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# The Suffolk Traveller

## The Ipswich Group Newsletter

### June 2022 Issue

## Visit to Local Museums

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June



The Ipswich Group would like to invite you to their Group Summer Visit.

For the morning part we have arranged to see the Woodbridge

Museum and the Saxon Longship building project on the waterfront at Woodbridge. We will meet up in the area in front of the museums for 10.30am before going to the two exhibits. Entry to the Museum is free, but the guided tour of the Longship construction will be £4 per head. There is parking nearby, and several eating places for a coffee and lunch afterwards.



For the afternoon part of our summer visit, we have arranged a tour of the revamped Transmitter Block Museum at Bawdsey. We will meet up at Bawdsey Radar Museum, IP12 3BA, ready to start a tour at 2pm sharp! The museum has a range of new displays and much work done on restoring the building and contents, so come along even if

you have been before. We will also have the expert knowledge of our guide Paul Whiting no less to show us around.

The museum is exclusively ours until it closes at 4pm at an exclusive price of £7. There is a giftshop and ample Car Parking at the site. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

You are welcome to come to both or just the one, the choice is yours.

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**Ipswich Group Summer Party Event**

**Provided by Suffolk Albion Events Ltd**



At the Ipswich & District Bowls Club,  
136 Rushmere Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 4JU

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – 6.30pm**

**Menu Choices Either**

Premium Butcher's Sausage (Gluten free)

Chicken Skewer (Gluten Free)

Quarter Pounder Cheeseburger/Burger

**Or the Vegetarian**

Stuffed Butternut Squash

**Sweet**

Cheesecake

Fresh Fruit Salad

Chips - Garden Salad – Coleslaw  
served with main meal

**Costs: -**

**Main or Veg £10 pp**

**Main or Veg + Sweet £13 pp**

**Total payment included £**

**Food** must be ordered and paid for by

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

If you would like to join us, please contact Bob on 01394 285206 or email [peterboroughgroup@boundlesscommunity.co.uk](mailto:peterboroughgroup@boundlesscommunity.co.uk)

# Coastwatch Tower Felixstowe Visit

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June



Following on from our May talk by the National Coastwatch, we invite you to join us on a visit to The National Coastwatch Institution look-out in Martello tower P at Felixstowe.

Join us outside the tower, at the foot of the wooden steps to the entrance, for a 6pm start.

# Treasure Hunt Felixstowe Seafront

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August

The Ipswich Group would like to invite you to their free picture treasure Hunt on Felixstowe Seafront.

Come for a walk along the Promenade in Felixstowe and try and find where the pictures were taken. The trail will all be on the level, within easy walking distance, so should be available to everyone.

We will also have "The Hut" **Promenade, Felixstowe IP11 7TP** as a base to meet up, and we will provide teas and coffees at the end you could even bring your own picnic.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible

## What Male or Female Name 2 Answers

01 Breed of cattle	Angus	09 Joyous song	Carol
02 Rather plain	Jane	10 Legal document	Will
03 Throw a tantrum	Paddy	11 It runs	Flo
04 Rather sweet	William	12 Is contrary	Mary
05 He`s worth a penny	Guy	13 A holiday	May
06 Type of dancer	Morris	14 To scar	Mark
07 Knit one, .... one	Pearl	15 An award	Oscar
08 Not a loser	Victor		

# Coastwatch Talk

On the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 the Ipswich Group was given a talk by Nick Garrett White the acting manager of Felixstowe National Coastwatch.

Thirty years ago, there were 30 Lightships, 43 Coastguard Stations and 160 Lighthouses, most are now closed.

In 1994 when two fishermen lost their lives off the of Cornish coast near a recently closed Coastguard Lookout, local people decided to open and restore the visual watch. Then in 1996 the first National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) station was opened at Bass Point on the Lizard. Currently there are 57 NCI stations operational and manned by 2600 volunteers keeping watch around the British Isles from Fleetwood in the north west, to the south and east of England to Hornsea in East Riding of Yorkshire in the north west.

A log of all water based activities are kept during each watch and when requested weather conditions can be passed to fishermen and yachtsman before they put to sea. Also, web cams are available for those who wish to identify weather and sea conditions prior to doing any water sport activities which should reduce the need for HM Coastguard response.

