



March 2024 Newsletter



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

20th March – Juke Box Jury with Roger Prescott
17th April – A Step in Crime with Richard Povey

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE



Each month, we will introduce you to one of your Bingham u3a Committee – this month, it's the turn of Dave Hobson, Newsletter and Website Editor.

Dave has edited the Website for a number of years and took over editing the Newsletter last year. A keen walker, he carries out similar functions for the Vale of Belvoir Ramblers as well as leading walks throughout the East Midlands and further afield. He originally joined the Cycling Group and now leads the STEM Group.

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JUKE BOX JURY

On **March 20th at 2pm**, Roger Prescott will be presenting *Juke Box Jury* with a panel drawn from

our members and audience participation encouraged. Be taken back to Saturday evenings in the 1960s when those lucky enough to have a black and white television eagerly awaited the iconic JBJ theme tune and for David Jacobs to utter those familiar words "Good evening and welcome once again to another session of Juke Box Jury". Your Saturday teatime highlight was underway.

This presentation starts with a 10/15-minute background to Juke Box Jury and setting the scene by waking memories, the "studio" audience is "transported" back to the 60s, ready for.....*Juke Box Jury – The Presentation*. With four members of the audience as the voting panel, we'll hear some familiar and some forgotten songs from the 1960s. The panel will give some comments about the songs and then vote whether they should be a HIT or MISS (irrespective of what actually happened). In the event of a tie, the studio audience become the extended jury and have their say. Whatever the outcome Roger will provide some facts about each song. The emphasis throughout will be on fun and a lot of laughter can be expected,

17th April – Richard Povey will present *A step in crime*, informing us about the role of podiatry in forensic investigation. Richard has been bringing his services locally for some time, toeing the line and not putting a foot wrong. Come to heel and direct your steps to this presentation.

15th May – Dr Tony Waltham, the well-known local geologist, photographer, author and lecturer will be giving a talk on the geology of Nottingham Caves. This could be followed by a visit for the Explorers Group.

19th June – Autumn Rose is offering a presentation entitled *Drive On*, in which we can consider our driving skills possibly by a quiz and questions. I suggest mugging up on the recent changes to the Highway Code!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENT



Antiques Roadshow Quiz with James Lewis, Bamfords

Antiques



There was an enthusiastic response from members at a recent Wednesday meeting, for the proposal of having an evening event based on antiques. James has kindly agreed to put on a programme for us on Tuesday 30th April at 7pm. The evening will take the form of a quiz, where certain items are shown and the teams have to identify their use or form. Then answers will be provided by James, who will identify each

object and discuss it.

More information next month.



COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee mornings are held on the second Monday of every month at The Buttercross between 10am and 12pm. All members are welcome, but especially those who have recently joined us: Barbara Bowden, Ann Rowen and Margaret Linley.

We hope they will enjoy being part of Bingham u3a and participating in the activity groups of their choice.

ON-LINE LEARNING EVENTS



u3a members can join a wide range of free, on-line talks, workshops and courses. There are some interesting forthcoming events to be held as follows;

27th March – *Secrets of the Human Brain: Brain and Behaviour*

28th March – *Introduction to Cryptic Crosswords*. A taster session for beginners

28th March – *Suffering and Hope in Tolstoy's Anna Karenina*. How creative arts can enhance our wellbeing

5th April – *From Pleasure Gardens to Theme Parks*

11th April – *Live Cookery Demonstration – Spring recipes*

18th April – *Live Cookery Demonstration – more Spring recipes*

19th April – *The Climate Crisis – and Some Solutions*.

Places can be booked via Eventbrite. For full information go to www.u3a.org.uk/events and choose the Online Learning Events option in the menu.

Two new activities groups have been suggested by members. If you are interested in taking part in a **Discussions Group**, or a **Cinema/Theatre Visits Group**, please contact me. Inaugural meetings will be held shortly if there is sufficient interest. There is also the possibility of forming a **Canasta Group** to be set up after Easter. Contact Ann Lewis on 01949 831530 or at bingham.u3a.vicechair@gmail.com.

INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

The **Tuesday Ambling Group** dodged the showers and the puddles. Members took the bus to Radcliffe and enjoyed a leisurely walk down the quiet lane towards Holme Pierrepont Hall, returning by the same route and heading for coffee in Radcliffe.



Walking Group 2

Jeff led seven u3a members from Woolsthorpe Wharf, along the disused railway, Longmoor Lane and the Grantham Canal to Denton Reservoir and Denton Wharf for a coffee stop, returning along the Grantham Canal for a drink in the Dirty Duck.

Explorers Group visit to Holmepierrepont Hall

In February, thirteen members of the Explorers Group went on an escorted tour of Holmepierrepont Hall on a very cold and wet afternoon. We received a warm welcome from the owner Robert Brackenbury who gave us an informative and amusing insight into ownership of this historic residence.



