

## MGA Register

### The East Anglian Meander Update 1

17-19 May 2024

First of all, a very Happy New Year to you all, and to your MGs as well. As I write these words, flakes of snow are coming down and it's zero temperature outside, but don't worry, better times and warmer days will come soon, and hopefully it will be blue skies and wall-to-wall sunshine for our Tour Weekend.

We now have 55 cars booked in for the weekend (including a very nice *Varitone* owned by a member of the Magnette Register), but more are always welcome. If you know of MGA colleagues who have not yet booked, please let them know that they can still join us by clicking here:

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/events-in-2023/spring-tour-may-2024/>

Our base for the weekend – *The Priory Hotel* – in Bury St Edmunds is now fully booked (apart from three single rooms), but Bury is well-provided with hotels and B&Bs, so any late-comers should not be put off. If any advice on places to stay is needed, please email Howard at:

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The wealthy town dates back to the Medieval period, and expanded again in Georgian times, making it a delightful place to explore. Following on from last year's successful *Lancaster City Walking Tour*, we hope to schedule something similar this year..... and you can learn why Bury St Edmunds has a cathedral but is not a city....!



*The filming in Angel Hill, Bury of "The Personal History of David Copperfield"*  
(Photo: Lynne Quayle)

The Tours are almost finalised, and this year, for what I believe is the first time, we have devised three very different days out (so you can choose any two from three, or do something entirely different if you prefer).

More details in forthcoming Updates, but here's some advance information:

- Tour 1: the Stour Valley and Constable Country
- Tour 2: Suffolk Coast "surprises", and don't miss Sutton Hoo and its stunning treasures.
- Tour 3: Military East Anglia... but we'll be ending the day at a National Trust property.

This will provide something for everyone. The Tours will be based on the usual daily mileage, but there's no need to try and do everything. Within a few miles of our Bury St Edmunds base are the grandiose Ickworth House, the National Trust village of Lavenham, Melford Hall (with its little-known Beatrix Potter connections), and the newly (and at great expense) re-opened Thomas Gainsborough's House in Sudbury..... so something for everyone without travelling too far.



*The great Rotunda, Ickworth House. (Photo: Lynne Quayle)*

That's probably enough for now, but for some amusement, we'll have a few bits of quirky Suffolk facts in each edition of these Updates. The first is about picturesque Kersey, so here goes:

1. Did you know that the video launching the Austin Metro in 1980 was shot in Kersey?
2. Did you know that well-known author Hammond Innes lived in Kersey, where he wrote many of his 30 novels, as well as chairing the Parish Council?

More next month. In the meantime, take care.

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