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General meetings

Marko: My life in cartoons.



“Now, here’s a funny thing....” Mark Reynolds, aka Marko, is, above all, a great entertainer. Not only is he a gifted impressionist (not just the voice and mannerisms - his physical resemblance to Stan Laurel is breath-taking!), he combines this with his skill as a cartoonist to be an exceptionally talented and riveting

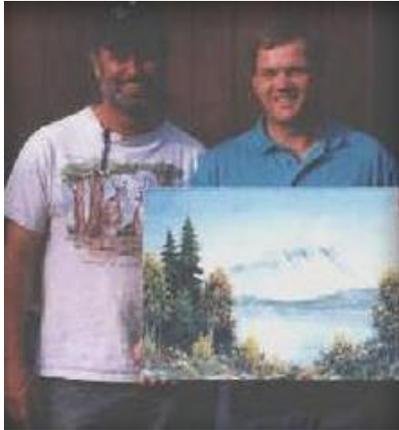
entertainer. From the ‘off’, he immediately drew in his audience by challenging them to recognise which of the 7 dwarfs he was drawing. Not so easy until we realised he was drawing it upside down!

Identifying his stream of impressions kept us at full concentration (Sergeant Bilko.... Eric Morecambe....Groucho Marx.... Norman Wisdom.... Top Cat and the entire gang... Tommy Cooper...

Baldrick.... George Burns and the inimitable Frank Spencer to name but a few). And these were entwined with masterful storytelling, done in cartoon, starting with a basic character and hilariously developing into a narrative through the addition of simple lines or alteration of facial expressions.



With the assistance of Sally – partner, stage-hand, foil – he involved his audience in some basic cartoon techniques: how to ‘humanise’ a cat or a duck and how to draw a puppy’s face, for which there was 100% participation! To paraphrase Groucho Marx: “I’ve had a perfectly wonderful afternoon... and this WAS it!”



The next General Meeting will be on the 20th June, at the Hub, starting at 2.30. Paul Bryant, an artist who paints in the ‘Bob Ross wet-on-wet’ style, will demonstrate this unusual but effective technique.

Parking at General Meetings: Most of you will know now that we have booked the Church Hall next to The Hub for General meetings only to ease the situation with parking at The Hub.

Southern Comfort Boat trip

Tickets are now 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

Walking: Maggie Lomax writes that April was reluctantly the last walk she will organise. She is not available for most of the summer, and hopes that someone else will take over, or several different people will fill the gap on the first Monday morning of the month. Maybe with gardening and other outdoor activities taking over in the summer someone could take it on in September. Any offers to our secretary Sue Badger.

Classical Music: Come for a relaxing afternoon at Brian Keane’s home at Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham, on **June 7th and 21st.** 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

Play Reading Group now meets at Bouchon on the first Tuesday of the month, on **June 6th at 2.30 pm**. Any new readers most welcome. Jane 01603 782496 or Sue on 01603 737572

Photographic/Camera Club Mary Long writes: “ The Photographic Group had a members’ afternoon on Friday 19th May, where we discussed Light and Shade. We shared some helpful advice about Spring, Bishops Bridge, Panoramas and Still Life, concentrating on Flash Fill which gave us some really good shadows. The photographs were of high quality and a few were exceptional, so well done to the members.



Our next meeting **June 16th at 2 pm** will be at the Norwich Anglican Cathedral, concentrating on the grounds and people. Please do feel free to join us on our “Out Days”, but telephone first so the numbers are known. 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

Lunch Out In April we returned to the Brick Kilns, the pink pub on the Plumstead Road, spacious and very good food. The May outing seems doomed to cancellation due to illness and lack of interest. The plan was to meet at the Ferry Inn at Stokeby, but maybe this has proved to be too far to go for most. On **Friday June 30th at 12.30 pm** let us try “The Bell” in Salhouse. All welcome, but you must let Corrie know at the latest 2 days beforehand if you wish to come. 01603 782755. Corrie’s email address has changed to candrmould@gmail.com

Bird Watching: This normally takes place on the first Saturday of the month; but Di has a prior commitment, and has brought the date **forward to Saturday 27th May**. **Strumpshaw Fen** is the chosen venue for this visit. Meet outside Di’s home beside the double roundabout in Hoveton by 10am. Di apologises for the short notice, but would still like to know if you intend to come. “**Bird Banter**”

will also be on a different day: **Friday 30th June at 10.30** at Bouchon in Hoveton to talk about all aspects of bird life over a coffee.

Di wants to change the Bird Watching date for July as well: Saturday 15th July, visiting Pigney's Wood. Di Stagg 01603 784214

History Group meets on the last Thursday of the month.

On **Thursday 25th May** Mary Freeman (01603 784749) organised a trip to the Alfred Munnings Gallery at Dedham, for an introductory tour, and a stroll around the many rooms, all beautifully displaying his paintings.

13 members of the U3A travelled down to Dedham in Essex to visit the Munnings Museum, formerly Castle House, which Munnings bought when he was 41 and lived in until his death in 1959. Castle House was turned into a museum shortly after, and is curated by the Castle House Trust.



The museum holds over 350 of his paintings, sketches and sculptures, including the new exhibition 'Munnings and the River', which explores his artistic and literary responses to the rivers on which many of his years were spent.

A good lunch was obtained from the on-site Garden Café, which stands separately from the museum, and is adjacent to his working studio, complete with his tools and supporting artefacts. Many thanks to Mary for organising this excellent visit.

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. Let Ann know if you are coming. Ann den Engelse 01603 782121

Evening Dining: The next evening out will be on **Tuesday 27th June at 6.30 at The Butcher's Arms, East Ruston.** All are welcome, but do ring Nicole Rufford in good time if you wish to come. Nicole 01603 781880

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. It would not be advisable to go on May 31st which is half term. Our next swims will be on **Wed 14th and Wed 28th June 2.30 pm in the Victory Leisure Centre, North Walsham.** Enquiries to Corrie Mould 01603 782755

Mah-jong and Chess . These 2 interest groups are stopping for the foreseeable future, through general lack of interest and erratic attendance. Carol and Sue will be exploring the possibility of creating a 'Games' group, in which Mah-jong and chess will be included, along with scrabble, cribbage and bridge. For this to work effectively, it would be desirable if about 20 members attend. If anyone is interested, or can offer ideas, please contact Sue on 01603 737572 or susanbadger49@btinternet.com.

Petanque 2nd Wednesday in the month, therefore the meeting in May will be will be on **Wednesday 14th June, 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: There was a visit to Witton Hall on the 1st May; the bluebell woods were spectacular, and the cakes were delicious!



On **Saturday June 17th** there are open gardens in Poringland. Penny writes "if you would like to join us for this visit please let me know, also if you are able to offer space in a car or need transport." Penny 01603 783552 or edward@teddoe.plus.com.

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