

Add-Venture in Learning Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest Newsletter from Add-Venture in Learning.

This newsletter update gives you up to date information on the study breaks planned for this year: music at Weston Supermare in April, the History of Norwich in June and the Centre For Alternative Energy in September.

FROM HUNTSMAN TO HERO – The role of the horn in music

Date – Monday 4th – Friday 9th April 2022.

Venue – The Royal Hotel, Weston Super Mare.

Cost – Student (VI) Single room - £490 Shared room £380.

Guide – Single room - £380 Shared room £260.

Please note – Because of rising hotel prices the costs are a bit higher than in the past. But we are able to subsidise the true cost thanks to a generous donation. However, this promises to be an interesting course by a very enthusiastic tutor Ian Lowes, staying in a comfortable hotel. There will be music study sessions during the morning and late afternoon with a long break for you to purchase lunch or take a walk along the seafront, visit the shops or the nearby park which has a sensory garden.

We hope to have a talk by the local museum. Evenings are more relaxed with a music quiz, easy listening and a visiting choir.

The Royal Hotel is an elegant Georgian building, ideally located on the seafront. Standing in its own extensive lawns, which extend to the promenade. It is also in close proximity to the town and a short taxi ride from the station and parking is available. The rooms are all en-suite with tea and coffee making facilities and either face the seafront or town square. There is a lift to both floors. The Feathers Bar is available for drinks or lunchtime snacks. The music programme will be held in the ballroom overlooking the lawns.

The range of music will cover the period Baroque to Modern. It will aim to introduce you to an array of music, focusing on the horn and its changing role from a hunting background in the Baroque and pre-Baroque period, to being the purveyor of heroic ideals in the Romantic period and beyond. We will centre our investigation on some seminal works which we will be able to explore and listen to fully, including Handel's Water Music, Mozart's Horn Concertos, and Beethoven's 3rd Symphony. Ian will be able to demonstrate on the horn and give jargon-free pre-concert style introductions to all the music.

A few words about the Speaker:

Ian Lowes studied music at Durham University and then horn-playing and composition at the Janacek Academy in Brno, now part of the Czech Republic. He has a varied portfolio of musical activities with composition and conducting the main-stays of his life now, with some diploma level examining for the ABRSM. He spent many years playing the horn professionally in orchestras (Brno Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Welsh National Opera, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra) until 1990 when he moved career to teaching composition and academic music at Bryanston School in Dorset, where he worked until 2007. These careers were both punctuated by frequent composition and conducting, as well as a good deal of Adult Education lecturing particularly at Oxford University Summer Schools.

The hotel is reserved but we need to confirm the booking as soon as possible although we **hope to be able to extend this period. So if you are interested**

then please contact our Study breaks coordinator Isobell Phillips as soon as possible, by phone on 07731 867931 or email phillipsisobell@yahoo.ie
If you have any questions about the course contact Barbara Rickitt on 01460 281226 or email mrickitt@hotmail.com

NORWICH PAST AND PRESENT

13th – 17th June 2022.

We have reserved accommodation at the Holiday Inn just outside the centre of Norwich which will be very suitable. The cost is greater than previously advertised mainly due to inflation.

However it will still be for double or twin rooms with en-suite facility and include dinner, bed and breakfast.

Costs: Student (VI) single room £320, double or twin room £320 pp as all rooms are double but can be with single occupation

Guide single room £220 with £20 per night supplement so £80 for the 4 nights, shared room £220 pp.

If student and guide are in the same room the cost will be £540 jointly.

A reasonable level of fitness is required.

Here is a brief programme for our visit to Norwich.

On the first evening we will have an introduction to the history of Norwich.

The next morning Tuesday 14 June starts with a walking tour of the historic centre of Norwich. Members will be able to get their own lunch at one of the many outlets. There will be no packed lunches provided, but there are lots of different cafes and restaurants nearby.

In the afternoon there is a visit to the Castle Museum with a handling session of medieval objects. There is time to look round the rest of the museum with its display areas, art gallery and the castle keep. The castle keep may be still be closed due to redevelopment under the important Royal Palace reborn project.

There will be an evening talk.

On Wednesday we plan to visit the Norman Cathedral and its Close in the morning.

In the afternoon there will be a visit with handling session to Strangers Hall. This “merchants’ hall” features in *Tombland*, the historical detective novel by C J Samson. The evening is free for socialising. It has been suggested that we could share any unusual tactile objects that would be of interest. For example a model of a building brought back from a holiday.

On Thursday we go by coach to Gressenhall Workhouse and Rural Life Museum. There is much to see in this 18th century workhouse with its outbuildings and working farm.

In the afternoon there is some free time in Norwich. Possibilities include visiting the County and Eastern shop which contains a museum of Asian art. People could alternatively visit the Bride will, History of Norwich museum or take a riverside walk to look at Bishops Bridge and the Cow Tower. There is also the Peter Mancroft church or even just return to the hotel and have a swim in the 13 metre pool. The pool is open all day and available to guests.

In the evening there will be a talk on the courts and Yards of Norwich.

Friday 17 June:departure.

Previous bookings for this study break will still be honoured but need to be confirmed.
Please contact Isobell Phillips for booking on this study break.

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.

Cost and further details will be available nearer the time.

Please contact our Study breaks co-ordinator Isobell Phillips by phone or email: 07731 867931 - phillipsisobell@yahoo.ie to reserve a place

BOOKING ON STUDY BREAKS:

To book on any of these breaks please contact Isobell Phillips on 07731 867931 or email phillipsisobell@yahoo.ie

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

Cheques should be made payable to Add-venture In Learning and sent to Isobell Phillips at 2 Holly Drive, Pen-y-ffordd, Chester CH4 0NE.

Or pay by BACS to Lloyds bank sort code 30-00-01, account number 02904643 with reference stating name and which break you are paying for.

Please let Isobell know if you have paid by BACS

CHANGE OF NAME

For many years we have referred to all of our events as 'courses'. The Committee has decided that this title is misleading and does not reflect what we actually do. The name 'study break' was selected as an alternative. In the last newsletter I invited further suggestions from the membership. From the few responses received the majority were happy with this change. Consequently the name 'study break' has now been chosen by the Committee and will now be used throughout our literature.

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