

# Hickling Broad u3a – April 2024 Newsletter



## Diary Dates: April 2024

Mon 01 April	Country Dancing
Tues 02 April	Croquet
Wed 03 April	Walking
Wed 03 April	Bookworms
Thur 04 April	Craft Club
Mon 08 April	Country Dancing
Tues 09 April	Croquet
Thur 11 April	Crib
Fri 12 April	<b>Members' Meeting</b>
Mon 15 April	Blurr
Tue 16 April	Croquet
Wed 17 April	Dining Club
Thur 18 April	Wildlife
Thur 18 April	British History
Mon 22 April	Gourmet Diggers
Tue 23 April	Croquet
Tue 23 April	Sailing
Tue 30 April	Croquet
Wed 01 May	Walking
Wed 01 May	Bookworms
Mon 06 May	Country Dancing
Tue 07 May	Croquet
Tue 07 May	Sailing
Thur 09 May	Crib
Fri 10 May	<b>Members' Meeting</b>
Mon 13 May	Country Dancing
Please see Group reports below for details of meetings	
For sailing dates please see Sailing report	

## HBu3a Committee Monthly Update

At our meeting on Friday 8th March, Stephen Poulter, presented "The Bard on Film". Stephen used carefully chosen film clips to illustrate how Shakespeare has been adapted for the cinema from the glossy Hollywood movies of the 1930s; through the iconic works of Lawrence Olivier; taking in the blockbusters of Zefferelli on the way to the star studded versions directed by Kenneth Branagh. It was an entertaining and informative talk which was much enjoyed. After Stephen's 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 others news and the activities of our interest groups.

At our next meeting, on Friday 12th April, George Cooper will present "The Broads - Past, Present and Future". George will bring us an afternoon of fun and facts about our local area, its history and its mysteries. Prepare to be amazed! All proceeds from our raffle will go to the Museum of the Broads.

As ever we would like to thank our wonderful cake bakers for providing our lovely afternoon teas, which are so much a part of our u3a members meetings. Annual committee nominations will take place as usual at our AGM in May, and if you would like to join us as well, please speak to our chair Kate, or to any other committee member to find out more.

## 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 up 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 6 March the group met up at The Cross Keys, Dilham to enjoy a belated 'Xmas' lunch together. We all had a lovely, relaxing time when we discussed all sorts, including some of the books that we read during 2023.

Our next book group will be on 3 April when we will be discussing two books: 'The Olive Tree' by Lucinda Riley chosen by Mary H and 'The Lamplighters' by Emma Stonex chosen by Keith. In May we will discuss 'Sarawati Park' by Anjali Joseph which is Rosemary's choice. If you would like to join us, please drop me an email or just come along. You will be made very welcome."

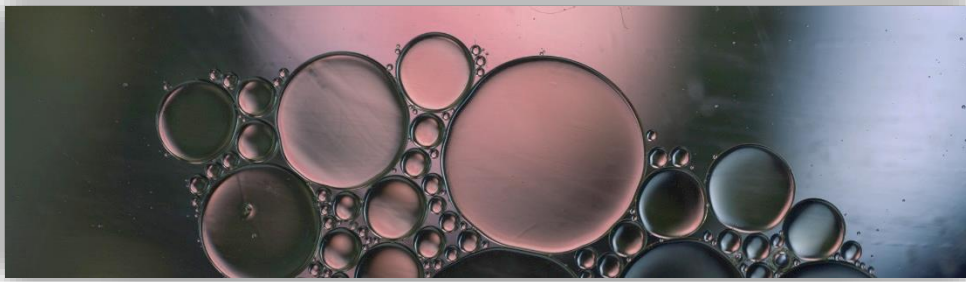
## BLURR – The Photography Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (2:00-4:00pm) at Hickling Barn

### Contact:

This month our task was to produce three images depicting the word 'Broken', Some simple depictions such as the broken egg shells, others more complicated and stylised ones, such as the broken china images were submitted. Wrecked boats and named boats also found their way onto the screen. Some hardy members of our group also braved the waves and bitter winds of early March to take some seascapes at Sea Palling, others decided that the cafe was a better bet!

We also had some fun using oil and water to provide some interesting abstract pictures for the second half of our 18th March Barn meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 15th April in Hickling Barn at 2pm.



## 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.

## British History

*Steve Whitby:*

Our March meeting saw Jackie follow up her very successful Origins of Christmas talk by telling us the Origins of Easter. She explained the development of Easter from the early goddesses Demeter (Greek) and Eostra (Germanic), the links with the Jewish festival of Passover and the Synod of Whitby in 664 which set the rules for calculating the date of Easter. She also traced the origins of the Easter Bunny back to the fertility beliefs surrounding hares in ancient times. The Saxon origins of Hot Cross Buns, marked with a celtic cross, were explained and customs were mentioned, notably the cooking of an Easter omelette at Beziers, France which was made from 15000 eggs. Jackie also brought eggs (both red, hard boiled and the chocolate eggs we tend to associate today). She also baked a Simnel Cake which was enjoyed by the group.

