

## Diary Dates: September 2023

Mon 04 Sept	Country Dancing
Tues 05 Sept	Croquet
Wed 06 Sept	Walking / Bookworms
Thur 07 Sept	Blurr / Creative Crafts
Fri 08 Sept	<b>Members Meeting</b>
Mon 11 Sept	Crib / Country Dancing
Tues 12 Sept	Croquet
Mon 18 Sept	Blurr
Tues 19 Sept	Croquet
Weds 20 Sept	Dining Club
Thur 21 Sept	British History / Wildlife
Mon 25 Sept	Gourmet Diggers
Tues 26 Sept	Croquet
Mon 02 Oct	Country Dancing
Tues 03 Oct	Croquet
Wed 04 Oct	Walking / Bookworms
Thurs 05 Oct	Creative Crafts
Mon 09 Oct	Crib / Country Dancing
For sailing dates please see Sailing report	

## HBu3a Committee Monthly Update

At our August meeting on Friday 9th August we enjoyed our Annual Summer Social - members brought along delicious plates of food to share at our buffet table, the Prosecco and fruit punch flowed, and we caught up with each other while enjoying the information displays put up by our 16 interest groups about their various activities. Thanks to all for your hard work putting this very special afternoon together.

Our next monthly meeting is at Hickling Barn 2pm on Friday 8th September when HBU3A member Mike Fleet will come and tell us all about the How Hill Trust - its history and its work in the modern day. This promises to be an informative and entertaining presentation, after which we will enjoy, as usual, teas and home made cakes provided by our ever generous members.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**PS: We need volunteers to help with the teas at the meeting. Please contact Kate if you can "do your bit" to help.**



## News from our Interest Groups

### Group Contact Co-ordinator

**Helen Foster:**

### Bookworms – Reading Group: 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

We don't have a meeting in August so our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 September.



**BLURR – The Camera Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (2:00-4:00pm) at Hickling Barn**

*Dick Roberts:*



The theme this month was 'Boats'. Here are some fantastic photographs taken by Peter, David, Jennie and John.



Photos taken on our lovely Hickling Broad.

Jennie's atmospheric photo was taken at the wrecks at Pin Mill in Suffolk.





## Family fun on Hickling Broad.



The 'white boats' under full sail

The NWT were pleased to see confirmation that spoonbills had bred in broadland (specifically Hickling) for the first time in several hundred years although they have bred previously in North Norfolk.

A stunning shot captured by John.



## British History

*Steve Whitby:*

As a change from our meetings in the Barn last month saw the group visit the HMS Gloucester exhibition at the Castle Museum (itself a late change from our advertised visit).

We return to our familiar surroundings and our September meeting will be at the Barn at 2p.m. on Thursday 21st. This time we will be hearing about "The Witchfinder General in East Anglia" with Jackie leading our discussion. All are welcome - just turn up or, if you need more information, please call Steve.

## **Country Dancing: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays (2:00 – 4:00 pm) in Hickling Barn**

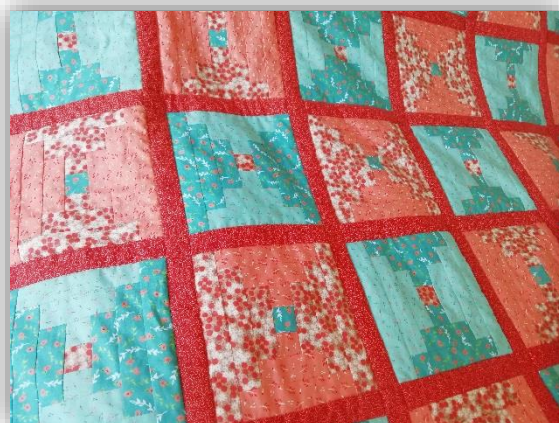
***Dinah Slatter:***

Please contact Dinah if you are interested in joining.

## **Creative Crafts: 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## **Crib: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, Hickling Barn**

***Roy Smith:***

The next meetings are on the second Monday of the month, 11.30 am to 1.30 pm at the Barn all welcome.

Contact Roy [roysidsmith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:roysidsmith@yahoo.co.uk) for further details

## **Croquet: Tuesdays at 10:00 am**

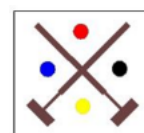
***Michael Steward:*** [msteward1214@outlook.com](mailto:msteward1214@outlook.com)

The Annual Summer Social proved to be an enjoyable affair thanks to the food that was shared, especially the strawberries, and great company.

Our Group is currently running at full capacity but if any Member is interested in giving Croquet a try do come along to the rear of the Barn at 9.30am on any Tuesday morning (last game 31<sup>st</sup> October) for an introduction and then to be put onto the waiting list.

