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Norwich Group

October/November 2024 Newsletter

Norwich Group's Christmas Lunch

Thursday 28th November
seated by 1.30pm

We have booked our Christmas lunch for 1.30pm at
SugarBeat, Norwich Road, Swainsthorpe, Norwich, NR14 8PU

You will need to pay for your food and beverages, and
pre-booking is needed by **Monday 18th November**.

Please book using the menu overleaf.

See you there

“Supernatural Norfolk” Thursday 12th December

Join us as Stephen Poulter's illustrated talk takes us on a Supernatural tour of Norfolk following stories of hauntings, witchcraft, devil dogs, ghostly coaches, demonic visitations and other unexplained phenomena stretching back over the centuries, according to local folklore, where these strange occurrences and hauntings are supposed to have been seen. The talk will be held at The Sugarbeat eating house Norwich Rd Swainsthorpe Norwich NR14 8PU, starting at 2pm

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Menu	Selection	
Root Vegetable Soup (VE)(GFA) - Brown Bread		
Brie Beignet (V) - Cranberry Sauce		
Smoked Salmon Tian - Israeli Cous Cous, Smashed Avocado, Pickled Cucumbers, Charred Lemon, Dill Crème Fraiche		
Ham Hock Terrine (GFA) Apple & Chorizo Chutney, Toasted Sourdough		
Roast Turkey - Duck Fat Roast Potatoes, Maple Roast Carrots & Parsnips, Brussel Sprouts, Savoy Cabbage, Pig in Blanket, Sausage Meat, Cranberry, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Rich Gravy		
Duck Breast (GF) <i>Balsamic Roasted Beetroot, Pommes Anna, Carrot Puree, Orange Jus</i>		
Pan Roasted Sea Bass (GF) - Creamy Mashed Potato, Creamed French Peas & Smoked Bacon		
Mushroom, Caramelised Red Onion & Spinach Tart Tatin (VE) <i>Roast Potatoes, Maple Roast Carrots & Parsnips, Brussel Sprouts, Savoy Cabbage, Cranberry, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Red Onion Gravy</i>		
Apple & Mixed Berry Crumble (V) - Vanilla Custard		
Chocolate & Biscoff Tart (V) - Madagascan Vanilla Ice Cream		
Baileys Christmas Bread & Butter Pudding (V) <i>Charred Clementine, Brandy Anglaise</i>		
Apple & Pear Frangipane Tart (VE) - Dairy Free Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream		
Cheese & Biscuits (V) - Trio of Cheeses, Fig Chutney, Celery Sticks, Grapes <i>(£3 supplement as a dessert course)</i>		

Name:

Address:

Payment of £..... enclosed - £26.95 for 2 courses - £33.95 for 3 courses

Notes **V** = Vegetarian / **VE** = Vegan / **GF** = Gluten Free / **GFA** = Gluten Free.

All meals must be pre-ordered & paid for by **Monday 18th November**

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Cromer Pier Summer Show

Norwich Group had its by now regular trip to see the Summer show at the Cromer Pier theatre on 26th September; this was almost the last performance of the season, so it made a fitting climax for our summer.

The theatre itself really is at the end of the pier, and is a traditional timber building on an iron frame which was probably put up in Victorian times, so it has done well to survive at all. However, the stage equipment, lighting and sound systems are all modern so we got the full range of audio and visual effects.

The show is a fairly traditional affair, with a mix of musical and dance segments, and variety acts. Also some audience participation so you need to be careful where you sit! The cast has a troupe of 5 dancers, a couple of singers, two comedians and a circus performer and they work extremely hard to keep us entertained for two one-hour segments.

Some of the jokes probably pre-date the theatre, and the song lyric "Search for the hero inside yourself" has left me with an entirely different image! However a thoroughly enjoyable event for the Group.

David G

Bawdsey Radar - The Eyes of the Few

On the 10th October 2024 Paul Whiting gave a talk on the development of radar that took place at Bawdsey. The first attempt to detect enemy aircraft was to build large concrete structures so shaped that they would reflect the incoming sound wave to a microphone placed at the focal point, they had the disadvantage that any aircraft detected was too close to allow for any immediate action to be taken plus the fact that they picked up all other sounds that were going on at the time.

In 1932 Stanley Baldwin gave a speech on defence, which included the famous phrase, `the bomber will always get through`. It was a statement of fact; there was no means of detecting incoming bombers at a range long enough to give defending fighter planes time to destroy them. It was mooted that, perhaps, a way could be found to destroy aircraft remotely with a `death ray`. The Air Ministry offered a reward of £1000 (£50,000 in 2010) for someone to demonstrate a ray that would create damage at a distance. The test was stated as the ability to kill a sheep at 100 yards. Although several con-men came forward, none claimed the prize and the mortality rate of sheep was not noticeably affected.

