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INTRODUCTION.

Your Executive Committee has met regularly during the pandemic, mostly by Zoom but from September 2021 back at the Colney pavilion. There have been two changes to members of the committee. Sadly Margaret Higham, a long serving member of the committee died recently. There is an obituary on page 3. Steve Mosley has been co-opted onto the committee and will takeover as editor of Renaissance from the next issue.

The committee decided that in future Renaissance will concentrate on future events and therefore the reports on past events have become very brief. The questionnaire was completed by 32% of our members, which is a good response. Margaret Robins has summarised the replies in a set of pie charts on page 14. One survey result was that 52% might like to go on a non-walking holiday. If you would be interested in a holiday based at, for example, a hotel on the Eastbourne seafront, please see page 4.

John Johnson

A Note from the Treasurer

Thank you all for renewing your 2022 memberships so promptly. The exercise is now completed and any members whose membership has lapsed do not receive this Renaissance. A few facts and figures (the figures in brackets are the comparable figures for 2020 as memberships were automatically renewed in 2021):

196 (234) members renewed by 31st December so it was only necessary to send 41 (33) reminders to jog memories. At 20th January membership is 202 (250) which represents 86 (100) individual members and 58 (75) joint members. As there was no membership renewal process in 2021 the decline in membership numbers is spread over two years but it is still a concern that we have very few new members joining to replace those that have lapsed. If you know someone who is eligible, a former colleague at UEA or the Research Park, please encourage them to join us and help the Association to continue to thrive.

BACS Payments: As we have set up internet banking to access UEARA Bank Accounts I am now able to accept payments by Bank Transfer as well as by cheque or cash. Should you wish to make payments in this way in the future the UEARA account details are as follows:

Account Name: U E A Retirement Association Sort Code: 20-62-53 Account No: 70487589

Please note that there are spaces between the U and E and A. This is important when typing in the name the first time as UK Banks carry out name checks to prevent fraud (called Confirmation of Payee) and if the spaces are omitted it will not be able to match the name.

Denis Brown

Warning: All future events are subject to Government guidelines that may apply at the time.

NOTICE BOARD

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018

The new General Data Protection Regulations came into force on 25 May 2018. To comply with these new regulations, the UEARA Committee agreed a new Privacy Statement which can be viewed on the website. (Go to the website address below, and click on Membership Application Form.

CONTACTS

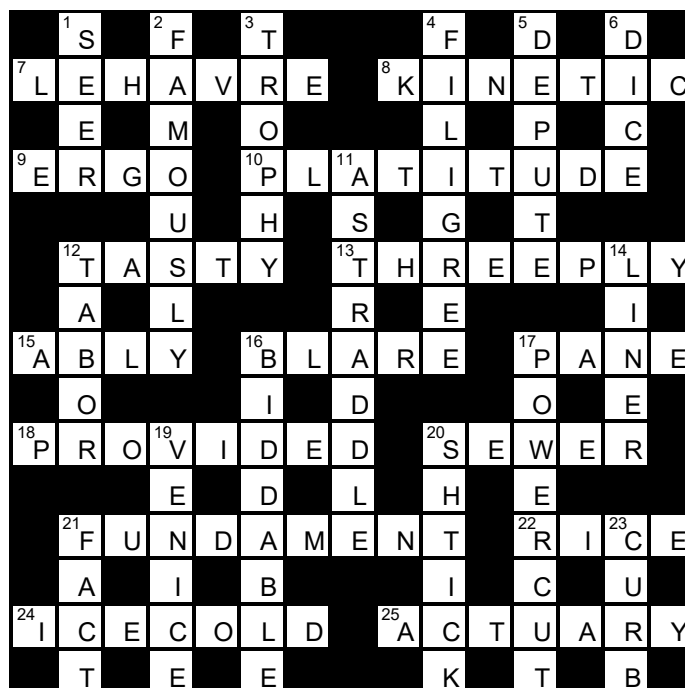
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Prize Crossword Solution

David Marshall kindly compiled another of his popular Prize Crosswords for our October issue of *Renaissance*. The first correct entry drawn from the hat was from Liz Brown who should receive her prize shortly.



If you would like the chance to win a voucher, David's latest competition can be found on page 15.

OBITUARY

Margaret Higham

We are very sorry to report that Margaret died on January 18th after a short period of declining health. She had spent much of her working life in the School of Chemical Sciences before she retired. She was a founder member of UEA Retirement Association, having joined the first committee in 1999, and she continued as a committee member until her death. She played an active role in many of our activities and she and husband Stan (who died in 2015) were often at talks, walks and country dancing. She set up the History Group in 2008 and organised all their activities until 2014. More recently she could be found at talks and games sessions and enjoyed sharing memories with other members.

She will be sadly missed, and we extend our sincere condolences to her daughters Kate, Jenny and Janet and their families.

Denis Brown

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL GATHERING

The Christmas Gathering was held at the Costessey Centre on Monday 6 December 2021. The numbers attending were restricted to 72 to help with social distancing by having tables for just 6 people, and facemasks were required while walking around. Many thanks to Jan and Keith Woods for organising a very successful Gathering.

