



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Wroxham and District

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General meetings

Paul Bryant - artist



Paul Bryant's initiation into the world of art is a fine example of turning disaster into opportunity! Many years ago, while serving with the RAF in Germany as a ski instructor, he was involved in a collision which broke his arm, and put him out of action. During recovery, he was flicking through the TV channels, and happened to find a programme on Bob Ross, the American artist famous for his 'wet on wet' style of painting, using

a limited palette of oils and fast-strokes with brushes some of which are normally associated with those used in painting and decorating!

Taking inspiration from these, Paul set out to reproduce this style, discovered he was particularly good at it, and has been producing successful pictures ever since. During the afternoon he produced two paintings with the Bob Ross technique, a mountain scene and a picture of poppies. Bob is sometimes known as the Poppy Man.



We watched and listened incredulously as these were painted and came to life before our eyes. He then donated them to the group, to sell or raffle to raise money. Certainly, a very enlightening and interesting afternoon.

Furthermore, he has offered to return and run a one-day session, teaching people how to paint in the 'Bob Ross' style. The cost would be £45 per person for a 5 hour session. If you would be interested in enrolling in this day course (date to be arranged), please contact Maggie Richardson on 01603 736274.

Committee Meeting. The next meeting is on Tuesday 11th July, at 2.00 at the Hub.

Southern Comfort Boat trip

Tickets are on sale at £7.50 for the evening on the Southern Comfort paddle steamer which we have booked for **Friday 14th July from 6 – 9 pm.** Tickets can be bought from John Long or Corrie Mould. Partners and friends who are not U3A members are very welcome. There will be a bar on board, and a buffet will be provided by your committee.



Interest Groups

Activities

Walking: As Maggie Lomax wishes to hand over the organisation of the walking, we hope someone will come forward to take over and organise monthly walks of 3 – 4 miles. Speak to Sue Badger 01603 737572

Classical Music: Come for a relaxing afternoon at Brian Keanes's home at Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham, on **July 5th and 19th.** Brian provides an interesting and varied programme every time with a bit of jazz or oddities thrown in, but he is more than happy to play music brought by others. Brian 01603 782774

Photographic/Camera Club Mary Long writes: " Friday dawned beautiful with some high cloud which was perfect for our group photographing the Cathedral grounds. Seven members spent a very varied and interesting few hours taking something that we were familiar with using different angles and composition, not forgetting chimneys, which is our monthly project. We concluded our visit with light refreshments in the Cathedral Refectory. Some of us were lucky enough to see the male peregrine falcon high up on the steeple.

Our next meeting will again be out – more details to follow. Further details from Mary, 01603 7822254 maryel@btinternet.com

French Conversation is held every **Thursday afternoon at 3 pm** at Bouchon (opposite Hoveton station). All welcome whatever the standard. Jane 01603 782496

Play Reading Group now also meets at Bouchon on the first Tuesday of the month, on **July 4th at 2.30 pm**. Any new readers most welcome. Jane 01603 782496

Lunch Out Our June outing on 30 June is to The Goat Inn at Skeyton. Head off the Coltishall-N Walsham road to Badersfield, and take the third (or fourth) turn right – there is a sign to the inn at the junction. For sat- nav users the postcode is NR10 5DH. All welcome, but you must let Corrie know at the latest 2 days beforehand if you wish to come. In view of our party on the southern Comfort, and people on holiday etc, we will give July a miss and start again in September. Corrie 01603 782755. My email address is candrmould@gmail.com

Bird Watching: This always takes place on the first Saturday of the month. As this is 1st July, ring Di first to confirm. We usually meet outside Di's home beside the double roundabout in Hoveton armed with binoculars, waterproofs etc. She knows so many exciting places to explore and find the bird life. This is then followed two weeks later by "**Bird Banter**" at Bouchon in Hoveton at 10.30 am to talk about all aspects of bird life over a coffee. Di Stagg 01603 784214

History Group meets on the last Thursday of the month. On **Thursday June 29th** there will be a guided walk in Norwich following the trail of the Strangers in Norwich. Meet at the Granary (Hostry at the cathedral) at **10.20** for coffee, and the walk commences at 10.45. On **20th July** there is another guided history walk in Norwich, following the trail of the Paston family. Let Anne know if you are coming. Anne den Engelse 01603 782121

Evening Dining: The June meeting is on **Tuesday 27th at 6.30 at The Butcher's Arms** Ring Nicole 01603 781880. At that event a decision will be made about a meeting in July which can be circulated. (*Ed: apologies for the delay in newsletter distribution, rendering this date alarmingly short notice to those with internet, and unusable for those requiring a stamp.*)

Swimming: The group meets every other Wednesday, alternating with Music, at 2.30 p m when the pool is pretty clear and allows relaxed swimming. School holidays loom, so the only Wednesday left is **12th July 2.30 pm in the Victory Leisure Centre, North Walsham**. But of course people can go any time to keep fit! Cost for seniors is £3.30 Enquiries to Corrie Mould 01603 78275

Petanque 2nd Wednesday in the month, therefore the meeting in July will be on **Wednesday 12th July 2.30 – 4.30 pm** at Hoveton Village Hall car park, on Stalham Road, Hoveton, beyond the double roundabout and next to the Broadland Community Centre. If you are interested in joining us or would like to see what the game is all about before committing, please do come along. Balls can be borrowed. We do not normally stop for refreshment, but bring your own drink if you wish. Margaret and Dennis Cobbold 01603 784650

Gardening: Penny writes “The garden group has not been well attended, so I have decided to make a fresh start, and creating a new list of those who are interested. So please let me have your email and phone number if you want to be notified of garden visits, even if you were part of the group . You can contact Penny on 01603 783552 or preferably pennydoesings@gmail.com

“ In addition: Sutton (near Stalham) have a Gala weekend on Sat 8th and Sun 9th July. This includes 10 gardens open as Open Gardens. £2 programme for map/admission. I find these small gardens can be very inspiring, as they are on a more domestic scale, like most of our own gardens, and often – but not always! - the owners are very knowledgeable. Parking in the Garden Centre car park; free transport around the village provided. I suggest going on the Saturday morning. It opens at 10, which may give time to visit all the gardens before lunch – there again, we may take longer and grab a bite there. There is also archery, flower festival, vintage and classic cars, military vehicles, children’s rides, refreshments, trade stands, raffles, fishing competition and jazz band, although I don’t know if all of these happen every day. There is a dog show on the Sunday. It’s the gardens I’m interested in – if you want to do everything else, obviously it’s up to you.

“If you want to come as part of a group, or you need transport, please let me know asap.”

New Interest Groups. If anyone would like to start a new interest group, please liaise with members of the committee, who would be willing to offer help, advice and support.

There has been no take-up yet on the possibility of a ‘Games Group’, which would include mah-jong, chess, scrabble, whist, bridge, cribbage etc, etc. Please contact Sue if you are interested. Also Brenda Gander has expressed an interest in creating a book group; again, if anyone would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Sue.

Thanks to the group leaders who send me information by 20th month. It would be helpful if other groups could also inform me of any changes or special events, or anything else they would like inserted. Corrie Mould 01603 782755 candrmould@gmail.com