

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021

Meetings are held in the Methodist Centre,
Bingham at 2pm

Third Wednesday of the month
NEXT MEETING : 15th December 2021

Bingham u3a



Founded October 2000
Registered Charity No. 1181961

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

HI HO, HI HO, IT'S OFF TO WORK WE GO!

Can it really be that time of year again? Here's what the u3a elves plan to drop down your chimneys, whether naughty or nice!

- A new and exciting monthly meeting programme, including several featuring performances and presentations by u3a members. The first of these will be a topically themed event in April, and it's planned to include a storyteller performing their own original fact-based material, at least one solo musical performer and at least one musical ensemble
- An outdoor event in early June as part of our celebration of the Queen's Coronation Diamond Jubilee
- Our own stand at Bingham Summer Fair, also in early June.
- An event celebrating National u3a Day as well as u3a UK's 40th birthday in September
- In order to bring everyone in Bingham u3a (and also, where appropriate, a wider readership/audience) up-to-date and attractively presented information about all our activities and events, we're forming a Media Team to cover the written and printed word, online publications, website, social media, broadcast media, direct marketing and promotional events, including IT, writing, artistic and graphical content.
- Any member who's interested is more than welcome to join one of our committee meetings to find out how Bingham u3a is run and how they can help out without any need to become a committee member themselves if they don't want to, so.....

Please get in touch!

HO HO HO!

John Lewis



A National and International organisation that provides companionship and enables members to share many educational, creative and leisure activities.



THEATRE IS BACK!



Hopefully this will be a successful return to theatre bookings! As before please note the date when payment

has to be paid by and let me know if you would like to have a pre-theatre lunch or make your own arrangements. We make our own way to the venue which is usually in Nottingham so most people travel by bus

MAGIC GOES WRONG at Theatre Royal Thursday 31st March at 2pm

Created by magic legends Penn & Teller this is a comedy play with grand illusions & breath taking tricks. However the magicians are only moderately skilled and somewhat accident prone so magic turns to mayhem with hilarious results

Price £38.50 (£ 35.00 group booking price) or £35.00 (£31.50 group booking price)

Payment date is 19th January 2022 U3A January main meeting date.

SIX THE MUSICAL at the Theatre Royal Saturday 30th July at 2.30pm

This show has been critically acclaimed since it began at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2017 & is based on the six wives of Henry VIII in a modern retelling with an all-female band. Possibly not for a purist!

Price ££38.50 or £35.50 with no group reduction.

Payment date is 16th March U3A March main meeting date.

Any suggestions for future bookings/ideas very welcome. Please contact Jackie Hutton on 07443595653 or randjhutton@gmail.com to book or for any additional information.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

15th December 2021 The Bridge Singers

This very popular local, four part harmony singing, Choir will give their Christmas performance. Songs will be of a seasonal nature with some carols and audience participation accompanied by piano music.

19th January 2022 Graham Keal - Oprah Winfrey Touched my Elbow

Ex-showbiz journalist Graham Keal has been interviewing TV celebrities for over 30 years, Oprah included. Graham has also entertained in folk clubs, compered concerts and auditioned for Opportunity Knocks. Now he combines his professional insight with his incisive wit to amuse Rotary Charter Nights, social clubs, U3As, WIs, ladies' luncheon clubs etc.

16th February 2022 Pat Hall - 'Life Can Be Funny'

Observational comedy plus jokes and 'oddities' plus the odd weird poem.

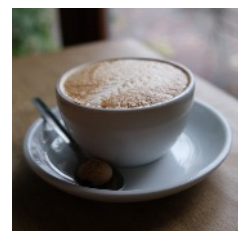
16th March 2022 Malcolm Darrah - Numbers are as easy as Pi

Entertaining, a light hearted therapy for all. Humorous and often mind-blowing look at numbers.

COFFEE MORNINGS AND NEW MEMBERS

Our regular Monday coffee mornings have returned and will take place as previously at the Buttercross pub on the 2nd Monday morning of the month at 10.30am.