HOLIDAYS

13-17 June 2022: Gentle Walking Holiday at Brecon, S Wales

This holiday is at HF Nythfa House and there are currently 16 of us booked. There may well be more rooms available so please let me know (c.m.harvey17@gmail.com or telephone 01508 495187) as soon as possible if you are interested in joining us.

The price is **£535** pp full board, with deposit of £75 payable. All rooms are en-suite. Coach transport will be arranged from and back to Norwich.

During our stay we will be exploring the Usk Valley, with some canal walking, the Nedd Valley with its waterfalls and Hay-on-Wye with its bookshops. Each day offers 3 easier walks from 4 or 5 miles and transport is provided. (Harder walks are also available for anyone who prefers them.) The walks are fully guided. Nythfa House has an indoor swimming pool. For further details see www.hfholidays.co.uk

Chris Harvey

10-14 October 2022: Walking Holiday at Lulworth Cove, Dorset.

Our Walking Holiday in 2022 will be at Lulworth Cove on the Dorset coast. This is a Monday to Friday holiday with walks on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On this holiday we will have fully guided walks with HF Leaders and they will provide transport to and from the walks.

More details at: <https://www.hfholidays.co.uk/holidays-and-tours/guided-walking-lulworth-cove-4>

We have booked the whole house. The cost of the walking holiday is currently quoted at £535 per person. All rooms are en suite. The price includes bed, breakfast, packed lunch for walks and an evening meal. We will organise a coach from Norwich, if there are enough people. If you're interested and haven't booked already, please email for more details.

Keith & Jan Woods. Tel: 01603 810980, Email: kandjwoods@waitrose.com

Non-Walking Holiday

One survey result was that 52% might like to go on a non-walking holiday. If you would be interested in a four night holiday based at, for example, a hotel on the Eastbourne seafront, please let me know by the end of February. If there is a reasonable response, I will investigate possibilities with local coach companies.

John Johnson (j.johnson@uea.ac.uk or 01603 456465)

TALKS

All talks begin at 2.15pm (unless otherwise stated) in the Costessey Centre, Longwater Lane, Costessey.

Our talks began again in September at a Covid-19 compliant Costessey Centre. Facemasks are required to enter the building and when moving around. There are hand sanitizers, and chairs and tables are regularly cleaned. The chairs in the lecture room are spaced out to provide for social distancing. Tea and coffee is distributed in the lecture room rather than queuing at the kitchen hatches.

Since the October Renaissance, there have been three talks – all attended by about 30 members, about 30% less than before the pandemic. Gerald Brown spoke in October on Deltiology – the study of picture postcards; Diane Steele in November on Horsey Seals and the Canon Edward Carter in January 2022 on Four Years at Windsor Castle.

The following talks have been arranged by *Margaret Robins*:

No response slips are required – just pay £1 per person at the door, which includes tea and biscuits. Each member may bring up to two guests.

Tuesday 22 February 2022: “History of Norfolk - on a Stick” by Dr Andrew Tullett
(This is a joint talk with the History Group)

Believed to have originated in Norfolk ornamental village signs that contain a wealth of history. Dr Tullett will enlighten us all by explaining the stories behind some of these signs.

Tuesday, 22 March 2022: “Foodbank Norwich” by Hannah Worsley

Norwich foodbank has been operating for over 10 years within the Trussell Trust network. At its core, it provides emergency food to local people in need but alongside this comes advice, support and other such help, all with the aim of ensuring the future is one where foodbanks are no longer needed.

Tuesday, 26 April 2022: “My Life as an International Press Photographer” by Malcolm Clarke

Malcolm Clarke has been a professional photographer for nearly 50 years, and has photographed many high-profile and important people around the world; as well as covering historic events, some of his pictures have won awards and become famous in their own right.

Tuesday, 24 May 2022: “From Subterranean Norwich to Upland Costessey” by Matt Williams

Matt Williams is a local geologist and historian who will show how the subsurface conditions have created the physical Norwich we know today. His aim is to help us to understand the place from ground level downwards.

Tuesday, 28 June 2022:

“A Basque Journey” by Gary Smith

The Basque Country runs from Bayonne in south west France up to the Asturias in northern Spain. Gary will introduce us to the history and geography of the region, and including a 3-day train ride along the coast of northern Spain when he was working as a tour guide.

Tuesday, 27 Sept 2022:

**“The Great Thorpe Railway Disaster 1874
Heroes, Victims, Survivors” by Phyllida Scrivens**

Using extensive research, non-fiction narrative, informed speculation and dramatised events, Phyllida Scrivens pays tribute to the 28 men, women and children who died, revealing the personal stories behind the names, hitherto only recorded as a list.

