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## UEA RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first Renaissance of 2026 which contains details of all events and activities for members from February to June 2026 and in some cases further into the year. As you can see there are plenty of events available to you, including walks, talks, lunches and garden visits. There are also the regular meet-ups for the Art Group, Book Group, Knit and Natter, Games Afternoon and Film Group. Also worth noting is the ever popular October short break walking holiday, details further down this newsletter.

You can find a brief summary of all events with dates on the 'Dates for Your Diary' page at the end of this newsletter with more details in the sections for each group/activity. If you haven't attended any events before, or would like to try something new then please come along. They are a great opportunity for socialising and meeting new and old friends and you'll be made very welcome.

Although we have had some new members join during the past year we still need to encourage new people to join the Association. So, 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 continue to thrive. It is also worth noting that alumni could be eligible and those who have done some occasional lecturing, or even retired NNUH staff, at the discretion of the Chairman. An application form can be downloaded via the Association's web page at

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/about/working-at-uea/retirement-association>.

**Once again a reminder that some of our committee members have been on the committee now for a number of years and are looking forward to the time when they might 'hand over the reins' to someone else. In particular, we will need someone to take over from Denis Brown as Treasurer in the not too distant future. It would also be good to have a couple more ex-officio members on the committee to help with running the Association and planning events etc. Without a strong committee it will be difficult to maintain a thriving Retirement Association. If you think you may be interested in any of these roles please contact a member of the committee.**

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## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

### Membership Renewals 2026

Thank you all for renewing your 2026 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 2025): -

160 (172) members renewed by 31st December 2025, so it was only necessary to send 32 (30) reminders to jog memories. On 22nd January membership was 174 (189) which represents 76 (81) individual memberships and 49 (54) joint memberships.

Although it is encouraging to note that we have had several new members joining in recent months there has still been a steady decline in total membership over the past few years.

### Charity Donation

As in previous years a charity pot for Norwich Foodbank was left out at the Christmas Social for any members wishing to donate. I am pleased to report that a donation of £73.42 was made to them. Thanks to all who contributed so generously.

*Denis Brown (Treasurer)*

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## NOTICE BOARD

### GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018

In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018, the UEARA Committee has previously agreed a Privacy Statement, which is published along with the Membership Application Form on our website. The Privacy Statement is also published in the October edition of Renaissance each year and sent to all existing members along with a membership renewal form .

### CONTACTS

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### BACS PAYMENTS

Internet banking has been set up to access UEARA Bank Accounts and we are able to accept payments such as for subscriptions, outings etc. by Bank Transfer as well as by cheque or cash. Should you wish to make payments in this way 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.

## OBITUARIES

### Edwin Haddon

Edwin was a lecturer in the Mathematics department at UEA, with close connections to Computing Science, living with his wife Christine on the Unthank Road until she died. They had 2 daughters Catherine and Liz.

Edwin decided to Walk the Southern Upland Way in Christine's Memory, to raise money for charity. He met Fiona over coffee in a B&B in the Scottish borders. They corresponded and met up and after a while got engaged and married. They lived near Appleby where they had a lovely woodland garden with lots of Bird Feeders attracting a wide variety of birds which Edwin loved. He died recently in Carlisle hospital after brief battle with cancer.

*Brenda Mace*

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## HOLIDAYS

### Gentle Guided Walking Holiday at Church Stretton 5-9th October 2026

Our Holiday in 2026 will be at the Long Mynd, Church Stretton in the Shropshire Hills. This is a Monday to Friday holiday with walks on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On this holiday we will have gentle guided walks with HF Leaders and they will provide transport to and from the walks. Long Mynd is in Church Stretton, not far from Iron Bridge, Ludlow and Shrewsbury. The Postcode is SY6 6AG.

There's more at:

[www.hfholidays.co.uk/holidays-and-tours/4-night-shropshire-hills-gentle-guided-walking-holiday](http://www.hfholidays.co.uk/holidays-and-tours/4-night-shropshire-hills-gentle-guided-walking-holiday)

Look for the "Tripnotes" download.

