

Dear Fellow:

Please find the RSA East of England June/July '08 Newsletter together with booking information for July Events and some 'Dates for your Diary'. Guests are welcome at all events. If you receive this Newsletter by email you will find it easier to read the attachment copy, where you will also find the booking form. For further information please refer to the contact given with each item or contact Gladys Jones, Programme Secretary, on 01638 500404 or email gladys.jones@virgin.net

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EAST OF ENGLAND REGION

Newsletter June/July 2008

How Green are you?

Is eating organic really best for you and for the environment? Where is the energy used in getting vegetables from farm to plate? Is it better to buy a hot house tomato in April than one trucked from Spain? Is a paper bag better for the environment than a plastic one? Just some of the many questions which you may wonder about. By the invitation of Andrew Burgess FRSA, this is an opportunity to find out all you ever wanted to know about producing organic vegetables locally for local distribution. However numbers are limited so you will need to check out availability with Gladys Jones before booking for this event on –

Saturday 5th July 10 a.m. Sacrewell Farm and Country Centre, Thornhaugh, Peterborough.

Here, with coffee on arrival, you will gain an overview of the business and visit the packing station. You will then travel 3 miles to Castor Farm where you will have a conducted tour of the farm. Suitable foot wear for fields and farm ground and clothing appropriate for the weather are necessary. **Cost £5**

Lunch is optional; suggestions offered would be the restaurant at the Country Centre www.sacrewell.org.uk or Haycock Hotel www.thehaycock.co.uk which has beautiful grounds on the banks of the River Nene.

To book please complete the Booking Form, on page three, and send with payment to contact Gladys Jones 01638 500404 or gladys.jones@virgin.net dead line for booking Tuesday 1 July.

Polish Sunday

Sunday 6th July at 12.30 and 7.00 p.m.

At Sudbury Quay Theatre, Sudbury, Suffolk

Supported by the Polish Embassy and the RSA,
Film @The Quay
presents

At 12.30 p.m. **'My Nikifor'** (12A) and at 7.00 p.m. **'We're All Christs'** (15)
and direct from Poland

A Major Art Exhibition by Dr Halina Strzechowska-Ratajska

Poland and its culture are expressed in this showing of two contemporary and typical Polish Films and a major Art Exhibition. The purpose of this day, organised by Jakub Kalinski FRSA, is to allow the Polish Nationals whose presence is felt in so many areas of East Anglian life, to reveal to us some small element of their culture. If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending this event please invite them or pass on this information.

For details visit www.quaytheatre.org.uk

Tickets for each Film are £5, or £7 for both Films (No Concessions)

To book call the Quay Box Office on 01787 374745 or boxoffice@quaytheatre.org.uk

'My Nikifor' (12A) is set in the snowy spa town of Krynica, this multi-festival-award winner paints a painstakingly sympathetic portrait of the last years and hours of the titular primitivist Polish 'folk artist'. Nikifor received recognition with a major exhibition and catalogue shortly before his death in 1968.

'We're All Christs' (15) is a cautionary tale which puts Polish tradition in the witness box. The stylised self-portrait of 55 year old alcoholic Adam's self crucifixion through drink as witnessed by his son and the family is telling. Not easy, but the sincerity and evangelic tenacity is as clear as an empty glass.

Dr Halina Strzechowska-Ratajska's exhibition includes mainly textile designs and tapestries and has been exhibited widely in Poland and also in Western Europe and the US. This will be her first working visit to the UK from Lodz Technical University where she teaches.

We hope to follow this event with others in different parts of the region. If you would be interested in hosting such an event please contact Programme Secretary, Gladys Jones.

RSA Herts. Network at Ware Priory

'What do we do when petrol rationing arrives?'

Tuesday 15th July 2008 6.30 p.m. Free

Following a successful first meeting in May the group plan to meet on a regular basis, so come along and meet with Fellows in your area.

Reg Harman FRSA, an independent Transport Consultant, will give a short presentation to set the discussion going on transport systems now and in the future and how they affect our lives. The meeting is free and refreshment will be provided.

Please book with Jo Linney, jo.linney@ntlworld.com or on 01920 460100

Venue Ware Priory, High Street, Ware SG12 9AL

Train – to Ware Station from London Liverpool Street, Broxbourne or Hertford East Station

Regular buses details: <http://www.intalink.org.uk/Maps/Ware.pdf>

Map available: http://www.warepriory.co.uk/ware_priory/ware_priory_contact.aspx

RSA Norwich Group

Before the last meeting Richard Barns reported that 'after three months of debate the Norwich group find themselves at a crossroads in our development of the next stage of our focus. Some of us are still grappling with the concept of art itself while others are ready to bring new energy to support the 'A' in RSA.

Before we go any further, it is evident that we face the following core questions:

One, are we ready to move toward a focal event in order to commit ourselves to a practical step forward?

Two, do we wish to place our energies in working within a collaborative network of local/regional art organisations? Three, do we seek to be a core conversazione point for exploring the role and function of the arts within the community?' The answer it seemed was yes to the first two questions and no to the third.

At the next meeting the focus will be on deciding the 'practical step forward' and how to engage with a 'collaborative network of local/regional art organisations'.

All are welcome, including guests, to the next meeting -

Tuesday July 8th at Pulse Café Bar, The Old Fire Station Stables, Labour In Vain Yard, Guildhall Hill, Norwich, Phone/Fax 01603 765562 (Parking at St Giles multi-story or The Forum)

From 5.30 p.m. Discussions. Free Coffee 7.00p.m. Just come along and join the lively exchanges.

Supper, for those who wish to stay. Vegetarian food, wine etc. To book a place for supper, please contact **Robert Ashton** via PA: Anne Smales on **01953 605000** or at anne@robertashton.co.uk

Forthcoming Events, mark these Dates in your Diary

Saturday 20 September 2008 AGM, Ely Cathedral Centre 10.30 for 11a.m. Speakers on Great Fen Project and Wicken Fen Vision followed by Buffet Lunch and then talk and tour of Glass Museum & Cathedral.

October, expected date 21st, 22nd, 23rd, tbc Bio-fuels discussion & visit to largest straw-burning power station.

Tuesday 18th November 2008, 6.30 p.m. Cambridge University Press Presentation & Networking

Other events will be added over time. Remember that we welcome Fellows suggestions for topics to explore across the region.

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To: Gladys Jones, Clare Cottage, 16 The Sounds, Dalham, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 8TJ
Telephone; 01638 500404 Email: gladys.jones @virgin.net

Please reserve places for 'How Green are You?' Dead line for booking Tuesday 1 July 2008

I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **RSA East of England Region** and **e-mail address** for confirmation of booking and further details **OR** - a **stamped addressed envelope** if you require confirmation of booking and further details by post.

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