

## From the Vice Chairman

While Chairman John is rambling somewhere in Italy, it falls to me to continue the ramblings in the newsletter.

### The on-line survey

This was completed some weeks ago and a brief resume of the results can be found on the web-site - perhaps predictably - under the heading 'Survey' - (<https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/page/59071>)

Although 53 members replied, I understand that 108 logged on. Why only half actually completed the questionnaire is a mystery. However, these days, almost every time you buy something you are asked to complete a 'satisfaction survey' and promised an entry in a prize draw if you do so. Your 'prize' for complying, and in the process supplying your email address, is an endless succession of emails from the retailer seeking to sell you ever more goods or services. Perhaps members were put off by the thought of forever afterwards being canvassed for their opinions.

This exercise showed what I always knew. Whilst many people are happy to come up with ideas and to join in, few are willing and/or able to help to make things happen. Perhaps it is in part through shyness or lack of confidence. But you will never know what you are capable of until you try.

### Activities

As we move into Summer(!) there are lots of things to see and take part in. As well as the group activities, thanks to the hard work and dedication of John Dollimore, there are holidays, day trips, lunches and live performances a-plenty over the coming months. Do look at the web site, the newsletter and the stalls at the monthly open meetings and coffee mornings (at the last two you can buy tickets).

And the first thing to buy tickets for this month is the must-see show 'Rubber ring' - daft title great performance- on Saturday 12 May.

Come on, join in!

*Paul Findlay*



**James McDermott**  
performs

## Rubber Ring

7.30pm Sat 12 May

Central Hall  
Wymondham

Tickets £8



*your U3A Wymondham 2018-19 committee*

## A possible Workshop

Ralph Jackman - who talked to us last year on 'How to be a Roman Emperor' is offering to do some workshops with us. He could run a day's workshop on Creative Writing, as he is an author, or a half a day on the Romans. There would be a cost as we would pay for his services and hire of the room. Depending on numbers it might be about £15 or possibly less. At this stage we wish to gauge interest - so if you would be interested in one or other of these sessions please contact Bobbie Aughton [bobbie@pdl-services.co.uk](mailto:bobbie@pdl-services.co.uk) or on 01953 454649.

## Tour of historic Great Yarmouth

On a Friday in June there will be a tour of Great Yarmouth with the guide describing the history of the town. After travelling by bus, we would meet at St Nicholas Church, Great Yarmouth at 11.30 am. There will then be a one-hour walk, a break for lunch and a second one-hour walk. Apart from the cost of lunch the guided tour will be free. Thirty members could be accommodated on the tour. Anyone interested should contact John Dollimore.

## Social Events

Kent Holiday and Seal Trip- all balances are due at the May open meeting.

The coach for the Seal Trip will leave Central Hall at 09.05am.

Tickets for Rubber Ring will be available from Georgette Vale and on the door after this month's Open Meeting. If you can bring non-member friends, please do so, as we have not sold enough tickets.

There are still double and single rooms available for the Kent and Yorkshire holidays

There are seats available on all coach trips.

## 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](mailto:lorna.gplead16@yahoo.co.uk)

## Dining Group

This was formed in January 2016 and since then we have 'dined' approximately 20 times at 17 different venues, such as Red Lion & Cellar House at Eaton, Norwich City College Debut, Park Farm, the Angel at Larling and Gt Ellingham Crown. We usually meet on a Tuesday, usually for lunch but sometimes in the evening. Members are encouraged to mix and sit next to people they may not already know. Hopefully this makes newcomers feel welcome and included.

I aim to keep travelling time to within 30 minutes of Wymondham, members are responsible for their own travelling arrangements. Five further meals are planned for this year with the next being on Tuesday 12 June. Details and menus (food is pre-ordered) are circulated via email. Currently there are a few vacancies, if you would like to join contact Lorna.

*Judith Beckett*

## Stained Glass Group

We will work on Tiffany style objects using copper foil to create small items such as sun catchers. Due to limited space and equipment places are limited to 3 members at any one time but we can also give another person a 'taster'. The group will meet on the morning of the 3rd Monday in the month.

*Georgette Vale*

## A possible new group - Sailing

**Arthur Newton writes:**

"My interest is sailing. I have recently been instructing groups of disadvantaged/disabled adults and children to sail from the Nancy Oldfield Trust base on Barton Broad.

I am thinking about starting a U3A Wymondham sailing group and would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining - beginners to old salts!

Initially there would be taster sessions (dates to be advised) sailing keel boats on Barton Broad using the facilities of the trust. Numbers would be limited to 8 people per session. All sessions will be run in accordance with the RYA safety procedures and guidance. The Trust's facilities allow people with a wide range of disabilities to sail.

A session would last for approximately 3 hours and cost £11, transport not included.'

*Arthur Newton*  
01953 605284

(see also [www.nancyoldfield.org.uk](http://www.nancyoldfield.org.uk))

## 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.

## Future Social Events

Saturday 12 May - Rubber Ring - Wymondham Central Hall - 7.30pm - £8

Friday 18 May - Seal Trip and Holt - £20

Chairman's Garden Party - Saturday 2 June at 4pm; - Hog roast, dessert, wine - £10

Friday 22 June - Opera Dudes - Wymondham Central Hall - 7.30pm - £14 (U3A members £12)

Friday 29 June - King's Lynn - £30

Friday 29 June - Bowjangles - Ex-Servicemen's Club - 7.30pm - £16 (U3A members £14)

Wednesday 18 July - Horse Racing at GY - £27

Friday 20 July - Sandringham House - £22

Thursday 2 August - Lunch

Friday 31 August - Norfolk Broads - £32

Monday 12 November - Thursford - £45

Friday 7 December - Christmas Lunch

## A website to explore

British Antarctic Survey ([www.bas.ac.uk](http://www.bas.ac.uk)) The site includes lots of photos of life in the Antarctic and a 360 degree virtual tour of the Halley VI Research Station (<https://halley360.antarcti.co/>).

## Members who have joined recently

Mary Clayton, Jennifer Copeland, Joyce Henderson, Christine Land, David Malt, Linda Malt, Amanda Murray, Lesley Parker, Robin Parker and Lisette Wilkins,

**Barking Mad** - is a South Norwich company which gives people the chance to dog-sit whilst their owners are on holiday. The proprietor, Helen, will give a 5 minute presentation during the May Open Meeting. For more information contact Helen Tyler (01603 340595 or email [Helen.Tyler@barkingmad.uk.com](mailto:Helen.Tyler@barkingmad.uk.com)).

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