Margaret Robins

RAMBLES

Poringland short walk report: Just 8 of us who were blessed with fabulous weather on the 28th October. After ordering our lunch at the Dove Inn in Poringland we explored the fields to the east before descending gradually westwards through an attractive wood and over the road. We then crossed open countryside, spotting a skylark, and alongside a disused gravel pit to reach wooded Wash Lane and back to the pub. *Chris Harvey*

The walks in November in Blickling Park had 25 participants and in December around Reepham had 20 participants, showing the reduction caused by the concerns about Covid, but did have socially distanced pub lunches with tables for six people. The short walk in January, after the omicron surge in Norwich, had 12 walkers who all had a pub lunch.

All walks start at **10.30am** (unless otherwise stated) but please arrive at the meeting place by at least 10.15am, especially if a pub lunch is planned in case we have to pre-order food. Car sharing would be appreciated. Walking boots or sturdy shoes are recommended.

These walks, and all other sporting and leisure activities, have inherent hazards associated with them. In spite of the safety of members of each walk being of paramount concern to its leader/leaders, accidents will occasionally occur. It is important therefore that, before taking part in any of our walks, every member appreciates that they each have an individual responsibility to be aware of possible hazards, and will each be expected to take all reasonable steps to minimise any potential for an accident to occur.

I.e. each walker takes part at his/her own risk.

Places on the walks must be booked by contacting the walk leader via email (where available) or telephone, by the deadline date shown. Please ensure emails contain your name, contact telephone number, number of places and, where appropriate, the number of lunches required. This is particularly important for walks with pub lunches so that the managers may reserve appropriate space for us. Please note that there may be limited numbers for some pub lunches, and these will be allocated on a strictly ‘first come first served’ basis (so it pays to contact the walk leader as early as possible!).

Tuesday 8 March 2022:

Thurne and Oby

Leaders: Bill and Sue Rhodes

Tel: 01362 697053 Mobile on the day: 07538 962842

Email: sueandbill27@btinternet.com

Deadline for email/phone confirmation: **Friday 25 February 2022**

The walk is about 5 miles with a 3.5 mile shorter version. There are no stiles but some paths may be muddy after rain. This circular Broadland walk starts and ends at The Lion at Thurne, The Street, Thurne, Norfolk where there is parking and toilets available from 10am. Lunch here will be pre-bookable (details to follow). The walk is on flat grassy tracks and farm lanes, beside the Rivers Thurne and Bure, through fields and along stretches of The Weavers Way.

Please arrive by 10.15 for a 10.30 start.

Map: OS Explorer OL40 TG402158. Post Code for The Lion at Thurne is NR29 3AP

Thursday 24 March 2022

Short Walk: Earlham Cemetery

Leader: Alan Coddington

Tel: 01603 456855 Mobile 07531 037831

Email: coddington208@btinternet.com

Deadline for receipt of calls and emails: **Thursday 10 March 2022**

As part of our exercise routine during the various Covid lockdowns, Marianne and I took to walking in Earlham Cemetery. As there is plenty to see there - from plant life to memorials- I thought it would be a suitable location for a short walk of, about two and a half miles, within the City. The entrance to the Cemetery is via a turning off the Earlham Rd, labelled "Earlham Crematorium". As you drive up from the City this turning is on your right and just past the Earlham Rd. Shopping Centre on your left.

You can park on the right hand side of this entrance road between the Earlham road and the entrance gates. Alternatively, you could catch the 26 bus from Red Lion St. to the shopping centre.

I suggest that we meet at the nearby Dyrrah Cafe, next to the Post Office in the shopping centre, at 10.30 for a coffee, before starting the walk around 11.00. Postcode for shopping centre is NR2 3PD.

Tuesday 12 April 2022:

River and Railway, Horstead & Coltishall

Leaders: Dave & Mandy Holland

Tel: 01603 731125 Mobile: 07751 033827

Email: mndholland76@gmail.com

Deadline for receipt of emails (preferred) or phone calls: **Tuesday 5 April 2022**

This is a circular walk of approximately 4 miles, there may be an opportunity for a short cut. We start from outside the Recruiting Sergeant. It is a pretty and peaceful walk in the Bure valley with very little road walking. There are no stiles, but there is a small bridge with a large step up, and a set of steeply downward steps to reach the railway path. We start along a footpath by the side of the Bure which will be muddy if there has been rain, then turn for a short distance along a quiet road to reach the Bure Valley railway path which is easy walking, although slightly uphill, then return to the pub via the footpath along the main road. We will meet at the Recruiting Sergeant in Horstead on B1150 to North Walsham in time to leave by 10.30a.m. There is parking at the side of the pub, plus some in front which is not actually part of the pub property, but none on the road which is quite busy. We will not pre-order lunches but obviously if there are no restrictions in operation at the time of the walk you will be able to get lunch there.

Map: OS Explorer OL40 TG263196. Post code for Recruiting Sergeant is NR12 7EE.

Tuesday 10 May 2022:

A Suffolk Explorer

Leaders: Richard Aldridge and Julie Houghton Tel: 01603 811303

Email: richard.v.aldrige@gmail.com

Deadline for confirmation by email or phone call: **Tuesday 3 May 2022**

Exact details are to be confirmed, but a circular walk of around 5-6 miles will take place on Dunwich Heath, Minsmere Nature Reserve, and the Suffolk Coastal path. It is intended that this will be a picnic walk. The starting point

will have toilets and all being well eating facilities as well. Possible starting points could be either the public car park in Dunwich Village or the National Trust Dunwich Coast Guard Cottages car park.

