



Wroxham and District
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Newsletter for May 2018

U3A General meeting 17th April

Following the AGM we were all thoroughly fascinated by the stories behind Nursery Rhymes explained to us by Carolyn Williams, who encouraged participation from her audience, she likes to have something to investigate when she goes home!. Most nursery rhymes were not originally intended for children but passed down by adults to adults to enable them to express their feelings disguised in such a way as to keep them safe. Mostly views against the government or Royalty for which there were severe punishments.

They were handed down by word of mouth in the 15th and 16th century, written down in “chat books” (leaflets of 4-6 pages) in the late 1700s. A market for the written word was discovered when most people could read and there was no tax on printing anymore.

In Victorian times they were written down in books with coloured pages and became known as nursery rhymes.

In the 20th century there has been a lot of research into their history.

Carolyn went on to explain the meanings behind some of the well known rhymes which we all found fascinating and opened up many discussions.

All in all a wonderful talk which we all agreed could have been a lot longer. Please come again

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Activities



The **History Group** meets on the last Thursday of every month at Bijou, which will be **Thursday 31 May at 2 pm**. Visitors and new members very welcome. Since no further details have been supplied for this newsletter, please ring Brenda 01603 738140 or Frances 01603 747100 for further details.

Photography Mary Long writes: On Friday April 20th we started off at The Hub, where we discussed and showed our photos of Reflections. We had some really good ones and some took a long while to get the right way up! We then went to Wroxham and started on our next month's project which is Street Photography. We had lots of fun and caused a slight stir when a gentleman thought he would be on the television that evening! We found some parts of Wroxham that were unknown to us, and we finished at Number 14, a really nice cafe, with tea and cake.

French conversation meets at Bijou Wine Bar, Horning Road West, weekly on **Thursdays 15.00 – 16.30**. All standards of French are welcome or you need not say anything at all, just listen. Bring a photo or an interesting article to talk about which helps. Jane Monks 01603 782496

Classical Music All are welcome to Brian Keane's home Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham on alternate Wednesdays to listen to a variety of music. Brian is now encouraging those participating to bring their own programme occasionally. Keith Roe presented a very interesting one last time, which included a didgeridoo recording accompanied by some weird aboriginal sounds! The May dates are **9th and 23d May at 2.30 pm**. Brian 01603_782774

Bird Watching and Bird Banter will be on hold for the time being while Di is away. However, keep watching at this busy bird time, and keep feeding them.

Lunch Out Ten of us thoroughly enjoyed a lunch at The Crosskeys in Dilham in March. The planned meeting on 27th April has now moved to **Friday 4th May at 12.30 pm** when we are venturing a bit further afield to The New Forge on the A140 just before Aylsham (used to be called The Greens) NR11 6UD. The May meeting on **Friday 25th May at 12.30 pm** will be at Hoveton Hall gardens. It should be a perfect time to explore the gardens too, azaleas, woodland, and a water garden.

Evening Dining Thirteen people attended the April outing to the Cafe Britannia. If you have not been there before, it has splendid views over Norwich, and the waiters are all low category prisoners and give a very friendly service. They do not accept tips, but there is a donation box which at the request of the prisoners goes to Victim Support.

The next outing will be to "Vera's" at Meales nursery near Wayford Bridge on **18th May at 6.30 pm**. Please let Nicole know in good time if you are coming. 01603 781880

Play Reading meets at Bijou/Bouchon on the first Tuesday of every month, that is **1st May at 2.00 pm**. Everyone welcome. Jane Monks782496

Would anyone who has not done so yet please fill in the membership renewal and forward it to Jan (janbarrington1@sky.com) and either send a cheque to me at 3 Finch Way Brundall Norwich NR13 5NB or pay at the next general meeting. Thank you.

Our next meeting is on May 15th at the Hub with the speaker Dr Rob Knee.