

## From the Chairman - Autumn is here!

They say a month is a long time in politics and sometimes it is a long time in respect of the passing of the seasons. We have been blessed with so much good weather, enjoyable holidays and trips that when the weather does turn, as it has as I write this on 22 September, it seems to do so with a vengeance.

Last month I said that holidays for 2019 are already well booked up and now are even more so with some having few places left. Make sure you speak to John Dollimore as soon as possible if you don't want to miss out. The wine appreciation group is also organising a short trip to Sussex vineyards in 2019 and this trip is now open to all members, not just members of the Wine Appreciation group. Speak to Bill Yeates or Paul Moss if interested.

A number of people have said to me how they would like a group to improve their computer skills. We don't as yet have an IT professional willing to lead a group but if a group of people wishing to improve their skills came together it is likely that between them they would have skills that the others haven't and by sharing can enhance the collective skill of the group. So, if you are interested in the possibility of a group, let's call it a 'Computers Improvement Group', can you let Lorna, our Groups coordinator, have your name.

With 400 members and so many interest groups may I encourage anyone who is registered with a group and no longer wish to be a member to let the group leader know. This is particularly important where groups are limited by the numbers they can accommodate and where there is a waiting list. Also, can group leaders continue to give Lorna feedback which helps her report on group activities at our committee meetings?

Last month I noted the death of two members and I also note that 'disability' is on the agenda for a Regional Meeting. I believe that U3A is an organisation that cares for it's members and a great deal of caring does go on. It would be good if members becoming aware of such situations could feed the information back so that as an organisation we can respond as and if appropriate.

Finally do remember to regularly explore our web site, [u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/welcome](https://u3asites.org.uk/wymondham/welcome), which contains a wealth of information.

*John Hooper - chairman*

PS - a great big thank you to everyone who helped, made cakes or came to our Macmillan coffee morning. It was a huge success, well exceeding the target of £500 we set after last year's event. I believe the final total will be about £630. Well done everyone.



*Two members of the Stained Glass group proudly showing the angels they had made. These were the first two creations of the class.*

## Social Activities

**A Nautical Night** Calling all land lubbers! Come to an evening of nautical fun on Thur 25 Oct at 7.30pm in the Central Hall . Tickets are £10 for good grub and grog (sausage and mash and wine or fruit juice), pirates and more. To add to the occasion come dressed in nautical attire if you wish.

**Curry Evening** - Wed 14 Nov - any members who wish to join the 20 who have already put their names down should speak to Brenda Guardi or John Dollimore,

**Christmas Lunch** - Fri 7 Dec - sold out!

**Cruise on Norfolk Broads** - Fri 23 Aug 2019 - 3 hour cruise plus coach trip and buffet lunch £32 - reserve your place today.

## 2019 Holidays

May	South Wales	3 Twin/Double rooms available
July	Paignton	3 Twin/Double rooms available
August	Cotswolds	2 Twin/Double rooms available

Further details on all the above from Brenda Guardi at open meeting, or John Dollimore.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

I would like to thank everyone who came to this event. Over 100 members took part. We received:

Donations	£117.00
Entry charge	£ 52.00
Raffle	£155.00
Cake sales	£223.00
Cath Clarke Cards	£5.00
Northumberland Holiday	£28.00
Tony Perkins (Xmas Lunch)	£35.00
Total raised	£615.00

Thank you for being so generous with your cakes, raffle prizes, time and money

*John Dollimore*

## U3A Diaries for sale

These will be available at coffee mornings and Open Meetings. If you wish to purchase one please liaise with Georgette Vale - [Georgette@ValeMail.eu](mailto:Georgette@ValeMail.eu) or 01953 605434 or 07867 681839

*Georgette Vale*

## Dare we mention Christmas....?

Following last year's success, we will be selling beautiful hand-made items at the coffee morning and Open Meeting on Thurs 1 Nov. Funds raised will allow us to buy more wool and fabric for our charity work. Please support us.