Full details will be given out on the April walk and sent by email to anyone who requests this from Richard and Julie.

Maps: OS Explorer 212/.231

Tuesday 31 May 2022:

Short Walk: Mulbarton & Tas Valley Trail

Leader: Chris Harvey

Tel: 01508 495187 Mobile on the day 07762 265754

Email: c.m.harvey17@gmail.com

Deadline for confirmation by email or telephone call: **Sunday 22 May 2022**

Our walk through rolling countryside starts at the World's End pub, Mulbarton, where we will park. From here we make our way towards St Mary Magdalen Church. We then cross the common to join the Tas Valley Trail heading north towards Swardeston. We cross some fields to visit the interesting Church of St Mary the Virgin. From there it's over the B1113 to follow Wood Lane and, via the Mulbarton Church, back to the World's End. The walk is just under 3 miles with very little road.

Please arrive by 10.30 to order lunch before starting the walk at 10.45.

Map: OS Explorer 237 193015 World's End Post Code: NR14 8JT

Tuesday 14 June 2022:

Honingham and East Tuddenham

Leaders: Alan and Anne Jones

Tel: 01362 860423 Mobile on the day 07845 963213

Email: jonesalan9@hotmail.com

Deadline for the receipt of emails or telephone calls: **Friday 3 June 2022**

This walk starts and finishes at The Honingham Buck, 29 The Street, Honingham, Norwich, NR9 5BL The full walk is about 5 miles and there is one stile. A shorter version of the walk is available for those who wish (missing out the stile). The walk follows a path through woods and fields along the Tud valley before cutting up to a track towards East Tuddenham. There is a short stretch on a quiet road to join a footpath round field edges, then over common land near All Saints' church before returning to the pub.

At present the pub is not catering for large groups but is happy to do so on this occasion if we place our orders a few days in advance. Therefore, we will email a menu to those who sign up giving a date for your choice to be emailed back to us. We will then send the consolidated list to the pub.

Please arrive at 10.15 ready for a 10.30 start.

Map: OS Explorer 238 TG102118. Post Code for the Buck is NR9 5BL

Tuesday 12 July 2022

Picnic Walk - East of Sheringham, inland and coast

Leader: Janice Darch

Tel: 07796 932595

Email: janicedarch@gmail.com

Deadline for receipt of confirmation: **Monday 11 July 2022**

The walk will be approximately 8.5 miles. Beeston Common can be muddy at any time of year so gaiters and boots are recommended. The climbs up and down Stone and Ingleborough Hills are short and sharp.

Meet at the car park at The Plains off A1082 (the main road into Sheringham). The car park is opposite the 30mph sign on the right-hand side of the road in the woods if you are driving towards north, towards the sea.

We will walk eastwards through the woods skirting south of Sheringham, Beeston Regis and West Runton with ascents of Stone Hill and Ingleborough Hill for superb views east and west along the coast. Either of these hills is lovely for a coffee stop. We will then drop down to East Runton. If the tide is low we will walk along the sandy beach to West Runton where there is a cafe, toilets and places to sit for lunch. If the tide is high we will proceed along the cliff top path. After lunch our path will follow the coastal footpath to the base of Beeston Bump where we will cut back in land via Beeston Priory to Beeston Common and then back through the woods to the car park.
Map: OS Explorer 252 TG153418. Post Code NR26 8NZ

Tuesday 9 August 2022

Rockland and Claxton

Leaders: Steve and Joan Mosley

Tel: 01603 437176 Mobile 07887 399106

Email: s.mosley@talktalk.net

Deadline for the receipt of emails or telephone calls: **Monday 1 August 2022**

This is a walk of approximately 5 miles with no stiles starting at Rockland Staithe car park. The walk follows the Wherryman's Way, alongside Rockland Broad then follows the river Yare until the Beauchamp Arms. From here we walk away from the river to Claxton and after a short stretch alongside the road we head up a wide track until we reach St. Andrews church. From here we curve back to Rockland along small lanes and footpaths arriving back at Rockland Staithe.

For those that wish to picnic there is a grassy area and benches adjacent to the staithe. The New Inn pub opposite the staithe also serves lunches and refreshments, or a short drive away is the Beauchamp Arms.

Please arrive at 10.15, ready for a 10.30 start.

Map: OS Explorer OL40 TG329046 Post Code for the New Inn: NR14 7HP

ART GROUP

The Art Group meets on the **third** Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays) at 2:00pm at the Colney Lane Pavilion. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own painting and drawing materials with you. Brenda Mace has kindly agreed to act as mentor to the group.

The Group will meet on the following dates:

No meeting on 18 April as it is a bank holiday.

21 February 2022

21 March 2022

23 May 2022

Brenda Mace

BOOK GROUP

Informal meetings, lasting about one and a half hours, will be held at 40 Brettingham Avenue, Cringleford at 2pm on the **second** Monday of the month. Books to be discussed are listed below and all titles are available in paperback and from the library, some as downloads.

