Celebrate the Waveney and Blyth September 2011

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This is a very special area. As well as glorious unspoilt landscape with historic towns and villages, the Waveney and Blyth Valleys are home to many enterprising creative organisations and to writers, visual artists, musicians and performers. We hope that Celebrate the Waveney & Blyth will encourage people to explore the area and appreciate how much it has to offer, that it will build bridges and make new connections.

The programme has been organised by Waveney & Blyth Arts, established to provide a meeting place for people who care about the arts, to disseminate and exchange arts-related information, and to find new ways of bringing people together. Much more is planned. To keep in touch and give your support join us today. We are very grateful to the funders that have provided support for this programme.



Richard Mabey Honorary President

Membership Information

Become a Member for only £5 and

- Keep in touch with what is happening in the area
- Attend the AGM on 12 November 2011 and have a vote
- Have an entry on the website with a link to your own website
- Disseminate information about what you are doing
- Receive email alerts about Waveney & Blyth Arts events

Join via www.waveneyandblytharts.com



#### LOTTERY FUNDED





For access details or to request information in alternative formats visit www.waveneyandblytharts.com or call 0845 299 6456

Visit and book via Waveney and blyth arts.com



Daily from 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> September

Weave your way down the Waveney Valley then stroll by the beautiful Blyth - and be inspired.

We have teamed up with Great Yarmouth & Waveney NHS to bring you sixteen short walks (approx. 3 miles) supported by trained staff. Each walk incorporates an enjoyable creative activity, which requires no prior knowledge or experience. Start: 11am - Finish times will vary but allow 3 to 4 hours.

Free, but essential to register in advance

#### GRADING OF WALKS

- 1 On easy flat good surfaces
- 2 Mostly on the level, can be muddy
- 3 Some moderate slopes, good surfaces
- 4 More challenging, may include steeper slopes, rough ground & mud in wet weather
- 5 As Grade 4 but may include one or two stiles.

For access information, to register or for more details of each walk visit www.waveneyandblytharts.com or contact the local Walk Co-ordinator.

## Celebrate the Waveney and Blyth





1st September - 31st October

We invite local poets to submit work that illustrates the life, landscape or history of the Blyth and Waveney River Valleys. Submit up to five poems and you could win £100 first prize. A selection of entries will be featured on our website, where you can find entry details, or visit www.theseagull.co.uk or ring 01502 589726.





#### Wednesday 21st September

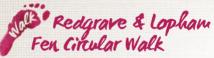
To mark International Day of Peace in each of the eight towns there will be short events with inspiring readings from the work of Nobel Peace Prize winners, and a few moments of silence and contemplation. Look out for local posters, check the website or call 0845 299 6456 for full details of what is planned for your area.

Free

ring and book via 0845 299 6456







Saturday 3rd September Start: 11.00am Grade: 2 (2 miles)



Suffolk A brief launch event with guest speakers, and a chance to see Suffolk Wildlife Trust's stunning Wildlife Photography Exhibition.

Followed by a wander through fascinating wetland grazed by hardy Polish Konik ponies, beef cattle and Hebridean sheep. Bring your camera, as wildlife photographer Matthew Clark will show walkers what to look for and how to take perfect pictures.

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Geoff Doggett on 01379 853464 or geoffdog@gmail.com





Sunday 4th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 3 (3 miles)

Tucked away down a little lane a mile or so from Diss is the wonderful Rovdon Fen.

Full of classic fen species like marsh helleborine and saw sedge, you might even hear reed and sedge warblers, or spot toads and harvest mice. Walkers will learn to transfer-print photocopies of landscape photographs onto prepared boards, and add colour to them, with artist Maggie Campbell, www.maggiecampbellartist.com

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Geoff Doggett on 01379 853464 or geoffdog@gmail.com



Bloco Rabo De Foquete

Saturday 17th September 2 performances: 11.30am & 1.15pm

A big day for Diss as the Tour of Britain 2011 Cycle Race pounds through the town on its way to Sandringham. To keep the crowds amused we are bringing a truly amazing 12-piece street band to spice things up. Combining the best of Brazilian popular music with the power of a bateria they create a vibrant show that mixes traditional and contemporary samba-funk-rock fusion material into a high energy performance. FREE thanks to support from Norfolk **County Council's** Arts Project Fund.

