



**We wish all of our members a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2023**

## **DATES for EVENTS**

### **JANUARY**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Brian Lawrence will talk about the Draining of the Fens.**

### **FEBRUARY**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Tony Stubbs will talk about Lincolnshire's War Memorials.**

In response to the announcement that Michael Gove has been appointed Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Civic Voice hope he will build on what Civic Voice want with Pride of Place and in communities taking care of where they live. High streets need to be places where people can meet and feel happy to be there. Conservation Areas need to be protected and planning authorities can draw on the enthusiasm, knowledge and experience available in Civic Societies and in their volunteers.

The BRM newsletter is being supercharged and will bring the members all the latest news and updates and will share with you the stories and videos of the activities and events with the reawakening of BRM.

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Sybil Cholmondeley portrait and dress (Private collection Norfolk). Grandmother of the present Marquis of Cholmondeley and friend of Charlie Chaplin and Stephen Fry was a remarkable woman and adopted Norfolk heroine. After her marriage she used her inherited fortune to revive Houghton Hall, the Palladian house with a fair claim to be the most beautiful in England, which had been built for our first Prime Minister Sir Robert Walpole but then mothballed for more than a century. In 1922 she wanted to look like a Spanish duchess in a Valazquez painting. So she commissioned an amazing dress from the house of Worth in Paris (the French couturier founded by a very gifted designer from Lincolnshire). She kept the portrait and wore the gown with a wasp like waist to fancy dress parties all her long life.



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