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celebrate the Wareney & Blyth
August/September 2013





Celebrate the Waveney & Blyth

Welcome to our third year of creative events celebrating what is so special about this part of East Anglia.

Last year over 1000 people took part – so join one of the 22 events on offer this year and swell our ranks!

Our main project for 2013 has been about five of the area's iconic birds: the bittern, bearded tit, barn owl, marsh harrier and nightingale.

To help our young people become more aware of birds and the environment we joined forces with the RSPB, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, and Norfolk & Suffolk Biodiversity Partnerships, and took a team made up of bird experts Steve & Kathy Piotrowski, RSPB poet Matt Howard, and Nutmeg Puppet Company's Meg Amsden into local schools. These sessions were the starting point for a fabulous children's entertainment – see opposite.


A native birds theme links many of this year's events and another thread weaving through many of the walks is the Angles Way. We have joined up with Norfolk County Council's Trails Team to link in with this wonderful long-distance footpath that passes along the Waveney Valley and has recently been 'refurbished' - see page 6 & 7.



These events only happen because of the energy and enthusiasm of our many volunteers, the practical and moral support of our partners, and the generous financial support of our funders. Particular thanks must go to the town coordinators, members of the walks committee, treasurer, secretary and membership secretary; and for Famous Five Birds, the support of our project patron Mark Cocker and wildlife photographer David Tipling, as well as Nathan Williamson, Pam Reed, Debra Hyatt, Mark Finbow of The Keeper's Daughter Theatre Company and the volunteers from Essex & Suffolk Water.

Nicky Stainton
Nicky Stainton
Chair of W&BA



To find out more about Waveney & Blyth Arts, and details of how to join, check out the inside back cover 

Bearded Tit photo courtesy of **David Tipling**



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Famous Five Birds

We all know that barn owls screech and nightingales sing – but what sound does a bittern make? What is so special about marsh harriers? And do bearded tits really have beards?

Come and find out at one of the **Famous Five Birds** entertainments.

Hosted by the eccentric Bernard the Birder (played by Greg Hanson) these feature:

- Nutmeg Puppet Company's beautiful shadow puppet show, with music by Nathan Williamson
- fabulous film and theatrical bird impressions
- chances to do a quirky quiz, make musical bird calls, and sing a special song about the fab five.

'One of the most imaginative and innovative projects ever launched in East Anglia.'
East Anglian Daily Times



Project Patron
Mark Cocker

See

Sunday 11 August 2.30pm
Seagull Theatre
Morton Road, Lowestoft NR33 0JH
Tickets £5 adults/£3.50 children.
Family ticket £15 for 2 adults and 2 children. Under 5s free.
Available from 01502 589726
or www.theseagull.co.uk

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Friday 16 August 2pm
The Cut Arts Centre
New Cut, Halesworth IP19 8BY
Tickets £5 Adults/£3 under 18s. Family ticket £10 for 1 adult + 2 children. Under 5s free.
Available from 0845 673 2123
or www.newcut.org

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Saturday 17 August 2pm
Diss Corn Hall
St Nicholas Street, Diss IP22 4LB
Tickets £5 adults/£3 children.
Available from 01379 652241
www.disscornhall.co.uk

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Monday 19 August 2pm
RSPB Minsmere Discovery Centre
Westleton, Saxmundham IP17 3BY
Tickets £7 adults/£4 children.
Family ticket £14 for 1 adult + 2 children or £20 for 2 adults + 2 children.
Advanced bookings
only 01728 648281

find out about the
famous five birds
a fun packed entertainment for 5 - 10 year olds

quirky quiz • special song • fabulous film • sensational shadow puppet show

See

Wednesday 21 August 2pm
Archbishop Sancroft High School
Wilderness Lane, Harleston IP20 9DD
Tickets £5 adults/£3 under 16. Under 5s free.
Available from Harleston Festival Box Office at The Swan Hotel (01379 852221) or Harleston Information Plus (01379 851917)

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Saturday 21 September 11.30am
St Edmunds Parish Hall
St Mary's Street, Bungay NR35 1AY
Tickets £5 adults/£3 children.
Family ticket £9 for 1 adult and 2 children. Under 5s free.
Available from Jan Dungey 01986 895227 or jan@ollandstreet.co.uk