Long Mynd is HF's largest house and has recently had a £4million upgrade. Long Mynd was originally built as a spa hotel above the village, with panoramic views over the Stretton Hills. It will certainly be more comfortable and smarter than Abingworth. We have booked 36 places, which is not the whole house and we expect to share with other walking groups. We are using the Gentle Guided walking programme again with 3 slower paced walks ranging from 3½ to 7½ miles. Church Stretton is well connected with bus services on the B5477. If you would like to come as a non-walker, please let us know.

The cost of the holiday is currently quoted at £595 per person. All rooms are en suite. The price includes bed, breakfast, packed lunch for everyone and an evening meal. The distance from Norwich is about 200 miles via the A14 and M6 around Birmingham. We will organise a coach from Norwich if there are enough takers and share the cost between all the passengers.

There are no single supplements. Please contact us as soon as possible to book. Later bookings will be subject to HF availability, especially singles. A deposit of £75 will be needed to secure your booking. If you need to cancel for any reason, you will lose your deposit. Appropriate Insurance is highly recommended. The final balance will be due at the beginning of August 2026 and is not refundable.

*Keith & Jan Woods. Tel: 01603 810980, Email: woods521@icloud.com*

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## OUTINGS

The only outing organised at the time of writing is the Garden Group visit to Oulton Hall Gardens on 12 June. For further details about this see the Garden Group section.

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## TALKS

**Tuesday, 24 February 2026**

**‘Bedrooms, Banquets and Balls – the English Country House’  
John Vigar**

This off-beat and amusing look at the development of the English Country House takes as its starting point the medieval Hall-House and follows architectural tastes and fashions to the mid twentieth century. It looks at the architecture of the houses, their furnishings and the way in which the rooms were used in different periods.

We also hear about the people who lived in these buildings – many of them eccentric and memorable – and discover the ways in which their whims fashioned the houses we see today. We will hear about exploding cakes, tight mistresses and exotic princes.

John Vigar was personally encouraged early in his career by John Betjeman and is a Trustee of a national charity of which Betjeman was a founder. He is an architectural historian by profession. He also lectures for several universities and colleges and until his retirement worked for The Churches Conservation Trust.

**Tuesday, 24 March 2026**

**‘Costumes for the stage’ - Kathy Dentten**

About the costumes you would use though the ages and what shows you would use them for.

**Tuesday, 28 April 2026**

**‘Rope Making, a lost Norfolk Trade’ – Hayden Charles**

Local roperies were once common providing rope, twine and other cordage for shipping, fishing, agriculture and anyone who needed to tie down a load.

From the raw materials, to how rope is made, including a practical demonstration, the talk will move to highlight Great Yarmouth and Norwich. Town planning, church bell ropes, bankruptcy, local archive material. A trade which flourished until the end of the nineteenth century before disappearing leaving few traces in the twentieth.

**Tuesday, 26 May 2026**

**‘Norwich Castle Keep – How the Royal Palace was Reborn’– Tim Pestell**

The reopening of Norwich Castle Keep on August, after a five-year project to return the building to its original layout, has been one of the UK’s largest museum redevelopments of recent times. This talk will outline why the project took place and look behind the scenes at how recreating the rooms and their contents was achieved.

**Tuesday, 23 June 2026**

**‘Ballads, Songs and Snatches’ – Norwich G&S Society**

Six members of the Norwich Gilbert and Sullivan Society will entertain us to an hour of captivating songs from the immortal G&S Operas. Beverley McInnes, Janet Theobald, Pam Warren, Tim Hurst-Brown, Kevin Jackells and Patrick Monk will perform some familiar numbers from 'HMS Pinafore', 'The Pirates of Penzance', 'The Mikado', 'Iolanthe', 'The Yeomen of the Guard' and 'The Gondoliers'. Peter Woods will accompany the singers and John Balls will narrate. Don't miss what promises to be a delightful afternoon's entertainment!

*Margaret Robins*

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## WALKS

Walks are generally around 5 miles, but occasionally longer or shorter walks are arranged and wherever possible there are shortcuts available **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.

Places on the walks must be booked by contacting the walk leader via email 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!).

