



Wroxham and District  
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## **NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016**

Sincere congratulations and thanks to everyone who put in such a marvellous effort for our **Open Day** on March 12<sup>th</sup>. It was an experiment which is well worth repeating in future years, although considering the rate at which we are growing we may need a bigger hall! 11 new members enrolled on the day, and since then another 7. So – a warm welcome to all the new members, and hopefully you will find your chosen activities in U3A enjoyable and fulfilling,

Our next important occasion is the AGM on April 19<sup>th</sup> at The Hub at 2.30 pm. There will be reports from the Chairman and Treasurer on the year since last April, and election of a new committee. Our thanks go to retiring members Lynne Howard our efficient Secretary, to Tricia Hardy who has in the past served as Treasurer and is always making the tea for us, to Diana Twitchett who is always on the door to greet you and provide practical support. We have received the following nominations: Chairman: John Long, Treasurer Margaret Cobbold (as last year), Committee members: Corrie Mould, Marlene Corke, Maggie Richardson, Bob McKee, Diana Stagg, Mary Long. There is no nomination for a new Secretary, so unless one of the committee members takes it on there is an opportunity to co-opt a volunteer.

**General meetings** In March we heard the tale of William Kemp's dance from London to Norwich in 1599, performed by the duo 'Ancestral Voices', with readings from Kemp's own diary, projections of period pictures, and performance of contemporary music on recorder, lute, guitar and tambourine. Kemp was a comic actor, and had fallen out with Shakespeare because he would not include comedy in Hamlet!

After the business of our April meeting, we will be entertained by two of our members, Ted Doe (cello) and Penny Doe (contralto). Looking ahead to May, on 17<sup>th</sup> our speaker will be John Bryant on "The Life of a Fighter Pilot".

### **Activities**

**Walking:** always on the first Monday morning of the month, ie April 4<sup>th</sup>, which will be around the Stalham area usually 3 - 4 miles Ring Maggie Lomax to let her know if you intend to come and find out the start time and venue. Maggie 01603 783870

**Music:** All are welcome at the home of Brian Keane, Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham on **Weds 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April** from 2.30 – 4.30pm for a feast of varied music, mostly classical. Brian 01603 782774

**Painting for Pleasure** The painters alternate with Music on Wednesday afternoons, and will therefore meet on **Wed April 13<sup>th</sup> and Wed April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2.30 – 4.30pm** at The Hub to tackle whatever they fancy and in whatever medium they like. There is some help available. Bob McKee 01603 783639

**Photographic/Camera Club** Mary Long writes: "The Open Day was a huge success for the group with a great deal of interest shown regarding the photographs. Five new members joined us and we had a good meeting on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March showing our photographs of "Spring Flowers": a big thank you to Penny for opening her garden at short notice. Our next meeting is on **Friday 15 April 2 – 4 pm** in the Hub, when the subject is "Beach and the Sea".

**Eating Out** Our March get together is on **April 1<sup>st</sup>** because of Good Friday (Horning Ferry at 12.30 p m), but usually we meet the last Friday of the month. The April meeting will therefore be on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 pm** at The Green Man in Rackheath. You must let Corrie Mould know at the latest a few days before if you are coming. Corrie 01603 782755

**Evening Dining:** This is a new idea for which 7 people have expressed an interest. I suggest that they meet in a side room while drinking tea after the AGM, and come up with a plan of who is going to arrange and book the venues.

**Bird Watching:** The group was thwarted by the weather last month, so another attempt will be made to go to Titchwell in north west Norfolk on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**, meeting at 9 am at Di's home, which is on the corner of Stalham Road and Horning Road West. Bring some lunch. Since she will not be able to take any meetings in May, she is also suggesting a little bird watching outing on **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April** meeting at her home at 10 am this time. There will therefore be no "Bird Banter" on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. Di Stagg 01603 784214

**French Conversation:** all levels of French speakers are welcome to meet at Bouchon (opposite Hoveton station) every Thursday at 3 pm. Jane Monks 01603 782496

**History Group:** The group now meets on the last Thursday of the month, so it will be **April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm** at the home of Anne den Engelse, 20 The Avenue, Wroxham. New members very welcome. Anne 01603 782121.

**Play Reading:** meets on the first Tuesday of the month, which will be **5<sup>th</sup> April at 2 pm** at the home of Ann Wilson, Carousel, Ashmanhaugh. More men needed! Ann 01603 782293

**Jigsaw Swap:** Janis Heward has jigsaws for people to borrow.01603 721416

**Petanque (boules):** will recommence for the summer on **Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm** using The Hub car park, which makes for exciting bounces, but negotiations are underway to find a smoother surface. Equipment will be provided. Margaret Cobbold 01603 784650

**Book Club** including audio books. Jane Monks is exploring interest, so look out for a notice at our next general meeting, or phone her on 01603 782496

**Chess:** a new group is being set up following an enquiry at our Open Day. So far there are 4 people interested, some beginners, anyone else very welcome to inquire from Philip Hogbin when the first meeting will be, at his home, Rivercroft, Beech Road, Wroxham (at the bottom of a steep hill where the road divides). Philip 01603 782496

**Gardening:** Sadly Judith Jermy has had to give up running the group through ill health. We thank her and wish her well. (She also ran the Art Appreciation group, so perhaps there is someone out there who would resurrect it). 7 people have put their names down for Gardening, and I suggest they also meet in a side room after the AGM on 19th April to agree how to proceed.

Finally, anyone who intends to renew their membership and has not already done so, it is actually due on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Membership Secretary: Marlene Corke, St Peter's Barn, Tunstead Road, Hoveton NR12 8QT

Corrie Mould

Chairman

