



Wroxham and District
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Newsletter for August 2016

SUMMER PARTY.....

Friday August 5th at 6 pm in the garden of Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham. Partners welcome, and if you want alcohol, bring your own drink. Light Buffet, no charge but contributions appreciated.

General meetings

Dr Julia Badger, who is a researcher at Oxford into spatial and verbal reasoning, had us all puzzling over pages of picking out the odd one of four drawings, and also reading a list of words, some with awkward spellings. She explained how her work can help assess children, particularly those who struggle for any reason, and bring them to their full potential, as well as keeping older people, who use their brains in this way, less likely to get Alzheimers. As we say, "Keep Alzheimers at bay – join the U3A"!



There will be no general meeting in August. In September you can use your brain power in listening to Nick Sutton speaking about "The Myths of Equity Release Explained", which could be very useful information.

Activities

Your editor would be so grateful if group leaders could just send me a line before the 20th of the month of outings or anything unusual to their normal routine. Corrie candrm@staitheaway.orangehome.co.uk .

We have welcomed a new member Carol Hodgkiss who is setting up a **Mahjong group**. She has already enlisted 8 learners whom she will teach in 4s, and when they are confident then she can take on more people who can be taught by the first ones. If you are interested you can go on a waiting list – carol_hodgkiss@hotmail.com or 01603 929368

Walking: I believe Maggie Lomax 01603 783870 is not planning a walk in August.

Music: Spend a couple of relaxing hours listening to a selection of mostly classical music at the home of Brian Keane, Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham , on every other Wednesday afternoon

This month **10th and 24th August**. at 2.30pm 01603 782774. Ring before you go in case he is away.

Painting for Pleasure: Happily the leader Bob McKee is feeling better now that his heart has been 'jumped'. At present those who go along paint whatever takes their fancy, and experiment with different kinds of paint. More members would be welcome on **Wednesdays August 3rd, 17th and 31st at The Hub 2.30 – 4.30 pm** Bob 01603 783639

Photographic Club: There is no meeting in August. The next one is on **Friday September 16th at 2 pm the Hub**, when the subject will be "Birds and Getting Technical". All welcome.

Lunch Out: If you get this newsletter in time and want to join us at The White Horse in Neatishead on **Friday 29th July at 12.30**, give Corrie a ring by 27th. 01603 782755. There will be no meeting in August.

Evening Dining: This is a new group which had its first night out in Acle. On 27th July at 7 pm they are having dinner at Reedham Ferry in the conservatory with views of the river. The following outing will be to The White Horse in Upton on **31st August at 7 pm**: it has a good reputation, which can be vouched for by the Lunch Out group! Contact Maggie Flatman 01603 783091

Bird Watching continues in August, with an outing to a sanctuary on **Saturday 6th** meeting outside Di's home at 10 am (by the double roundabout in Hoveton). Two weeks later on **Friday 19th August at 10.30 am** the group meets to talk about birds at Bouchon, opposite the station. Di Stagg 01603 784214

French conversation: meets at Bouchon **every Thursday afternoon at 3 pm**. All levels of French speaking welcome. Jane Monks 01603 782496

History Group: The group had a visit to Mendham Mill in Suffolk to the birthplace of the painter Sir Alfred Munnings on 28th July. They usually meet on the last Thursday of the month at 20, The Avenue, Wroxham. Check with Anne den Engelse to confirm if there is a meeting on **Thursday 25th August at 2 pm**. Anne 01603 782121

Play Reading: The group was immersed in Stephen Poliakoff's play *Blinded by the Sun*, and will meet again at the home of Ann Wilson, Carousel, Ashmanhaugh on **Tuesday 6th September at 2.15pm**. Contact Jane Monks 01603 782496 jane@youatt.co.uk

Petanque: meets on the second Monday of the month at Hoveton Village Hall car park, so it will be **8th August at 2.30pm** You do not need your own set of balls, and are welcome to try it. Margaret and Denis Cobbold, 01603 784650

Chess will start in September. Let Philip Hogbin know if you are interested. 01603 782496

Gardens Group: This summer the new Garden Visits group have been inspired by our visits to a number of gardens, each one with its own personality and points of interest. We started by exploring the gardens of members of the group. We admired Corrie's wonderful tulips and bluebells. The next garden was that of Margaret, a new garden with her favourite alliums in bloom. In June the group came to Penny's garden, also new, but very different to Margaret's.



Some of us visited the moated gardens at Hindringham Hall. We've also been to 4 very different gardens: Marlingford, followed by Blickling Lodge, part of the Blickling Estate.

This was followed by the Black Horse Cottage in Hickling, then Mannington Hall, which had an enormous variety of areas.

On 19th August Clare Norton is opening her wonderful garden at Bird in Hand, Blofield, especially for U3A Wroxham. As she has offered to provide tea and cakes, I need to let her know numbers, so if you would like to join us (and I can recommend her very special garden, (and the plants she has for sale are very reasonable priced!), please let me know by Friday 12th August. My email is edward@teddoe.plus.com . And if you have a lovely garden and would like to welcome the group, please do let me know.

The group doesn't meet on a set day: many of the gardens we visit are only open for one or two days a year. If the group grows a little larger, we may be able to negotiate private visits to other gardens not normally open to the public, but until we can guarantee a good turnout, we are limited to public openings.

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