John Lewis will be hosting the next one on 10th January 2022. These get-togethers are for everyone but we particularly extend a warm welcome to new members where you can chat in a relaxed atmosphere and get to know fellow u3a members who will no doubt soon become friends. See you there!



GROUP NEWS

The French Conversation group would love to welcome new members. The skill level is around GCSE to advanced so not for complete beginners but it's a friendly group so don't be afraid to come along for a bit of "parlez vous"! The group meets at members' houses on a rota basis on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the afternoon. Bienvenue a tous!

OTHER GROUP NEWS..

- Theatre Group is restarting - see earlier in the newsletter.
- German group is going strong with about 9 members.
- Gentle fitness group on Tuesday is up and running and will restart on 4th Jan.
- Ambling Group on Mondays is currently over subscribed. Anybody fancy starting a new one?
- Wine group has 15 members and meets in members houses. It is currently over subscribed and there is a real need for another Wine Group as it is so popular..... **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!**
- Table tennis continues to be popular, meeting weekly.
- Explorers group is planning another outing in April - details to follow.
- Popular music group has not yet restarted for fairly obvious reasons to do with venues, etc but has plans to restart as early as possible in 2022.
- Card School has made a great start with a membership of approximately 12 people. There is no fixed venue as yet but everyone seems to be making great strides with bridge.

Keep the news coming in!

Music Appreciation Group

There will not be a meeting of the group this month as our normal date would fall between Christmas and the New Year when many people would be otherwise occupied.

The next meeting will be in January on Thursday 27th when we will have our 3rd attempt to watch and listen to the Berlioz Requiem.

Please do come and join us. If you are not a regular member please ring 01949-875968 to book a place.

Many thanks

Regards ..

Anthony Watts

Arrangements for monthly meeting in the Methodist Centre
for the time being

All essential protective measures will be taken for the meeting which will be in the Methodist Centre, but we would ask you to observe the following guidance:

- Masks should be worn when moving around in the Methodist Centre, unless exempt
- Use anti-bacterial gel on entry
- Make sure you are signed in
- Do not move chairs around in the hall to ensure social distancing is maintained
- Refreshments - collect from the hatch in the hall and sit down, ensuring that there is social distancing in the queue. Sit down when you have collected your refreshments, but you do not need to sit on the same chair as before.
- Do not congregate in the atrium unless there is a table available to sit at
- Observe all signs in the Centre, eg regarding the use of the toilets
- Do not gather in groups immediately outside the Methodist Centre
- Please do your own risk assessment before attending and do not attend if you are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms

ANOTHER QUOTE FOR THE MONTH - Pinched from the Network Newsletter but I rather liked it (Ed.):

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou



TRAVEL GROUP

**Only U3A Members can go on U3A Holidays
or Excursions**

HOLIDAY TO SCOTLAND

MONDAY 21st MARCH – FRIDAY 25th

This holiday is booked with Emjay Tours. We will be staying at the 4* Doubletree by Hilton Glasgow Westerwood Spa & Golf Resort. All rooms have ensuite facilities. The hotel is midway between Edinburgh & Glasgow.

Brief itinerary

Day 1 Travel to Scotland with suitable stops enroute

Day 2 Today we have a scenic drive of the Trossachs to include Aberfoyle, the Duke's pass, Loch Katrine and Callendar, before returning to the hotel.

Day 3 Our journey today takes us alongside the Firth of Forth crossing the Kincardine Bridge, to the pretty village of Culross before crossing the mighty Forth Road Bridge to Queensferry, where we have free time before boarding our boat cruise with a Cream Tea.