Visit and book via Waveney and blyth arts.com







Monday 5th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 2 (1.8 miles)

The walk follows the Angles Way westwards through grazing meadows to Brockdish where it ends at the Upper Waveney Sculpture Meadow. On the way Open Space Theatre Company will perform a short piece written specially for this event. After a lunch break at the Sculpture Meadow, artists Rebecca Lyne and Chris Parr will introduce their work and that of other featured sculptors including John Behm, Rachel Long, and Mark Goldsworthy.

www.renderworksdesign.com/parrlyne

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Geoff Doggett on 01379 853464 or geoffdog@gmail.com





Tuesday 6th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 2 (2.4 miles)

The walk will start with a short introduction to the Waveney's mills and their place in local history. From Needham Mill we walk east through wooded grazing meadows. Then continue via Weybread Mill to the Swan Hotel for a print-making session led by Nicky Stainton. Margaret Griffiths will give a short talk about Harleston's connection with the Pilgrim Fathers.

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Geoff Doggett on 01379 853464 or geoffdog@gmail.com





Saturday 24th September Start: 8.00pm

Accomplished singer/songwriter/musician John Ward and violinist Mario Price are an exciting and talented duo. They will be performing an eclectic mix of songs inspired by the Waveney and Blyth Valleys, as featured on their recent album *East of the Sunrise*. Thought provoking, humourous and entertaining. "A songwriter of maturity and depth" *Time Out.* www.johnward.org.uk

The Swan Hotel, Harleston IP20 9AS.

Tickets £8 (concessions £6) from The Swan Tel 01379 852221

## Harleston and Bungay







## Friday 30th September 11.30am for 12.00 start

Cookery demonstration by owner/chef, Robert Oberhoffer, followed by harvest themed 3-course lunch - cream of pumpkin soup, fillet of Blythburgh pork and apple and cinnamon crumble cake with delicious extras. Vegetarian and gluten-free options available. Plus work of local artists. www.thedoverestaurant.co.uk

The Dove, Alburgh, near Harleston IP20 OEP.

Tickets £17.45. Bookings to thedovenorfolk@freeola.com or call 01986 788315.





Wednesday 7th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 2 (1.6 miles)

Starts at the Swan Hotel with a short talk and walk around the town centre then strikes off to Redenhall and finishes at the magnificent St. Mary church with its vast tower rearing up out of the Waveney Valley. Singer Sian Croose will help people write words inspired by the landscape, set them to music and sing the end results together in the beautiful church. www.voiceproject.co.uk

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Geoff Doggett on 01379 853464 or geoffdog@gmail.com





Thursday 8th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 3 (2.2 miles)

We start by visiting Mendham Mill, birthplace of Sir Alfred Munnings, before tracking east. Wonderful views are assured from Target Hill before descending to Wortwell Mill, one of the smallest but oldest mills on the river, famed for its eels. Textile artist Chris Greathead will encourage walkers to collect items and then create a record of the walk. Ends at The Bell public house. www.hwat.org.uk

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Geoff Doggett on 01379 853464 or geoffdog@gmail.com

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Bungay and Beccles

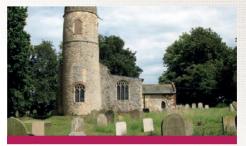




Friday 9th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 2 (3 miles)

Meet at the Riverside Centre to make a willow frame for your unique duck-walking-stick cum garden-lantern with artist Maggie Campbell. Then walk through historic Bungay and explore beautiful Outney Common – not forgetting a stop at the Common Pond to feed the ducks - returning to the Centre to finish your lantern. www.maggiecampbellartist.com

Free, but register on-line or with Local Walk Co-ordinator Jan Dungey on 01986 895227 or jan@ollandstreet.co.uk





Saturday 10th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 2 (2 miles)

Starting at the beautiful round-towered church at Mettingham, the walk will take in the stunning view across the Waveney Valley before returning to the church where community artist Steve Drummond will help walkers create simple printing plates and print onto cloth or paper.

