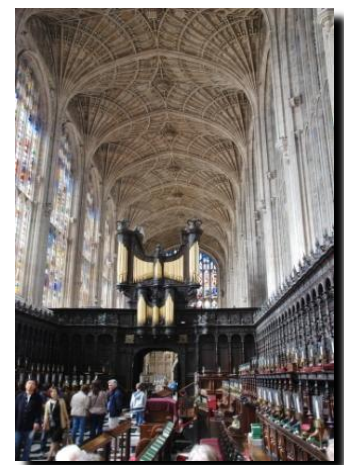


TRIP TO SUFFOLK, 12TH - 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2011



We started off on a wet blustery Monday morning but as we arrived at Sutton Hoo the weather improved and we enjoyed a guided tour round the mounds in the sunshine after visiting the house. The artefacts in the museum were very interesting and the replica of the Saxon King's Helmet showed the skill of the Anglo Saxons. We stayed in The Swan Hotel in Lavenham. The accommodation was extremely good as was the food and everyone enjoyed their stay there very much. Lavenham has strong links with the medieval wool trade and we visited the Guild Hall and local church where we learned more about the history of the town.



Morning was spent in Bury St. Edmunds visiting the Cathedral and the Theatre Royal, which is one of the oldest theatres in the country and also the Greene King Brewery and museum. A visit

was made to Ickworth House and to Long Melford Church where a lunch was provided for us and a concert comprising choral works, guitar and cello were performed by local musicians.



We then spent an afternoon at

Melford Hall which was very interesting and had lovely grounds. Our final visit on the way home was to Cambridge, where we toured Kings College and had an extremely interesting tour of the Hall with a very good guide. Optional visits were made to Kettle's Yard, Fitzwilliam Museum or the Botanical Gardens or, of course, a leisurely punt on the river.



In all, a very enjoyable four days and many thanks to the Social Committee for their hard work.