

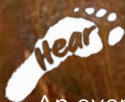
celebrate the Waveney and Blyth
September 2012

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An evening of specially commissioned words and music capturing the spirit of the rivers and landscape of the Waveney & Blyth

Richard Mabey
Waveney & Blyth Choir
Karen Wimhurst (*clarinet*)
Sianed Jones*, Rebecca Askew** (*vocalist*)
Sian Croose (*musical director/conductor*)

In the first half Richard Mabey, the highly-acclaimed naturalist and nature writer, unveils his extraordinary Waveney & Blyth Cabinet of Curiosities. Packed with small treasures, gathered over many years of exploring and living in this landscape, it provides the starting point for an impromptu talk with readings, unique to each venue, and an introduction to the choral work that follows.

*Sianed Jones on 15 and 22 September

**Rebecca Askew on 21 September

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Sian Croose



Karen Wimhurst

*My banks are broad clay
I am a prone body with a voice translated by reeds –
They know what I mean:
The words shake out, well-worn as beads
They sing of night and day, and sun and rain,
Of fluid land, of bird-routes, and of me.*

Poet Joanna Guthrie has created an evocative and touching libretto inspired by the area, which has been shaped into a haunting work for solo voice, choir and clarinet by the Norfolk-born composer Karen Wimhurst.

Sian Croose has brought this to life by coaching the newly-formed choir, made up of experienced singers and complete beginners living in the area. Both the professional vocalists, have national and international careers and will add another dimension alongside the reedy voice of the clarinet.

Tickets £10 (£8 concession for people on benefits, full-time students, 65+). Discounts available for groups of 4 or more – contact nmstainton@gmail.com for more details

Performances will last approx. 1 hour 40 mins including an interval.



Richard Mabey

Saturday 15th September

7.30pm World Premiere

The Cut Arts Centre

New Cut, Halesworth IP19 8BY

Box office: **0845 673 2123**, in person or boxoffice@newcut.org

Friday 21st September

8.00pm

Diss Corn Hall

St Nicholas Street, Diss IP22 4LB

Box office: **01379 652241**, in person at The Old Stables, or email boxoffice@disscornhall.co.uk

Saturday 22nd September

7.30pm

St Nicholas Minster

Church Plain, Great Yarmouth NR30 1NE

Box office: in person at the Tourist Office, 25 Marine Parade, Great Yarmouth, or

01379 855235 or email nmstainton@gmail.com

Walk the Waveney and Blyth

Last September's programme of creative walks was so successful that we have created a whole bunch more!

We have walks of various lengths and levels of accessibility inspired by and incorporating a range of creative activities.

We can include only a brief outline here but if you want further details call the walk co-ordinator, as listed, or visit www.waveneyandblytharts.com/ourevents

Prices, which have been kept as low as possible, do vary so check each walk. Under-18s free. End times and distances are approximate.

If you have known health or access issues please make sure the walk co-ordinator is made aware of these when you book.

Places are limited so book at least 7 days in advance.

Poetry Walks



Burgh Castle Poetry Walk

Sunday 2nd September
11.00am - 1.00pm £2.50

A three-mile circular walk taking in the Roman Fort perched on a bluff above the river Waveney, along to Breydon Water. Once a vast estuary stretching as far as Acle the area still has a strange magic and will provide a fine setting for the planned poetry readings on the theme of time past and present, and for those who feel inspired to write their own poems. No wheel chair access

Meet at: the Roman Fort car park (free)

To book: email Janet Wright at janetggv@yahoo.co.uk or **01502 715632**

The Fisherman's Inn serves very good and reasonably priced food should walkers wish to finish with lunch.

Redgrave Fen Poetry Walk : Words by the Waveney

Sunday 9th September
2.00 - 4.00pm £2.50

Take inspiration from this wetland reserve at the source of the river Waveney. A gentle stroll (2 - 3 miles) through fascinating fens grazed by hardy Polish ponies and Hebridean sheep. Whispering reeds and wet wooded landscapes set the tone. Poems from local poets will be read en route - bring your own favourite poem to share or a notebook to jot down phrases to craft your own poem. The Fen is generally accessible to wheelchair users and the route can be adapted to suit.

Meet at: Car park at Redgrave & Lopham Fen Reserve - voluntary donation to Suffolk Wildlife Trust for parking.

To book: email Melinda Appleby at mappleby@tiscali.co.uk or **01449 766879**

Why not bring a picnic tea for the end?



Literary Walks



Sara Johnson - Bath House

Great Yarmouth Literary Walk - David Copperfield Walk

Saturday 1st September
10.00am – 4.00pm £ see below

In the centenary year of Dickens' birth this is a unique chance to walk in the footsteps of David Copperfield. The 8.5 mile walk reconstructs that which Dickens tells us Copperfield took between Peggotty's home, the upturned boat on the beach at Yarmouth, and his childhood home at "Blunderstone". It will be interspersed with readings from the book. Parts of the route are wheelchair accessible with alternatives provided where not. A minibus will ferry participants across the harbour and back to the Monument from Blundeston.