Next month Maureen takes centre stage as she tells us about a "World War II childhood". The meeting is at the Barn at 2p.m. on Thursday 18th April and all are welcome.

## Creative Crafts: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

*Rose Pigula:*

Our small, friendly group usually meets in Hickling Barn on the first Thursday of every month. We have a variety of different crafting interests and anyone is welcome to come along and join us. You will be very welcome at our next meeting on Thursday 4 April in Hickling Barn at 2:00 pm.

## Crib: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Hickling Barn (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

*Roy Smith:*

Crib meet second Thursday of the month at the Barn 2-4 pm. All welcome. Tuition given. Contact Roy at [roysidmith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:roysidmith@yahoo.co.uk) Next Crib meeting 11<sup>th</sup> April. Beginners welcome.

## Croquet Group

[dianafossett1@gmail.com](mailto:dianafossett1@gmail.com) or [keith\\_burton@hotmail.com](mailto:keith_burton@hotmail.com)

A Mexican Train Tournament! What fun as you can see from the photo! But after several years of running this Group, Michael Steward has sadly resigned. His last session was on 26th March and Michael was thanked for working so hard to make the Group such a success.

The Group will continue and we hope to start playing Croquet on 9th April but with the option of playing card/board games in the barn if the weather doesn't cooperate. If you would like to join, please contact us on the email addresses above.



## Discovering the Broads

*Chris Foster:*

The following visits are planned for the Discover the Broads group this summer. The availability of boats means we are not able to stick to a regular day each month. The May trip is full and others filling up quickly so if you wish to join us please let me know as soon as.

April the 4<sup>th</sup> 11.00-12.30pm

Thursday

### **Oulton Broad - River Waveney Marshland Cruise**

£16 per person book your own tickets direct [Marshes | Waveney-River-Tours \(waveneyrivertours.com\)](http://Marshes | Waveney-River-Tours (waveneyrivertours.com))

Large and warm boat with all facilities to ensure comfort early in the season. See website for more details and to purchase ticket in advance if you wish.



May the 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – 4.00pm

Monday

### **South Walsham Broad and St Benet's Abbey**

Potter Heigham

£28 per person - Reserve a place – only 9 places

([chrisfos@outlook.com](mailto:chrisfos@outlook.com))

Self-drive electric boat, with toilet, and tea and coffee making facilities. Bring packed lunch. Chance to visit a different Broad and walk around St Benet's Abbey.



June the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

### **Horsey Wildlife boat trip**

1 hour trip - £10 per person Let me know if you want to join us.

Parking at NT carpark. No facilities on boat but a guided tour of Horsey. Toilets and café available at car park.



July the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 9.30am to 5.00pm

### **Wherry Albion – Cantley**

12 places available – please book with [chrisfos@outlook.com](mailto:chrisfos@outlook.com). £40 per person.

Crewed wherry with toilet, tea and coffee making facilities. Bring packed lunch.

Chance to spend a day on a wherry and explore a new area of river we have yet to visit.



[Cantley – the day the landscape changed | Broadland Memories Blog](#)

August the 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday 10.00pm – 12.00pm  
**Hunters yard**, skippered sail in traditional Broads sailing boats. Chance to sail with an experienced helm. Toilets and picnic site available on return. Price to be advised.



Late August 5.00pm  
**Kingfisher Tour** from the Museum of the Broads – to be confirmed.

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

**Diana Fossett:**

Dating back 300 years, the Ship Inn, Mundesley was our venue for the March lunch. The pub was fairly busy with other diners but we were comfortably seated in a separate room overlooking the sea. The service was good and we were well looked after. There were thirteen of us and we all enjoyed the pre-ordered lunches. Several members had ordered the fish which proved to be particularly good. Bearing in mind the number of tables and chairs outside, the pub is probably very busy during the season but on 20th March, it was a very pleasant venue to have lunch and chat. Our next lunch, which is being organised by Kate Fletcher, will be held at the Cantley Cock on Wednesday, 17th April **1.15 for 1.30 p.m.**

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

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

**Jane Brooker:** and  
**Kate Fletcher:**

This month was all about pruning and preparing for summer. Instructions for when to prune Clematis, deadheading daffodils and sowing of seeds etc. We then talked about companion planting and what to plant along side vegetables to deter pests etc. We ended with an Easter gardening quiz which was won by Nikki who received a small lavender plant.

Glenda provided cakes for the letter K. We had Easter nests made with rice **Krispies** and some melted chocolate. Topped with mini eggs. Very spring like.



