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Review of the NCAS AGM & Lunch, 2022

The word overheard again and again to describe the location and ambiance of the 2022 NCAS AGM last Sunday, 24th July, was “idyllic”. Hunworth Hall, the home of our generous hosts, Henry and Charlotte Crawley, provided the most beautiful backdrop to the speeches and al fresco lunch, followed by a tour of its charming gardens with topiary, kitchen garden, canals and pavilions.



It was one of those hot, hot north Norfolk summer’s days, with burnt grass, buzzing bees, and gentle voices wafting over the lawn, making it completely impossible not to recall that we were precisely back in that country where they did things differently there. In our chapter, happily, all went exactly to plan.

Chair, Chris Mardell, reported on the events of the past year (see under Events – AGM). Charlotte welcomed us and explained with photographic illustrations that the seemingly well-established garden had been created over the last 35 years by themselves and that it took Henry a hundred hours of all his own work every year with his topiary sheers. The guest speaker was James Glennie, who delivered a fascinating talk about the Holt Festival and the current Craxton-Picasso Exhibition, which many members went on to see later that day. If there was one moment of sadness, but more emphatically a chance to applaud and celebrate a wonderful achievement and outstanding contribution, it was the announcement that Robert Short is to stand down as a Trustee on the NCAS Board. Robert was a founder member of NCAS and after his speech, he received a standing ovation. He promises to continue to play an active part as a member and mentor.



A huge thanks to Henry and Charlotte, to the committee and members who provided the most scrummy lunch and erected awnings, and to everyone who came and made the day not only a memorable delight but also helped raise funds for the NCAS charity.