Meet at: Nelson's Monument, Great Yarmouth. Bring packed lunch.

To book: 01508 499265 or (till 14 August only) pat@holtom.org.uk. There is a charge for use of the minibus, depending on numbers.

Barsham Literary Walk - Trollope & the Suckling Heritage

Thursday 6th September
2.00 – 5.00pm £5.00

A fascinating walk over the fields to Barsham church, during which the Suckling family heritage will be brought dramatically to life. Then on to a guided tour of Old Hall by the owner Maurice Elliott, and a short dramatization of *The Way We Live Now*; Anthony Trollope's 1875 biting satire, for which Old Hall provided the rural setting. A circular walk of 5 miles involving some rough terrain. Please enquire about wheelchair access. Afternoon tea will be available on the lawn for a donation to Barsham church of £3.

Meet at: The Dell car park off Old Bungay Road, Beccles.

To book: email Netta Swallow at netta.swallow@btinternet.com or call 01502 470135

Ditchingham Literary Walk - Rider Haggard Rambles: Four Rural Writers

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2.00 – 4.30pm £2.50

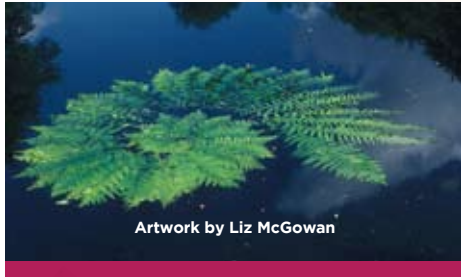
A circular 4 mile walk which encompasses Bath House, a former Georgian Spa and the holiday cottage of Henry and Lilius Rider Haggard, where Lilius wrote her series of country essays, *Norfolk Life*; the site of the cottage of George Baldry, author of *A Rabbit Skin Cap*; and three cottages in Bridge Street occupied by Frederick Rolfe, author of the classic *I Walked by Night*. There will be readings from the four writers relating to the region's landscape, history, traditions and legends. Not suitable for wheelchairs or physically disabled. Tea and cakes at The Fisher Theatre £2.50 (optional extra to be booked with walk).

Meet at: Fisher Theatre, Broad Street, Bungay. Local car parks in Chaucer Street and Priory Lane.

To book: email Chris Reeve at chris.reeve@waveneycf.org or 01986 896788

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Visual Arts Walks



Artwork by Liz McGowan



Landscape by Mary Spicer



Textiles Walk - Weaving through flax fields

Saturday 15th September

11.00am - 4.00pm £2.50

Join two inspirational visual artists, Liz McGowan and Jane Frost, in a walking conversation on this award winning Suffolk farm where flax is grown. We will take time to engage with the landscape and work with it in playful mood. The farm provides history, wildlife and a place of enjoyment. Ancient woodland, ponds, hedges and wild flowers provide a beautiful backdrop. We will be joined by the farmer who lives and works here. Grass field edge tracks - max 4-5 miles with lots of stops. Bring a picnic lunch to eat en route. Limited wheelchair access.

Meet at: Earlsway Farm, Bramfield nr Halesworth. Free parking.

To book: email Melinda Appleby at mappleby@tiscali.co.uk or 01449 766879



Landscape Art Trail - St James South Elmham

Saturday 29th September

2.00 - 4.00pm £2.50

A wheelchair and family friendly 3-mile stroll along quiet country lanes and a 'secret path' in this corner of Suffolk often described as 'injun country'. It will take in the beautiful churchyard, home to wild orchids, the village orchard and a small wood planted in 2002, as well as artworks inspired by the village and its stunning views, created during workshops led by Mary Spicer and Katarzyna Coleman. It will culminate with traditional teatime treats served at the village hall, optional extra for £2.50 (under 5s free) to be booked at same time as walk.

Meet at: St James Village Hall, free parking

To book: email Jan Dungey at jan@ollandstreet.co.uk or 01986 895227



Photographic Walk - Blythburgh, Cathedral of the Marshes

Sunday 30th September

10.00am - 1.00pm £2.50

A circular walk (4 miles) along river bank, farm tracks and through meadows, with wonderful views of the imposing church of the Holy Trinity at Blythburgh. The guided walk will be led by Stephanie Tranter, professional photographer specialising in flowers, landscapes and wildlife who will advise on composition and techniques. Bring a camera and get instant feedback and ideas. Not wheelchair accessible. Lunch at the White Hart Inn is an optional extra.

Meet at: Blythburgh Church car park (free).

