

From the Chairman

Summer has arrived?

Well we thought it had until the day of the Garden Party. As the group of helpers assembled at 1.00pm to set up for the garden party following a morning of steady rain we agonised over the weather report and took the decision to implement plan B. The event took place in the village hall and I think was very much enjoyed by those present. My prayers were answered and about six o'clock, rain accompanied by thunder confirmed that the right decision had been made. A big thank-you to all who helped to make it possible.

I'd also like to thank you for playing your part in the membership renewal process. Not surprisingly when introducing a new system there were a few glitches behind the scenes but we have now managed to eliminate long queues of people with cash in hand seeking to renew at the start of open meetings.

Holidays and other events continue to be well supported. Those on the Scottish holiday were blessed with fine weather and we look forward to both Kent and York in the coming months.

On 25 June, as part of the annual Wymondham Music Festival, the Jazz Picnic, will take place at Becketswell Meadow 18.00 -21.00. The U3A is one of a privileged few to be able to have a stand/gazebo as acknowledged supporters of the event. We will be there to host the evening for U3A members. Do please come along and show your support and fly the flag for our U3A.

New groups keep popping up including opportunities for sailing and golf. Some groups are still in the process of being formed while other recent new groups such as line dancing have got off to a flourishing start. I am grateful for people coming forward with ideas. Keep them coming. People willing to lead groups are essential for our U3A to flourish. You may think 'I couldn't do that', but I find most people can do more than they ever dreamt of. I am happy to chat without any commitment to any who might wish to consider leading a group.

A repeated message: we are looking for people to take over in due course the role of secretary, coordinator/arranger of speakers and publicity officer. Again, without commitment, please consider volunteering for any of these roles, remember they are only for a maximum three-year term.

Following this year's renewals membership remains steady at about 400. This U3A is in good heart. Thank you for your support.

John Hooper
chairman



Opera Dudes - 7.30 Fri

22 June - Central Hall

Bowjangles - 7.30

Friday 29 June -

Ex-Services Club
(Regal Cinema)

U3A Wymondham's contribution to Wymondham Music Festival

Town Tour - Dereham

The next destination and date for the **Town Tour** group is Dereham on 20 June. Leaving Wymondham at 9.45am in shared transport and returning by 4.00pm. Itinerary includes a guided tour of the town, followed by a snack lunch and a tour of Dereham Windmill.

First come first served basis. Maximum 12 people, subject to availability of car drivers. Booking via Tony Vale. Text or phone 07851 370666 or e-mail:

tony@valemil.eu

Tony Vale

Social Events

On Friday 29 June we visit King's Lynn for a guided tour of the historical area of that town. The trip includes coffee on arrival, a guided tour, lunch, some free time and the coach journey. This is the first trip Catherine Gurney's has organised, is very good value (£30), and should be supported. If you wish to go, please put your name down at the open meeting. The coach will leave Central Hall at 09.05

Final balances for the Yorkshire holiday should be paid at the June Open Meeting. Twin and double rooms are available for both Kent and Yorkshire holidays.

Wymondham Music Festival starts on Friday 22 June with our staging of 'The Opera Dudes'. We will also stage 'Bowjangles' on Friday 29 June. We need you and your friends to support both events. Tickets are available from John Dollimore.

Photos - Scottish holiday - May 2018

A few photographs taken during the trip will be found on the U3A Wymondham website. Go to: *Holidays/Past Holidays/Scotland May/2018*

News from the Groups

Lorna, Groups Co-ordinator, will be at most Coffee Mornings. She can also be contacted by email - lorna.gplead16@yahoo.co.uk

Sailing Group launches

During the first session six members enjoyed their first sail on Barton Broad. They sailed a Bass boat in light misty airs which dissolved into warm sunshine, experiencing helming and sail setting for the first time. Afterwards they had a cup of tea while observing little terns arial acrobatics from a floating pontoon. The group has 14 members. There are a few spaces on the next 3 session, with the next one on Friday 8th June. Numbers are limited to 8 so look lively if you want a taster session.

Arthur Newton

Knit and Natter

A photograph of a few of the over two hundred hats knitted by Knit and Natter member, Rosemary Newall for premature babies has been passed on the website. (*Groups/Knit and Natter*)

Intermediate French

We have now finished with the Michel Thomas cds and are now working on 'Read & Think French'. The aim of this course is to reinforce our newly acquired knowledge and learn more about French culture, and Francophile countries with native speakers from Senegal to Montreal talking about their countries. There are sections on food, history, art, voyages etc. A glossary on each page helps with unusual words and phrases.

We are finding this course informative and entertaining as well as providing practice in understanding French.

A bientôt Odile

Jazz Picnic - from the Festival website

'Bring picnics, chairs and rugs.

Please use the FREE shuttle bus service from Central Hall car park from 17.45 to 21.15. The only parking available at the venue will be for disabled drivers.

Entry is free, although there will be collecting buckets at exits for donations to help defray some of the costs of this event.'

Members who have joined recently

Janice Keisinger, Sandra Morter, Nancy Poskett-Taylor, Ann Roberts, Terence Stidston, Carol Swift and Gillian Thorburn

New groups that have been suggested:

Sailing, Golf, Jazz appreciation, Ukulele. German conversation (with a fluent German speaker willing to help), Aviation (talks, visits etc.) and Science and technology. If you are interested in any of them contact Lorna.

Possible New Group - Do you play the guitar and /or do you like singing folk songs? If you do perhaps you'd like to join a new group at our U3A. Please contact Lorna (Groups Co-ordinator) either by email or see her at the Groups table at the back of the hall.

New Group - Anything to do with Technology

A new group is being considered that proposes to offer members the opportunity to discover, discuss, learn, appreciate or otherwise engage in technology and how it might be used. At present we do not have a proper title for this group, we do not know what the 'content' should be and we are not sure where we'd hold it - not a good start I will agree. However, if I have managed to hold your attention thus far then, maybe, you are a potential participant!

So, if you ever had one of those moments where you felt a little left behind on the technology front or you have a skill, expertise or hobby that others might be interested in, or you are just simply curious, then this group could be for you. Owning a computer or being 'internet enabled' will not be a pre-requisite to taking part.

No commitment is required yet as I'm just 'testing the water' but if you are interested then let me know:

1. What kind of things would be of interest to you?
2. Would you prefer mornings, afternoons or evenings?
3. Do you have a venue that could host small groups?
4. Do you have any expertise or a hobby that uses technology?
5. Would you be willing to be an active participant - i.e. coach others?
6. Anything else you think that might be of interest to others.

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