**We are always looking for members willing to lead walks so if you have a favourite walk which you are willing to share with others, please contact Alan Jones at [jonesalan9@hotmail.com](mailto:jonesalan9@hotmail.com)**

*Alan Jones*

**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.**

## **Tuesday 10 February**

## **Exploring Mousehold Heath**

**\*\*Note there have been some minor changes since the previously published details\*\***

Leaders: Steve and Joan Mosley

Email: [stevemos76@icloud.com](mailto:stevemos76@icloud.com)

Tel: 0160347176

Mobile on the day 07887399106

Deadline for receipt of emails or telephone calls: Sunday 1 February (if lunch required)

Monday 9 February (if no lunch required)

This walk is a little under 5 miles mainly on well trodden paths with a short distance on pavements through Mousehold Heath and Kett's Heights, taking in some of the historical landmarks. There are no stiles and there will be opportunities for anyone wishing to walk less on the day. Lunch for those that want it will be at The Cottage pub in Thorpe St Andrew. The walk will start from outside Britannia Barracks where there is free parking on the road outside the barracks and in the car park opposite.

From the car park we will walk out onto St James Hill which on a clear day provides one of the best views of central Norwich and its various landmarks. From here we walk to Kett's Heights, walking up to the chapel ruins and another view point over Norwich. We will then return to the Barracks and head through a tree lined grove walking further into the heath, eventually reaching the old Mousehold Heath Pavillion (now a restaurant) where there are toilets and we can have a refreshment stop. From here we walk through the heath visiting the Giant Redwood, Vinegar pond, the site where St William's church once stood and an old tramway, before returning to Britannia Barracks.

It is a short drive to the Cottage pub where we will have lunch. The menu will be circulated closer to the booking deadline so that people can choose their lunch options in advance.

Please arrive by 10.15 for a 10.30 start.

If anyone wishes to travel by bus, take the 23, 23a, 24 or 24a from Norwich city centre and get off at Vincent road which is a short walk to Britannia Barracks.

Post code for Britannia Barracks is NR1 4HL OS Grid ref. TG 24316 09403

Postcode and address for the Cottage pub is 148 Thunder Lane, Norwich NR7 0JD

## **Tuesday 10 March**

## **Reepham and Salle**

Leaders: Vernon and Linda Clarke

Email: [vernclarke55@gmail.com](mailto:vernclarke55@gmail.com)

Tel 01603 759349

Mobile on the day: 07944 813233

Deadline for receipt of emails or telephone calls: Sunday 2 March

The walk starts from 'The Crown Pub' which is on the outskirts of Reepham, ending here for lunch, The walk is a tad under 5 miles, touching Marriott's Way, field paths, tracks and some minor roads, also taking a look at Salle Church. Mostly flat but could be muddy at this time of year. No styles to climb over only walk through type, also some steep steps.

Please arrive at the Crown by 10.15 to order lunch and be ready to start for 10.30.

Address and postcode for the Crown: 90, Ollands Rd, NR10 4EJ

OS Grid ref: TG 10207 23107

## **Tuesday 14 April**

## **New Buckingham and Old Buckingham**

Leader: Alan Jones

Email: jonesalan9@hotmail.com

Tel: 01362 860423

Mobile on the day 07845 963213

Deadline for receipt of emails or telephone calls: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

This walk starts and ends at the King's Head, New Buckingham where we will be able to have lunch. The walk is about 5 ½ miles. We follow footpaths, tracks and some lanes to Church Green, Old Buckingham. The return route is through Old Buckingham Stud, mostly on field paths. There are some stiles to negotiate – a couple quite high – and one field with a “Beware of the Bull” sign, although he was nowhere to be seen when I walked the route in January.

The King's Head needs food orders in advance. I will send the menu out to those signing up for the walk with choices for return w/b 6 April.

Park around the Market Place, New Buckingham or nearby roads and please arrive around 10.15am so we can start the walk at 10.30am

Address and postcode for King's Head is Market Place, New Buckingham, NR16 2AN.

OS 237 ref TM 088905

## **Tuesday 12 May**

## **Burlingham Woodland Walk**

Leaders:

Richard Aldridge and Julie Houghton

Email: richard.v.aldridge@gmail.com

Telephone: 01603 811303

Mobile on the day: 07753545440 (Julie)

Deadline for receipt of emails or telephone calls: Friday 8 May

The outline plan is for a 5 mile walk taking in some of the Burlingham Wood trails, including Hare Fen Wood, Austin's Wood, North Burlingham and Burlingham Green. The walk will follow well established tracks and field edge paths, plus some country lanes. There are no stiles and there will be options to shorten the walk if needed. Final details will be provided nearer the time.

