



**January 2025
Newsletter**

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



NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

By the time you read this, we shall be well into January 2025. Your Committee decided to take turns in addressing members at the start of the Newsletter, so I am welcoming new members and those who already belong to Bingham u3a. A gentle reminder here about renewing your membership for 2025 which is due in January. A lively programme of monthly talks awaits you, to take place on the third Wednesday of each month.

There are lots of groups to join, welcoming new members, so I decided to move out of my comfort zone and try something new from New Year onwards. I see this as a challenge to myself, because it's so easy to stick to the familiar. I ask myself "what have I learned lately" and the answer is probably "very little"! That's the reason for not making New Year resolutions, but it could go off in unexpected directions. Also, I shall probably meet new people within u3a. So this time next year I hope to

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have learned something new. Watch this space!

Linda Molineaux



MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

January 15th	<i>The Golden Age of Children's Books</i> with Danny Wells
February 19th	<i>Fraud Protection</i> with Richard Kubon
March 19th	<i>The River Trent</i> with Michael Burton
April 16th	<i>The Life and Work of Elvis Presley</i> with Paul Lillie
May 21st	<i>Notts Place Names</i> with Paul Cullen

Funny Turns with Dave Moylan

In December Dave treated us to his one-man show *Funny Turns* remembering some of the greatest comic performers of all time. Of particular note were his bawdy songs, his Portuguese anecdotes and his three metres of regurgitated ribbon.



Golden Age of Children's Books and Nursery Rhymes with Danny Wells

The late Victorian period and early twentieth century is regarded as the 'Golden Age of Children's Picture Books'. This is due in no small part to three talented artists all born in 1845-6.

There were the exquisite designs of Walter Crane, rich in colour and detail; the humour and vitality of Randolph Caldecott, known as the 'King of the Nursery'; and the tenderness and grace of Kate Greenaway's enchanted land of childhood.

In this period the illustration of British children's books attained a remarkable level of technical and artistic excellence. The artists' work delighted children and adults both then and ever since.

This illustrated talk by Danny Wells will explore their wonderful art and along the way endeavour to make sense of nursery rhymes, seeking their origins and how they have evolved over time.



SOCIAL EVENTS

Film Night

If you fancy an outing to the 'pictures' then join us at the next social evening for members. On Friday 31st January we shall be showing the film *Brooklyn* at the Rugby Club Pavilion. Doors open at 7.15 for a 7.30 start and there will be NO CHARGE. *Brooklyn*, featuring Saoirse Ronan, Jim Broadbent and Julie Walters is about Eilis, an Irish girl who moves to Brooklyn in the 1950s and ends up being torn between her new life and the one she has left in Ireland. It is based on a novel by Colm Toibin and has won several awards.

Bring your own popcorn!



INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

1st and 4th Wednesday Walking Groups

The weather was kind for this joint and final walk of the year led by John Perry. Fourteen of us made our way towards Car Colston, for a warming coffee before returning to the White Lion for an enjoyable pub lunch together.



As you are aware, Glyn and I have now stepped down from coordinating

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the 4th Wednesday Walking Group. It has been an enjoyable experience and we appreciated the cheerful friendship of the group members over the years. It was very kind of the group to treat us to a lovely bottle of red wine and a gift voucher. Thank you.

We are grateful that Veronica (along with John Perry) is able to help with coordinating this joint group until another volunteer can take over.

John and Glyn Greenwood

Visit to Sherwood Observatory – an update

Over 30 members have expressed an interest in a trip to the Sherwood Observatory and Planetarium and we have now been in touch with the Observatory to request a Group Visit one Tuesday evening in January or early February to see the Observatory itself and a show in the Planetarium. Those who have expressed a show preference have chosen [From Earth to Universe](#) . When a date is confirmed we will probably book a coach for the short trip to Sutton-in Ashfield.

Dave Hobson, appletrees.hobson@gmail.com



Knit and Natter Group

The Group's Christmas project was to make Christmas tree decorations, and Christmas-themed small toys. The tree decorations included angels, stars, balls and shiny shapes, The small toys were Father Christmas, snowmen and all things Christmasy. Not only was it an enjoyable project but was also a

thank you to the library staff for facilitating our group.

Beryl Kemp, bkemp1910@gmail.com .

Repair Café update

On Saturday January 11th at 10am there will be a meeting in the Methodist Centre of Repair Café volunteer fixers and helpers to make plans for future meetings. Then, on the 8th February, at the same venue and time, we will have a dummy run for our volunteers. Anyone interested to see how the Café works and is thinking of volunteering would be welcome.



The following month, on the 8th, we will have our Grand Opening of the Repair Café and we'll then be ready to receive the public and to start fixing.

John Yard, binghamrepaircafe@gmail.com.



Beer and Cider Group

In December, the Group visited The White Lion and the Horse and Plough in Bingham. We meet monthly on Thursday evenings, the time depending on public transport and venue. Contact John Perry on jkp1951@gmail.com or 01949 875231 for more information.

Ukulele Group

The Group held a successful first meeting on 12th December and already has eight, mostly novice, members. There is room for more, either beginners or more experienced players so if you are interested please contact David Eagland at davidmeagland@btinternet.com. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at Bingham Methodist Centre, 2.00 to 3.50pm.



GROUP CONTACT DETAILS AND MEETING POINTS



Monday am

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

Spanish Conversation Group meets at Laura's house on alternate weeks at 2pm. Contact Laura Rennie on 07722 499111

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 alternate weeks from 10am to 12am starting in May. Contact Beryl Kemp on 01949 839728 or bkemp1910@gmail.com

Walking Group 1 meets by Church House on the first Wednesday at 10am. Contact Veronica on 01949 875231 or yperry1951@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

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

u3a Coffee Morning meets in Bingham Methodist Centre at 10:30 on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Contact Chris Butler at kenbutler1@btinternet.com

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 on alternate weeks from 10am to 12am. Contact Dave Cobleby on 07966 370385 or dfcobleby@hotmail.com

Thursday pm

Beer and Cider Group meet 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 Valerie Morgan on 0115 9332353, valdave_morgan@btinternet.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
Ukelele Group meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at Bingham Methodist Centre from 2pm to 3:50pm. Contact 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 2:30 to 4pm. 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
Equipment Handler (non-Committee)	Judy Soar	01949 837108

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