Day 4 We travel to Falkirk where we view the famous Kelpies and have free time before boarding the Falkirk Wheel where we enjoy the full 60 minute Falkirk Wheel experience where you sail through the sky before travelling along the aqueduct to the Union Canal & back. The magnificent structure stands 115 ft tall and requires only the pressure of 8 domestic kettles to sail boats through the air and transfer them between the two canals. This is now an iconic landmark & is both a work of art and a feat of engineering which is visited by 500,000 people per year. We then visit Callendar House.

Day 5 After a leisurely breakfast we make our scenic return journey through the Queen Elizabeth Forest to Callendar & Stirling, with suitable comfort stops en route arriving home around tea time.

Price £419.00 there are a few twin rooms for sole occupancy available for a **supplement of £119.00**. Booking forms will be available shortly. Phone Carol on 01949 20448 if you wish to book.

COACH DAY EXCURSIONS 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 4th March	Kinema in the Woods
Thursday 12th May	Canal Boat Trip & Derbyshire
Friday 22nd July	Anglesey Abbey
Tuesday 20th September	Sezincote House & The Cotswolds

Details will be given in Newsletters near the time.

PRINTED NEWSLETTER COPIES

We have tried to keep those of our members who do not have access to the Internet, informed and up-to-date about our u3a in Bingham and surrounding districts during the time of Covid by posting copies to their home addresses. Specifically during lockdown it was impossible for members to obtain their monthly printed copy as meetings were cancelled and the library was closed.

However, the cost of posting newsletters monthly has increased significantly in recent times and, given that we produce an electronic copy on the website as well as providing printed copies at meetings and the library, we have had to review this decision. We now have to revert to former times and request a stamped addressed envelope for members who wish to receive their copies in printed format sent to their homes each month.

This does mean 10 SAEs as there are two months of the year when the newsletter is not produced. Please send or deliver these to our Membership Secretary, Margaret Blythe at 7 Mill Hill, Bingham, NG13 8YR.

PLEASE NOTE FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER 31st DECEMBER IS A STRICT DEADLINE AS THE NEWSLETTER HAS TO GO TO PRESS BY

5th JANUARY 2022.



**Your committee wishes all u3a members a
Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy
New Year!**



QUIZ NIGHT WITH AYR U3A

Wednesday night is Quiz Night with Ayr u3a! But never fear you can join in too. It is an online National u3a quiz, open to any u3a group to participate. Lynne Barnett enters a team from Bingham and there is no restriction on the numbers of teams from any u3a group so - how about getting a team together and joining in the fun?

Further details can be obtained from Lynne on 01949 875151.

GROUP CONTACT DETAILS AND MEETING TIMES

Monday am:

Group	<u>Ambling 1</u>	<u>Coffee Social</u>	<u>Knitting</u>
Contact	Miriam Bingham	Sue Eaton	Helen Rose
Telephone	01949 836390	01949 839946	01949 839298
Venue	by Church House	Buttercross Pub	Helen's Home
Frequency	Weekly	2 nd	4 th
Time	10.30 am	10.30 am	10.30 am
		To be hosted by committee members for now	

Monday pm:

Group	<u>Cinema</u>	<u>Wine</u>	<u>Board Games</u>	<u>Table Tennis</u>
Contact	Lindsay	Lynne Barnett	Jeff Peters	Lynne Barnett
Telephone	Evet	01949 875151	01949 875406	01949 875151
Venue	01949 851115	Various	Bowls Club	Leisure Centre
Frequency	No 16 cafe	3 rd or 4 th	11 th Oct to April	1 st & 3 rd
Time	1 st not Bank Hol 2.00 pm	2.30 pm	7 pm	4 pm to 5 pm

Tuesday am:

Group	<u>French Improvers</u>	<u>Cycling</u>
Contact	Joanne Collie	Charles Richardson
Telephone	01949 831899	01949 831602
Venue	Venue TBC	Buttercross Pub
Frequency	Every other	2 nd & 4 th 10.30 am
Time	10 am	

Tuesday pm:

