



**December 2024
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**



END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIR

As the year grows to a close, I'd like to thank all the people who have helped Bingham u3a flourish this year - our Group Coordinators who have organised, emailed, taken photographs and made new members welcome, our New Members Secretary who has welcomed many new members to our u3a and our members who have religiously attended meetings. Thanks also to our Programme Secretary, who has given us a most varied selection of Wednesday monthly talks and individual members who have kept groups going and joined in our social events.

Next year, in October we celebrate our 25th Anniversary. We would like to make it special by having events throughout the year culminating in a Social Event for members past and present. If you have any further ideas on how to celebrate, please contact me, Veronica on 01949 875231 or bingham.u3a.chairperson@gmail.com.

So, Merry Christmas to all and hope to see you at the monthly meeting on

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18th December for our final bit of frivolity before Christmas.



MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

December 18th - *Funny Turns*, a live show with Dave Moylan

January 15th - *The Golden Age of Children's Books* with Danny Wells

February 19th - *Fraud Protection and how to beware of scams*

March 19th - *The River Trent* with Michael Burton

Funny Turns

Dave Moylan has been a professional entertainer for much of his long life as a musician, performing all types of music all over the UK as well as accompanying some of the country's best known entertainers. Then, as a comedy magician appearing at some of the UK's most (and least) prestigious venues.

Funny Turns is a one-man variety show remembering some of the greatest comic performers of all time. Along with some baffling magic tricks and a few daft songs, this is the perfect antidote to the 21st century!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, 2025

Can we remind you that your membership of Bingham u3a is due on the January 1st 2025? Standard membership this year is £15 per person. If you require the Third Age Matters Magazine delivered to you, there is an additional charge of £4 to cover the cost of postage. Payment can be made by BACS, cash or cheque (payable to u3a Bingham). If paying by BACS, please use your membership number as the reference.

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INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

History Group



William John Molineaux
7.9.1880 – 26.8.1914

Alan Molineaux gave the History Group a detailed and informative talk about his grandfather's part in The Great War and the Boer War. His grandfather was one of the earliest casualties of WW1, being killed in August 1914 at the battle of Le Cateau where the BEF stopped the Germans on their march to Paris thus changing the course of history. Alan brought along photos, correspondence and the medals won by his grandfather, a separate fascinating story in itself as these had remained hidden and unknown about for many years until being discovered after his grandmother died.

Creative Stitching

Creative Stitching meets every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm in the Bingham Library. Come along to see what we're doing if you're thinking about joining us. You can also come along if you have a sewing problem you'd like to talk through. You can even ask us how to sew on a button or turn up a hem (but we won't do it for you!!)





4th Wednesday Walking Group

This month's walk from Fiskerton was cancelled due to the weather but, nevertheless, a select few were able to enjoy a stroll around Fiskerton preceded by a lovely, fireside lunch in the revamped Bromley Arms. Our next venture is the joint walk and lunch from The White Lion (meet at 10:15) on Wednesday, December 4th when John Perry will lead us towards Car Colston.

Let's hope for better weather than today!

Visit to Sherwood Observatory

In November, the [Sherwood Observatory](#) in Sutton-in-Ashfield opened its new Planetarium Science Centre featuring a 59-seat dome with an "immersive" 10m diameter screen built on top of an old Victorian reservoir. This now contains an underground exhibition space with displays and space hardware. I am going to arrange a visit one evening in the next couple of months to the observatory telescope itself combined with a show in the Planetarium dome. So if any u3a members (not necessarily STEM Group members) are interested, would they please contact me, Dave Hobson, at appletrees.hobson@gmail.com.



Ambling Group 1

In November, the group enjoyed exploring the wonderful interior and exterior of Bottesford church, and a lovely walk through Bottesford village finished off with



a fabulous lunch at Venue 12 Café. We've never seen such a mistletoe laden tree and it was such glorious weather.

Table Tennis Group

Our table tennis group sessions are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 at the Bingham Arena with a charge of £3 per session. We are a small group who enjoy a very friendly game of table tennis - some informal coaching is also available. I'm sure we all want to improve our concentration and alertness, so why not give it a try! We have plenty of bats and balls.

You can just turn up or drop me, Lin Munroe, an email at linmun.linda@gmail.com.

Repair Café is coming to Bingham

Our members might be interested in this new venture. A group of local volunteers is planning to open Bingham's first Repair Café in the Spring of next year. Repair Cafés are springing up all over the UK at the moment and several of our organisers have been involved in other Cafes around the country before arriving in Bingham. The plan will be to hold the Cafe on the second Saturday each month between 10am and 12:30 in a central location. Initially, items for repairs will include electrical and electronic items, clothing, furniture, wooden items, bikes, musical instruments and ceramics and will be carried out by volunteer fixers and menders, free of charge. While you wait for your item to be repaired, you will be able to enjoy refreshments or do a bit of local shopping.

We are now forming a register of volunteers wishing to help with repairs so if you have a skill in one of our speciality areas and would like to help, or if you would like to help in any other way, please contact John Yard at binghamrepaircafe@gmail.com.

We welcome two new members to the Committee:

Leila Kirkham (07772 303328, bingham.u3a.treasurer@gmail.com) has replaced Judith Axtell as Treasurer and Robin Wilkin (07767 603799, robin@wilkinassociates.com) has become a co-opted member.

Newsletter deadline

The deadline for the January 2025 edition of the Newsletter is December 23rd. Please send any copy to Dave Hobson at appletrees.hobson@gmail.com. The Newsletter will be available on our website at www.binghamu3a.org from the beginning of the month, from Bingham Library and at the Monthly Meetings.

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

Walking Group 4 meets at 10:15 on the fourth Wednesday at various locations. Car share may be possible. Contact John and Glyn Greenwood 011598999798 or johnandglyn@btinternet.com

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 Cobley on 07966 370385 or dfcobley@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

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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Chairperson	Veronica Perry	01949 875231 bingham.u3a.chairperson@gmail.com
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Co-opted member	Robin Wilkin	07767 603799 robin@wilkinassociates.com
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