



Wroxham and District
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Newsletter for November 2016



“Third Age Matters” Did you all see our page 3 girls in the “Sources” Gardening supplement last month? Well done Sue for dreaming up an original article that got Wroxham and District U3A in the limelight. She has other ideas, so watch out for them!

Norfolk Network It is a shame that only 40 people applied to go to the special day at Garveston on 26th October when they needed at least 60. However, we will have one of the speakers, Peter Lawrence, coming to us for our January meeting, talking about a social view of policing from the Krays to the Crown.

General meetings

The October speaker was **Mary Freeman** who gave a warm and personal account of her childhood growing up in Mendham, a small Suffolk village separated from Norfolk by the River Waveney. What distinguished her childhood from the norm was her association with the Munnings family – and their famous son Alfred, equine artist, a colourful character and outspoken critic of the modern artists such as Picasso.



She described Alfred’s early years, and how his love of horses combined with his innate artistic ability developed to define his genre. His flamboyant personality and easy charm allowed him to mix equally with the gypsies at Bungay Horse Fair, and later with society aristocrats who commissioned his work. Alfred was a prolific painter and his works can be found in many countries and many museums and galleries. Mary was clearly proud of her Munnings association and retains strong affection for her beloved Mendham.

For a full account of Mary’s memories, see the website www.u3awroxham.co.uk

On November 15th we welcome **Liz Scott** who will tell us about the living history of Blickling Hall.

Make a note in your diary for Tuesday December 6th when Wroxham U3A holds its **Christmas Party!** We promise you **MUSIC, GAMES, LAUGHTER AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION!**

Activities

Swimming started well at the Victory Pool in North Walsham, with enthusiasts able to swim lengths with very few other people around. However, the second week we were confronted with a pool full of families on half term holiday, and we went home again. Now, having armed myself with school holiday dates, and noted other U3A activities that sometimes clash on a Tuesday, I suggest the following dates: **Monday 31st October at 2.15** and after that **every other Wednesday**, alternating with music, so that will be **9 Nov, 23 Nov, 7 Dec**. The pool should be pretty clear from 2.30 – 3.30 pm. All abilities welcome, advice given if needed! Corrie Mould 01603 782755

Walking The November walk will begin at Horning village Hall car park on **Monday 7th at 10.00 am**. It is about 4 miles, mostly country roads. Please ring Maggie Lomax on 01603 783870 if you intend to come.

Music Come along and listen for a few hours to a mixture of music at the home of Brian Keane, Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham on **Nov 2nd, 16th and 30th at 2.30 – 4.30 pm**. Brian 01603 782774.

Mahjong Carol Hodgkiss is instructing a group. If you are interested in learning contact her on 01603 929368

Photographic/Camera Club Mary Long writes “At the October meeting we had a fascinating practical session with Sue Badger who showed the group how to paint with light.

Our November meeting will be on **Friday 18th Nov 2 pm – 4 pm** at The Hub, Wroxham. Please bring your photos of “Street Photography” with you as well as cameras, tripods and manuals.



When nature gives us some good colours I will organise a trip out to either Rosary Cemetery or Bellingham Hall, and will contact all members prior to that outing”. Mary Long 01603 722254

Lunch Out The weather was lovely for the lunch out at “The Pleasure Boat” at Hickling on the last day of September. The next one is on **Friday 28th October , 12.30** at The Maltsters, Ranworth. This coming month we will meet on **Friday 25th November at 12.30** at “The Fur and Feather”, Woodbastwick. You must let Corrie know if you are coming so that she can book numbers. 01603 782755 or candrm@staithehome.co.uk

Evening Dining met at the “Green Man” Rackheath on October 26th. In November they will meet at the “Brick Kilns” (the pink pub) on the Plumstead Road on **Wednesday 30th November at 6.30 pm**. Sign up at the general meeting or let Maggie Flatman know that you wish to come. 01603

Chess Club Held **every Monday at 10.am** the club is ostensibly for fledgling players, although the majority are reasonably knowledgeable in the mechanics of the pieces’ moves, but lack basic experience in strategy, planning and ideas.

The programme has focused on the pieces individually, looking at their relative strengths and weaknesses, and how they are best used in different situations. The programme will now continue with fortnightly sessions. The club is held at Sue Badger’s house; anyone wishing to join can contact her on 01603 737572

Bird Watching Di Stagg leads expeditions to bird sanctuaries on the first Saturday morning of the month, usually leaving her home by the double roundabout at 10.00am. Let her know if you wish to come on **5th November**. Di Stagg 01603 784214

Bird Banter is a meeting over a coffee on the **3rd Friday of the month at 10.30 am** in Bijou (opposite the station) to talk about birds’ lives and habits, assisted by laptop and books with Di. All welcome.

French Conversation French speakers of all levels are welcome to come to Bijou **every Thursday at 3 pm**. Contact Jane Monks on 01603 782496

History Group is now meeting at The Hub on the last Thursday of the month, namely **Thursday 24th November at 2 pm**. New members very welcome. Anne den Engelse 01603 782121

Play Reading meets the first Tuesday of the month, which is **1st November at 2 pm** at the home of Ann Wilson, Carousel, Ashmanhaugh. Contact Jane Monks 01603 782496

Petanque (Boules) has stopped for the winter

Garden visits are also on hold for the winter. There is probably plenty to do in our own gardens!

Please let Corrie Mould have your information for the December Newsletter by 20th November. candrm@staittheway.orangehome.co.uk