

## Add-Venture in Learning Newsletter spring 2021

Welcome to the Spring 2021 newsletter for Add-Venture in Learning.

We hope that you are safe and well and have survived the lock-down and any periods of self isolation without too many problems. Hopefully most of you will have received the vaccine by now and perhaps some of you have also had the booster jab.

We are seriously considering that we can restart our programme in the summer this year, assuming all goes well with the vaccinations and the Government decisions on lock-down don't scupper our plans. If all goes well then we can resume our programme of courses starting with York in August. This will be followed with the bird migration course in Skegness. So we will continue to prepare for these events.

It's been exciting just to get dressed up to go and have a vaccine jab, who would have thought that in the past!

the new Committee has settled in now and are planning a number of courses within the limitations of the Covid pandemic. We are now meeting virtually by Zoom and this has been largely successful and avoided the large costs incurred previously using telephone conferencing.

A complete list of Committee Members can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Andrew Hodgson and Doreen Tyler, two of our retired committee members, taken during recent Add-Venture course in Manchester.

### **COURSES PROGRAMME (Arranged in date order)**

#### **HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY AT YORK**

At the time of writing this course is still planned to go ahead this year in August 2021.  
Monday 16 August – Friday 20 August, (4 nights)

Organised by Mary Goodlad and assisted by Isobell.  
Cost: still to be decided but will be in the region of £400.

Accommodation: York University in single en-suite rooms, a short bus ride from the centre of York. Breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal are included.

Please note that this course will involve active sightseeing to walk around York and travel by bus from the accommodation

The history of York goes back at least to the Romans and a lot is still being done to uncover it. There are plans for a big Roman Dig in the centre of York and a Roman Museum to rival the Jorvik Viking Centre which we will visit. We hope to visit an actual dig but this has not yet been confirmed. In any case we will visit "Dig" a centre designed primarily to introduce children to archaeology, which is very accessible and great fun. We will visit the Minster and perhaps other historic buildings and probably have talks on ceramics and conservation.

This course was originally scheduled for August 2020 so priority will be given to previous bookings. Spaces are still available so please contact Isobell or Mary through the Add-Venture in Learning website.

### **AUTUMN BIRD MIGRANTS AT GIBRALTAR POINT SKEGNESS Monday 4th - Thursday 7th October (3 nights)**

Approximate cost - Student £320, Guide £240. These are 2020 prices and we hope to keep it the same but it is very likely to be increased due to inflation and other factors.

The price includes hotel accommodation in single en-suite rooms (doubles available), breakfast, evening meals and transport for outings.

Gibraltar Point Nature Reserve is known for its diversity of wildlife. In autumn we should hear various migrants and flocks of waders. After breakfast in the hotel we will have a program of bird studies at Gibraltar Point and hopefully another reserve. We are unable to confirm a definite itinerary due to not being able to contact people during lockdown.

Please contact Isobell to reserve a place on this course. Priority will be given to those who booked for the 2020 course which had to be rescheduled to this year due to the COVID pandemic. It is important to rebook to ensure that you have a place.

This course will involve a reasonable degree of fitness to walk on uneven ground and stand around birding.

### **NORWICH PAST AND PRESENT**

Regrettably the Norwich course has had to be postponed for a second time and will now take place from 13th – 17th June 2022. We had hoped to make use of accommodation at the University of East Anglia but it proved difficult to arrange this. However we have now reserved accommodation at the Holiday Inn just outside the centre of Norwich which will suit us well. The cost is likely to be greater than previously advertised. However it will still be for double or twin rooms with ensuite facility and include dinner, bed and breakfast and a packed lunch each day. Single rooms available for an additional cost.

The actual cost and further details will be available nearer the time.

Previous bookings for this course will still be honoured but need to be confirmed.  
Please contact Isobell to confirm your booking or make a new one.

Provisional Programme

**Monday** 13 June: Arrival

Evening talk by Judy Hawkins on the history of Norwich and tactile map.

**Tuesday** 14 June:

Walking tour of Norwich.

Afternoon: Castle Museum with handling session of medieval objects.

There will be time to visit the rest of the museum where the viking gallery in particular has audio information.

Evening talk by Rod Spokes on Norwich trades and crafts.

**Wednesday 15 June:**

guided tour of the cathedral.

Lunch at the cathedral or elsewhere

Afternoon visit to the Strangers Hall with special workshop on the dining hall.

This medieval merchants house has lots of staircases!

Evening lecture by Simon Houton on the Norfolk Broads.

**Thursday 16 June:**

Morning: Take coach to Gressen hall Workhouse and rural life museum

There are also cottages, gardens, a chapel and other buildings to visit including a working farm with very rare Suffolk Punch horses.

Afternoon: Visit to the Sainsbury centre

Evening lecture by Frances Holmes on the Courts and Yards of Norwich

**Friday** morning, 17 June: Talk by Ken Lodge on the Norfolk dialect.

## **CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY – WALES**

Accommodation has been reserved at The Centre for Alternative Technology at Machynlleth, mid Wales from 26th-30th September 2022.

This is a renowned eco centre that researches and supports greener ways of living. Set in 24 acres with examples of environmentally responsible building, renewable energy, organic gardens and woodland. It even has a water-balanced cliff railway. It is hoped to be able to put together an interesting program in line with the work carried out there. It has its own cafe and all food is vegetarian.

Please contact Isobell by completing the Booking Form on our website or by email to reserve a place.

## **DEPOSITS**

Many of you may have paid a deposit (or perhaps the whole course fee) for a course that has been cancelled or postponed. Please notify Isobel, our Courses Administrator, if you wish this money to be returned to you in full, or transferred to another course, and if so which one, so that our accounts can be kept in order. If you wish the money to be refunded then please inform us of your bank details (account number and sort code, and the amount owing will be transferred by BACS).

## **BOOKING ON COURSES**

To book on any of these courses please contact Isobell Phillips, Course Co-ordinator by completing the Booking Form or by email to: [add-ventureinlearning@outlook.com](mailto:add-ventureinlearning@outlook.com)

A £50 non refundable deposit is required at the time of booking and full payment is due at least 6 weeks prior to the course.

A booking form can be down loaded from our website.

To contact a Committee Member email to [add-ventureinlearning@outlook.com](mailto:add-ventureinlearning@outlook.com) and your email will be forwarded to the relevant person.

Payment by BACS to Lloyds bank sort code:30-00-01, account number: 02904643 with reference stating name and reason for payment, e.g. 'Norwich deposit'.

Please let Isobell Phillips or Mary Goodlad know that you are paying by BACS by sending an email to: [add-ventureinlearning.outlook.com](mailto:add-ventureinlearning.outlook.com).

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