

From the Chairman

Autumn is here! with a Vengeance

Last month's editorial was written while the sun was shining and although Autumn beckoned it has now arrived with a vengeance. It never ceases to amaze how just a few weeks can make such a difference, not just with weather, but all manner of things.

A couple of weeks ago I learned of the death of Eric Cozens at the grand old age of 98 and I write on the day of his funeral, Tuesday 30 October. We celebrated his life and contribution to U3A.

I also learned today that the Tai-Chi group has had to close because there are currently not enough people to support the group and meet the cost of hall hire. Our thanks are due to Bernard and Jean for starting and running the group these past two years. Naturally they are disappointed and we share their disappointment. However, U3A is a fluid and flexible organisation run by its members for its members, and so it is important that we continually seek new ventures. We need not be concerned that groups come and go. Sometimes they rise again like the Phoenix from the ashes. Let not anyone be deterred from plugging new groups and ventures.

I said last month that a number of people have said to me how they would like a group to be able to improve their computer skills. We don't as yet have an IT professional with time on their hands to lead a group but it is likely that if a group of people wishing to improve their skills came together between them they would have some skills that the others haven't and by sharing can enhance the collective skills of the group. I have today put out an all-members email in respect of this and a proposed 'golf group'. If you are interested in either of these can you let Lorna our Groups coordinator have your name and we'll try get both off the ground.

An urgent plea: I have previously advertised the post of speaker secretary whose role is to construct a speaker programme and subsequently liaise with speakers. Our thanks to Bobbie Aughton who has compiled a speakers list for 2019 and for the work she has put into this role for four years. 2020 may seem a little way off but it is important that we soon have someone to take over. It really is not as daunting a task as it may seem as there are lots of resources and contacts. If you think you may be able to undertake this role, have a word without commitment with either Bobbie or me please. It is important for without speakers we cannot have monthly meetings like we do at present.

Finally do remember to regularly explore our web site u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/welcome, which contains a wealth of information.

John Hooper - chairman



Lorna and Keith Tomlinson at the Nautical Evening on 25 October. To see more photographs go to the Events page of the U3A Wymondham website (<https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/events>)

Social News

Thursford - the coach will leave Central Hall on Monday 12 November at 11am.

Holidays in 2019 - if anyone is interested in going on the holidays next year please let John Dollimore know.

Coffee mornings - most Coffee mornings between now and the end of the year will be held in Central Hall's main hall. Apart from Knit and Natter there will be tables set up for scrabble, Rummikub, monopoly and other games. You could even bring your own games. Any ideas will be looked on favourably.

John Dollimore

Sussex Vineyard tour 2019

Following this year's very wet spring and long hot summer English vineyards are reporting record harvests. See and hear about the impact and how wineries coped by joining the 3 day tour, visiting 4 very different vineyards in 3 days, walking through fields of ripening grapes, learning about the wine making process, seeing the equipment in the winery, sampling the wines being made with a opportunity to buy and staying in a beach front Eastbourne hotel. There are still 10 seats left, so book your place now, contact Bill Yeates: yeates.ws@gmail.com 01953 605 107

'Tricia Delahunty has suggested that people get together, perhaps at a coffee morning, to swap recipes for vegetarian meals. She is promoting eating less meat to help care for the environment. Anyone interested please contact Lorna'

Monday 5 November

This is the last call for those wishing to see the trial of the suffragette (the re-enactment done by Springboard East). Meet at about 1.50 pm in the Rotunda of the Castle Museum Norwich. This is a free event (don't buy a ticket for the museum) If you have not booked already please contact **Georgette**. (Georgette@ValeMail.eu or 01953 605434 or 07867 681839)

Discovering Norwich WED 14 Nov 1.30 - 3.30 Jarrols Printing Museum

Those already on the list will have received an email, but for those not on email please see Lorna if they are interested. There are 20 places available on a first come, first served basis.

Discovering Norwich-10.30 Thurs 10 Jan

The Undercroft The KindaKafe,
21 to 23 Castle Meadow - Norwich

£10 per person includes tea and coffee (cake can be purchased from the café) Please pay Georgette in ADVANCE. Please book by contacting **Georgette**.

The KindaKafe building, previously Ponds, is situated on the outer edge of the ditch around the motte of Norwich Castle. Experts who have viewed the undercroft theorise that it has 4 main areas of construction within the basement likely dating from the 15th century to the 19th century. As well as learning about the history of the building itself, you will learn about the history of the shop based within the building for many years, Ponds. Our tour guide is an engaging local story teller with a brilliant grasp on our local history.

This is undercover so don't worry about the weather.