Croquet is played (weather permitting) to the end of October after which we meet in the Barn from November to the end of March 2024 for social mornings playing board and card games, which are supplied. Free tea, coffee and biscuits (sometimes even cake) for all Members who want to keep their minds sharp and have some fun.

If you would like more information before attending you can always find Michael at a meeting or by contacting him via [msteward1214@outlook.com](mailto:msteward1214@outlook.com) **OR** by phone on 01493 509538.



## **Dining Club: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (various locations)**

***Diana Fossett:***

The August lunch club was held at The Boat House which is next to Ormesby Broad. It was well attended with 15 members enjoying the meal and as it was a lovely sunny day some of us enjoyed our coffee in the garden overlooking the water. To round off a lovely meal the Lionesses beat the Matilda's 3 -1!

We now look forward to our next gathering which will be at The Lodge at Salhouse on 20th September 12.15 for 12.30 pm. organised by Gabrielle.

If you would like to join the Dining Club, please contact me - [dianafossett1@gmail.com](mailto:dianafossett1@gmail.com)



## Discovering the Broads

*Chris Foster:*

Late July a group of us sailed on Southern Comfort. She is a double-deck paddle boat, purpose built for the Broads with a capacity of 100 passengers. There are regular trips from the village of Horning, along the River Bure through the village and out to Ranworth Broad and back, passing lovely old thatched houses, windmills and Norfolk reed beds. Throughout the trip there is excellent commentary and continual pointing out of all the wildlife around at the time.

Our final outing for 2023 was to Waterside at Rollesby. We enjoyed a trip on the Trinity Broads and a fancy tea. Lovely afternoon enjoyed by all. We will now hibernate for the winter months but future adventures were discussed and planning is underway for next year. Watch the news letter next spring if you interested in joining us.



## Gourmet Diggers: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (2:00-4:00 pm) at Hickling Barn

*Jane Brooker: and  
Kate Fletcher:*

Our August meeting is always a garden party and 18 of us met up on the last Monday of the month in Kate and Andy's lovely garden. Everyone brought a contribution of food which was brilliant. We had everything ranging from vol-au-vents to quiche, salads, chicken, cold meats and more. The deserts were also excellent, including trifle, Devon splits, jelly, raspberry tarts. I'm sorry if I missed anything out. The weather was kind to us so we could sit outside. The only thing we forgot was to take any pictures, we were all too busy enjoying ourselves.

If you would like to come along to one of our meetings just let Jane or Kate know and you will be very welcome. We have an hour of gardening tips and shared knowledge and an hour of food related topics and some tasting!

## Sailing: Every Tuesday and Friday, Newbies on alternate Thursdays

*John Stacey: [hbu3asailing@gmail.com](mailto:hbu3asailing@gmail.com)*

The future is looking good for the group as more members are coming in but there is always room for more, if you are interested please contact us on 07771914672 or [hbu3a.sailing@gmail.com](mailto:hbu3a.sailing@gmail.com)

## Voices of Hickling

*Steve Whitby:*

There was no meeting in August. Details of further meetings will be notified here.

## Walking: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday (usually 10:00 am) Various locations

*Roy Smith:*

The morning of August's walk began damp and uninviting. The forecast didn't promise much better; a yellow warning of thunderstorms had been issued by the Met Office. Some were deterred by the possibility of the bad weather, however 8 members gathered at The Shoulder of Mutton in Strumpshaw and set off in the finest of drizzles, led by Vivienne.

Within 10 minutes of leaving the car park and turning South, the rain had stopped and cagoules were discarded, not to be used again. Our route took us down through Buckenham Woods and eventually to Buckenham station, on the edge of Buckenham marshes. On our return we passed Strumpshaw Hall (the site of the annual Steam Fair) and Strumpshaw Fen before crossing the grounds of St Peter's church and emerging back at our starting point. A walk of about 5 miles, in good company, and good weather, with the ending coinciding with the pub opening, where we all sat for a meal and more conversation.



## Wildlife Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (10:00 am) Various locations

*Chris Foster:*

We visited Pigneys Wood, North Walsham this month.

Our last visit was a fungi foray so it was nice to see the reserve in its full summer glory. There was a disappointing number of butterflies and dragonflies, but the many colourful flowers alongside the canal made up for this. The site is interesting as it has a real variety of habitat that can be experienced via a relatively short walk. The group are meeting in September at the Hickling Broad NWT centre at 10.00am, Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Everyone is welcome.



## What's on at your next monthly meetings .....

September 08 2023	Mike Flett – How Hill Trust. It's history and modern day work
October 13 2023	Gareth Davies – Pablo Fanques Fair and the Victorian Circus
November 10 2023	Maggie Prettyman – A short history of Hickling village
December 08 2023	Bunty Gotts – Bring a plate of food to share
January 12 2024	Sarah Doig - The A to Z of Curious Norfolk
February 09 2024	Peter Lawrence - Norwich: England's Medieval Second City

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