



**June 2025
Newsletter**



**Founded October 2000
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**Bingham u3a meetings are held in the Methodist Centre,
Bingham at 2pm on the third Wednesday of the month**

**June 18th *Renovations of St Mary's Church, Newark*
 with Anna Herbert**
**July 16th *Confessions of a Country Vicar*
 with Canon Alan Haydock**

WANTED – COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Several Committee members will have to stand down shortly so new ones will be needed soon as follows:

- *Publicity Officer* to handle all kinds of publicity, from Facebook to local magazines to posters
- *Group Coordinator* - to liaise with all our Interest Groups and keep things running smoothly
- *Meetings Manager* - to ensure the smooth running of our Monthly Meetings.

These can be Committee or Non Committee members depending on your preference.

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We would like people who are interested in these posts to shadow current post-holders as soon as possible to ensure a smooth takeover in October. So, if you would like to dip your toe in the water or just discuss what the role involves, please speak to any member of the present Committee or email Veronica at binghamu3a.chairperson@gmail.com.

MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

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Renovations of St Mary's Church, Newark with Anna Herbert, June 18th

Anna has recently taken up the role of Heritage Manager at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church in Newark, a role which has been created as part of a multi-million pound conservation project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The project aims to make significant repairs to the building, which will remove it from the Heritage at Risk Register. Solar panels will be installed, creating a

new cafe, toilets and an acoustically-separated room for running heritage and engagement activities.

St Mary's has a fascinating history stretching back more than 800 years and a brand new interpretation scheme highlighting some of the history and nationally significant parts of the church will also be installed. Anna will be describing some of the work that has been done and will be doing over the next few years.

Bingham u3a members are encouraged to support this work by making a contribution on the day.

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Croquet Group

The Croquet Group play a shortened version called golf croquet on Butt Field. We meet every alternate Thursday at 1.30pm until approximately 4pm. We are a friendly, supportive group and welcome new players. It costs £2 per session as we have to pay the groundsman to mark out our pitch. If you would

like to try it out, our next session is on Thursday 19th June. More details can be obtained by contacting Judith Wilkin on 07769293621.

Ambling Group 1

In May, the group took the bus to Radcliffe then walked along the Cliff Walk before dropping down to the lily ponds opposite Stoke Lock on the Trent.

The group meets at Church House every week at 10:20. Contact Ann Lewis, 01949 831530 or bingham.u3a.vicechair@gmail.com.



Knit and Natter Group – new venue

From 10th June, the Group will meet at the Bingham Bowls Club every Tuesday morning at 10am. Contact Beryl Kemp on 01949 839728, bkemp1910@gmail.com or Judy Soar on 01949 837108.

Beer and Cider Group

A great time was had by all at the *Not the Newark Beer Festival*. Several pubs were visited (Organ Grinder, Fox and Crown, Just Beer (which wasn't) and the Flying Circus) and several beers were tasted. Freebies were given and we took a selfie. Then we all caught the bus home.



History Group

The History of the Law Courts in Nottingham with David Colyer
We had an excellent talk in May when David, a retired Judge from Gedling u3a gave a fascinating talk on the History of the Law Courts. He provided a wealth of information, in particular about the Shire Hall which is now the Galleries of Justice Museum on High Pavement. He explained the differences between Courts in the 15th Century and how they had changed to the present-day systems of Crown and Magistrates Courts. The original Shire Hall was granted Charter in 1449 by Henry VI. The presentation was supported by some excellent pictures and David told a few really good stories. He was not able to cover the history of the Guild Hall due to time constraints so we would definitely enjoy having him back.

Jo McHugh

German Conversation Group – new contact

Val is stepping down as co-ordinator of the German Conversation group and John Orley (john.orley@icloud.com) is taking over.



1st Wednesday Walking Group

In May, John led the group from the Boot and Shoe in Flintham to



Syerston and Sibthorpe and then back along Longhedge Lane to the pub for lunch.



BINGHAM U3A's ANNIVERSARY EVENT



Tickets are now on sale for our 25th Anniversary Celebration Event at 7 for 7.30pm on Saturday 18th October in the Jubilee Hall at Bingham Arena. Free parking is available there for those who need it. Prices are £10 for Bingham u3a members and £15 for any accompanied non-member. The price includes a choice of main course and dessert, tea/coffee, music, dancing, raffle and a free prosecco

or juice upon arrival. A bar will be available. The Hall has limited capacity and we expect the event to be in high demand, so please purchase tickets as soon as you can. Contact Margaret Blythe on 07895 544141 or bingham.u3a.membership@gmail.com for tickets. Margaret will also take your choice of main course (chicken, chilli, or lasagne).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The deadline for the July 2025 edition of the Newsletter is June 27th. Please send any copy to Dave Hobson at appletrees.hobson@gmail.com.

