



**January 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.**

17 January 2024 , *Do you know who I am?* with Peter Slater

BINGHAM u3a MATTERS



Meet your Committee

Each month we will introduce you to one or more of your Bingham u3a Committee. This month it's the turn of your Chair, Veronica.

Veronica joined Bingham u3a in 2019. She is an ex-teacher. She joined to pursue her interest in speaking French and is now an avid Bridge player and walker and enjoys Creative Stitching.

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PROGRAMME NEWS



On the January 17th, Peter Slater will pose the question, *Do you know who I am?* Is he being facetious? Inquisitive? Toffee-nosed? Indignant? Come along and discover Peter's reason for the title of his talk.

On February 21st, Jenny Craig will tell us about *Bingham's Linear Park*. Thought you knew it well? Want to discover more? See you there.

PROGRAMME REVIEW – RADCLIFFE MALE VOICE CHOIR



Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat. In December, we had a vocal reminder from members of the Radcliffe Male Voice Choir who were in festive spirit for their concert in the Methodist Chapel. In addition to

demonstrating their range of songs with favourites such as The Rose and the Boar's Head carol, they taught the audience to sing Bella Mama. We learned each line separately with the help of the choir, then combined in a round, which sounded really good.

Our appreciative audience enjoyed the programme and a collection raised £267 for Prostate Cancer UK,



one of several charities supported by the Choir. The Choir are hoping to recruit 40 new members in the next 12 weeks to sing with them. Now, there's a challenge!

SOCIAL EVENTS



Beetle Drive



Nobody actually enquired about how or where one drives a beetle, but there was a distinct feeling of nostalgia for some of the 26 players who gathered to play one afternoon in November.

The rules of the game were read out – with varying degrees of understanding. As the first game progressed, things became clearer but it was game five before everyone was able to progress from table to table correctly. Perhaps the concept of clockwise or anti-clockwise was not well absorbed. The clatter of dice shaking in a cup and the excited chatter as we played rose to a crescendo.

We played 12 games and found a winner with the highest score, the recipient of a box of chocolates. Thanks to Sue who organised tea and biscuits. We look forward to the shared fun of other social afternoons.

Computer Workshops

An initial meeting of members interested in taking part in the proposed workshops will be held on Thursday 18th January at 11am in Room 1 at Bingham Methodist Centre. You are welcome to bring along your computing devices but this isn't essential for this meeting. Volunteers with experience of desktop and laptop computers, tablets and smartphones and a range of operating systems and software will be available to help you get the most out of your devices.

Spanish Conversation Group

The 6 or 7 members of the group meet every other Monday afternoon at Laura's house in Aslockton at 2pm. Our aim is to keep conversation in Spanish as much as we can for at least the first hour. We help each other along and keep things as relaxed and enjoyable as possible. Contact Laura Rennie on 07722 499111.

History Group

John Perry, the History Group's Facilitator, has put together a programme up to June 2024 as follows:

24th January – Marion Caunt will speak on *The Story of the Rockley Memorial Park in Radcliffe on Trent, including The Cliff and Woodland Walk*.

28th February – Michael Bennett will give a talk on *The War of 1812 between the UK and USA*.

27th March – John Todd to talk on the *Gallipoli Campaign in WW1*.

24th April – John Perry will host a discussion on *The Iraq War of*

2003 – *should the UK have taken part?*

22nd May – Dave Young will give a talk on *The History of Nottingham Castle*.

26th June – Jo McHugh will give a talk on *Bess of Hardwick*.

24 July – A visit will be arranged to Stoke Field, The Sconce at Newark or Bromley House library in Nottingham.

23rd October – Adrian Cresswell to give a talk relating to his role in the RAF and the Cold War.



Woolsthorpe Wharf

Wednesday Walking Group 1

On a crisp, Wednesday morning in December, Judith led the Group from the Dirty Duck at Woolsthorpe Wharf along the Grantham Canal to Muston for coffee. The return was followed by a fine lunch at the Dirty Duck.

Stitching Group

The new group meets in Room 2 at the Methodist Centre every two weeks. At the first meeting in December, members brought along a variety of projects. All were pursued separately with the help of Mary when necessary. The next meeting is on 5th January 2024 at 2pm. Contact Mary on 01949 851110 or maryannball@tiscali.co.uk if you are interested in joining.

Book Club

The last meeting was well attended by twelve members of the group who discussed Margaret Forster's final book, *How to measure a cow*. Some people loved it and others felt that it was not the best example of her work. There followed a discussion on poetry – poems were read out and some members quoted poetry that they had learned as a child.

This month's read is *Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine* by Gail Honeyman. The next meeting is 23rd January at 2pm in Bingham Library. Contact lindamolineaux46@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The deadline for the February 2024 edition of the Newsletter is 23rd January. Please send any copy to Dave Hobson on appletrees.hobson@gmail.com.



GROUP CONTACT DETAILS AND MEETING POINTS

Monday am

Ambling Group 1 meets at Church House weekly at 10:30. Contact Miriam Bingham on 01949 836390 or miriam.bingham@yahoo.com.

Coffee Social Group meets at the Buttercross Pub on the second Monday at 10:30. Contact any Committee member or 01949 839946.

Monday pm

Cinema Group meets at Butler's Coffee House on second Mondays at 2pm. Contact Lindsay Evett on 01949 851115.

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

Board Games Group meets at the Bowls Club from October to April on the second Monday at 7pm. Contact Jeff Peters on 01949 875406 or jeff.peters369@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 .	
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. Contact Beryl Kemp on 01949 839728 or bkemp1910@gmail.com .	
Walking Group 1 meets by Church House on the first Wednesday at 10am. Contact Judith Williams on 07523 645105 or judith10r@icloud.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 Church House (car share) on the fourth Wednesday at 9:30. Contact John and Glyn Greenwood on 01159 899798 or johnandglyn@btinternet.com .	
Wednesday pm	
Spanish 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 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	
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12am. Contact Dave Cobley on 07966 370385 or dfcobley@hotmail.com .
Thursday pm
Croquet Group meets at the Butt Field Pavilion fortnightly from May to September at 1pm. Contacts – Jackie Hutton, 07443 595653 and Judith Wilkin, 07769 293621 .
German Conversation Group meets fortnightly at 2pm. Contact Valerie Morgan on 0115 9332353, valdave_morgan@btinternet.com .
Creative Writing Group meets on the first Thursday of every month at 2pm at the Wildflower Cafe, Coach Gap Lane, Langar. The next meeting is on 1st February. Contact Lynne Boardman, Southam2610@gmail.com .
Sewing Group meets in Room 2 of the Methodist Centre every two weeks. Contact Mary on 01949 851110 or maryannball@tiscali.co.uk .
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 2:30pm to 4pm. Contact Lis Leslie on 01949 831602 .
Practical Gardening Group meets at 2pm. Contact Tina Patrick on 07801 150567.
Sunday
Sunday Lunch Group meets on the first Sunday at 12:30. Contact Jill Kent on 0115 9334516 .
Various days
Travel Group – Contact Pat Antcliff, 01949 875471
Explorers Visits Group – Contact Ann Lewis, 01949 831530 .

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