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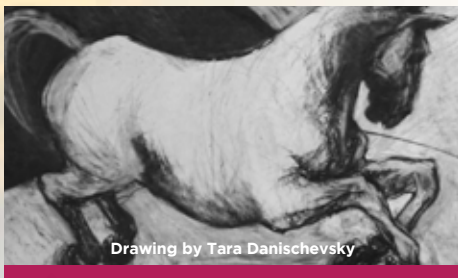
Saturday 28 September 2pm
St Georges Theatre
King Street, Great Yarmouth NR30 2PG
Tickets £5 Adults/£3 children.
Family ticket £9 for 1 adult + 2 children. Under 5s free.
Available from 01493 331484
or www.stgeorgestheatre.com

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Sunday 1 September 3pm
Beccles Public Hall & Theatre
Smallgate, Beccles NR34 9AD
Tickets £5 adults/£3 children.
Family ticket £9 for 1 adult and 2 children. Under 5s free.
Available from 01502 770060
or www.becclespublichall.co.uk

The performance lasts approx 45 minutes.
Tickets may also be available on the door.

Themed Walks



Drawing by Tara Danischevsky



Photo by David Tipling

1 Herringfleet Mill - a glimpse into the past

Thursday 15 August
10.00am - 1.00pm **Cost** £3
W&BA members/£4 non-members (children under 12 free)



We will follow a beautiful stretch of the river Waveney to this picturesque mill, still in working order, then to Herringfleet Hills for views over Haddiscoe Marshes. A brief talk on the history of the mill, for sketching and a return walk along The Angles Way will take us back to The Duke's Head. Approx 3 miles. There will also be an optional visit to atmospheric ruins nearby for more sketching/ photos. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

Meet at: The Duke's Head, Sluggs Lane, Somerleyton NR32 5QR

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

2 Drawing Inspiration from horses - a walk & workshop

Thursday 22 August
10.00am - 4.00pm
Cost £25 per person
(including tuition, coffee/scone and minibus)



Do you love horses? Have you ever tried drawing them? This unique walking and art event, inspired by the great horse artist Alfred Munnings RA, is led by artist Tara Danischevsky. We will walk along the Angles Way from Harleston to the Sir Alfred Munnings Hotel in Mendham for a talk about various artists' depiction of these noble creatures. Then on to St Cross for an afternoon session in which Tara will demonstrate how to draw horses being taken through their paces. There will be a chance to do your own drawings, under her guidance. Approx 4 miles. A mini-bus will bring us back to Harleston.

Meet at: Budgens car park, Harleston IP20 9AT

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

3 In Search of Famous Five Birds

Thursday 29 August
2.00 - 5.00pm **Cost** £3 W&BA
members/£4 non-members
(children under 12 free)

This walk has it all - the beautiful River Blyth, the sea, reed-beds and common. Led by knowledgeable Natural England ranger staff, the walk will pass by the habitat of five of the areas' iconic birds - the bittern, bearded tit, nightingale, marsh harrier and barn owl. Learn more about these birds and their habitats and listen to poems dedicated to each bird by poet Matt Howard at a scenic stop in the Walberswick reserve. When you reach the River Blyth you can choose to walk back to the Tower or get the ferry across for 90p. Approx 4 miles.

Meet at: the car park close to Southwold Water Tower, The Common, IP18 6TB

To book: phone **Netta Swallow** on **01502 470135** or email netta.swallow@btinternet.com

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4 *Oulton Broad - A Walk in the willows*

Saturday 31 August
2.00 - 5.00pm **Cost** £5 W&BA members/£6 non-members (children under 12 free)

This is a walk through a landscape between reeds and waterways, a truly 'different place', and then an exploration of the Willow Project's unique whispering environment with Geoff Young. You can also make your own willow sculpture if you choose. An experience not to be missed! Tea and coffee provided - but why not bring a picnic tea? Approx 2.5 mile walk along flat track through marsh land

Meet at: St Michael's, Church Lane, Oulton Broad, NR32 3JP

To book: phone **Caroline Way** on **01502 578832** or email **cgway@hotmail.co.uk**

5 *There & back again - A Walk through time & place*

Sunday 1 September
2.00 - 4.00pm **Cost** £3 W&BA members/£4 non-members (children under 12 free)

A dish of Dunwich delights will be marinated in historical reference to 'The City that Drowned' and topped with a swirl of The Shire and a sprinkle of imagination. We will savour the visual, tactile and poetic ingredients of Dunwich, so bring small bag for found treasures, something to write with and a camera - or just yourselves! Approx 3 miles. A mixture of gentle hill and flat terrain.

