

After an absence of two months, it was good to be back in our normal meeting place of the Stalham Town Hall. It was also good to see the improvements, most notably a new heating system (not that we needed it this month) and more importantly the absence of the electricity card meter system (so no more needing one of the committee to go and feed it midway through the meeting).

July has seen our members not only making the most of the weather (when the sun has been out) but also visiting interesting locations. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> July eight members drove along the A11 to visit Peter Beales Roses. They not only took in the wonderful rose gardens but also sampled lunch in the restaurant and maybe, ok most definitely, exercised a little bit of retail therapy. Clearly they enjoyed the trip, obvious from the happy faces seen in the Facebook photo, even managing to dodge the heavy shower during their visit. The recently formed walking group was also out and about on the 24<sup>th</sup> July with a four mile walk in the local area. Admittedly some of the walkers were under the impression that it was going to be a much shorter distance but they all coped, and the refreshments at the end were very welcome.

At our meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July we hosted Wally Webb who gave an interesting and some what entertaining talk on his career, not only in broadcasting, but also what he got up to before. Starting with his time in the Royal Air Force which ended when based at Royal Air Force Coltishall, to when he retired from Radio Norfolk around the time the first Covid lockdown hit. He gave details of how he managed to get into radio presenting with no formal training, as well as how he became Radio Norfolk's 'jack of all trades' so to speak. It was interesting to note that not once did he allude to the fact that Radio Norfolk spent much of it's early days within walking distance of Evelyn Suffield House although he did mention it's move to the Forum. Some of the stories he told caused laughter to break out and for a Monday morning this proved a welcome start to the week ahead.

Finally the 25<sup>th</sup> July saw the return of our popular Bingo Afternoon this had originally been planned to take place in June, but the over running of the work in the Town Hall meant we had to postpone by one month. This is our first real fundraiser for the year and, although numbers attending weren't as high as previous events (possibly due to the postponement and the fact it was the first week of the school holidays), the money raised will be put to good use. Once again our regular caller provided the numbers without the need for a microphone, along with the usual asides, comments and the odd mistake. Our current secretary is rather loud at times (ok a lot of the time) so we have to make use of her somehow.