

NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear Members,

Thankfully, the past year has seen our Society return into full swing after the restrictions and cancellations in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid pandemic. We held the following five meetings in 2022 which were a great success;

A fascinating visit to the First World War Military Museum at Hawstead in April with a talk and guided tour by the military historian Taff Gillingham. This was followed in May in Thetford with a talk on 'Swifts' by Dr Ieuan Evans of the British Trust for Ornithology. In June we had our Summer Garden Party at Bruisyard Hall, hosted by the owner Robert Rous (SCS member - Trinity 1972). Robert's talk, the fabulous lunch and guided tour of the Hall made a very memorable day enjoyed by all. In July we visited St Edmundsbury Cathedral for a talk by the renowned heritage consultant Dr Richard Hoggett and a guided tour of the abbey ruins. The final event for the year was in November at the Secret Garden restaurant in Sudbury for a talk by Richard Humphrey on Silk Weaving. Richard's highly entertaining and informative talk was amazing.

This year we have four meetings arranged;

Programme of events for 2023

On **Saturday 18th March** at 2.30pm we will meet at The Guildhall in Bury St Edmunds for a talk by **Bridget Kendall** on the Ukraine/Russia war and the implications for Europe and Western democracies. Bridget was the BBC's Global Diplomatic correspondent and has been Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, since 2016. She was the BBC's Moscow correspondent from 1989 to 1994, and the Washington correspondent from 1994. Bridget is a fluent Russian speaker and has interviewed many world leaders including Vladimir Putin.

Our second event will be on **Wednesday 21st June** to the **Euston Hall Estate** near Thetford. Euston Hall has been the home of the Dukes of Grafton for over 350 years and the farm covers an area of 10,500 acres. The visit will start with a talk in The Old Kitchen by the archivist, **Edward Wortley**, on the Dukedom, the Hall and the estate. Following the talk there will be a tour around the estate with the Estate Director, **Andrew Blenkiron**, who will cover the variety of crops which are grown, anaerobic digestion to produce gas for the grid and solar farms for electricity. Newly-planted are 500 acres of tropical hardwood trees for timber and carbon capture.

Our visit to a Cambridge College this year will be to **Trinity** on **Tuesday 19th September** for a talk by **Sir Gregory Winter**. Gregory was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2018 for his pioneering work on protein engineering and therapeutic monoclonal antibodies, and was the Master of Trinity from 2012 to 2019. After lunch there will be a guided tour of the College and a visit to the Wren Library.

For our final visit in 2023, we are planning a visit in **November** to **CEFAS in Lowestoft** for a talk on the fishing industry. CEFAS is part of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). CEFAS is a world-class centre for the study of marine and freshwater ecology and works to safeguard human and animal health, enable food security and support marine economies. Their work tackles the serious global problems of climate change, marine litter, over-fishing and pollution. The date has still to be finalised and will be on our website (suffolkcamsoc.co.uk) in due course.

I need hardly say David has done all the work for which we are eternally grateful. Without him we would not be the success we are.

I wish you all a happy and successful 2023



Michael Sullivan
Chairman