Meet at: Beach Road Car Park, Dunwich IP17 3D

To book: phone **Caroline Way** on **01502 578832** or email **cgway@hotmail.co.uk**

6 *Cotman in Great Yarmouth*

Saturday 7 September
10.30am - 1.00pm **Cost** £3 W&BA members/£4 non-members (children under 12 free) + shared taxi/bus

Away from the seafront Great Yarmouth is a place of hidden delights and historic buildings. Many of them were captured by the celebrated 19th-century painter John Sell Cotman, who lived his later years in a house on Southtown Road. This guided town walk will take in some of those sites including Dawson Turner's house, the Minster and Priory, the town wall - one of the most complete medieval town walls in the country - and the harbour at South Quay.

Meet at: Time & Tide Museum, Blackfriars' Road, Great Yarmouth NR30 3BX

To book: Phone **Bridget Heriz** on **01493 602698** or email **b.herizsmith@btinternet.com**



KEY

Angles Way

Rivers

Starting Points

Walk



River Bure

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GREAT YARMOUTH

1

River Waveney

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LOWESTOFT

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BECCLES

North Sea

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BUNGAY

HARLESTON

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River Blyth

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Visit www.waveneyandblytharts.com/ourents

WALK THE WAVENEY & BLYTH

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, so call the walk co-ordinator listed if you would like more details. 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.

For insurance purposes the cost includes temporary membership of Waveney & Blyth Arts for the duration of the advertised walk only, hence the additional charge of £1 for non-members. All children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or carer and will be covered by their membership.

Angles Way is a 93-mile walking trail following the county boundary of Norfolk and Suffolk, gently meandering from Great Yarmouth through to Thetford. After Breydon Water (near Great Yarmouth) Angles Way follows the Waveney Valley to the source of the river, passing through open countryside, broad river valleys, pretty villages and the ancient market towns of Beccles, Bungay, Harleston and Diss. The route then meets up with the Little Ouse at Knettishall Heath with a striking change in scenery as it winds through the heathland and woodland of the Suffolk Brecks before finishing in Thetford.

For details of the route and interactive maps visit www.angles-way.co.uk. There is also a smart phone/tablet version.



Themed Walks



7 *In the Footsteps of Seago* - Walk & painting demo by Peter Knights

Thursday 12 September
1.00 – 3.00pm **Cost** £4 W&BA
members, £5 non-members



Join Norfolk landscape artist Peter Knights as he walks the Geldeston Locks area in search of landscape subjects made famous by the 20th-century East Anglian artist Edward Seago. The walk (approx 2 miles) will be interspersed with Seago stories and Peter's oil sketches. We will lunch at the Lock's Inn where Peter will demonstrate how the oil sketch can be transformed into a painting, and give a talk on the life and works of Seago.

Meet at: The Locks Inn car park, Geldeston NR34 OHS

To book: phone **Peter Knights** on **01379 651366** or email **knightsy4art@gmail.com**

8 *Songs, stories and the oldest Europeans*

Friday 13 September
10.00 – 1.00pm **Cost** £5 W&BA
members, £6 non-members (children
under 12 free)

This walk begins with coffee at the Ferini Gallery in Pakefield, Lowestoft and follows the beach southwards to the village of Kessingland. On this 3-mile stroll we will hear some songs of a maritime past, some old stories in their context and stand where the earliest Europeans lived 700,000 years ago.

Meet at: Ferini Gallery, All Saints Road Pakefield, Lowestoft NR33 OJL. Free public parking on All Saints Road.

To book: phone **Ian Fosten** on **07791 068080** or email **ian@fosten.com**

9 *Henry Davy and the Wonders of Westhall*

Sunday 15 September
2.00 – 5.00pm **Cost** £3 W&BA
members, £4 non-members (children
under 12 free) plus £3 for tea and cake

Discover the hidden wonders of Westhall near Brampton, starting with the old farmhouse where prolific 19th-century engraver and water-colourist, Henry Davy was born in 1793. Then on to the remote and ancient church of St Andrew and a talk by Robin Doughty about the life and work of Davy, alongside an exhibition of the artist's work. And who was Edmund de Bohun? An actor will bring to life extracts from his intriguing 17th-century diary. At the end of the walk, tea and cakes will be available in the village hall. Approx 4-mile circular walk with no stiles.