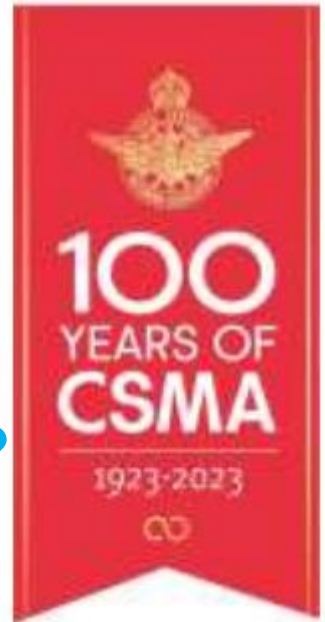
It is interesting to note the number of incidents logged in 2021 at Felixstowe National Coastwatch with a total of 14449 vessels, which includes:- 3601 Commercial vessels, 7428 Leisure vessels, 3359 Work boats (fishing, tugs, pilot launcher), 61 Military and boarder force vessels. All of which was logged by 70 volunteers during a 5386 man hours of watch.

High technology and sophisticated systems such as radar and telecommunications have vastly improved safety at sea, but there are no substitute for a watchful pair of eyes. Accidents do happen and a computer cannot spot a distress flare, people in trouble during water sport activities, an overturned boat and people travelling along the coastal path.

Nick who is based at Martello Tower `P` Felixstowe, gave a good insight into the operational procedures that goes on at the National Coastwatch Stations.



## Longest Serving Members?



As part of the Association's 100th Anniversary in 2023, we're looking to recognise our longest serving members. Are you one of those members, or do you know of any members in your Group who might be one of our longest serving?

Obviously, we have a starting point using our digital Membership records – however these are not complete from the very earliest years of CSMA (*they didn't have computers back in our early days!*), so we're looking for individuals to put themselves forward.

Please contact

[membercommunities@boundless.co.uk](mailto:membercommunities@boundless.co.uk)

and we'll put you forward!

## Ipswich Group Communications Page

For up-to-date information on forthcoming Ipswich Group events see: -

### The latest edition of your Newsletter

### “The Suffolk Traveller”

or our homepage at - [boundless.co.uk/ipswich](http://boundless.co.uk/ipswich)

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**unless stated otherwise Clubnights begin at 7:30pm in**  
The Conference Centre at Kesgrave Community Centre,  
Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich, Suffolk IP5 1JF

# To celebrate our forth coming **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

we will be looking back to events run in the past

## **What we were doing in June 2010**

### **BT House of the Future - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**



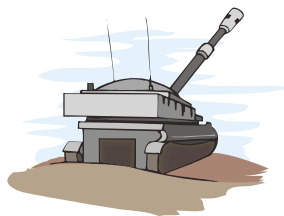
Tonight, we return to BT's "House of the Future" Due to there being many who missed this last year, as numbers are strictly limited, please notify secretary ASAP if you would like to go. Due to security arrangements, we must have your name by 7<sup>th</sup> June. This event will start at 6.30pm

### **Walking Treasure Hunt - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Join us at the Swimming Pool carpark in Woodbridge for our first photographic walking treasure hunt of the year. Enjoy a stroll around Woodbridge whilst trying to identify the location of the supplied photographs. We will retire to a local hostelry for the marking. Questions handed out at 6.30pm.



### **Normandy Weekend - 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June**



There may still be a few seats available for late comers, give Jim Garrard a ring if you would like to join us on our visit to the D-Day landing beaches and the Bayeux Tapestry.

**We would also like to hear your memories of past events.**

**Please send them to the editor.**

# Coming to Peterborough from June *Engine Farm Agricultural Collection*

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June - 1.45 for 2pm**

Join us for this visit to Engine farm which holds a large collection of farming related artefacts including a steam engine, vintage cars, commercial vehicles, motor cycles and army vehicles. Displays of ephemera and all kinds of paraphernalia. Owner Gordon Easton is very entertaining and informative in his presentation.

Location 134 Wisbech Rd, Coates, PE7 2DT.

Car parking is available.

Donations of at least £2.50 towards MIND please

# *Historic House Visit*

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

We have arranged a visit to Rockingham Castle, Rockingham. LE16 8TH on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Tours of the castle are by timed slots and we have booked the 2 pm and 2.15 pm slots. The castle gardens are open from noon until 5 pm. We are now taking bookings for both slots.

Boundless members and their partner are free and we may have room for a few guests who will have to pay as follows; Adults (16+) is £14.00, Seniors (65+) is £13.00 and Children (4-16) is £8.00.

If you would like to join us, please contact Bob quoting your membership number, type of tickets required and your preferred time slot. Details of where to meet on the day will be available soon.

Must be **pre-booked** so that we can obtain the necessary tickets.

Many thanks and we hope to see you there.