



Wroxham and District
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General meeting

Our General Meeting was the Christmas party, held at the Hub a week earlier than usual, on the 12th December. There was a good turnout, with plenty of room to move around and follow the various quizzes spread out around the hall. Prizes were awarded to the winning individuals, Margaret, Nicole and Sheila, pictured below.



An excellent buffet was presented, (thanks to the committee members for providing this), and enough for seconds (and take-aways as well).

Members arranged themselves into teams for the table top and oral quizzes, with winning teams receiving prizes. A photographic quiz based on the committee and their interests, passions and obsessions left most people scratching their heads, including the committee themselves. There was no time to present the answers, so it was decided to put the quiz online, with follow-up answers.

Half way through the party, Sue asked those present to vote on whether Wroxham and District U3A should join the Cluster of 4 (Hickling, Aylsham and North Walsham being the other 3), and after a brief discussion, it was decided unanimously to support the proposal. Thank you to other members who had cast their vote earlier.

Many of you have heard that John Long has been most unwell, and was forced to pull out of both the Bijou lunch and the party. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him in the New Year. While compiling this newsletter, I have learned that Corrie has also been summoned to hospital concerning the troubles with her legs! So, the well-wishing extends to her (and Richard), too.

The next General Meeting will be on the **3rd Tuesday of the month, the 16th January**, starting at 2.30. The speaker will be **Peter Lawrence**, whose previous presentations have been both highly entertaining and hugely informative. His talk this time is entitled '*Royal London: the Royal influence on London's development through the ages.*'

Extra News

A splendid total of 35 members met up at lunchtime at **Bijou on the 5th December** for a Christmas lunch. The new French chef presented 3 options of Beef Bourguignon, Chicken a la Crème and Vegetable Risotto. Most people enjoyed a dessert, and many also had a glass of wine. The ambience was perfect and the atmosphere suitably festive. The chef may have struggled to produce 35 meals at the same time (a big ask, certainly), with the result that some meals may not have been as hot as desired, but the general feeling was that the venture was a success.

Activities

Classical Music : Meeting fortnightly, there will be 3 sessions of music appreciation in January: **the 3rd, 17th and 31st**, meeting at Brian's house (Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham), at 1.30. For further details, please contact Brian on 01603 782774.

French Conversation: Whatever your standard, you are welcome to come and chat in French over a drink at Bijou (opposite Hoveton station) **every Thursday afternoon at 3 pm**. Jane Monks 01603 782496.

Bird Banter and Bird Watching The first Bird Banter will be at Bijou on the **5th January at 10.30**. The Bird Watching will be on the **20th January**, and Di has expressed an interest in visiting Cley on this date, but will formalise details nearer the time. The meeting point will be at Di's house at 10am.

Play Reading meets on the first Tuesday of every month, therefore **on January 2nd at 2.30 pm** in Bouchon. New members would be welcome. Jane, 01603 782496.

History Group wishes all its members a very happy Christmas and looks forward to an interesting and stimulating 2018. A reminder that we have a new venue, so our next meeting is at Bijou at 2pm on January 25th when all members are asked to bring an amusing/interesting anecdote from a figure from the past. We have a varied programme planned for 2018, exploring and discovering topics from Pocahontas to Anna Sewell, not forgetting of course the Pastons! New members very welcome, and a big welcome to our new leaders: Brenda Gander (01603 7838788) and Frances Dewis (01603 737110). We thank Ann den Engelse for her stalwart role as History group leader: she has been both inspirational and reliable in this position.

Lunch Out: The Recruiting Sergeant is the chosen venue for this month: the 26th January. Please contact Corrie on 01603 782755 nearer the time to check on the details.

Evening Dining: The next evening dining-out will take place on Thursday 18th January at 6.30pm at The Bridge restaurant, in Wroxham. It is not just a burger-bar but has salmon and steak also. If anyone would like to join us please let me know, Maggi on 01603 783091 asap. Kind regards and a happy and healthy Christmas to all.

Photographic/Camera Club The Photographic Group will restart after the Christmas & New Year holidays on **January 19th 2pm** at The Hub Wroxham. That just remains for me to wish all members of the Photographic Group and the main U3A a blessed and happy Christmas and a good 2018. Thank you all for the kind messages and offers of help since John has been unwell; you will be pleased to know that he is making a good recovery.



*We wish all members
and their families a
very happy Christmas
and best wishes for the
coming year.*