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

**Chris Foster:**

We struggled to find a venue that was not flooded or closed due to repairs after flooding this month. However in the end we decided on a visit to Cromer to view the Peregrines who during the breeding season make the church their home. 11 wildlifers met and despite the Church being closed (until Good Friday!) we managed to view the birds high up on one of the towers. A u-tube Video shows two eggs now laid and it is expected that three will then be incubated for 33 days. Fingers crossed. It was fairly brisk at Cromer so we retreated to a lovely cafe a put the world to rights.

## Voices of Hickling

*Steve Whitby:*

No meetings are currently planned.

### Sailing: Every Tuesday and Friday

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



There are still places for our sailing Taster day on the 16th April, if you would like to give it a try please ring us to book a place. If you would like to continue sailing after the TasterSession there will be a 3 day Newbies sailing course at the cost of £108.00 on Thursday 16th May - Saturday 18th May 2024.

For the regular sailors, summer sailing will start on the 23rd April. Unfortunately, the cost has gone up by £1 to £18 a session, still heavily subsidised by the charity. If this cost is a problem and you would like to sail please contact us to discuss options.

If you are interested in any of the above and/or would like further information please feel free to contact us on [hbu3asailing@gmail.com](mailto:hbu3asailing@gmail.com) or 07771914672.

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

*Roy Smith:*

Fifteen of us enjoyed early spring sunshine on a 5 mile walk around Yarmouth.

Starting at the Waterway we followed the beach for a short distance recalling the history of the fishing fleet from the early days when Great Yarmouth was little more than a sand bank . We looked at a photograph of the Elizabethan Church map, the sailing boats and jetty used by Nelson and the Grand houses along the shore.

Great Yarmouth was to turn from a resort for only the wealthy to a trippers paradise with the coming of trains and coast station.

We passed the church built as a Seamans mission and the Hippodrome Circus.

We stopped at the entrance to the old Naval hospital to remember the patients and also Captain Manby. He was to design the Breeches Buoy which was soon to save all the lives of a ship grounded 150yds from shore it is only in recent years that the RNLI have founded an alternative device.

We continued on to join the town wall and followed it past the Jews burial ground to the Time and Tide Museum where we had a cup of tea and passed around pictures of the Rows. Troll cart and fishing fleet, also a copy of the celebrations held on the defeat of Napoleon .

Our walk then took us along South Quay, we passed the last steam Herring boat. We looked across to the ice house and station site both used for Herring transit.

Our walk then took us to the area of the great Bridge Disaster and onto the Minster where the grave of one victim George Belce aged 9 is marked.

Finally we followed the line of graves in the burial ground marked in memory of many patients who died in the naval Hospital then back the the Waterway and cars

We stopped at the Boat House for an excellent lunch.

Future walk dates April 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, all welcome.





## **IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ**

As noted in the last newsletter, your membership for Hickling Broad u3a comes up for renewal at the end of this month. The membership fee has had to be increased this year; however, there has not been any increase for at least the last 10 years. In fact, if you take advantage of the offer of a Prompt Payment Discount (see below), you will be paying a lower charge than 10 years ago!

Existing members are eligible for a **Prompt Payment Discount**. This offer is only open for renewals received at or before the monthly meeting in May (Friday 10th). This meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting. Any renewals by existing members after Friday May 10th will be payable at the full rate of £18 (or £14 for Associate Members).

### **HOW MUCH?**

#### ***Member:-***

The fee for a full Member is increased to £18.00 per annum. **This is reduced to £12.00 if you pay before the AGM in May.**

#### ***Associate Member:-***

The fee for an Associate Member (a full member of another u3a) is now £14.00. **This is reduced to £8.00 if you pay before the AGM in May.**

**Please Note:** You can only be an Associate Member if you maintain your full membership of another u3a for the complete year.

### **HOW TO PAY?**

#### ***By Bank Transfer:-***

This is the preferred method.

Account name: Hickling Broad U3A

Account number: 53118193

Sort Code: 20-62-53

**Please include your name as an identifier so that your payment can be properly allocated.**

#### ***By Post:-***

Cheque payable to Hickling Broad U3A.

To:

Treasurer Hickling Broad u3a

18 Beckmeadow Way

Mundesley

NR11 8LP

#### ***In Person:-***

At the monthly Barn meeting.

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

Friday 12th April:-	<b>George Cooper</b> will present "The Broads - Past, Present and Future"
Friday 10th May:-	<b>AGM</b> with Story Teller <b>Bunty Gotts</b>
Friday 14th June:-	The A to Z of Curious Norfolk - <b>Sarah Doig</b>
Friday 12th July:-	<b>Greg Powles</b> - Behind The Microphone
Friday 9th August:-	<b>Summer Social</b> with <b>Pat Nearney</b>

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