The walk will start from Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden at South Walsham (NR13 6DZ), where facilities are available at the start of the walk and where we will have lunch in the tearooms.

OS Grid Ref: TG36909 13370.

Please arrive at 10.15 for a 10.30 start.

## **Tuesday 9 June**

## **Halesworth and Chediston**

Leader: Eleanor Cockerton

Email: eleanorcockerton@yahoo.co.uk

Stephen Morgan

Mobile 07811 052252

Deadline for receipt of emails or telephone calls: Sunday 1st June

This walk is around 5 miles and starts at the Angel Hotel in Halesworth. There is limited parking at the hotel but there is also a public carpark next door if necessary. We will take a follow mainly well-maintained paths and tracks to the west of Halesworth, stopping at Chediston church before returning to the Angel along a different route.

Please arrive at 10.15 to give time to use the facilities and be ready to start at 10.30

The Angel has requested that we use the public carpark next door as the hotel carpark is quite small.

Grid ref: OS Explorer 231 774389      Post Code for The Angel: IP19 8AH

## **Tuesday 14 July**

## **How Hill and Ludham**

Leader: Steve and Joan Mosley

Email: [stevemos76@icloud.com](mailto:stevemos76@icloud.com)

Tel: 0160347176

Mobile on the day 07887399106

Deadline for receipt of emails or telephone calls: Monday 6 July

The full details of this walk have yet to be decided, but the walk will be around 5 miles consisting of tracks through fields and alongside the river Ant, with short stretches on quiet minor roads. Lunch will most likely be at the Kings Arms Ludham. Full details will be publicised in the next Renaissance and also via email to those who often come on walks .

Please arrive by 10.15 for a 10.30 start.

## **Tuesday 11 August 2026**

## **East Ruston and Stalham**

Leader Janice Darch

Email [janicedarch@gmail.com](mailto:janicedarch@gmail.com)

Emergency phone 07796932595

Deadline for receipt of email to confirm attendance: Monday 10 August.

Distance 8 miles on Weavers Way, good field paths & back roads. Picnic lunch.

We start with a short stretch on Weavers Way and then head on paths to East Ruston church for a break. Gaps in the hedge allow us to peep into the Old Vicarage Gardens as we head towards Ingham and footpaths back into Stalham. As we pass through Stalham back to our cars there are opportunities for a refreshment stop and an explore of the village.

Start: Street Park or car park at NW end of Stalham at junction of A149 & High Street NR12 9AH. Meet where Weavers Way leaves the road.

OS 1:25000 sheet 40. Grid ref 367252

Please arrive by 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

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## **ART GROUP**

New members are very welcome. Do join us if you want to try drawing/painting or would like to do your art in a small, friendly group.

Refreshments are provided but we bring our own art materials. If you just want to have a go, I can bring pencils/watercolours. Any queries, contact [katepedleywebb@gmail.com](mailto:katepedleywebb@gmail.com).

We meet on the third Monday of the month at 2.00 at the Colney Lane Pavilion on the following dates

**16 February**

**16 March**

**20 April**

**18 May**

**15 June**

**20 July**

**17 August**

**21 September**

**19 October**  
**16 November**  
**Dec no meeting**

*Kate Webb*

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## **BOOK GROUP**

Informal meetings, lasting about one and a half hours, are held at the Colney Lane Pavilion (note change of venue) 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.:

<b>9 February</b>	<b>'Long Island' by Colm Toibin</b>
<b>9 March</b>	<b>'Between the stops: the view of my life from the top of the number 12 bus'</b> <b>by Sandi Toksvig</b>
<b>13 April</b>	<b>'We all live here' by Jojo Moyes</b>
<b>11 May</b>	<b>Poetry</b>
<b>8 June</b>	<b>'Three days in June' by Anne Tyler</b>
<b>13 July</b>	<b>'The women' by Kristin Hannah</b>

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*

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## **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.mould46@gmail.com

*Evelyn Mould*

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## **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 and Rummikub and additional board games and cards are available if required. If you don't know how to play any of the games, we'll teach you.

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:

**17th February 2026**  
**17th March 2026**  
**21st April 2026**  
**19th May 2026**  
**16th June 2026 (Croquet)**

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



## **Croquet Session on 16th June 2026**

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 a room for storing coats as well as a loo facility.

