

November 2022

Diary Dates

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HBu3a Committee Monthly Update

On Friday 14th October, our dear friend Peter Lawrence presented "Reading the Timbers" - a detailed exploration of the history and significance of East Anglian timber framed houses. This presentation offered a rare insight into buildings around us and made for an interesting and insightful afternoon. At our next meeting at 2:00 pm on Friday 11th November, Maggie Prettyman will bring a presentation on some aspects of the history of Hickling Broad. We will hear about the great legal dispute of 1892 around sporting, access and fishing rights, the first World War Royal Naval Air Service station for flying boats - including the story of a very gallant pigeon, and the history behind some of the thatched boat houses at Hill Common. After the talk we will, as always, enjoy our home made teas and cake - with our continuing thanks to all the members who so kindly bring them along.

News from our Interest Groups

Group Contact Co-ordinator

Helen Foster:

Bookworms – Reading Group: 1st Wednesday (2:00 – 4:00 pm) various locations

Kathy Cooper:

The group met up at Hickling Barn on 5 October and we welcomed Keith to the group. We discussed 'The Foundling' by Stacy Halls which was chosen by Jeanne and here is her review:

"Our reading for September was 'The Foundling', the second book by young author Stacy Halls, her first book being 'The Familiars'. 'The Foundling' is an historical fiction based on the Foundling Hospital in Georgian London. The author's research into both the running of the hospital and aspects of living in London during those times for both rich and poor was very thorough and enhanced the storyline with her detail.

At 18, a very innocent Bess gives birth to her illegitimate daughter, lives in an extremely poor household and has no option but to give up her day-old baby to the Foundling Hospital. She saves every spare penny for six years in order to return to the Hospital and reclaim her daughter, only to discover she has already been claimed by a lady impersonating her. As the plot unfolds the lives of Bess and a rich widow collide as Bess discovers the whereabouts of her daughter.

Some of us were intrigued by the history of The Foundling Hospital and did more research, only to discover it is the basis of a 280 year old children's society, Coram, operating to this day to improve the lives of disadvantaged children."

We all liked the book and collectively gave it 8/10. Next month we will be discussing "Magpie Murders" by Anthony Horowitz which was chosen by Debbie.

Bookworms now have several spaces available so if you would like to join us, either as a member or for a 'taster' session to see how things go then please give me a call – 01692 598611.

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

Dick Roberts:

Blurr had a successful meeting this month with no interruptions from weather and funerals. The subject for October was animals. A discussion ensued as to whether an animal should be photographed in and showing their habitat, or whether a close up, more detailed image was better.

Also discussed was our ongoing subjects for the next year. It was also decided that we should have two meetings a month, the first Thursday 10:00 am for practical / photoshop tasks and our usual Third Monday at 2:00 pm.

Some of the images included:

- Black and white sheep by David Edmund-Jones
- Dog portrait by Jane Crossley
- Elephant by Patricia Collins
- Giraffe by Peter Reynolds



British History

Steve Whitby:

After unfortunately cancelling the previous meeting it was good to see a healthy turnout for our October meeting when Elaine took on the daunting task of giving a "Potted History of Wales" - covering 100 centuries in 45 minutes (no mean task!!). We learned of the influence of Romans, Angles and Saxons and the ending of the independence of Welsh Kingdoms in the reign of Edward I, leading up to Owain Glyndwr forming the Welsh parliament and church and leading the Welsh War of Independence.

More recently we heard of the effect of the Industrial Revolution, mass migration of Welsh workers and the Aberfan disaster. Despite this Elaine highlighted the culture, newspapers and churches along with the Welsh language and her pride in the nation of her birth shone through throughout the meeting.

We next meet on 17th November **(at 3:00 pm in the Barn - please note the later start time)** when Jackie will present a topical talk, "Medieval Midwinter Festivals", to round off our 2022 programme (we do not meet in December).

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

Dinah Slatter:

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

Rose Pigula:

Whatever your interest in crafting, you are very welcome to join our small, friendly group and bring your project. We have members working with fabrics, wool, cord or doing some painting and sketching. Anything goes! Just send me a message if you want to know more.

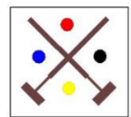
Crib: to be arranged

Roy Smith:

If you would be interested in this group please let Roy know and he will keep you informed.

Croquet: Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Michael Steward:



The Croquet season, according to the Croquet Association, finished at the end of September but thanks to exceptionally good weather we have managed to play throughout October. We will continue for as long as we can, weather and ground conditions permitting, before retreating into the Barn for a social morning playing cards and board games.