Group	<u>Ambling 2</u>	<u>Gentle Exercise</u>
Contact	Beryl Kemp/Jackie	Linda Walden
Telephone	Hutton	01949 836717
Venue	01949 837376	Old Church Ho.
Frequency	Car Park	Weekly
Time	Fortnightly @ 1 pm	1-2 pm

Group	<u>French Conversation 2</u>
Contact	Barbara Savage
Telephone	01949 838782
Venue	Various
Frequency	2 nd & 4 th
Time	2-4 pm

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Wednesday am:

Group	<u>Walking 1</u>	<u>Walking 2</u>	<u>Walking 4</u>
Contact	Judith Williams	Esme Smith	John & Glyn Greenwood
Telephone	07523 645105	01949 875148	01159 899798
Venue	By Church House	Church Ho./Car Share	Church Ho./Car Share
Frequency	1 st	2 nd	4 th
Time	10 am	9 am	9.30 am

Wednesday pm:

Group	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>History</u>
Contact	Jean Oates	Jennie Travers
Telephone	01949 850864	07756 825164
Venue	Old Courthouse	Old Church House
Frequency	fortnightly	4 th
Time	1 - 2 pm	2 pm

Thursday am:

Group	<u>STEM</u>	<u>Petanque (seasonal)</u>	<u>Card School</u>
Contact	Dave Hobson	Beryl Kemp	Veronica Perry
Telephone	01949 836042	01949 837376	01949 875231
Venue	Venue TBC	The Grange Radcliffe	TBC
Frequency	Last Thursday	Alternate weeks	Alternate weeks
Time	11:00-12:00	10 - 12 midday	10 - 12 midday

Thursday pm:

Group	<u>Croquet (Seasonal)</u>	<u>German Conversation</u>
Contact	Trish Tilley	Valerie Morgan
Telephone	01949 837923	0115 9332353
Venue	Pavilion Butt Field	Various
Frequency	Fortnightly May to	Fortnightly
Time	Sep, 1.00 pm	2.30 pm

Group	<u>Music Appreciation</u>
Contact	Anthony
Telephone	Watts/Derrick Gierth
Venue	01949 875968
Frequency	Various Last
Time	(usually) @2 pm

Friday am:

Group	<u>Mobility & Movement</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
Contact	Ann Lewis	Viv Dyer/Pat Selby
Telephone	01949 831530	01949 838614/ 01949 839824
Venue	Methodist Hall	Old Court House
Frequency	Weekly	1 st & 3 rd
Time	10 - 11 am	10.30 - 11.45 am

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Friday pm:

Group	<u>Writing</u>	<u>French Group 1</u>
Contact	Gordon Wallace	Lis Leslie
Telephone	07809 226285	01949 831602
Venue	Scarrington	Various
Frequency	Monthly	Fortnightly
Time	12.00	2 - 4 pm

Group	<u>Explorers</u>
Contact	John Lewis / John Greenwood
Telephone	01949 831530
Venue	Venue TBC
Frequency	Last of the month
Time	12.30 pm

Sunday:

Group	<u>Sunday Lunch 1</u>
Contact	Jill Kent
Telephone	0115 9334516
Venue	Various
Frequency	1st
Time	12.30 pm

Groups meeting up on various days:

Group	<u>Theatre visits</u>	<u>I'd Like to Have a Go</u>	<u>Real Ale & Cider Group</u>
Contact	Jackie Hutton	Jeff Peters	Ann Lewis
Telephone	01949 838140	01949 875406	01949 831530
Venue	Various Theatres	Contact Jeff Peters	Contact Ann Lewis

Group	<u>Explorer Group</u>	<u>Popular Music Group</u>	<u>Radio Group</u>
Contact	John Lewis	John Lewis	John Lewis
Telephone	01949 831530	01949 831530	01949 831530
Venue	Contact John Lewis	Contact John Lewis	Contact John Lewis

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Lots of photos, contacts and other information. www.binghamu3a.org

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The deadline for the January 2022 edition is
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31st December