The Car Park is operated by Norwich City Council and there is a charge of £2.00 for up to four hours (NB – their website states Eaton Park only offers contactless payment and will not accept cash payments).

If you want to come or require further information, please contact Jeremy on 01603 610708 (or e mail him at q6jk@outlook.com) to book your place.

*Denis Brown*

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## **GARDEN GROUP**

### **Monday 2 March      Talk at Colney Pavillion**

'Honeybees & the plants they love to visit in the garden' by Lynda Hunt

Lynda is an experienced Norfolk Beekeeper.

The talk will start at 2pm in the UEA Colney Lane Pavilion. There is a large car park. To avoid paying the parking fee, please remember to display your parking permit (a permit can be obtained at the door on arrival). Please bring along any surplus plants that you may have, for donations to help Garden Group funds.

Please pay £2 per association member and £3 for guests at the door. These payments go towards the cost of speakers and refreshments.

### **Friday 12 June   Visit to Oulton Hall Gardens, Oulton NR11 6NU**

A group visit has been arranged to Oulton Hall Gardens in Oulton near Aylsham for the afternoon of 12th June starting at 2.00pm.

Described by the National Garden Scheme as a C18 manor house (not open) and clocktower set in six-acre garden with lake and woodland walks. Chelsea designer's own garden - herbaceous, Italian, bog, water, wild, verdant, sunken and parterre gardens all flowing from one tempting vista to another. Developed over 25 years with emphasis on structure, height and texture, with a lot of recent replanting in the contemporary manner.

The cost will be £12 per person with proceeds going to Oulton Church.

Directions: From Aylsham, take B1354. After 4 miles turn left for Oulton Chapel. Hall ½ mile on right. From B1149 (Norwich/Holt Rd): take B1354, next right, Hall ½ mile on right.

Wheelchair access is indicated on the NGS website, further details will be provided if needed.

If you would like to go on this visit, please complete the booking slip and return to Barbara Dewing by Friday 29th May.

### **Future garden group events in 2026**

The garden group committee is arranging another outing, a second talk in the autumn at the Costessey Centre, and a garden party. Details will be in the June Renaissance, and through earlier emails to the list of regular garden outings participants. (If you would like to be added to this list, please inform j.johnson@uea.ac.uk or phone 01603 456465.)

### **Garden Party**

Our annual garden party is held in a garden kindly offered by one or more of our members.

The garden needs to be large enough for seats for 20 to 30 participants but does not have to be a garden full of flowers.

Our committee will help by providing tables, chairs, crockery and cutlery and the cakes will be brought by members.

We also held a successful party using three members gardens with short walks between the gardens.

If you would be willing to offer your garden (or a group of you offering smaller gardens), please contact me at [j.johnson@uea.ac.uk](mailto:j.johnson@uea.ac.uk) or 01603 456465.

*John Johnson*

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### **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](mailto:mndholland76@gmail.com)

The Group will meet on the following dates:

**16 February**  
**16 March**  
**20 April**  
**18 May**  
**15 June**  
**20 July**  
**17 August**  
**21 September**  
**19 October**  
**16 November**  
**Dec no meeting**

*Mandy Holland*

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### **LUNCH GROUP**

**Thursday 12 February      Cellar House, Eaton**

Lunch has been arranged at the Cellar House, 2 Eaton Street NR4 7AB, meeting at 12.15. There is a large car park.

Buses from Castle Meadow on routes 6B, 9,11A stop outside the pub. Route 11A from the Cringleford Interchange stops opposite the Red Lion, a short walk away.

If you wish to attend, please email [june.woodhouse1944@gmail.com](mailto:june.woodhouse1944@gmail.com) or phone 01603 457754 as soon as possible.

**Thursday 12 March.                  Paolo's Restaurant, Norwich**

Lunch has been arranged at Paolo's Restaurant at 1 St Gile's Street, Norwich NR2 1JJ, meeting at 12.15. The entrance is just above the Guildhall, opposite the end of the City Hall. The nearest car park is St Gile's multi story.

If you wish to attend, please email [j.johnson@uea.ac.uk](mailto:j.johnson@uea.ac.uk) or phone 01603 456465 by Thursday 5 March.