Meet at: Westhall Village Hall, Mill common, Wangford Road, Westhall, IP19 8RQ

To book: phone **01502 470135** or email **netta.swallow@btinternet.com**

Themed Walk & Concert



Picturing the Past - the hidden gems of Bungay

Sunday 22 September

2.30 - 4.30 pm **Cost** £3 W&BA members/£4 non-members (children under 12 free); Tea and cakes (optional) £2.50

A walk of approx 1.5 miles around the town centre and riverside to view the 16 Bungay broadsheets created by artist Alan Irvine, and the embroidered wall-hangings in the church and library created by Mary Walker (above). The artists will talk about their work and Chris Reeve will cover local history, finishing in St Mary's church with tea and cakes. The entire route is wheelchair accessible.

Meet at: The Buttercross, Bungay NR35 1AU

To book: phone **Chris Reeve** on **01986 893155** or email kitkat46@btinternet.com

Ideas of Flight Afternoon Concert

Sunday 29 September

Holy Trinity Church Blythburgh
3.00 - 5.15pm **Tickets** £10 W&BA members, £12 non-members

*Here are the sky-nails
they asked you for
so long ago
and this their purpose,
in fixing our eyes
to the heavens a moment
the heart lifts.*

From Starling Roost by Maura Dooley

Following last year's highly successful **Translated By Reeds** project, Waveney & Blyth Arts has again teamed up with choir leader extraordinaire Sian Croose to revive the Waveney & Blyth Choir for another fabulous choral song-cycle, this time inspired by birds in flight.

In this unique work the voices of choir and soloists will rise and lift, loop and drift, exploring the experience of the solo avian traveller and the flock. Composers Barbara Thompson, Orlando Gough, Jonathan Baker and Karen Wimhurst have set words by Andrew Motion, Don Paterson, Wendy Cope, David Morley, John Fuller, Katrina Porteous, George Szirtes, Martin Figura and Maura Dooley. The poets explore our fascination with the vertical, the skybound, birds in flight - so suitable for this wondrous church with its flying angels.

Ideas of Flight was devised and directed by Sian Croose and Jonathan Baker and co-commissioned by the Voice Project and Norfolk and Norwich Festival. It is presented in partnership with The Cut.

The first part of the concert will feature the **Voice Project Quintet.**

Sianed Jones - soprano
Rebecca Askew - mezzo-soprano
Sian Croose - alto
Jeremy Avis - tenor
Jonathan Baker - bass

To book: phone **08456 732123** or order online at www.newcut.org.uk

More Feathered Events

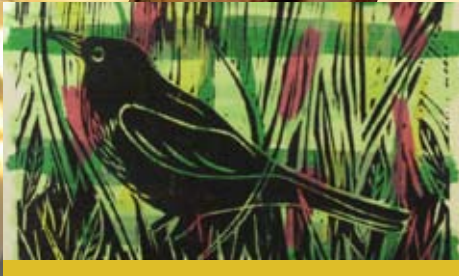


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Claws, Beaks & Feathers exhibition

**Saturday 24 August -
Sunday 22 September**

Open Thursday - Sunday 10.00 -
5.00pm **Cost** Entry free

Ravenous Café at the Raveningham Centre has organised this fantastic exhibition of two and three-dimensional work featuring British birds to link in with our bird theme and Famous Five Birds project. The exhibition, curated by Sarah Cannell, celebrates the beauty, diversity and appeal of our native birds depicted in a myriad of ways by artists from across Norfolk and Suffolk, including Mary Muir, whose Blackbird appears above, and Georgina Warne - see **Arts & Eats**.