GROUP CONTACT DETAILS AND MEETING POINTS



Monday am

Bingham u3a Coffee Mornings are held at The Buttercross in the Market Square at 10:30 on the second Monday of the month. Contact Chris Butler at kenbutler1@btinternet.com

Ambling Group 1 meets at Church House weekly at 10:20. Contact Ann Lewis, bingham.u3a.vicechair@gmail.com, 01949 831530

Monday pm

Film Group meets at Butler's Coffee House on second Mondays at 2pm. Contact Lindsay Evett at lindsay.evett@outlook.com

Table Tennis Group meets upstairs at Bingham Arena every 2nd and 4th Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30. Contact Lin Munroe at linmun.linda@gmail.com

Wine Tasting Group. Contact Lynne Barnett on 01949 875151 or lynnieb.barnett@ntlworld.com

Tuesday am

Knit and Natter Group meets at Bingham Library weekly at 10am. Contact Beryl Kemp on 01949 839728, bkemp1910@gmail.com or Judy Soar on 01949 837108

Tuesday pm

Ambling Group 2 meets in the main car park fortnightly at 1pm. Contact Jackie Hutton on 01949 838140 or Sue Eaton on 01949 839946

French Conversation Group 2 meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 2pm to 4pm. Contact Barbara Savage on 01949 838782 or savagepeterm@hotmail.co.uk

Gentle Exercise Group meets at Old Church House weekly from 1pm to 2pm. Contact Linda Walden on 01949 836717

Book Club Group meets in Bingham Library on the fourth Tuesday at 2pm. Contact Linda Molineaux at bingham.u3a.programme@gmail.com

Board Games Group meets at the Bowls Club from October to April at 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Contact Jeff Peters on 01949 875406 or jeff.peters369@gmail.com

Music Appreciation Group meets at 2pm on the second Tuesday. Contact Anthony Watts or Derrick Gierth on 01949 875968

Wednesday am

Petanque Group meets at The Grange on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 10am to 12am starting in May. Contact Beryl Kemp on 01949 839728 or bkemp1910@gmail.com

Walking Group 1 meets by Church House or at the start on the first Wednesday at 10am. Contact Veronica on 01949 875231 or vperry1951@gmail.com

Walking Group 2 meets at Church House (car share) on the second Wednesday at 9:30. Contact Esme Smith on 01949 875148 or esmesm74@yahoo.co.uk

Wednesday pm

Scrabble Group meets from 3pm to 5pm in Room 1 at Bingham Methodist Centre on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Contact Hazel at hajwgghs@btopenworld.com

Spanish Improvers Group meets in the Old Courthouse fortnightly from 2pm to 3pm. Contact Jean Oates on 01949 850864, 07898 895274 or us@theoates.net

History Group meets at the Methodist Centre on the fourth Wednesday at 2pm. Contact John Perry at jkp1951@gmail.com

Thursday am

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Group meets at the Methodist Centre on the fourth Thursday of alternate months from 11am to 12am. Contact Dave Hobson on 01949 836042 or appletrees.hobson@gmail.com

Bridge Group meets at the Bowls Club every week from 10am to 12am. Contact Dave Cobley on 07966 370385 or dfcobley@hotmail.com

Thursday pm

Beer and Cider Group meets monthly on Thursday evenings, the time depending on public transport and the venue. Contact John Perry on jkp1951@gmail.com or 01949 875231

Croquet Group meets at the Butt Field Pavilion fortnightly starting on April 25th at 1:30 until September. Contacts - Jackie Hutton, 07443 595653 and Judith Wilkin, 07769 293621

German Conversation Group meets fortnightly at 2:30. Contact John Orley at john.orley@icloud.com
Creative Writing Group meets on the first Thursday of every month from 11am to 1pm at the Wildflower Cafe, Coach Gap Lane, Langar. Contact Lynne Boardman at Southam2610@gmail.com
Ukulele Group meets on the fourth Thursday at Bingham Methodist Centre, from 2pm to 3.45pm. Contact David Eagland on 01949831022 or davidmeagland@btinternet.com
Creative Stitching Group meets every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm in the Library. All levels and types of embroidery/ patchwork, etc. For details contact Mary on 01949 851110
Friday am
Mobility and Movement Group meets at the Methodist Centre weekly from 10am to 11am. Contact Ann Lewis on 01949 831530 or annl_uk@yahoo.co.uk
Recorder Group meets at the Old Court House on the first and third Fridays from 10:30 to 11:45. Contact Viv Dyer on 01949 838614 or vivien.dyer@ntlworld.com
Friday pm
French Group 1 meets fortnightly from 2pm to 3:30pm. Contact Lis Leslie on 01949 831602
Canasta Group meets in Room 2 at the Methodist Centre at 2pm on the first and third Fridays. Contact is Martin Cox, martin.cox1@outlook.com
Practical Gardening Group meets at 2pm. Contact Jo McHugh, jomchugh@outlook.com
Sunday
Sunday Lunch Group meets on the first Sunday at 12:30. Contact Jill Kent on 0115 9334516
Various days
Explorers Visits Group - contact Ann Lewis, 01949 831530

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Refreshments (non-Committee)	Sue Eaton and volunteers	01949 839946
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