



Wroxham and District  
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## Newsletter for June 2018

Our meeting was opened at 2.40pm by Mary Long, who welcomed our speaker Dr Rob Knee, an expert on the Paston family in Norfolk (not Passion as Mary said to begin with) He arrived at the lectern dressed in the costume of a wealthy man from the 16th century. He was he said Edward Paston born in 1550 with a passion for music.

He then proceeded to give us a very interesting talk on life as a catholic in an increasingly Protestant country and how dangerous it could be . When he succeeded his father in 1576 he decided to build a house at Binham which was a safer place than Thorpe or Blofield, but the builders refused to carry on and they were worried about the hauntings around the Old Priory. In the late 1590s he built Appleton Hall where it was safer for the catholics and he was generally left in peace apart from the occasional search by the Protestants looking for hidden priests. The family built a Grammar School in North Walsham ,where much of the town had burnt down, and strictly educated the boys there. As we were told you had to take great care if you were a Catholic at this time.



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A very interesting talk. Thank you. Dr Knee was thanked by a member of the audience and we all had a break for tea.

Mary then returned to the front and informed members of the various group meetings for the next few weeks, including the History Group on May 31st at Bijou 2.00pm.



History Group members



The June meeting will be on Thursday 28th at Bijou 2pm. Visitors and new members very welcome. For details please ring Brenda 01603 738140 or Frances 01603 737110.

**Photography:** “A Beautiful afternoon was had by the group in May.” We started at The Hub discussing the project of Street Photography. There were some really original ideas and interesting pictures were taken at different times of day on the street where you live. It has given us all food for thought when we are out and about. The box of toffees was given to Sue Cobb for the most original ideas. The project for June is Creepy Crawlies and all things great and small. We discussed the many ways of taking photos on macro settings using inverted lens to show how you can get really close photographs and count the hairs on a fly. We then had tea and thank you to Jan for some divine cookies! Afterwards we went down to the riverside in Wroxham and hunted for creepy crawlies and all things great and small. It was great fun and has given us all something to think about.

While there I took this photo not creepy mind you.

The next meeting will be on the third Friday **June 15th at 2pm.** We will be meeting at Cart Gap and hopefully going around the Lifeboat Station.



Should this change the group will be notified by email. If you would like to come please let Mary know by email and we be very pleased to see you.

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**French conversation Table:** weekly on Thursdays 15.00 to 16.30 at Bijou Wine Bar (opposite Wroxham Station)

We have a regular core of about 6 with others dropping in and out. We are comfortable with people who come and mainly listen while they gain confidence.

We encourage everyone to prepare a few words on a subject of their own choosing. I might just be a question of vocabulary, or you could bring a photo or an interesting object. If you give me your email address I can let you know of changes and I occasionally forward a snippet I have found on line. If I can't be there the regulars meet anyway. I don't teach as such, but give advice, help with vocabulary and suggest on-line learning methods such as *Duolingo*, which is free for those who want to improve their French. *Venez nous rejoindre, vous serez les bienvenus(e)s.* Jane Monks 01603 782496

**Classical Music:** meets fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon, that is **June 6th and 20th at 2.30pm** at Brian Keane's home, Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham. Brian continues to surprise with the extent of his varied music library, slipping in a non classical one occasionally. Sometimes he asks members to prepare a programme, and we realise how much work there is involved! There is no better way of enjoying a relaxing afternoon—tea and cake supplied! All welcome Brian 01603 782774.

**Bird Watching and Banter:** We were very sad to hear of the sudden death of John Watson, a keen birder and send sympathy to his wife Jean.

As our leader is still away at the moment and we do not know when she is coming back, activities are on hold. However, no doubt she will send messages around when she is ready to continue. A family of 15 baby goslings were spotted down at Wroxham Broad, and there is plenty to look out for.

**Lunch Out:** The delayed April meeting on 4th May at The New Forge was a very pleasant occasion though we were warned when we arrived the chef was at the doctor's surgery! However we did not have to wait long. Our May meeting is to be held on **25th May at 12:30 pm** at the Kitchen Garden Hoveton Hall. The gardens are open and should be lovely at this time of year.

**Friday 29th June at 12.30** we will meet at Vera's Cafe in Meale's Nursery by Wayford Bridge, where they do a good varied lunch. Do be sure Corrie Mould knows you are coming so that she can book. Corrie [candrmould@gmail.com](mailto:candrmould@gmail.com) 01603 782755.

**Evening Dining:** The next evening out will be on **Wednesday 20th June, 6.30pm** at the Bridge Inn, Acle All are welcome if they first let Maggi Flatman know they would like to come Maggi 01603 783091



Apologies from Jan these photos should have been in last months newsletter and I forgot!

**Poetry/Play reading:** The Play Reading Group has had increasing difficulty getting suitable play sets so, until further notice, we will continue as a poetry reading group and will welcome new members. At the first meeting those present may bring a poem that they would like to read aloud to share with the group and also be ready to discuss what shape future meetings could take.

**Date: Tuesday 5th June at 2.00pm and the first Tuesday of the month thereafter.**

The venue is The Horse and Groom in Tunstead (note the change). Jane Monks

[jane@youatt.co.uk](mailto:jane@youatt.co.uk) 01603 782496.

The Play Reading Group has acquired a Norfolk Library card in the name of Wroxham U3A. Jane Monks holds it now and it is available to any group which wants to use it.

**More groups are needed. What about rekindling the Walking Group or the Gardening Group or the Art Appreciation Group.....or something we have not tried yet that you are interested in. All we need is someone with the time and energy to organise one, or at least share in the organisation.**

Speak to Corrie Mould and we will see what we can do.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

The Summer Party has been booked for Friday 13th July at the Home of the Keanes Beech Road Wroxham. Thank you to them for their generosity.

More details next month.

Kensington Palace Gardens the visit has been arranged for July 11th and we still need a few more people. Contact John Long 01603 722254 for information.

Open Day we are arranging an Open Day for Tuesday 18th September 11.00 till 3.00 any ideas to the Committee please [janbarrington1@sky.com](mailto:janbarrington1@sky.com)

Mary Long is offering a short course during July on Communication in Acquired Hearing Loss. If you are interested please contact Mary 01603 722254  
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Last but by no means least the good news is we have found a new Treasurer Thank you to Keith Roe for stepping up to this role. The U3A is very grateful.

**NEXT MEETING AT THE HUB ON JUNE 19TH AT 2:30PM**