Line Dancing for Beginners

Line dancing is excellent exercise for both the body and the brain, with the added bonus that it is also tremendous fun! As the group approaches its six month anniversary, we have already learned four dances and are now working on our fifth. We dance to a range of musical genres, from Country and Western to Latin American and Modern Pop.

We learn together at a pace to suit all, and practice the dances between sessions using YouTube videos and step sheets. There are also occasional catch-up sessions where we go over some of our older dances in detail for our newer members and anyone who would like a refresher.

If you want more information please send an email to: gaynorbarnes@tiscali.co.uk

Members who have joined recently

John Addison and Jenny Gwillim

Hats off to Wendy,

who led us on a very pleasant walk discovering Norwich.

We started at the Maddermarket and heard about Kemp's dance from London to Norwich, with anecdotes, peeped in at Stranger's Hall, learnt about the 30 Huguenot families who came to Norwich in the 17th century (I hope I got the century correct).

We heard about Mathew Parker the first archbishop of Canterbury from Norfolk who looked and listened for any Catholics about, and hence was nose parker, were told about many Dukes of Norfolk some of whom lost their heads! Saw hidden churches, went to the Ethelbert gate, learnt about the uprising and how it was put down with the help of 'mercenaries' from Great Yarmouth, and a lot more interesting tales.

She must have done lots of research lots of facts all told in Wendy's unique way with lots of fun.

Odile

The Nautical Evening

Thursday evening was awash with nautical festivities. It was graced by naval supremoes, multiple black hearted pirates, a Victorian belle, a beautiful mermaid, a scurvy looking renegade called Robinson and a plethora of parrots. The evening was compered by a penguin aka John Dollimore.

We attempted quizzes, searched for weevils, then the mess served up delicious grub, but thankfully no ships biscuits.

We enjoyed a demonstration of Morse code by our own communications officer, Terry, who sent us the last message from the Titanic.

A short sketch was performed by a motley band of pirates with the crew demanding a training day, a creche and more....

The evening ended with the rousing singing of popular shanties, the clean versions.

Those present thanked the galley crew for the delicious food, and John Dollimore, John Spencer and Gilly and for organising this event.

If you were not able to come to this U3A Wymondham social event please consider giving us your support next time.

I can see a flotilla of galleons heading for Wymondham, possibly from Attleborough, so must stop! HELP!
Wendy Bowles a scurvy ol gal

Photographs on the website - follow the link from the Events page.

Officers of U3A Wymondham (2018/19)

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'Ey up! Wot's 'appened to my Yorkshire?

We set off from Wymondham in a reet grand charabanc*
To stay up north in Yorkshire, a county dark and dank,
To visit all t'satanic mills, factories an' mines,
Wi' men walkin' whippets, an' terraced 'omes in lines.

To see folk wi' clogs on, an' men in them cloth caps
Wot 'ad outside lavies and backyards wi' just one tap.
To eat good black puddin', pigs' trotters an' cold tripe.
Or fish an' chips wi' mushy peas and pud - the Yorkshire
type.

To go to t' public 'ouses to fetch stout in big ole jugs
An' drink stewed tea in beakers wot southerners call
mugs
An' did we see these aspects, an' sample these delights?
NO we bloomin' didn't! Not one glance of these sights!

Instead we rode a railway an' saw green Yorkshire moors
An' visited a castle wot's been bashed about in t' wars.
An' some bloomin' gret 'uge 'ouses all fancy an' posh,
Owned by them aristocracy and them wi' lots of dosh.

We went to York an' 'arrogate, places old wi' 'istory
'Ow they built that Minster to me is just a mystery.
T' Shambles were a shamble, wi' wonky walls an' streets,
An' t'museum wot's in t'castle, was really full of treats

We stayed in a real 'otel, wi' carpets everywhere
An' a bathroom all to us sens*, we didn't 'ave to share!
T' staff, ee they was lovely, they couldn't do enough
Bringin' us us dinners an' breakfast 'n "stuff .

I didn't see one pigeon loft nor yet a giant leek*,
Nor any sayin' , "Ey up," or scenery wot's bleak.
'Cos it were all grand an' champion, 'appen good time was 'ad
By all 'oo went to Yorkshire, nah then, that can't be bad.

Gilly Spencer

- * charabanc - old fashioned word for a coach
- * giant leek - some working class areas used to
- * 'Leek Clubs' and competitions to see who could grow
the biggest leek.
- * us sens - ourselves

Photographs of Groups

As an exercise I have attempted to record what some
groups actually do. The results can be seen on the
U3A Wymondham website:

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by going to the Groups page and clicking on the link to
Group Photographs.

So far I have covered Card and Board Games, Carpet
Bowls, Line Dancing, Moderate Walking, Stitchcraft
and Wine Appreciation.

Julian Gillett