

## From the Chairman - A New Term?

It's not only for those in full time education that September signals a new term. It seems to me that for most organisations, including our U3A, it is a bit like a new term starting up. During the summer our minds have, at least in part, been elsewhere; holidays, community fetes and other activities and minding the grandchildren. There is a definite 'back to business' feel in the air.

Most of you will have seen the email I put out to all members about the need for more volunteers to help set up the hall for coffee mornings. It would appear that for some the message had negative overtones for which I apologise. (The email went to all members, even though it was addressed to individuals.) But far from it! You could say that the problem of setting up for the coffee mornings is an indication of the extent to which we are a victim of our own success. When we first went weekly some doubted there would be sufficient demand but in recent times, we have had up to 70 people coming along week by week.

I have also been absolutely delighted with the positive response to my email with a number of people coming forward to offer more help. My thanks to them although we could still do with a few more to lighten the load. A number of people have also emailed saying they would love to help but this particular activity is too physical for them. To those in that position I say "please do not feel dispirited that you cannot offer more". We seek no more of anyone than that of which they are capable.

Due to illness we have had some groups which have either ceased or struggle to continue. Your committee is well aware of the problems and looks to act where possible. Nevertheless, all our members are the committee's eyes and ears so if there is anything at all you think we need to be looking at please let us know. I am however, delighted to be able to report that Carpet Bowls will recommence on Wed 11 Sept. I thank Kevin and Sandra Stone for taking this on.

Notwithstanding our U3A is in good health and brings many hours of enjoyment to its members and I thank all of you who help to make this possible.

*John Hooper*



*Members of the Sailing Group on Barton Broad*

## Groups

If you are interested in any of our groups please let me know. I am at most coffee mornings or email me at [lorna.gplead@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lorna.gplead@yahoo.co.uk).

**Carpet Bowls** will restart on Wed 11 Sept.

Interested people should meet at 12.30 at the Central Hall.

**Whist Drives** Would you like to have a whist drive once in a while or even once a month? If you are interested please contact myself or Gilly.

*Lorna*

## The Catering Team

We were very sorry to say farewell to Jane Hendriks, our Catering Queen, who had done such a wonderful job.

However, we welcome Jennifer Attwell as our new Queen and she had her debut at our recent and successful Summer Lunch. She has gathered a new group of ladies who toiled, with humour and happy hearts, to produce a varied and tasty main course. We also had an amazing collection of delicious 'Desserts by Debbie' made by the fair hands of John and Vivienne Dollimore's daughter. Also a big thank you to everyone who helped before and after this convivial and most enjoyable Wymondham U3A event.

Jennifer and her team will be cooking the Christmas lunch on Friday 13 December. There will also be some 'after lunch entertainment', so do plan for this when paying for parking etc.

*Gilly Spencer*

## Coach Trips in 2020

Sun 29 Mar - Thriplow Daffodils - £17.00  
Mon 4 May - Burghley House - £25.00  
Fri 26 June - River Witham (4 hr cruise) - £30.00  
Wed 29 July - Sandringham Flower Show - £20.00  
Fri 28 Aug - Norfolk Broads - £33.00  
Wed 23 Sep - Houghton Hall - £28.00  
Sun 8 Nov - Lunch on the N. Norfolk Railway - £52.50

£10 deposit secures your seat on the coach. There is NO automatic right to have the deposit returned if you cancel. The Coach will leave Wymondham Central Hall at 09.30am. Please note that NO receipts are given. To book, please see John Dollimore, at coffee mornings, or Brenda Guardi at Monthly meetings.

Fri 13 Dec - **Christmas Lunch**

## Holidays 2019/20/21

Mon 2 to Thur 5 Dec - The Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold, -visiting Chester and Manchester Christmas Markets - £250 pp  
Mon 30 Mar to Fri 3 Apr - The Wessex Hotel, Street, Somerset - £350 pp  
Mon 11 to Fri 15 May - Wymondham Wine Group Chateau and Wine Tour 2020 - £400 pp (book with Bill Yeates)  
Sun 17 to Thur 21 May - The Stuart Hotel, Derby, Peak District - £400 pp  
Sun 19 to Sat 25 July - Suncliff Hotel, Bournemouth - £600 pp  
Mon 26 to Sat 31 Oct - The Duke of Gordon, Kingussie, Scotland - £380 pp  
Sat 24 Apr to Sat 1 May 2021 - Fred Olsen Fjordland Cruise - from £1019 pp (Inside Cabin) to £1919 pp (Balcony Cabin) - book through Premier Travel, Wymondham.  
To book, please see John Dollimore, at coffee mornings or Monthly meetings.

## Members who have recently joined:

Adrienne Catherall, Georgina Court, Jann Flatinger, Patricia Goody, James Nicol, Helen Spinks, Keith Tomes and Rachel Tomes

## The talk at the October Open Meeting

John Spencer - A history of Sewage Treatment - find out about who invented sewage treatment.

The Social Committee invite you to:

## A HALLOWE'EN EVENING

with food and fun, drinks and danger.....(not really!)

7.30pm for 8pm at the Central Hall, Fri 1 Nov

Fancy dress - optional

Tickets £10 from John Dollimore

## WEA course - Encountering the East

Learn more about the influence of Orientalism on the arts and culture of Europe. This 8 week course is on Thursdays from Sept 26 to Nov 21 (half term 24 Oct) from 10:00 to 12:00 at Wymondham Abbey Hall, Church St, NR18 0PH. (tutor Fiona Savage - fee £62)

Enrol on-line at [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk) (course reference C2226760) or by phone on 0300 303 3464 . For more information contact Ros Krieger on 01953 600639 or email: [rkrieger@talktalk.net](mailto:rkrieger@talktalk.net)

## Motor Neurone Disease Ass. Christmas cards

Sue Heal will be selling cards at coffee mornings on 3, 10, 17 and 24 Oct and before the Oct monthly meeting. All proceeds go to the Norfolk, Norwich and Waveney Branch of MND.

## The Widow Kett

"Alice is in the Abbey Church pondering on the events of 1549 that led to her husband being hanged as a rebellious traitor"

This hour-long performance is brought to you by Wymondham Walks and Talks / Live History

**3pm Sun 15 Sept at North Wymondham Community Centre, Lime Tree Avenue, Wymondham NR18 OHH - £5**

Booking not essential but priority given to those who have pre-booked - 01953 605434 / 07867 681 839 or [Bookings@WymondhamWalksAndTalks.co.uk](mailto:Bookings@WymondhamWalksAndTalks.co.uk)

**The WOW FACTOR** - ceramics from selected East Anglian artists chosen to amaze and intrigue with a wide range of styles and techniques. Free entrance - Tues 1 to Sun 13 Oct - Wymondham Arts Centre, Becketts Chapel Wymondham

*Julian Gillett*

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