To book: email Netta Swallow at netta.swallow@btinternet.com or 01502 470135

Seaside Strolls



Seaside Strolls - Surprising Southwold

Sunday 16th September

2.30 - 4.30pm £2.50

A stroll - full of surprises and silliness - around this charming seaside town as it winds down for the autumn. Starting with an introduction to the crazy animatronics on the Pier by maker Tim Hunkin (bring some cash to feed these wonderfully mad machines) then a peep inside a Meg Amsden's rather special beach hut, followed by a ramble to the Harbour Inn and back to the High Street, via the road or common depending on agility, to visit the exhibition at Craftco. Accessible for wheelchairs and buggies.

Meet at: Entrance to Southwold Pier IP18 6BN. Pay & Display car park and some free parking near the Pier.

To book: email Nicky Stainton at nmstainton@gmail.com or **01379 855235**

Seaside Strolls - Lost and Found in Pakefield

Friday 21st September

10.30 - 12.30pm £2.50

A circular walk (3 miles) finding some lost treasures of this lesser-known neighbour of Lowestoft. Starting at The Seagull Theatre it will mark International day of Peace by stopping for a while at the grass labyrinth which has been mown into the cliff-top at Pakefield, then follow the coastline and end at the Oddfellows pub with its photographs of old Pakefield. Along the way there will be some 'poetry moments' from poet/walks leader Ian Fosten. Mostly wheelchair accessible, with alternative routes at certain points.

Meet at: Seagull Theatre, Morton Road, Lowestoft. Free parking available.

To book: email Ian Fosten at ian@fosten.com or **01502 562768**

Arts & Eats - The Buildings of Bungay

Thursday 13th September

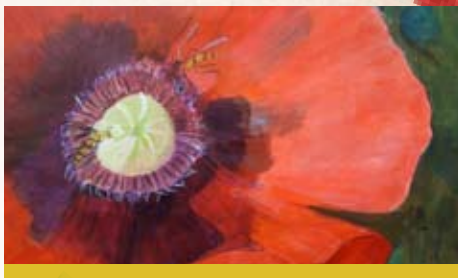
12.00 - 2.00pm £10

Arts & Eats are regular Waveney & Blyth Arts events which take place over a sociable lunch in attractive venues with guest speakers from the world of the arts. Malcolm Cudmore, nationally recognised specialist in coloured pencil work, Alan Cobb and Stephanie Lambourne will talk about Buildings of Bungay and other work. Delicious light lunch included. The theatre is fully accessible.

Venue: The Fisher Theatre, Broad Street, Bungay NR35 1EE

To book: Jason@fishertheatre.org
or **01986 897130**

More...



Two Valleys Poetry Competition 2012

To Monday 24th September
£5 entry fee

Following the success of last year's poetry competition we are again inviting local poets to submit work that reflects the life, landscape or history of the Waveney and Blyth valleys. Submit up to five poems by 24 September and you could win £100 first prize and be invited to read at New Words: Fresh Voices event at the Seagull in December. The winner will be announced at the Waveney & Blyth Arts AGM event and a selection of entries will be featured on our website, where you can find entry details, or email ian@fosten.com or call **01502 562768**.

Craftco Exhibition - Waveney & Blyth Rivers & Valleys

15th September to 4th October
Free

An exhibition featuring stunning two and three dimensional work in a range of media by acclaimed professional artists, members of Waveney & Blyth Arts - Jo Budd, Eileen Coxon, Jane Callender, Maggie Campbell, Bridget Heriz, Tessa Newcomb, Andy Coates and Brian Excell. www.craftco.co.uk

Meet the artists on 15 Sept 2 - 4pm.

Open: 10.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday (closed Wednesdays) and 11.00 to 4.00pm on Sundays. Closed for lunch 1.00 - 2.00pm weekdays.

The Upstairs Gallery, Craftco, 40a High Street, Southwold IP18 6AE. Tel: **01502 723211** email irena.sibrijns@btinternet.com

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BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

- Alerts to W&BA events, such as Arts & Eats networking lunches, workshops and walks
- A page on our website promoting yourself and hyperlink to your web site (optional)
- Email updates about arts opportunities
- Able to attend and vote at our AGM

BENEFITS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (Organisations/venues)

- An opportunity for a short feature about your work on our multi-media website
- A page on our website about your activities and a hyperlink to your own web site
- Publicity alerts sent out to all our members
- A representative able to attend and vote at our AGM

SPECIAL OFFER FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS - 16 MONTHS FOR ONLY £10.

Our membership year runs from December following our Annual General Meeting, but if you join now we will give you the period till the AGM free. Associate membership £10 until December 2012

Contact Janet Wright on **01502 715632** or email janetggv@yahoo.co.uk

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mappleby@tiscali.co.uk or **01449 766879**

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Lunch and artists' talks

Jason@fishertheatre.org or **01986 897130** (Box Office)

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For information regarding our photographic contributions visit www.waveneyandblytharts.com

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