In 1935 the Air Ministry contacted Robert Watson-Watt who was superintendent of the Radio Research Station near Slough, and asked whether it was possible to develop a system of damaging radiation. Watson and his scientific officer Arnold Wilkins, agreed it was not. However, Arnold Wilkins was aware that engineers at the Post Office who dealt with short wave communication, noticed a disturbances when aircraft flew over near the receivers. They wondered if this might form the bases of a scheme for detecting aircraft and reported this in 1935 to the newly established committee for the Scientific Survey of Air Defence, under the chairmanship of Henry Tizard who met in London to address the bomber problem.

It was this committee that set in motion the first experiment to be carried out in 1935 at Daventry Northamptonshire when a Handley Page Heyford Bomber made four passes over a receiver, an oscilloscope and a trace recorder installed in an old ambulance. On the aircrafts second pass a signal was recorded from which Watson and Arnold were able to calculate that the aircraft had been tracked to a distance of eight miles. As a result of this experiment Air Vice Marshall Hugh Dowding

immediately sanctioned a sum of money to set up a secret programme to develop what was called Radio Direction Finding (RDF). The acronym RADAR was adopted by Britain in 1943 and stands for **RA**dio **D**etection **A**nd **R**anging.



At a time when the Luftwaffe had 2600 planes and the RAF had 640 there was an urgent need for Britain to have an early warning of incoming aircraft which had the advantages, first to only scramble our aircraft located nearest to the location of the attack and secondly there was no need to keep aircraft airborne unnecessarily. So, the

programme got under way for the Air Defence Radar System such as at Bawdsey which had four transmitter towers each 360ft high and four receiver towers each 240ft high and went under the name `British Chain Home Transmitter Antenna`.

On the brink of WWII the huge airship Graf Zeppelin LZ130 crossed the north sea on a daring mission to try and identify what the network of towers being erected along the UK coastline were for. The German General Wolfgang Martini, who was largely responsible for promoting early radar development together with the top Luftwaffe`s wireless experts, were on board the Graf Zeppelin with all their detection equipment looking for evidence of British radar and found nothing of importance. The Germans did indeed have radar but not long range for detecting enemy aircraft and any further development was not pursued because their aim was to be the attacking force.

The photo accompanied this write-up is an artist`s impression of the Daventry experiment carried out on 26th February 1935 which shows an old ambulance that was converted to house an oscilloscope receiver and trace recorder.

Thank you Paul for a very interesting talk, hopefully it will attract members to pay a site visit.

John

Answers to General Knowledge Quiz 1

1. What does KISS stand for?**Keep It Simple Stupid**
2. What wood is generally used to make cricket bats? **Willow**
3. Which star sign is represented by a set of scales?..... **Libra**
- 4.What does Ashlee mean?**Ash meadow**
5. Which song begins with the line,
`I thought love was only true in fairy tales?**I`m a believer**
- 6.What is Elton John`s full name? **Elton Hercules John**
- 7.What is aquafaba? **Water in which chickpeas or pulses
have been cooked.**
8. What is the literal meaning of biscuit? **Twice cooked or baked**
9. What is the secret ingredient in Worcester sauce?
Anchovy, Soy sauce, molasses, chillies tamarind
10. What sauce is named after a river and state in Mexico? **Tabasco**

British Bingo Nicknames Quiz

What numbers do the following nicknames represent?

1. Knock at the door.....
2. Dancing Queen.....
3. Duck and dive.
4. Dirty Gertie.....
5. Steps.....
6. Droopy drawers.
7. PC.....
8. Grandma`s getting frisky.....
9. Gandhi`s breakfast.
10. Fat lady with a walking stick.....

Answers next month

Coming to Peterborough in November Chairman's Musical Evening

Wednesday 6th November

Our chairman Geoff cordially invites you to join him and a few of his friends, at Milton Golf Club, Peterborough PE6 7AG, for a special Boundless musical evening. Members of the audience are encouraged to join in or do a turn of their own.

The Evening begins at 7.30pm

Feel free to bring along your own instruments.

There will also be the usual refreshments and the chance for a chat before the close of the evening

All are Welcome

Coming to Ipswich in November

"The Fishermen's Mission"

Wednesday 13th November



In November, the nights have drawn in and the weather is becoming wintry, but 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. Join us at Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich, Suffolk IP5 1JF, for a 7.30pm start and hear about one of the hardest jobs going.

Following the talk, there will be the usual refreshments.

All Welcome

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