The group will meet on the following dates.

14 February A Bird in the Hand by Ann Cleeves

14 March The Spire by William Golding

11 April The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte
9 May Poetry on the subject of Anniversaries
13 June Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

Anyone is welcome to come along and join us and to suggest titles for future sessions. There is no charge and tea, coffee and biscuits are served. For more information please contact Janet Havers (janet.havers@btinternet.com or tel: 01603 759644).

Janet Havers

FILM GROUP

This small, lively group normally meets once a month, on a Monday, at Cinema City. Whenever possible we go for a late morning/early afternoon screening to allow time afterwards for refreshments and to discuss the film before going our separate ways.

New members are most welcome.

For more information please tel: 01603 743464 or email: evelyn.mould@ntlworld.com

Evelyn Mould

GAMES AFTERNOONS

Games afternoons are held on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 2.00pm at the Pavilion. We have regular tables for Cribbage, Dominoes and either Rummikub, Whist or Scrabble. Additional board games and cards are available at each session with the opportunity to learn something new.

The emphasis at games afternoons is on enjoying playing games rather than skill and you are welcome to bring your own games for other members to try. Refreshments are provided.

Future dates are:

(Please note no meeting on 15th February)

15th March 2022
19th April 2022
17th May 2022
21st June 2022 (Croquet)

Contact Details: Denis Brown Tel. 01603 409905 E Mail lizden144@btinternet.com

Croquet Session on 21st June 2022

This event, which is organised by Jeremy Kitchener, will be held at Eaton Park starting at 2.00pm and finishing at 4.00pm. Balls and mallets will be provided, and the only requirement is that flat shoes or trainers are needed. The green is located near the boating pond and there will be a charge of £5.00 (which includes refreshments).

There is ample parking and a room for storing coats as well as a loo facility. Numbers are limited so it will be on a first come first served basis. If you want to come or require further information, please contact Jeremy on 01603 610708 (or e mail him at q6@ntlworld.com) to book your place.

Denis Brown

GARDEN GROUP

Garden Group meetings may be held throughout the year, actual dates are given below and in the Renaissance

diary. Activities include talks, open gardens and garden visits. I circulate occasional emails about Garden Group events and gardening activities. If you would like to be included in this circulation, or for general enquiries about the Garden Group, please contact Pam Janacek (pamjanacek@googlemail.com).

Please pay £1 per person at the door for talks, including tea and biscuits. This payment goes towards the cost of speakers and refreshments.

Future dates:

Wednesday 8 June 2022. Visit to Hoveton Hall House and Gardens, Hoveton, Norwich NR12 8RJ

A group visit to Hoveton Hall House and Gardens has been booked for the afternoon of Wednesday 8 June, starting at 2.00pm and finishing at 5.00pm, price £20 a person. The visit includes a guided tour of the reception rooms of the Hall followed by refreshments. We are then welcome to explore the gardens at leisure.

The Regency Hall has been owned by the Buxton family since 1946 and in 2013 passed on to Harry and Rachel Buxton. The Hall was built between 1809 - 1812 and the design is attributed to Humphry Repton and his son John (and so a timely visit after the September 2021 talk on Humphry Repton!).

The Hall is well-known for its gardens, including the walled ‘Spider Garden’ (named after the wrought-iron spider’s web design gate) and the old kitchen garden, a one-acre former Victorian walled kitchen garden which now also includes lawns and herbaceous borders, whilst still providing fruit, vegetables and herbs for the house. Hoveton Hall Gardens is a mix of formal and informal planting, over 15 acres of gardens and woodlands. Our visit in June should hopefully catch the displays of azaleas and rhododendrons. The gardens are home to an early 19th century glass house, one of only three of its type in the country.

If you would like to go on this visit, please complete the booking slip at the end of this newsletter and return to Pam Janacek by **Wednesday 25 May**. Hoveton Hall have asked that final numbers and full payment be sent prior to the visit so it will not be possible to take any further bookings (or cancellations) after the closing date. There is a maximum number that can be accommodated of 40 people.

Hoveton Hall can be found 8 miles north of Norwich and 1 mile north of Wroxham Bridge. Parking arrangements and meeting place will be provided to those booking on the visit. Further information about Hoveton Hall House and Gardens is available on their website (www.hovetonhallestate.co.uk).

Open Garden visit July/August 2022

An Open Garden visit to a committee member’s garden is being considered for July/August 2022. Further information may be sent out via the email circulation list referred to below and included in the June edition of Renaissance.

Pam

Janacek

HISTORY GROUP

Future Events:

We are in the process of arranging a visit to the Plantation Garden and a River walk around Norwich. Further details will be in the June issue of Renaissance.

