trail/>) biomanipulation, fish tracking and the Daubenton bat and much else. The carr woodland was full of singing birds and also many flowering plants. The atmosphere on the island was very special and we also enjoyed watching the terns nesting on a raft in front of one of the hides.

[Visit Hoveton Great Broad Nature Trail - Hoveton Great Broad](https://hovetongreatbroad.org.uk/visit-hoveton-great-broad-nature-trail/)

Open from April-October, the Hoveton Great Broad Nature Trail can be reached by boat and there are free moorings for visitors taking a trip down the River Bure. There is also a passenger ferry.

hovetongreatbroad.org.uk



What's on at your next monthly meetings

June 9 2023	AGM Pat Nearney will entertain us with his hilarious Norfolk anecdotes and songs.
July 14 2023	Clive Evans – Priscilla Bacon Lodge. Volunteer ambassador, Clive, will tell us about the outstanding work at this local hospice.
August 11 2023	Summer Social – bring a plate of food to the buffet for all to share.

All items for the newsletter should be sent to: hbu3anews@gmail.com