One of our Group Members, Paul Badger, left our Group recently as he was moving to Warwickshire but before the move he went to Australia to watch England play in a Cricket Tournament. Unfortunately, rain stopped play, which prevented England beating the Australians, but gave Paul a chance to walk the exhibition at the Melbourne Cricket Stadium and discovered the Australians are also keen Croquet players and had devoted an area to it.

Croquet certainly is an outdoor activity where members are able to enjoy gentle exercise in fresh air whilst playing a competitive but fun game. So, if have been thinking you might like to give Croquet a go please contact Michael on 01493 509538 **OR** msteward1214@outlook.com for more information.



Cycling: 4th Wednesday various locations

Roy Smith:

Dining Club: 3rd Wednesday (various locations)

Diana Fossett:

This month was my (Kate) turn to organise the pub lunch. I chose to go to the Ferry Inn at Stokesby. There were 13 of us and everybody seemed to enjoy it. This pub is set by the river and provides good basic pub food. With it not being very big we had two separate tables next to each other. The food and service was rated as very good by all. Everything was served on time and all the meals looked very good. I shall definitely go again.

Our next venue is The Hill House Inn, Happisburgh on Wednesday, 16th November 12.15 for 12.30 p.m. If you are able to come or require further details, please contact Diana

Discovering the Broads

Chris Foster:

This group hibernates during the winter. However we are already planning some visits for 2023 including a Wherry trip. More details will emerge - looking forward to next May.



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

Jane Brooker:

and

Kate Fletcher:

At our October meeting we asked members to bring a favourite kitchen gadget. Jane told us she couldn't bring hers as it was the dishwasher. After that we had 2 lemon squeezers, two types of tin opener, a jar opener and a pineapple peeler/ slicer, not forgetting a good old fashioned tablespoon. We then enjoyed butternut squash soup followed by chocolate/beetroot cake. Both very yummy. Thank you to Glenda for making and bring them both for us to taste. Next month we have our early Christmas celebration as we don't meet in December. We had a question and answer session at this month's Gourmet Diggers. One of the questions that nobody seemed to be able to answer satisfactorily was "How do you stop pigeons coming into your garden?". The answers were varied, some I'm sure illegal.

We then went on to "How to look after your houseplants during the winter months?" and we finished off with the endless list of jobs to be done in the garden during November.



Sailing: Every Tuesday and Friday, Newbies on alternate Thursdays

John Stacey:

Wanted: Newbies for next year. See next month's newsletter.

Voices of Hickling (www.voicesofhickling.co.uk)

Steve Whitby:

On 29th October we held our Autumn get together and tea party for our Voices . Six "voices" turned up along with family members and we were also pleased to welcome Simon Wilson, chair of Hickling Parish Council who had kindly given a grant towards our work. We were grateful for his time and the interest he showed in the VoH project. Unfortunately there were only three members of the interest group in attendance but we were very fortunate that Jane Monteith provided wonderful cakes in the absence of Teri.

The cakes were much enjoyed by all our "voices" and very soon they were swapping reminiscences, prompted by pictures brought in by Pauline Brooks and also by Martin showing his recent video compilations showing reminiscences of work and school in past times.

Walking: 1st Wednesday (10:00 am)

Various locations

Roy Smith:

Eleven hardy walkers started our walk from South Walsham Broad car park on a very blustery but beautifully sunny day. We were led across what is know locally as the bier way and walked along paths, footpaths and quiet lanes to a post mill built by a local millwright. From there we continued to Upton where we were able to see a traditionally built mud wall. It was then onto a footpath skirting Upton Fen for the return journey. As we neared our starting point, the footpath afforded lovely views over the marshes towards St Benets abbey. A sociable lunch at Fairhaven Woodland and Water Gardens completed an excellent morning.



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

Chris Foster:

October saw the Wildlife Group meet in the Barn, snugly tucked away from a morning of heavy rain. We reviewed some of the sites visited over the summer and discussed suitable sites for the future program. We also had a look at the Marine Conservation Zone off Cromer. This is the Great Barrier Reef of North Norfolk and well worth an investigation. If you are interested - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1uHUBAnpQI> - is a short five minute film of what can be found under the waves just off our coast. We also discussed the "boring Piddock" – (look it up) and why there are so many acorns this year. After a break for coffee, we had an informative quiz about the value of birds in the global ecosystem. Finally, we watched a longer but fascinating film on Curlew conservation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4aLQ0An71E> – starring the then Prince Charles. As we go to print we are planning a fungi foray for November details to follow.

What's on at your next monthly meetings

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| Friday 11 November | Maggie Prettyman - A History of Hickling Broad and its Thatched Boat Houses |
| Friday 9 December | Bunty Gotts A 30's Visitors Book |

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