

**\* THE CURTIUS SALON - Fridays at 11.00am \***

6 Oct: Mike Kelley: 'The Yemen'  
13 Oct: Bob Massey: 'Fascinating Felines'  
20 Oct: Tony Waltham: 'Slowly Down the Mekong'  
27 Oct: Dr Stephen Walker: 'Spinning Yarns'  
3rd Nov: John Whitfield: 'The Mitford Family'

**\* MUSIC EVENTS with ROBERT \***

Thursday 26 October, 10.30am: 'Turandot' by Puccini

**\* MONDAY FILMS - at 1.30pm \***

2 Oct: 'Romeo & Juliet' with Leonardo di Caprio & Claire Danes  
9 Oct: 'The Englishman' with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald  
16 Oct: 'Robin Hood - Prince of Thieves' with Kevin Costner  
23 Oct: 'Stan and Ollie' with Steve Coogan and John C Reilly  
30 Oct: 'Curious Case of Benjamin Button' with Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett

**60+ Keep Fit: Audrey Malik, Mon: 10.30 to 11.30am  
+ Seated Exercise Class 11.45 to 12.30pm**

**Elders' Forum DANCE - Fridays at 1.30pm**

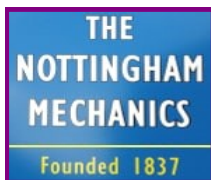
**TABLE TENNIS - Fridays: 1.30 to 3.00pm**

**SHORT MAT BOWLS - Thursdays at 1.30pm**

**GAMES AFTERNOON: Tuesdays at 1.30pm**

**KNIT & NATTER: Wednesdays at 1.30pm (fortnightly)**

**GARDENING CLUB: Please see Noticeboard for details**



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# Newsletter

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*What's on? What's happened? What's YOUR view?*

## A Good Day Out in Cromer by Dennis Apple

We boarded the coach to Cromer on a warm August morning. The driver gave the usual safety talk and Robert reminded people who had not been paying attention that they should only smash the coach windows in the event of an emergency. Soon we were travelling under wide blue skies through the Lincolnshire countryside with its newly harvested cornfields.

We expected to take a comfort stop at one of the many cafes designated for coach parties, but fate took a hand when, due to an accident, we needed to change our route. But, resourceful as ever, Robert discovered a small stopping place that would serve our needs. We did not mind that it was inside a supermarket, but became anxious that it contained only a single toilet. However, in true Mechanics style we formed an orderly queue and resisted the urge to batter the door to make the occupant hurry up. Afterwards, Robert met us back at the coach, checking that nobody was left behind desperately trying to unlock the toilet door.

As the sun continued to shine we arrived in Cromer and after instructions from Robert to arrive back on time we walked down the steep slope from the coach park towards town with its landmark church and noted pier. After crossing the permanent traffic jam weaving through the town centre, we made our way along roads lined with gift shops, cafés and ice-cream parlours where we felt conspicuous mingling with crowds wearing thin T-shirts, sun hats and shorts..

Later, we found ourselves at the old town hall now converted into an Antiques Centre. When Viv told the owner that she collects small ducks, he disappeared, soon returning with three of them. "No charge to you", he said as he gave them to her. "Great place Cromer!", thought Viv as we crossed the road to another antiques shop. Inside she found a beautiful duck for sale which she couldn't resist buying. Walking down zig-zag paths from the cliff tops we arrived at the sandy beach with its gentle waves to see children building sandcastles. Seriously in need of refreshment, we soon found a restaurant high above the beach, where a lift took us up to the top floor with views of the sea. On our return to the coach, Robert counted us aboard to make sure no one had been left behind, and on the drive home a blazing sunset completed the day. We had been well looked after by Robert who, together with our excellent driver, made the Cromer visit a happy occasion despite the number of hold-ups we encountered on the long journey.

Dennis Apple