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Suzanne Cunningham & Evelyn Mould

Wednesday, 8 June 2022: Visit to Hoveton Hall House and Gardens, Hoveton, Norwich

To let you know that the Garden Group has arranged a group visit to Hoveton Hall House and Gardens for the afternoon of Wednesday 8 June. As the visit includes a guided tour of the reception rooms of the Regency Hall, whose design is attributed to Humphry Repton and his son John, this visit may be of interest to the History Group. Full details and booking arrangements may be found under the Garden Group.

Pam Janacek

KNIT and NATTER GROUP

We are a small group who appreciate the company, friendship and fellowship of meeting with like-minded people. We have people knitting a variety of pieces from garments and baby items through to novelty items and toys; tapestry making; felting; fresh lavender bags; Christmas decoration construction and beading/jewellery making. It is interesting to see what other people are doing and to help each other with our projects. Some of our group have been knitting items for charity which are delivered via the Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers to whom we are affiliated. If anyone is interested in coming along (you don't have to commit to every month) we meet at the Colney Pavilion, 2-4pm on the **third** Monday of the month. If anyone would like further information, please contact me mndholland76@gmail.com

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21 March 2022

23 May 2022

Mandy Holland

LUNCH GROUP

There were 10 participants for the November lunch at the Red Lion in Drayton, the first lunch group after the lock-down. The lunch at the Wine Cellar, Norwich was postponed from January to Thursday 3rd February, because of the surge in the omicron variant. There will be just 8 diners.

Thursday 7 April 2022 Crown Point Tavern, Trowse

Please meet at 12.15 for 12.30. The tavern is at the top of the hill in Kirby Road in Trowse (NR14 8RN). Firstbus route 40A leaves the bus station (stop M) at 12.00 and gets to Trowse bus stop at 12.06, which is a short walk to the pub. There is parking at the pub.

If you wish to attend, please email j.johnson@uea.ac.uk or phone 01603 456465 by **Thursday 31 March**.

Thursday 5 May 2022 The Eagle, Norwich

Please meet at 12.15 for 12.30. The Eagle is at 33 Newmarket Road. Many buses along Newmarket Road stop outside the pub. There is a large car park at the pub. It is possible to sit outside under cover. Please let me know if you would prefer to sit outside.

If you wish to attend, please email j.johnson@uea.ac.uk or phone 01603 456465 by **Thursday 28 April**.

Thursday 9 June 2022 There will a lunch group meeting organized for this day. Details will be given out at the May lunch and sent to all members who have attended one of the lunches since November 2021. If you would like to be given details about this lunch, please email j.johnson@uea.ac.uk or phone 01603 456465.

John Johnson

OUTING

Norfolk Gliding Club There is the possibility of a group visit to the Norfolk Gliding Club, based at Tibenham Airfield if there is sufficient interest. If you are interested in joining a group visit, please contact Margaret so she can gauge the level of interest (margaret.robins@btinternet.com).

Margaret Robin

MUSIC GROUP

Musical events are appearing on the calendar but as yet it is not possible to organise group trips. No planned Retirement Association visits or events for this report but I am sure you are as happy as I am to see the number of concerts that are happening. Although I will continue to forward to members all the information I receive, as yet bookings must be made individually.

N.B. in addition to planned events, information about musical activities in Norwich is circulated to members who have shown interest. If you would like to be included in this circulation or wish to publicise any concert or musical event of your own, please email Verity at vj.lyall@outlook.com or phone 01603 613698.

News of the UEA Chorus and Orchestra: after the triumphant performance of Brahms Ein Deutsches Requiem at the end of November, we were disappointed when the Carol concert was cancelled at the last minute. This was, of course, due to the rise in Covid cases so it couldn't be helped and at least the big event was a great success. Thankfully the Chorus and Orchestra are rehearsing again already, in preparation for their next concert.

Thursday 24 March 19:30 **UEA Choir and Symphony Orchestra** **St Andrew's Hall, Norwich**
Gerald Finzi: For St Cecilia John Ireland: These Things Shall Be Elgar: Enigma Variations
Information about ticket sales will be passed on as soon as it is available

Saturday 5 March 19:30 **Academy of St Thomas** **St Andrew's Hall, Norwich**
The AST's 49th Season opens with Estonian virtuoso Anna-Liisa Bezrodny performing the Sibelius Violin Concerto on what promises to be a very special occasion - especially as Anna-Liisa has a direct family connection to Sibelius. Postponed from Beethoven's 250th anniversary year, the orchestra will also perform Beethoven's very popular Symphony No 5. Conductor Toby Purser will make his debut with us, and the concert begins with Weber's sparkling Der Freischutz Overture.

Important information – take note of the date

As you are all aware, with cases still high it is difficult to arrange joint visits to events and, although many concerts are being publicized, at the moment it is more practical for members to buy their own tickets. With that in mind I will continue to pass on any information I get to those on the mailing list. If anyone wishes to find out more, I will be delighted to add email addresses to the list. My contact details are given above.

However, concerts are happening again and spring is on its way. It would be wonderful if we could make one of our first events together a visit to **Salle Church** for the **Academy of St Thomas Summer Concert**. Pre-pandemic we enjoyed this lovely event for several years, taking picnics to enjoy in the churchyard beforehand.