Venue: Ravenous Café, Raveningham Centre, Raveningham NR14 6NU

Arts & Eats - Georgina Warne: Art, Life and Birds

Tuesday 3 September

12.00 - 2.30pm **Cost** £10 W&BA members, £12 non-members including a delicious lunch

This event combines a sociable lunch in an attractive venue with guest speaker Georgina Warne, one of the featured artists in **Claws, Beaks & Feathers**. She studied ceramics and glass at Birmingham Institute of Art & Design and Cardiff School of Art & Design, and is a highly-regarded ceramicist and printmaker who lives in South Norfolk. In 2007 she created 21 sepia drawings and etchings for a limited edition of Richard Mabey's *Whistling In The Dark - In Pursuit Of The Nightingale*. She comments 'I find birds infinitely fascinating, not only their physical qualities and behaviour but their relationship to humans; how we see them as symbols of many emotions and their associations with the seasons.'

Venue: Ravenous Café, Raveningham Centre, Raveningham NR14 6NU

To book: phone **01508 548406** or email cinnamongallery@gmail.com

Two Valleys Poetry Competition 2013

Sunday 15 September

To Monday 30 September

Cost £3 entry fee

The Seagull Theatre and W&BA are once again inviting local poets to submit work, this time on the theme of Taking Flight. Poems may be about the five iconic birds of the Famous Five Birds project or other particular birds, or may be led by the imagination into other forms of taking flight.

Submit poems by 24 September and you could win the £100 first prize and be invited to read at New Words: Fresh Voices event at the Seagull in December 2013. 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**.

JOIN

If you like what you see here then join Waveney & Blyth Arts and support this entirely volunteer-run organisation.

INDIVIDUALS - £10 subscription for 2013

- Alerts to W&BA events, such as Arts & Eats lunches, workshops and walks
- Reduced ticket prices for these events
- Weekly email updates about arts opportunities, jobs and training
- A hyperlink to your web site (optional)
- Able to attend and vote at our AGM

ASSOCIATES (Organisations/venues) - £20 subscription for 2013

- An opportunity to feature on our multi-media website
- A hyperlink to your own website
- Publicity alerts about your events sent out to all our members
- Weekly email updates about arts opportunities, jobs and training
- A representative able to attend and vote at our AGM

SPECIAL OFFER FOR INDIVIDUALS - JOIN NOW FOR £5 AND GET MEMBERS' REDUCTIONS

For just £5 you can enjoy Members' benefits until the end of November, when our new membership year begins, following our Annual General Meeting. Join now and claim members' rates on all the events in this brochure.

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



Other events that celebrate the Waveney & Blyth

During this period some of our members are organising events that celebrate what is so special about this area. Do give them your support.

Sunday 8 September -

Down by the Riverside - prose, verse and music by the Waveney

Cost Free

A Diss Community Partnership, Cittaslow and Waveney RiverCare Group event.

Meet at: The Lows bridge, Diss at 2.30pm.
Further information from **Diss Museum** on **01379 650618**.

Saturday 21 September -

Painting workshop with Peter Partington at RSPB Minsmere

10.00am - 4.00 pm

Cost £25 per person

Peter Partington is one of Britain's top wildlife artists, an illustrator of many books and cards, and a member of the Society of Wildlife Artists. He will show enthusiastic beginners and experienced hands how to develop sketching skills. Booking essential

To book: phone **01728 648281** or email **minsmer@rspb.org.uk**

Saturday 28 September -

Britten and Ireland

Cost Tickets £12

(including interval refreshments)

This Southwold Concert Series' event celebrates Benjamin Britten's centenary with tenor James Gilchrist, harpist Alison Nicholls and pianist/composer Nathan Williamson. It includes Britten's *Canticles I* and *V*, his *Michelangelo Sonnets*, and folksong arrangements, *The Land of Lost Content* by John Ireland, and Nathan Williamson's setting of *Dawn*, September by Southwold poet David W Lankshear.

Venue: St Edmund's Church, Southwold at 7.30pm

To book: phone **01502 726 161** (office hours) or email **halcyon.meldrum@springagency.co.uk** or visit **www.southwoldconcertseries.co.uk**

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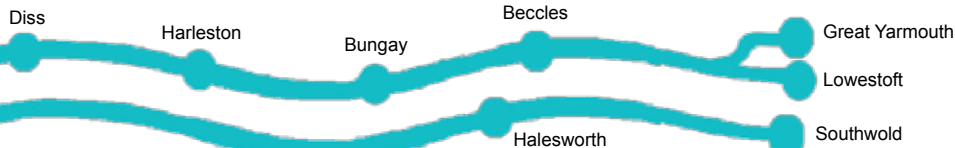
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