Report of the Warm Hub Group to the Parish Council

January 2026

There have been 2 further sessions since our last meeting in November

The December Meeting of the Warm Hub was held on 1st of the month.

29 people came to hear the popular local author, Ivan Bunn, tell the story of Joseph John Adams, a Lowestoft man, who, after starting as a fisherman, went on to travel the globe as a long-distance mariner. This in itself was not unusual, but Joseph kept a diary and detailed the extremes of life at sea, from mundane chores to the most extreme occurrences, such as getting caught up in a Chilean coup, and prospecting for gold. The diaries were hand-written, and Ivan has transcribed them. He and his grandson talked about this process.

The only thing missing was a likeness of Joseph John Adam during his adventures. His dates were 1866-1944, a time when men like him were not often photographed or painted!

Many of us bought the book at cost price. It also contains fabulous appendices This was a very interesting morning. Thanks to those who provided and served the refreshments including Jenny Anderson for her delicious cake.

We met again on January 12th.

The theme on this occasion was Desert Island Discs when people were asked to tell us about one of the first records they had ever bought, why they chose it and whether they still liked it now.

The result was a fascinating selection of 17 pieces of music, ranging in style from heavy metal to rock, music hall, Scottish music and classical music. The back stories were wonderful too.

However, in a break with tradition, instead of playing audio tracks of the chosen music it was decided to project them as YouTube videos on the big screen. This really brought it all to life and it was fascinating to watch live performances by the original artists. It got everyone up on their feet too as we danced along to Tutti Frutti by Little Richard.

It was attended by 31 people and of course, no warm hub would be complete without the usual warm hospitality and the delicious cakes provided by Jenni and Deborah on this occasion.

The next meeting will be held on February 9th when the Green and Environmental Group will do a presentation on helping wildlife in your garden.

Jenny Anderson, Claire Diggins, Julia Griffith, Jenni Livingston, Neil Livingston, Sue Read, Deborah Reid