Saturday 18th June 2022, Salle Church near Reepham, 19.30

I'll be collecting a list of names so if anyone is interested, contact me. The programme has not been announced nor ticket details so I'll be keeping you informed.

Let's give ourselves something to look forward to this summer.

Verity Lyall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021/2022

Booking/decision deadline dates are shown where appropriate.

2022:

Feb	14	Book Group	'A Bird in the Hand' by Ann Cleeves
	21	Art	Art Group
	21	Knitting	Knit & Natter Group
	22	Talk	"History of Norfolk - on a Stick" by Dr Andrew Tullett
Mar	5	Music Group	Academy of St Thomas
	8	Walk	Thurne & Oby (Deadline 25 February)
	14	Book Group	'The Spire' by William Golding
	15	Games	Games afternoon
	21	Art	Art Group
	21	Knitting	Knit & Natter Group
	22	Talk	"Foodbank Norwich" by Hannah Worsley
	24	Music Group	UEA Choir & Symphony Orchestra
	24	Walk	Earlham Cemetery short walk (Deadline 10 March)
Apr	7	Lunch Group	Crowne Point Tavern, Trowse (Deadline 31 March)
	11	Book Group	'The Tenant of Wildfell Hall' by Anne Bronte
	12	Walk	River & Railway, Horstead & Coltishall (Deadline 5 April)
	19	Games	Games afternoon
	26	Talk	"The Great Thorpe Railway Disaster 1874" by Phyllida Scriven
May	5	Lunch Group	The Eagle, Norwich (Deadline 28 April)
	9	Book Group	Poetry on the subject of Anniversaries
	10	Walk	A Suffolk Explorer (Deadline 3 May)
	17	Games	Games afternoon
	23	Art	Art Group
	23	Knitting	Knit & Natter Group
	24	Talk	"From Subterranean Norwich to Upland Costessey" by Matt Williams
	31	Walk	Mulbarton & Tas Valley short walk (Deadline 22 May)
Jun	8	Garden	Visit to Hoveton Hall & Gardens (Deadline 25 May)
	9	Lunch Group	to be announced
	11	Book	'Klara and the Sun' by Kazuo Ishiguro
	13-17	Holiday	Gentle Walking Holiday at Brecon, S Wales
	14	Walk	Honingham & East Tuddenham (Deadline 3 June)
	18	Music	Salle Concert
	21	Games	Croquet
	28	Talk	"My Life as an International Press Photographer" by Malcolm Clarke
Jul	12	Walk	Picnic walk – East of Sheringham inland & coast (Deadline 11 July)
Aug	9	Walk	Rockland & Claxton (Deadline 1 August)
Oct	10-14	Holiday	Guided Walking Holiday at Lulworth Cove, Dorset

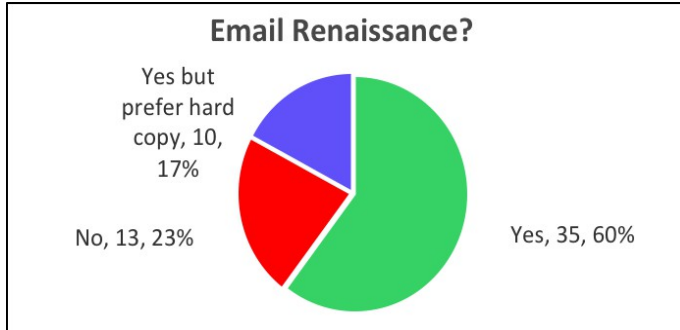
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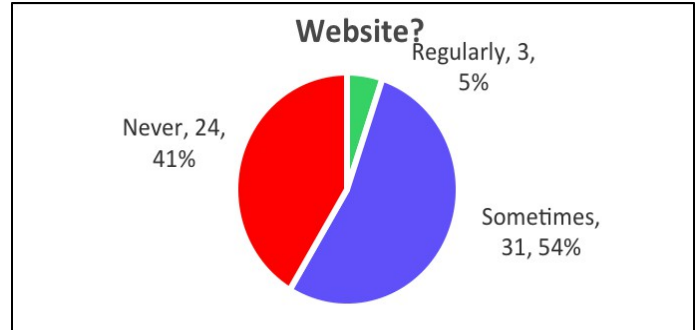
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Renaissance and website:

Would you be happy to have Renaissance emailed to you in future?

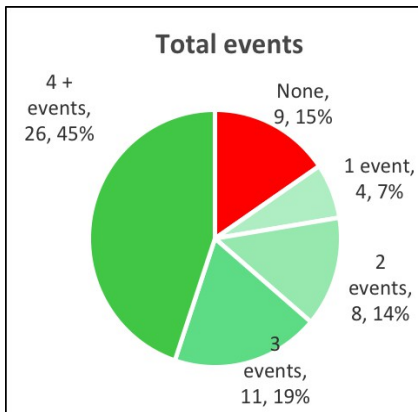


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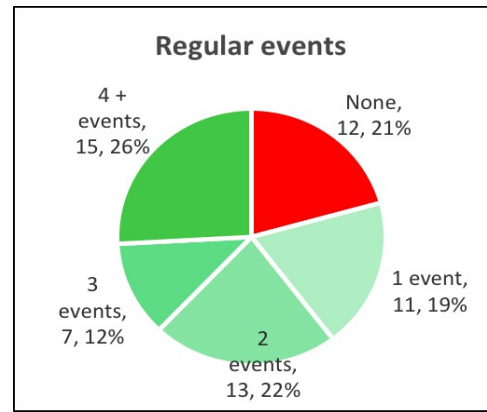


Events:

Number of events attended in total



Number of events regularly attended



Non-walking holiday:

If the Association arranged a five-day holiday which is NOT predominately walking, would you be interested in joining?