*The Knit and Natter and Stash Buster Group*

## Sussex Vineyard Tour - 9, 10 & 11 July 2019

There are just a few places left on the 2019 Sussex vineyard tour - Don't miss out - Book today.

Visit four very different Sussex vineyards in 3 days. Travelling by luxury coach and staying at an Eastbourne beach front hotel, see how some of the finest English wines are produced and taste some of the many award winning products for just £250 per person. Or visit two vineyards and have a free day in Eastbourne for just £225.

The chosen vineyards include England's premier organic wine estate, one of the largest producers in the southern counties, a recently established small vineyard and a typical mid-range vineyard looking to expand, all producing award winning still and sparkling wines.

For more details or to book a place contact tour organiser Bill Yeates 01953 605107  
[yeates.ws@gmail.com](mailto:yeates.ws@gmail.com)

## 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)

## Discussion Group

Although I am the leader, the group basically runs itself. It is a small friendly group. We take in turns to choose a topic to discuss/debate. We have had one new member this year. At present we are full with two people on the waiting list.

I would be happy to help someone set up a second group.

*Angela Sewell*

## Officers of U3A Wymondham (2018/19)

Chair - John Hooper - [johnhooper66@btinternet.com](mailto:johnhooper66@btinternet.com)  
Vice-Chair - Paul Findlay - [ap.findlay@btinternet.com](mailto:ap.findlay@btinternet.com)  
Secretary - Georgette Vale - [georgette@ValeMail.eu](mailto:georgette@ValeMail.eu)  
Treasurer - Stuart Crowther - [stuartgcrowther@aol.com](mailto:stuartgcrowther@aol.com)  
Membership Sec. - John Spencer - [wymu3amem@outlook.com](mailto:wymu3amem@outlook.com)  
Groups Co-ordinator - Lorna Tomlinson - [lorna.gplead16@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lorna.gplead16@yahoo.co.uk)

## Discovering Norwich 2018/19

Oct - a walk with Wendy (Strangers - Huguenots)  
Nov 14 (Wed) 1.30 - 3.30 - Printing Museum  
Dec - no meeting  
Jan - The Undercroft  
Feb and March - TBA  
April - Ketts Hill

Please would people who wish to go on a visit but are without email ring Lorna (01953 607151) a month before, or see her at the groups table.

## Town Tour Group

The final visit of the year by the Town Tour group will be to Fakenham on Tuesday 23 October.

Depart Wymondham at 9.30am in shared cars, returning to Wymondham by 4.30pm. Up to a maximum of 12 people on a first come, first served basis.

Max of £10 to cover donations for guided town/Museum tour. Pay for own lunch. Book with Tony Vale on 07851 370666 or via [tony@valemil.eu](mailto:tony@valemil.eu)

*Tony Vale*

**Springboard East** are the company that does the re-enactments of historical trials that took place in Shire Hall Norwich. They have obtained funding and can offer us another free event which has been

booked for **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00**. A synopsis:

Miriam Pratt was a Norwich suffragette and a passionate campaigner for the right to vote.

*"We have a right to be heard, a right to vote, a right to be equal"*

But attitudes at the time meant that the demand for women to vote was often met with ridicule.

*"Women don't need the vote. Their husbands can vote for them".*

Miriam's belief in direct action led her to breaking the law with dire personal consequences. Famous at the time of her trial Miriam's story has now been forgotten. Witness her trial live at Norwich Castle, experience the workings of an Edwardian courtroom.

Miriam dared to challenge society's attitude to women and class. What was her fate?

To book please contact Georgette  
[Georgette@ValeMail.eu](mailto:Georgette@ValeMail.eu) 01953 605434 / 07867 681839. Meet at 1.50pm in the Rotunda of the Castle Museum

## Members who have joined recently

Susan Cornish, David Crotch, Jaqueline Crotch, Diana Evans, Virginia Gibson, Janet Kinna, Jeffrey Kinna, M, Graham Mortimer and Mary Urry