Free, but register on-line or with Local Walk Co-ordinator Jan Dungey on 01986 895227 or jan@ollandstreet.co.uk





Sunday 11th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 4 (2.4 miles)

Walk along the river bank to Geldeston where you can listen to musician John Ward on the village green. Carry on after lunch to Geldeston Locks, from where you can return to Beccles on foot or catch a "Big Dog Ferry" boat (45 mins, £6). This walk is linear or circular. www.johnward.org.uk

Free, but register on-line or with Local Walk Co-ordinator Netta Swallow on 01502 470135 or netta.swallow@btinternet.com

ring and book via 0845 299 6456

Beccles and Lowestoft





Friday 2nd September Start: 7.30pm

An evening of artwork, words and moving images to celebrate the life and landscape of the Blyth and Waveney River Valleys. Includes a preview of 'Walk the Waveney & Blyth' Programme, art exhibition and the launch of the poetry competition.

Seagull Theatre, Morton Road, Pakefield, Lowestoft NR33 OJH.

Exhibition and bar open from 6pm.

Tickets £6 from www.theseagull.co.uk or 01502 589726





Monday 12th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 2 (2.5 miles)

This walk runs through quiet lanes, across marsh tracks and alongside the River Waveney and will be led by a Broads Authority Ranger. Stop en route to sketch, make notes and create your own map/book of your walk with artist Sarah Cannell. www.sarahcannell.co.uk

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Netta Swallow on 01502 470135 or netta.swallow@btinternet.com





Tuesday 13th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 2 (2.5 miles)

Start at artist Carolyn Reeder's house, where she will show walkers her sculptures and glass-work. She will help them create sketches en route. The walk will follow the old road, nowadays a track, from Blundeston to Somerleyton, ending up at the Duke's Head pub. Stop here for refreshments, walk back or use a shuttle. www.lowestoft-arts.org/reeder.html

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Carolyn Reeder on 01502 730781 or Carolyn@reeder.co.uk







Wednesday 14th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 2 (1 mile)



The theme for this walk with poet Ian Fosten is about linking landscape and spirituality. Flowerstudded marshes grazed by

cattle create a paradise for marshland birds, and you may catch sight of water voles in and around the dykes. On a short, gentle wander, walkers will take time to record their thoughts and surroundings and lan will then help people shape their responses.

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Ian Fosten on 01502 562768 or ian@fosten.com



Thursday 15th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 3 (1.5 miles

Parking near the remains of Burgh Castle walkers will stroll up to the castle, feel how it dominates the surrounding area, and watch the Waveney flow gently towards the estuary at Great Yarmouth. Artist Katarzyna Coleman will give an introduction to drawing landscapes using charcoal, water soluble media and natural, found materials and encourage walkers to have a go themselves, www.norwich2Ogroup. co.uk/katarzyna\_coleman

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Steve Drummond on 07403 199369 or jankied-workshops@hotmail.co.uk





Friday 16th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 3 (2.5 miles)

Breydon Water is a large tidal estuary where the rivers Yare, Bure and Waveney meet. The wet grassland is a mecca for birds, with regular sightings of wigeons and shelducks, golden plovers, oystercatchers, yellow wagtails and avocets, and even escaped flamingos! Poet and bird-lover Matt Howard will read poems, talk about how the poetry of birds can bring people closer to nature, and help people create their own poems.

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Steve Drummond on 07403 199369 or jankied-workshops@hotmail.co.uk







Friday 9th September Start: 8.00pm

Uplifting harmony inspired by nature, featuring the poetry of John Clare, Emily Dickinson, Hugh Lupton and George Herbert, plus traditional material from USA and Europe and contemporary songs. Norwich-based Big Sky Choir are led by Sian Croose, founder member of The Voice Project and Human Music. Supported by Adrian Lever (guitar).

The Cut Arts Centre, New Cut, Halesworth IP19 8BY.

