



Wroxham and District  
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## **Newsletter for December 2016**

### **Christmas Party: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2.30 pm at The Hub**

Hopefully you can come and enjoy fellowship with some entertainment, quizzes and a game, as well as some festive nibbles with our tea. As the date is out of our usual rhythm there will be a sewing group in the side room, but we have agreed we can work round each other. However, on this occasion, and this occasion only, we have hired the car park at the Wroxham Church Hall next door to ease the parking situation. So we look forward to seeing you. If you wish to bring a contribution to the tea it would be very welcome.

#### **General Meeting**



At the last meeting, we were treated to a tale of 2 halves: Liz Scott presented *A Living History of Blickling Hall*, firstly in costumed character and then as a very knowledgeable guide working for the National Trust.

As “Kath”, she became the kitchen maid, giving a vivid account of life below stairs in the 1930’s, with the servants’ duties and expectations of behaviour amusingly described. She included the life, as “Kath” experienced it, of the Hall’s owner, Philip Kerr, 11th Marquess of Lothian, and some of his distinguished visitors, including Lady Astor and Queen Mary.

Out of character, she talked about the Hall’s history, from its origins in the early part of the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, the later ownership of the Boleyn family, and the rebuilding of the Hall by Sir Henry Hobart in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, which is the Hall you see today. Full of fascinating detail and anecdotes, Liz’s presentation was both entertaining and hugely informative.

#### **Activities**

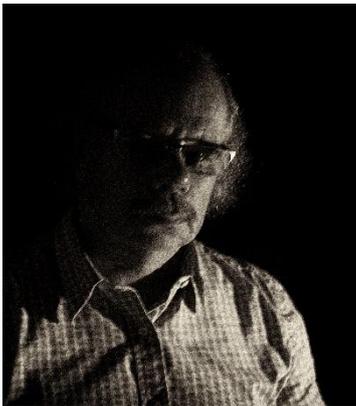
**Swimming** The group now meets at the Victory Leisure Centre in North Walsham every other Wednesday, in term time only, at 2.30 pm when the pool is pretty clear. Forthcoming dates are **23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 7 Dec, and 11 Jan.** All abilities welcome, advice given if needed! Corrie Mould 01603 782755

**Walking** The December walk on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.** will start at Horstead Mill car park, around **Coltishall and the Bure Valley Railway, about 3.5 miles.** Please ring Maggie Lomax on 01603 783870 if you intend to come.

**Classical Music** Come along and listen for a few hours to a selection of music at the home of Brian Keane, Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham on **Wed. Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and Jan 4<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 – 4.30 pm.** All welcome. Brian 01603 782774.

**Mahjong** Carol Hodgkiss has instructed the initial learners, and is ready to take on more, every Friday morning at her home. If you are interested in learning contact her on 01603 929368

**Photographic/Camera Club** normally meets on the third Friday of the month at 2 pm at The Hub. Mary Long writes that “the group met on Friday Nov.18<sup>th</sup> to try portraiture, when our members arranged a studio setting and models.



We will meet again on **16<sup>th</sup> December** when the subject will be Bridges, and Portraits from the November meeting.” Mary Long 01603 722254

**Lunch Out** We will meet on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30** at “The Fur and Feather”, Woodbastwick; last date for names 23<sup>rd</sup>. A **Christmas Lunch** has been booked at The Ferry Inn, Horning, on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 12.30**. They are doing a 2–course Christmas lunch for £10, or you can have something else if you prefer. You must let Corrie know if you are coming so that she can book numbers. 01603 782755 or candrm@staithehome.co.uk

**Evening Dining** In November the meeting will be at the “Brick Kilns” (the pink pub) on the Plumstead Road on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm**. Let Maggie Flatman know if you wish to come. 01603 783091

**Chess Club** Since the group is now applying knowledge and strategy, the meetings will be once a fortnight, namely **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am**. The programme has focused on the pieces individually, looking at their relative strengths and weaknesses, and how they are best used in different situations. White openings and Black defences will be the new emphasis. The club is held at Sue Badger’s house; anyone wishing to join can contact her on 01603 737572

**Bird Watching** On **Sat Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** the bird watching group will be joining a group from the RSPB at Barton Broad, leaving her home by the double roundabout at **9.30am**. Parking is in Irstead, or the disabled car park is nearer, with the walking from there all on board walks. Let her know if you wish to come Di Stagg 01603 784214

**Bird Banter** is a meeting over a coffee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 10.30 am in Bijou (opposite the station) to talk about birds’ lives and habits, assisted by laptop and books with Di, but there will be no meeting in December.

**French Conversation** French speakers of all levels are welcome to come to Bijou (opposite the station) **every Thursday at 3 pm**. Contact Jane Monks on 01603 782496

**History Group** is now meeting at The Hub on the last Thursday of the month, namely **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2 pm**. New members very welcome. There will be **no meeting in December**. Anne den Engelse 01603 782121

**Play Reading** usually meets the first Tuesday of the month, at the home of Ann Wilson, Carousel, Ashmanhaugh. Since this clashes with our Christmas party on 6<sup>th</sup> December the meeting will be on **13<sup>th</sup> Dec, followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan**. Contact Jane Monks 01603 782496

**Petanque (Boules)** has stopped for the winter

**Garden visits** are also on hold for the winter. There is probably plenty to do in our own gardens!

***Please let Corrie Mould have your information for the January Newsletter by 20<sup>th</sup> December candrm@staitheaway.orangehome.co.uk . Thanks to Sue Badger who provides the photos.***