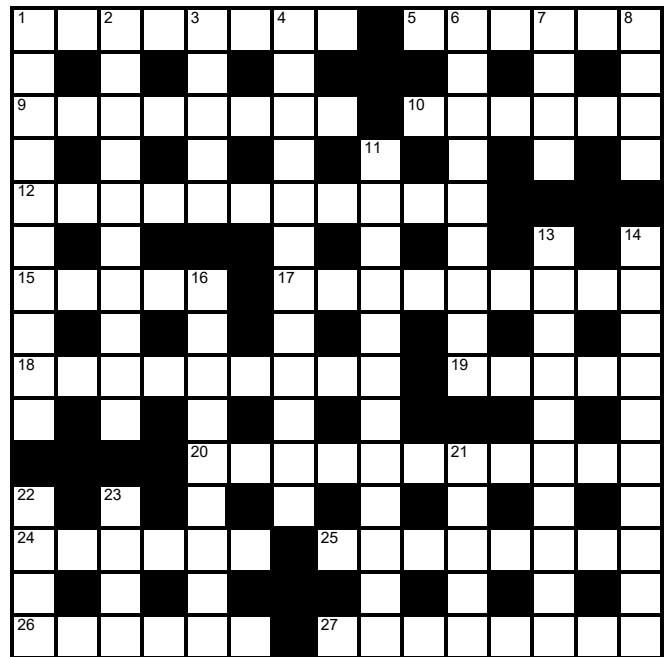


Margaret Robins,
12 January 2022

Prize Crossword

David Marshall has kindly compiled another crossword for our prize competition. As usual there is a prize for the first correct entry drawn from all entries received. Closing date: **27 May 2022**

Please post your solution to Steve Mosley or email answers as a list to s.mosley@talktalk.net .



Across

- 1 PVC Euros tries to prevent discovery of truth. (5-3)
- 5 Hypocrisy (but dont cry!) makes good therapy. (6)
- 9 Mavis led holiday islands astray. (8)
- 10 Madness is icy I do consider. (6)
- 12 I use lip balm to make difficult to believe. (11)
- 15 Marvellous (without rolls) evolves into pale purple. (5)
- 17 Cut undone about not enumerated. (9)
- 18 Short rant confused bright night light. (5,4)
- 19 Wild card spoke lazily (in the absence of CID). (5)
- 20 Kansan basin can become cause of accidents (6,5)
- 24 Age ten can strangely nullify. (6)
- 25 Lice seen, strangely, as person with legal permission. (8)
- 26 I merge strangely as person who has moved abroad. (6)
- 27 Purple gemstone could learn maths yet. (8)

Down

- 1 Comment with Tim makes for dedication. (10)
- 2 Put royal uv combines to create sensual pleasure. (10)
- 3 Tiara made from indian side dish. (5)
- 4 Inspects trug and finds article in print. (5,7)
- 6 Defend hug to create means of offshore-based investment. (5,4)
- 7 Twos then packed away carefully. (4)
- 8 Oxymorons (with no rooms) become agate. (4)
- 11 Acorn submits strangely to preventing truth becoming known. (12)
- 13 Composer wears odd-fitting navy skirts. (10)
- 14 Locates end as grows into adulthood. (10)
- 16 Boxer I hit as they put item in show. (9)
- 21 Odd Flowerpots (with no floor) with dirt cleaned a away. (5)
- 22 Etna makes initial poker bid (4)
- 23 Languid has no DNA but makes fruit! (4)

Visit to Hoveton Hall House and Gardens, Hoveton, Norwich: Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 2.00 pm

I would like to book place(s) at £20.00 per person.

Payment may be made by cheque or Bank Transfer (see page 1 of this Renaissance for UEARA account details):

I enclose a cheque for £.....payable to 'UEA Retirement Association'
or

I have paid £.....direct by Bank Transfer. Payers name on transfer.....

Name(s).....

Address.....

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Telephone number.....

Email address.....

Are any of the places for guests (i.e. non-Retirement Association members), required for insurance purposes. Yes/No

.....(name(s) if Yes)

Any Dietary Requirements for the tea:

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Please return this booking form by **Wednesday 25 May*** to:

Pam Janacek.

** Please note that Hoveton Hall have asked that final numbers and full payment be sent prior to the visit so it will not be possible to take any further bookings (or cancellations) after the closing date.*