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Tickets £10 (concessions £8) from The Cut 0845 6732123 or boxoffice@newcut.org

Special discounted price for both the concert and singing workshop £14 (concessions £11)





Sunday 11th September 10.00am - 1.00pm

An open singing workshop for all - no previous experience necessary. We will be singing a range of beautiful vocal music by the most interesting composers working with voice in the UK. All songs will be learnt by ear and there will be a chance to play with rhythm and harmony. www.voiceproject.co.uk

The Cut Arts Centre, New Cut, Halesworth IP19 8BY.

Tickets £6 (concessions £4) - must be booked in advance - from The Cut 0845 6732123 or boxoffice@newcut.org





Saturday 17th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 5 (4 miles)

From The Cut Arts Centre walk through the Town Park and Millennium Green water meadows. See the remains of the Blyth Navigation and old railway as well as enjoying a waterside world of meadows, reed-beds and occasional copses of trees. Join composer and choir leader Bridget Cousins to learn part of her song cycle about the River Blyth.

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Simon Raven on 01502 478794 or simon@thefen.org

Visit and book via Waveney and blyth arts.com







Thursday 8th September 12.30pm - 2.30pm

A light lunch in the elegant setting of the award-winning Crown Hotel, with a chance to network with other people interested in the arts and enjoy a presentation from leading ceramicist Irena Sibrijns of *Craftco*. Delicious homemade soup with bread, cakes and tea. www.isceramics.co.uk

The Green Room, The Crown, High St, Southwold IP18 6DP.

Tickets £10 only available in advance. From The Crown 01502 722 275



Southwold and Blyth Estuary Circular Walk

Sunday 18th September Start: 11.00am Grade: 4 (2.5 miles)

A walk through ancient coverts and open marshland that takes in parts of the beautiful Blyth estuary and Southwold harbour. A shorter Grade 2 walk is also available for those who prefer it. Both will end at The Harbour Inn at Southwold for sea shanties performed by Rob Bull and Derek Simpson.

Free, but register on-line or with local Walk Co-ordinator Simon Raven on 01502 478794 or simon@thefen.org Associated Waveney & Blyth events during September

Sun 4th - Greenpeace Fair at Henham Park, Blythburgh. www.greenpeace.org.uk

> Sat 10th - Albion Fairs Celebration Day at Diss Corn Hall. www.disscornhall.co.uk

Sat 10 - Sun 11th - Great Yarmouth Maritime Festival, South Quay. www.great-yarmouth .co.uk

Sat 10 - Sun 11th and Sat 17 - Sun 18th Waveney Springs Art Trail. www.waveneysprings.co.uk

Sat 17 - Sun 18th - Out There International Festival of Street Arts and Circus. www.outtherefestival.com

ring and book via 0845 299 6456



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Soulscape of the Waveney and Blvth. art exhibiton and launch of Two Valleys poetry competition

Seagull Theatre, Lowestoft 01502 589726

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Circular walk with photographer Matthew Clark

Redgrave & Lopham Fen Fen Visitors Centre and Nature Reserve 01379 853464

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Circular walk with artist Maggie Campbell

Rovdon Fen Nature Reserve 01379 853464

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Linear walk to Brockdish Sculpture Meadow with **Open Space Theatre** 

Needham Mill to Brockdish 01379 853464

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Linear walk with artist Nicky Stainton

Needham Mill to Harleston 01379 853464

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Linear walk with textile artist Christina Greathead

Mendham to Wortwell 01379 853464

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Art & Eats Networking Lunch The Crown, Southwold

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Circular walk with artist Maggie Campbell

Bungay/Outney Common 01986 895227

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Songs of Land. Sea and Sky - Big Sky Choir

The Cut. Halesworth 0845 673 2123

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Circular walk with artist Steve Drummond

Mettingham Church 01986 895227

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0845 673 2123

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Rabo de Foquete street band Diss Town Centre

Great Yarmouth



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Halesworth (Blyth Navigation Walk) 01502 478794

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Southwold and Blyth estuary 01502 478794

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Time For Peace drop-in event.

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East of the Sunrise -John Ward Concert

The Swan, Harleston 01379 852221

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Hearty Harvest Lunch and cookery demonstration

The Dove, Alburgh 01986 788315



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

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