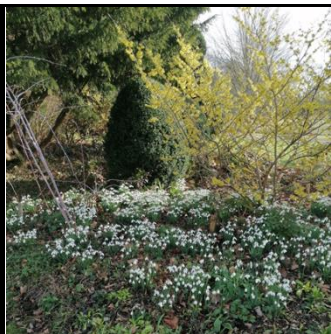
His parents bought Holmepierrepont Hall in the mid-20th Century though the Brackenburys can trace their ancestors back through the female line and three generations removed to the Holmepierreponts. Robert grew up at the Hall and now lives there with his wife Charlotte and their children. They are the 19th generation of owners of the Hall with the unenviable task of restoration and maintenance of this Grade One Tudor Manor House and 30 acre estate.

Our tour started in the parish church of St Edmunds which comes under the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and is adjacent to the Hall. It is very well kept with many artefacts which were well and often light heartedly described by our tour guide.



We progressed to the House and saw ongoing restoration work and improvements made by the family. Our tour ended with Robert hosting our teas and coffees and answering more questions.

Later, after our tour, we walked through the Hall's gardens and five of us braved the elements to walk through the surrounding woods and admire the vast display of snowdrops along with their sheep.



It was an enjoyable and informative afternoon for all. For some a trip down memory lane and others a first time visit.

Beer and Cider Group

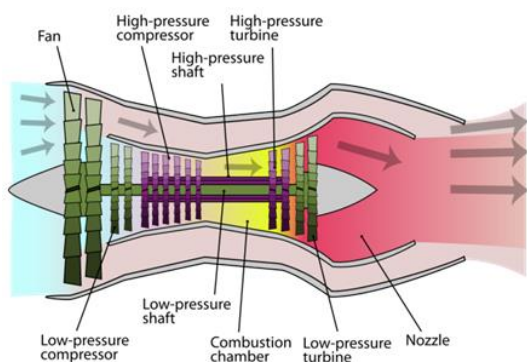
I have agreed to facilitate this group, and suggest that we have our inaugural get together on Thursday 21st March, at the Horse and Plough in Bingham, starting around 7.30. The purpose of this first 'meeting' will be to introduce ourselves, and then chat through how often we should meet up and where. There are for instance good public transport links to Radcliffe, West Bridgford, Nottingham and, now, Newark. We might also fancy a brewery trip. Would be nice to see you there.

As you will probably know the Horse and Plough is part owned by Castle Rock brewery, and is in the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) Good Beer Guide. John Perry, jkp1951@gmail.com

Board Games Group

Please note that the meeting in March will be on the 18th rather than the 11th. We meet at the usual time of 7pm at the Bowls Club. For more information please contact Jeff Peters at jeff.peters369@gmail.com. New members are always welcome.

STEM Group



The STEM Group presentation in February covered the history of the jet engine from the early days of Frank Whittle's machine to the development of Rolls Royce's Ultra Fan, the largest jet engine ever produced. Whittle had many

difficulties securing Government funding in the lead-up to WW2 and, although he was eventually able to secure enough to build an engine and fly it, the opportunity to develop a jet fighter in time to participate meaningfully in the war was lost. He played no part in the aircraft industry in later years and emigrated to America where he received many awards for his work.

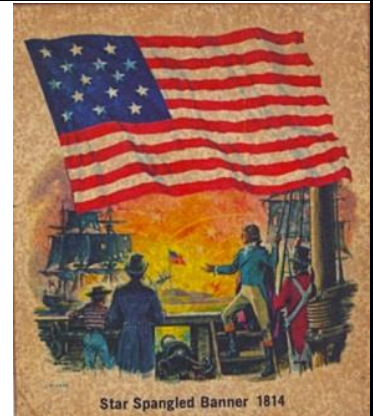
History Group – The War of 1812

Michael Bennet gave a presentation to thirty one members on the War of 1812, fought between the United States and Great Britain, primarily over the impressment of American sailors by the British Navy, as well as disagreements over trade, western expansion,



and Native American

policy. The war ended inconclusively after three years of fighting. In December 1814, the Treaty of Ghent was signed, officially ending the war. One important conclusion was the confirmation that Canada did not want to be part of the United States.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April 2024 edition of the Newsletter is 29th March. 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 10:30. 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 0744 3528048 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 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 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 10.15 on the fourth Wednesday at various locations. Car share may be possible from Bingham. Contact John and Glyn Greenwood on 01159 899798 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

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 .

Technology Workshop Group meets at 11am on the third Thursday of each month in Room 1 at the Methodist Centre. Contact – Louise Hunt, sawdoc2002@aol.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

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 2:30pm. Contact Valerie Morgan on 0115 9332353, valdave_morgan@btinternet.com .
Creative Writing Group meets on the first Thursday of every month from 2pm to 4pm at the Wildflower Cafe, Coach Gap Lane, Langar. Contact Lynne Boardman, Southam2610@gmail.com .
Sewing Group meets in Room 2 of the Methodist Centre on the first and third Thursdays. 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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