



**November 2025
Newsletter**



**Founded October 2000
Registered Charity No. 1181961**

**Bingham u3a meetings are held in the Methodist Centre,
Bingham at 2pm on the third Wednesday of the month.
19th November - *History of the Framework Knitters
Museum with Susan Russell*
17th December - *Brian Clough, The Lost Tapes with
Marcus Alton***



BINGHAM U3A AGM, 15th OCTOBER 2025

Veronica Perry opened the meeting by welcoming members and thanking them for coming. These are the main points.

Chair's report

- Veronica reported on the planning of our 25th Anniversary event at the Bingham Arena.
- Our Creative Writing Group has produced a written account of the history of Bingham u3a, copies of which were on sale.
- We are adopting the u3a's on-line database system, Beacon. This should simplify our record keeping and money transactions.
- A week-long display was put up in the Library to celebrate u3a



Week and this was followed by Bingham u3a's Big Day (see October Newsletter) organized by Martin Cox.

- Veronica ended her report by thanking members of the Committee who have done a wonderful job in their various roles throughout the year, especially Margaret Blythe and Steve Aremia who, after serving three years, will leave the Committee at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer's report - Leila gave written and verbal reports which covered both income and expenditure. The Bank Balance at 31st July 2024. was £4,460.90, and the partly-audited current Bank Balance up to 31st July 2025 is £5,239.75.

Membership report. Steve reported that we have 276 members currently with 41 new members who have joined during the year so far. The membership fee for the coming year, 2026, due on 1st January, will remain at £15.

Group Co-ordinator's report. Ann confirmed that there have been fluctuations in group numbers since the 2024 AGM, losing some and gaining others.

- Thirty group are currently operating and offering a wide variety of activities to appeal to our members.
- New groups are Scrabble and Wine Group 2.
- Those groups that have ceased to exist are: Ukulele, Tech Workshop; Spanish Conversation; Travel; Sunday Lunch Club.
- The 1st and 4th Wednesday Walking Groups have merged.

Other activities involving the groups included:

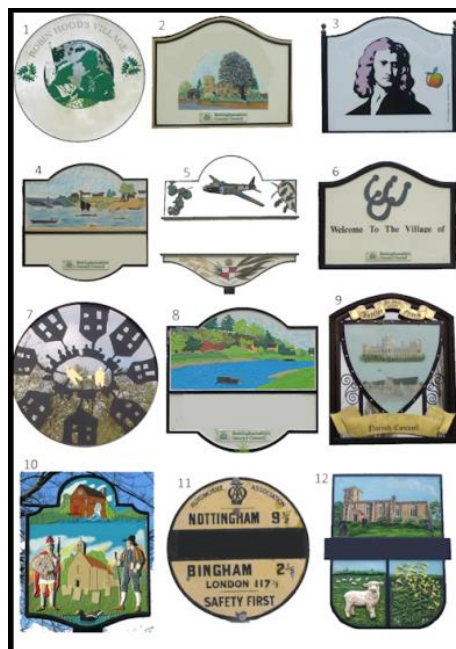
- a thank-you tea party for Group Facilitators and volunteers
- the introduction of an occasional newsletter for Group Facilitators
- participation by many groups in our Bingham Big Day as

identified in the Chair's report.

Election of Committee Members

- Robin Wilkin was elected as Database Manager.
- Chris Butler was elected as Membership Secretary.
- Frances Bailey was elected as New Member Support.
- Other Committee members were re-elected unanimously.

The meeting finished with a quiz where the audience was invited to identify twenty four local village signs.



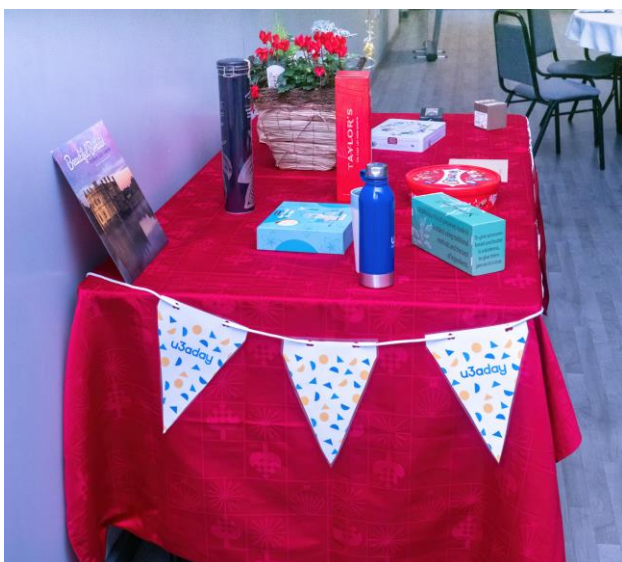
BINGHAM U3A'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



On Saturday 19th October, Bingham u3a members, old and new joined together to celebrate 25 years of Bingham u3a at the Bingham Arena. Rhubarbs Café provided the food and Disco Dave and Paul the music. Members were greeted with a glass of sparkling wine and this was followed by speeches from John Lewis on behalf of the u3a and by the Mayor of Bingham on behalf of the town.

Veronica thanked all who had made this evening special. We had an excellent meal, a free raffle and then we danced the night away. A wonderful evening was had by all and we look forward to more celebrations in future months.

More photos can be found on the [Gallery page](#) of our website.



