

From the Chairman

2018 and fast approaching the end of my first year as chairman. One of the fantastic things about being chair of this organisation is that thanks to the tremendous effort put in by so many people things seem to run almost seamlessly. There are times though when it is a bit like the proverbial duck paddling like mad below the water line.

We had a great Christmas lunch in December with thanks to all those who made it happen. Our in-house photographer, Julian, caught me at the sink and has posted a picture proving that if I don't get my hands dirty I do at least occasionally get them wet.

We now have almost 400 members. Groups come and go and there is plenty of choice. If you are not currently in a group or are on the waiting list for one do please let me know. We'll see what we can do to further your interest. There are some new groups so take a look at the website for information. (at the time of writing there is a problem with the website but hopefully soon resolved.)

I highlight one or two new groups. Discovering Norwich is now up and running again. If this is of interest please let Lorna know as soon as possible. Also Travelling Adventures which meets on the second Monday of the month. This month there will be a presentation on trekking the Himalayas to K2.

Details of trips and holidays for 2018 are available. Some of these can be booked up very quickly so don't delay in registering your interest to avoid disappointment.

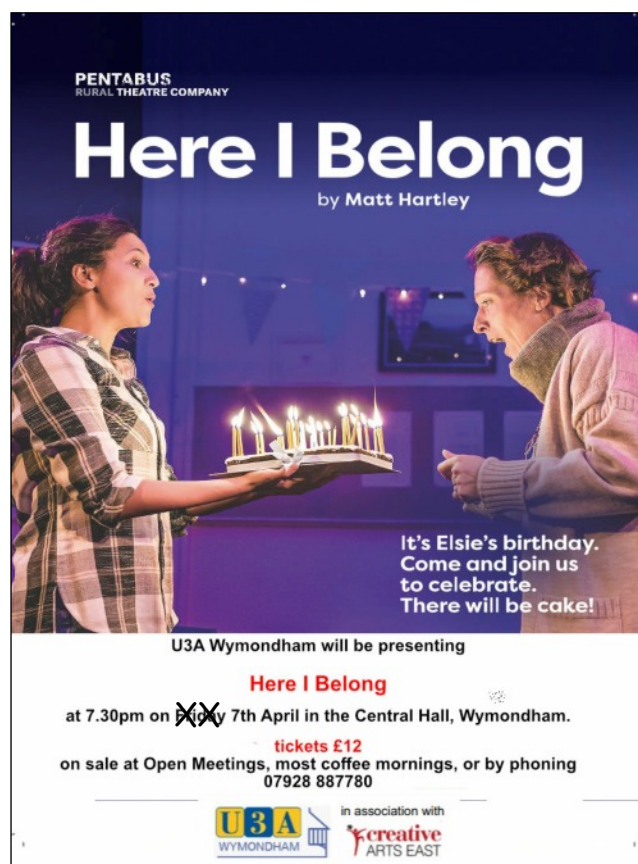
We look forward to 2018 with confidence for another successful year for U3A Wymondham. I hope you all had a good Christmas and may I wish you every blessing for 2018.



John Hooper



some members of the Christmas lunch serving team



PENTABUS
RURAL THEATRE COMPANY

Here I Belong

by Matt Hartley

It's Elsie's birthday. Come and join us to celebrate. There will be cake!

U3A Wymondham will be presenting

Here I Belong

at 7.30pm on ~~Friday~~ **Saturday** 7th April in the Central Hall, Wymondham.

tickets £12

on sale at Open Meetings, most coffee mornings, or by phoning 07928 887780

U3A WYMONDHAM in association with **creative ARTS EAST**

Correct date Saturday 7th April

Social Team

From 7 December onwards bookings and payments will be taken at Open Meetings and at most coffee mornings.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

John Dollimore

Events

Fri 9 Feb, St Georges Distillery, Roudham, lunch and tour, £20/£25
Sat 24 Feb, Gala Evening, £15

Holidays

May 20-25, Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie, Scotland, £350/person, single room supplement £40, deposit £50
July 2-8, Ashford International Hotel, Kent, £525/person, single room supplement £150, deposit £50
Aug 19-24, The Parsonage Hotel, Escrick, Yorkshire, £470/person, single room supplement £75, deposit £50

Speakers booked for 2018

Jan 4 - Kemp's Jig - Sarah Doig and Tony Scheuregger

Feb 1 - Storm Chasing - Chris Bell

March 1 - AGM + Medieval Graffiti, the lost voices of English Churches - Matt Champion

April 5 - People Power, the History of Portraiture - Tania Harrington

May 3 - Getting to know Garden Birds, the work of the British Trust for Ornithology - Claire Boothby

June 7 - The Prince's Trust - Tom Browne

July 5 - Norwich Castle Keep, rebuilding for the Twenty First Century - Dr Tim Pestell

Aug 2 - Climate Change, a real but solvable problem - Richard Black

Sept 6 - the History of Policing in Norfolk, Peter Billingham

Oct 4 - Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies - Martin Lloyd

Nov 1 - Julian of Norwich and Margery, two medieval mystics - Georgette Vale

Dec 6 - Education for Disabled children, what an outrageous idea! - Anna Cottrell

News from the Groups

Lorna, Groups Co-ordinator, will be at most Coffee Mornings.

Would any one be interested in a 'Beginner's Digital Photography Group'? If so please contact Lorna or email her (lorna.gplead16@yahoo.co.uk).

Theatre Group 2

Hi - I'm the group leader for this group. We are a mixed bunch with varied tastes but being in a group always means that you can find at least one like-minded person to accompany you to a show. Over the past year we've visited the Theatre Royal, Maddermarket, Sewell Barn and Great Hall Players at the Assembly House. A visit in January always finds some of us attending the Hethersett Panto which we really enjoy and we always support the Wymondham Players productions and various other amateur theatre productions. Unfortunately, we are full at the moment, but please speak to Lorna if you'd like to put your name on the waiting list. Alternatively, if you're interested in running a theatre group yourself, I can always help to set one up and hopefully guide you in the right direction

Brenda Guardi

Members who have joined in December

John Chandler, Judith Chandler, Jeremy Sheath, Lorna Sheath and Thomas Waterworth

Discovering Norwich Group

A visit has been arranged to the Shirehall, (next to Norwich Castle), on Thursday April 12 2018. It will be a 'behind the scenes' tour, led by Curator Bethan Holdridge, and will concentrate on the Costumes and Textiles collections. Here we will see some real show-stoppers and hear stories linked to the objects.

Group numbers are limited to 15, so we have arranged for 2 tours, one at 10am and one at 11am, each lasting about an hour. There will be a charge of £5 per person.

If you are interested in joining one of the tours please contact me either by phone or email, or at one of the coffee mornings, preferably asap (01953 789915 or vickers271@btinternet.com).

Sylvia Vickers

Le Groupe Francais

We are a French conversation group who meet once a month to spend 1½ hours talking and discussing in French. Usually, each member gives a five minute presentation on a subject of their choice, which is then discussed by the group. Topics have included 'Lorna's knees', 'Abu Dhabi' and 'have a glitter free Xmas'!

Mistakes are made, particularly in verb tenses, but as long as the meaning is understood we don't get too bogged down in debates about grammar. Some respite occurs after an hour when tea/coffee and biscuits are on offer. Chatting over a cuppa also tends to be in French, but sometimes tired brains are running out of words in French.

Bonne année à tous! (Happy New Year everyone!)

Keith Tomlinson

Website www.u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/home

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