### **April and May lunches**

I will email Retirement Association members who often come to the lunch group as soon as I have made the arrangements.

*John Johnson*

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## MUSIC GROUP

### UEA Choir Concerts 2025-6

I'm very happy to report that the UEA music department seems to have settled well under their new musical Director Bjorn Bantock and are looking forward to the new year and their next concert. I am even happier to tell you that the next performance will be in the refurbished St Andrew's Hall.

Thursday 19 March 2026, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Hall, Norwich , **Echoes of the Soul:** Maurice Duruflé: *Requiem, op.9.*

**Note:** 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 a concert or musical event of your own, please email Verity at [vj.lyall@outlook.com](mailto:vj.lyall@outlook.com) or phone 01603 613698.

*Verity Lyall*



## BOOKING FORM FOR GARDEN GROUP VISIT

### Visit to Oulton Hall Gardens on Friday 12th June at 2.00 pm

I would like to book ..... place(s) at £12.00 per person.

Payment may be made by cheque or Bank Transfer (see NOTICE BOARD section 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)

Do you require a dairy or gluten free option for the tea? .....

Lifts to Oulton Hall: Barbara will kindly try match people as follows:

I am willing to offer a lift to ..... people Yes/No

I/we would like a lift to the garden Yes/No

Please return this booking form by Friday 29th May to:

Barbara Dewing, 29 Magnay Road, Drayton, Norwich NR8 6BT



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

Booking/decision deadline dates are shown where appropriate.

Where no group event is mentioned for a month, it is yet to be decided

Feb	9	Book Group	'Long Island' by Colm Toibin
	10	Walk	Exploring Mousehold Heath (deadline 1 Feb)
	12	Lunch Group	Cellar House, Eaton (deadline asap)
	16	Art Group	
	16	Knit and Natter	
	17	Games Afternoon	
	24	Talk	'Bedrooms, Banquets and Balls – the English Country House' John Vigar
Mar	2	Garden Group	Talk at Colney Pavillion 'Honeybees and plants they love to visit in the garden'
	9	Book Group	'Between the stops: The view of my life from the top of the number 12 bus' by Sandi Toksvig
	10	Walk	Reepham and Salle (deadline 2 March)
	12	Lunch Group	Paolo's Restaurant, Norwich (deadline 5 March)
	16	Art Group	
	16	Knit and Natter	
	17	Games Afternoon	
	19	UEA Choir concert	'Echoes of the Soul' by Maurice Duruflé: Requiem, op.9
	24	Talk	'Costumes for the stage' – Kathy Dentten
Apr	13	Book Group	'We all live here' by Jojo Moyes
	14	Walk	New Buckingham and Old Buckingham (deadline 3 April)
	20	Art Group	
	20	Knit and Natter	
	21	Games Afternoon	
	28	Talk	'Rope Making, a lost Norfolk Trade' – Hayden Charles
May	11	Book Group	Poetry
	12	Walk	Burlingham Woodland Walk (deadline 8 May)
	18	Art Group	
	18	Kit and Natter	
	19	Games Afternoon	
	26	Talk	'Norwich Castle Keep – How the Royal Palace was Reborn' – Tim Pestell
June	8	Book Group	'Three days in June' by Anne Tyler
	9	Walk	Halesworth and Chediston (deadline 1 June)
	12	Garden Group	Visit to Oulton Hall Gardens
	15	Art Group	
	15	Kit and Natter	
	16	June	Games Afternoon (Croquet at Eaton Park)
	23	'Talk	Ballads, Songs and Snatches' – Norwich G&S Society
July	13	Book Group	'The women' by Kristin Hannah
	14	Walk	How Hill and Ludham (deadline 6 July)
	20	Art Group	
	20	Kit and Natter	
Aug	11	Walk	East Ruston and Stalham (deadline 10 Aug)
	17	Art Group	
	17	Knit and Natter	

Sep	21	Art Group	
	21	Knit and Natter	
	22	Talk	TBC
Oct	5-9	Walking holiday, Church Stretton	
	19	Art Group	
	19	Knit and Natter	
	27	Talk	TBC
Nov	16	Art Group	
	16	Knit and Natter	
	24	Talk	TBC
Dec	7	Christmas Social and lunch	

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