We need more teams for the **Bingham u3a 25th Anniversary Quiz** which will be held at 7pm for 7:30 on the 29th of November at Bingham Rugby Club, The Pavilion, Brendon Grove, NG13 8TN. Teams of up to six people are invited. Contact John Perry to register your team and for more details at jkp1951@gmail.com.

The **Christmas Social Event** will take place at the same venue on December 19th. More details next month.

Bingham u3a will have a stall at **Bingham's Christmas Fayre** on Friday 28th of November from 5pm to 8pm in the Market Square where we will be giving away books as our Christmas present to people of Bingham. **Our members are asked to donate a single book**, wrapped in Christmas paper with a message on the outside stating age-suitability and the type of book. Please bring books to the Monthly Meeting or hand them to any Committee member. **Volunteers will be needed** to run the stall so please contact Veronica if you can help.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

***History of the Framework Knitters
Museum***
with Susan Russell

The Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington is a preserved 19th-century hosiery workshop that tells the story of the framework knitting industry. Established in the early 1800s, the site once housed framework knitters who produced hosiery using hand-operated knitting frames in cramped conditions. The museum, founded in

1971, occupies a former knitters' yard with cottages, workshops, and a chapel. It highlights the social and industrial history of framework knitting, an important step in the development of the textile industry and the Industrial Revolution. Today, it preserves traditional skills and offers insights into Victorian working-class life.

History Group

The Legacy of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC)

Noel Kelly from Beeston u3a described the history of the Imperial War Graves Commission from its inception in 1917 until the present. Supported by some very moving pictures, he showed how challenging and devastating WW1 was and how the Imperial Forces war dead were treated with respect and dignity. We were all greatly moved by the stories of the fallen and how they were buried, many of them in unnamed graves. He also explained the huge responsibilities the Commission has now and finally he showed some very poignant footage of recent groups of students who he had taken to the War Graves in Northern France.



Jo McHugh



Why did I join the Book Group?

I joined the Book Group because I enjoy reading, but tend to read the same genre of books most of the time - murder, mystery and psychological thrillers. I thought it would be interesting to see what others liked to read and why. This definitely proved to be a great idea.

We meet up on a monthly basis to discuss a book which has either

been, almost randomly, chosen by the Library or suggested by one of the members. Sometimes, we agree almost 100% about the book we have read, but often our opinions are very different, and it is really interesting to listen to other people's views - we don't argue, just discuss!

Not only then do we see the logic of these other views, but also get to know the people we are meeting with, and develop an understanding of their experiences, interests and perspectives.

I'm sure it's good for me to keep in contact with the likes, dislikes and opinions of others so that I don't become too 'insular' and self-opinionated!

We all express our opinion about the book... enjoy..... dislike... ok ish!

Noreen Cook, Book Group



Wine Group 2

Each month, a member of this new group will (if they wish) give a tasting on a topic of their choice which can be anything from French red wines to

German whites. We are going to have several commercial wine tastings in the future. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the evening at a member's house. The only cost is a small fee for the wine consumed. Contact Veronica Perry at vperry1951@gmail.com.

First Wednesday Walking Group

In November, John led a 6-mile walk from the Cropwell Bishop Creamery tea shop, past Colston Bassett Hall (shown here) and the ruin of St Mary's Church then along the Grantham Canal for lunch back at the tea shop.





25th Anniversary Celebrations

Johanna, Ann and Judith, members of the **Knit and Natter Group**, made this postbox topper as a contribution to the anniversary. It adorned the postbox in the Market Square for two weeks in October.

Please note that the group now meets at the Methodist Centre weekly from 10am to noon. Contact Beryl Kemp on 01949 839728, bkemp1910@gmail.com or Judy

Soar on 01949 837108.

Creative Stitching Group – short course and new venue

On 7th and 21st November from 10am to midday, Mary Ball is proposing to run a short course on Phone Pouch Appliqué at the Long Acre Arts Centre, the aim being to produce a phone pouch. For more details, please contact Mary at ballmary394@gmail.com.



Creative Stitching Display
at our Big Day event

Creative Stitching Group meets every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm in the Long Acre Arts Centre. All levels and types of embroidery/patchwork, etc.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The deadline for the December 2025 edition of the Newsletter is November 30th. Please send any copy to Dave Hobson at appletrees.hobson@gmail.com.

This Newsletter is available on our website <http://www.binghamu3a.org> and more information can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/binghamu3abingham/.

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 Frances at 07796546035 or francesbailey0@gmail.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 Group 1. Contact Lynne Barnett on 01949 875151 or lynnieb.barnett@ntlworld.com.

Tuesday am

Knit and Natter Group meets at the Methodist Centre weekly from 10am to noon. 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 07443528048 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 12pm 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 midday. Contact Dave Hobson on 01949 836042 or appletrees.hobson@gmail.com.

Bridge Group meets at the Bowls Club every week from 10am to midday. 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.

Wine Group 2 meets on the third Thursday of every month. Contact Veronica Perry on 01949 875231 or vperry1951@gmail.com.

Creative Stitching Group meets every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm at the Bingham Arts Centre. All levels and types of embroidery/ patchwork, etc. Contact Mary Ball on 01949 851110 or ballmary394@gmail.com.

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

Garden Group meets at 2pm in each other's gardens on a monthly basis from April to October inclusive. Contact Jo McHugh, jomchugh@outlook.com.

Various days

Explorers Visits Group - contact Ann Lewis, 01949 831530

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