



Wroxham and District
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Newsletter for October 2016

Norfolk U3A Network is holding a day with speakers at Garveston Village Hall (NR9 4AD) on **Wednesday 26th October** from 10.30 am – 3.30pm, cost £12 including lunch. There will be speakers on East Anglian Families of Influence, Tips on Speaking in Public, and Peter Lawrence on “This Policeman’s Lot”. If you wish to go, you must send a cheque made out to Wroxham and District U3A to our Chairman John Long at Conifers, 63 Salhouse Road, Rackheath before October 12th. They need 60 people minimum for it to happen. Car sharing could be arranged.

General Meetings

September’s speaker was Dr Tom Moore who flew with the East Anglian Air Ambulance for many years, having formerly trained in anaesthetics in London, before practising as a GP in Hampshire. His early medical training proved invaluable while with the Air Ambulance, for the partnership of paramedic and anaesthetist, plus a rapid arrival at the incident scene, was the key to success. With the new EC145 helicopters, which has night flying capabilities, survival rates have significantly improved.



The cost of the service, not funded by the government, is approximately £10 million a year, but comes down to about £3 per person per annum. Most of the funding comes from the Air Ambulance lottery, which can be accessed online (www.eaaa.org.uk). 85% of all funds raised go into the operational side.

Dr Moore’s talk, packed with a mixture of facts, descriptions (not too lurid) and anecdotes, was both informative and riveting.

October’s speaker will be Mary Freeman, who has family connections with the renowned artist Alfred Munnings of Suffolk, and will be giving a presentation of his life and work. If you are willing to display a poster advertising this event, please contact Maggie Richardson on 01603 736274.

Activities

Some come and some go: **The Painting for Pleasure** group has ceased for the time being until there are likely to be more participants- at present the numbers do not justify the cost of The Hub.

On the other hand, Corrie Mould has suggested a **Swimming Group**, and so far 8 people have indicated an interest. The best venue for us seems to be the Victory pool just off Station Rd in North Walsham and the best time between school classes and schools coming out. Let us try the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 2.15 pm, starting on 11th October. Corrie 01603 782755

'All Together Now!' Sue Badger and Penny Doe want to hear from anyone who used to play (and still owns) a musical instrument, with a view to forming an **ensemble**. Any level of expertise (word applied lightly) welcomed! Please contact Sue on 01603 737572.

Walking 6 of us enjoyed a walk round Horning and Crostwight in September, fortified by plentiful blackberries. The **October walk on the 5th** will start at 10 am from Horstead church, up from the Recruiting Sergeant, about 4 miles along the River Bure. The river path may be muddy! Please let me know if you are coming by email, or phone 01603 783870. Maggie Lomax
margaret.lomax2@btinternet.com



Music: Brian Keane's music afternoons are proving very popular with up to 12 people enjoying listening to his mixed programmes of recordings at his home, Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham. Dates this month are **Wed 5th and Wed 19th at 2.30 pm**. Brian 01603 782774

Mahjong: Carol Hodgkiss is instructing the first batch of people. If you wish to go on the waiting list, give her a ring on 01603 929368.

Photography/Camera Club: The Photography group started a new year on September 16th with ten members, and we discussed and showed our photographs of "Water Drop Art" and "Birds". (*Featured are Egyptian goslings at Horning by Sue Badger and Jay by Sue Eyre.*)



We then had a short talk on Exposure, Aperture and Shutter Speed, followed by a practical session in the rain. Our October meeting on **21st October at 2 pm** will depend on how Autumn progresses, and I will let everyone know by email if we are going to the Rosary Cemetery. Please check with me first if you want to go on 01603 722254. Mary Long maryel@btinternet.com

Lunch Out: 11 names so far for Lunch Out on **Friday 30th Sept** at The Pleasure Boat, Hickling, at 12.30 pm. You must let Corrie know by 28th if anyone else wishes to come. On **Friday October 28th** we will try The Maltsters at Ranworth at 12.30 and again please let her know 2 days before. Corrie 01603 782755

Bird Watching: Di Stagg is unable to do 1st October as would be expected, so it will be **Saturday 8th October instead** meeting at her home by the double roundabout at 9 am to go to the Hawk and Owl Trust at Felthorpe. If the weather is nice and there is time, the group may move on to Pensthorpe near Fakenham. Let her know if you are coming and don't forget binoculars and waterproofs!

Bird Banter will take place at Bijou, the delicatessen opposite the station on **Friday 14th at 10.30 am**. Di Stagg 01603 784214

French conversation: all are welcome at whatever level of ability at Bijou to chat about this and that led by Jane Monks, 01603 782496

History Group: The group meets on the last Thursday of the month, and is moving its venue to **The Hub**. The October meeting will therefore be on **Thursday 27th October at 2 pm at The Hub** and more members would be very welcome. Anne den Engelse 01603 782121.

Play Reading: meets the first Tuesday of the month, which is **4th October at 2 pm** at the home of Ann Wilson, Carousel, Ashmanhaugh,. This month we began the classic play *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. Contact Jane Monks, 01603 782496.

Petanque/Boules has stopped for the winter.

Chess: has got off to a good start and has moved to Sue Badger's home, Hawthorn Cottage, Market Street, Tunstead, **every Monday morning at 10 am**. Sue 01603 737572.

Garden visits: Thursday 8th September members visited the Bishops garden and the Bear Shop garden in Elm Hill.



This garden is considered to be based on a design by Gertrude Jekyll. It is a small terraced garden tucked away behind the Bear Shop, and though small it is perfectly formed.

On Saturday 24th September a few of the group indulged themselves at the Plant Fair in the Holkham Hall walled garden – a sumptuous event with over 20 nurseries and garden accessory stalls represented. We went in with money and came out laden with bags containing bulbs, shrubs and

ornaments. Winter garden visits will be considered. Contact Penny on 01603 783552 or edward@teddoe.plus.com