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Dunwich Heath talk



Thursday 10th April

We present a talk by historian Richard Symes on the fascinating history of Dunwich Heath.

Dunwich Heath is a pretty isolated spot on the Suffolk coast - it is pretty and well away from anywhere - but it has a fascinating history. Local historian Richard Symes has made a detailed study of the place and even written a book on the subject. Come and hear what he has to say about this intriguing location.

Refreshment will be available to purchase after the talk.

All welcome.

“The Fishermen’s Mission”

Thursday 8th May



What ever the weather people working in the fishing industry still have to put to sea to bring ashore the catch. Theirs is one of the most dangerous occupation there is, and the role of the Fishermen’s mission is to provide help and assistance to people

in the industry if there is injury or loss. Andy Malcolm is our local representative and will give us the full story of the organisation and the help it provides. Come and hear about one of the hardest jobs going.

Refreshment will be available to purchase before and after the talk.

We look forward to seeing you there

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Guided Tour of The Plantation Garden

Wednesday 11th June



We invite you to join us on our visit to
The Plantation Garden, Earlham Road, Norwich, NR2 3DB.

The garden is open from 9am to 6pm and we have a guided tour booked for 2pm. The tour takes approximately 50 – 60 minutes and provides a history of the Garden and how it is managed today.

The Garden contains several quite steep flights of steps and paths, but can be adapted for those who wish to remain on the flat.

There are toilets on site, one of which is wheelchair accessible. There are no refreshments in the Garden but the RC Cathedral Narthex next door has a hospitality centre open for refreshments.

You are welcome to stay in the Garden as long as you wish and bring a picnic. We regret that we have no parking at the Garden. There are car parks paid for by mobile phone (using RingGo) adjacent to the Garden. For those with a disabled parking badge we can make space for up to 2 cars by prior arrangement only. The Garden is run entirely by volunteers. The charge for guided tour is £3 per person, which includes admission.

You must pre-book if you wish to join us on the tour.

Admission is £2 , payable on the day if you do not want to take the tour.

Quiz Time? – Pot Luck Quiz 2

1. Which UK car manufacturer produced the Cambridge?.....
2. What word can go after `roller` and before `board` .?
3. In which country is the city of Acapulco.?
4. How many millimetres in three centimetres?.....
5. Al is the chemical symbol for which element.?
6. Ben Gurion airport is in which country?
7. What colour appears along with white on the Polish flag?
8. DEAR CASH is an anagram of which indoor game?
9. Which city was the setting for TV thriller `The Fall` ?
10. How many sides does a trapezium have?

Answers to Pot Luck Quiz 1

1. What word can go after `hobby` and before `radish`. **Horse**
2. Who invented Braille. **Louis Braille**
3. In the song, who was born `on a mountain top in Tennessee`..... **Davy Crockett**
4. What is Kampuchea now called..... **Cambodia**
5. What word can go before `draft`, `flow` and `Shadow`..... **Over**
6. Which boys recorded `Barbara Ann` in the 60s. **The Beach Boys**
7. Iceberg and Dorothy Perkins are examples of what.....**Rose**
8. A revolving firework is named after which saint. **Catherine**
9. Which Italian phase used in English means in the fresh or cool air. **Al fresco**
10. Which group had a No. 1 with `Hey Jude` **The Beatles**



Joke Corner

I looked up the word opaque.

The definition was not clear.



Memories of 1950s Norwich



For our March talk we had Mike Holmes – no not our very own Local Hero but Mike and his wife Frances from the Norwich Heritage Project talk about Norwich as it was in the 1950's.

They began with the VE Day celebrations in Norwich, which came as a relief as Norwich had

suffered quite badly from wartime bombing with some third of factories, most of the city-centre stores and much housing destroyed. So we were treated to pictures and especially film clips from the East Anglia Film Archive of bombsites being filled with new shops, new factories going up on the outer edges of the town and lots of new houses - new 6,500 council houses for example. At the end of the war, people had been housed in the barrack huts on the USAF airfields and some 500 pre-fabs, soon the new houses were like heaven to those lucky enough to get them. As well as the pictures, we were played some of audio clips of the people's experiences of life at the time.

For the 50's though, it was a time of recovery and consumer boom, with modern amenities like electricity and indoor plumbing becoming the norm which allowed new appliances like washing machines and fridges to appear in people's homes. Norwich had a substantial manufacturing presence with shoes, sweets and mustard featuring heavily, and around one third of the people worked in factories. However, with increasing prosperity came the rise of the Motor Car, which did not fit into the ancient city centre, so there were problems

with parking, and policemen on point duty making rudimentary stands to avoid being squashed.

They also covered the change in entertainments, from the Saturday Morning Cinema for the children and the several cinemas and dance halls providing entertainment. TV came on the scene very late – BBC in 1957 with Tacolneston followed by Anglia TV in 1959, and they caused most of the earlier venues to close. 7 cinemas went between 1959 and 1971. In 1957 Bill Hayley performed in Norwich, and that was the end of the old dance halls with their formal dance styles (and the schools where you went to learn them). Sport too changed, with the very popular cycle speedway (with local names having a national presence) giving way to motor speedway (which just about hangs on) and a FA Cup run for the Canaries in 1959 getting them to the semi-finals! I won't say which team actually won in 1978.

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Isn't Technology Wonderful

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee for two long
And eye can put the era rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye ran this poem threw it
I'm shore your please two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.



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**unless stated otherwise Club events begin at 2pm in
the meeting room at “The Sugar Beat” bar and restaurant,
Norwich Rd Swainsthorpe Norwich NR14 8PU.**

You can have lunch in the restaurant before our event.

Did you know In the year 2000



A new century saw many parties and
celebrations taking place. Did you go to any?

A litre of fuel cost 86p

A loaf of bread cost 70p

A First class stamp cost 27p



The popular BBC sitcom “Dinner ladies” came to an end.

Fiona Bruce and Nick Ross present the programme “Crimewatch”
after the sad loss of Jill Dando.

Greg Dyke becomes Director General of the BBC

And Pierce Brosnan is James Bond in the latest Bond movie “The
world is not enough”

Coming to Peterborough in April

Call of the Kingfisher

Wednesday 2nd April



Join us at the Milton Golf Club, Peterborough PE6 7AG for a 7.30pm start for This is the enchanting nature-writing debut from musician and wildlife recordist Nick Penny.

Discover why he describes his book as a “love letter to a short stretch of Northamptonshire’s River Nene”, and celebrate a year of taking in the glorious sights and sounds of the riverbank.

As well as talking entertainingly about his experiences while researching and writing the book, Nick also performs some of his own live music on Harp and Handpan to accompany birdsong recordings he has made.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Coming to Ipswich in April

Ipswich Group



Wednesday 9th April



Join the Ipswich Group at Kesgrave Community Centre, Kesgrave, Ipswich, Suffolk IP5 1JF, for their most important meeting of the year, which will be followed by a talk from Mike Wabe on “The Devil’s Drink – Coffee”.

Tea and Coffee will be available before the AGM and after the talk.

All welcome.



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2025

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