



Wroxham and District  
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## Newsletter for March 2018

### General Meeting

This month we were entertained by the Chanter's Jigge, a fascinating musical duo specialising in traditional folk music, playing and singing with ancient, traditional and modern instruments. The duo, husband and wife team Malcolm and Elizabeth Ecclestone, presented a wide range of musical pieces, some dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and some more recognisable Morris dance jigs and jollies.

Among the instruments presented, they performed on the accordion, hurdy-gurdy, crumhorn, shawm, curtal, saxophone, keyboard, guitar, ukulele, bagpipes and a range of recorders and small whistles. (Though not all at the same time!) Clearly extremely talented, they were also very personable, with Malcolm meandering off onto amusing anecdote, and Elizabeth gently bringing him back!

We were encouraged to sing along, clap along and partake of the dance floor, though the latter was respectfully declined. One can imagine a tremendous ceilidh evening, cavorting to Chanter's Jigge!



In March you are invited to listen to a presentation by Marta Welner, on 'Supporting health with foods, herbs, minerals and cell salts'. This will be on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2.30.

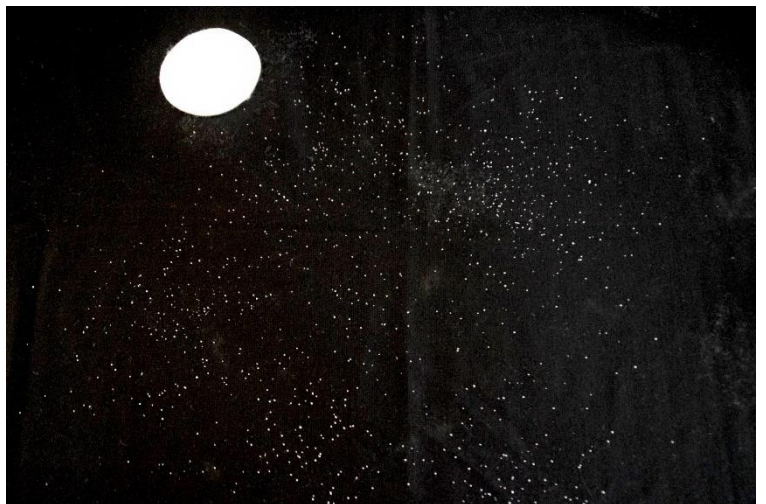
## Activities

**History** On Jan 25th 10 members of the history group met at Bijou, their new venue. The topic was to bring interesting/amusing anecdotes about any historical figure, and the afternoon was highly enjoyable as everyone participated and the anecdotes were interesting and diverse, ranging from exploding bodies (King William) to the purchase of Manhattan Island!

On 22nd February the group was made very welcome at Bijou, and outings were discussed. Arrangements were made for an outing on **25th March** to the Time and Tide museum in Great Yarmouth; also a tour has been booked to visit The Great Hospital in Norwich on **4th April**. Ted Doe gave a talk on the History of Coffee Houses as they developed and opened society. Thank you Ted.

Our regular meeting in April will be at Bijou on **Thursday 26th April at 2 pm**, visitors and new members are very welcome. Brenda and Frances. 01603 738140 and 01603 747110.

**Photography** Six of us met on Friday 16th February when we had a good discussion on Still Life with a Difference. There are some very talented photographers in our group. Helpful advice was given regarding grey scale. We discussed how to photograph Sky and Clouds, which is our monthly project, with some practical photography implementing a black background, cotton wool and sugar.



We will meet next at the Hub on **Friday 16th March** at 2 pm before going to Wroxham Broad to take photographs of Reflections. Mary Long 01603 722254

**French conversation** All are welcome the come to Bijou (opposite Hoveton station) to enjoy chattering in French, whatever the standard, **every Thursday afternoon at 3 pm**. Jane Monks 01603 782496.

**Classical Music** and other sorts presented by Brian Keane at his home, Prior thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham on Wednesdays **14th and 28th March at 2.30 pm**. Brian Keane 01603 782774

**Bird Banter and Bird Watching** Birds are beginning to pair up and build nests, and there is plenty to talk about at Bijou on **2nd March at 10.30 am** over a cup of coffee, benefitting from Di's vast knowledge. The outings have been affected by illness and the weather, and it remains to be seen where we go for the monthly outing on **17th March, meeting at Di's at 10.30 am** by the double roundabout in Hoveton. We car share so that need not be a problem. Di Stagg 01603 784214

**Play Reading** the first Tuesday day of every month, therefore **6th March at 2.00 pm**, in Bijou New members are always welcome. Jane Monks 782496

**Lunch Out** Always on the last Friday of the month all are welcome to come to join the group going to the "Cross Keys" pub in Dilham for lunch on **Friday 30th March at 12.30 pm**, if you let Corrie know by 21st that you are coming. Corrie 01603 782755 [candrmould@gmail.com](mailto:candrmould@gmail.com)

**Evening Dining** The outing in March will be to "The White Horse" in Crostwick on **Thursday 22nd March at 6.30 pm**. All U3A members are welcome if you let Maggie Flatman know a couple of days beforehand. on 01603 783091.

Dear members, more group activities are needed, we have lost several through leaders retiring or moving on. If you have a skill or interest you could share with others, please let Corrie Mould know and she will help to set up a group. For instance, it would be great if we could get the Walking and the Gardening groups going again now that we have the summer to look forward to, or anything else that you can think of.

Don't forget also that we have an agreement with near neighbouring U3As that we can go and join their activities for a few times before we have to pay a sub there (probably about £10). Check the relevant U3A website for details about all their groups, and please contact the Interest Group leader first before going.

Please can we remind you that the AGM will be in April, and that 2 members of the committee are standing down, leaving Officer vacancies: specifically the Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary. If you would like to volunteer for any of these positions – they are not arduous – please contact any of the committee members.

