

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2022

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

Third Wednesday of the month
NEXT MEETING : 16th February 2022

Bingham u3a



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LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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.

SPRING IS SPRUNG - WELL, NEARLY

The snowdrops in the Churchyard are nodding in the breeze and the crocuses are peeping through, so what news do I have for you?

- Our new National Chair, Dr. Liz Thackray, asked the challenging questions **Where are we Coming From, Where Are We At** and **Where Are We Going To** at the Regional Conference last September and at the Nottinghamshire Network meeting in January and we're working hard on Bingham u3a's response.
- We're still on track to bring you an interesting and thought-provoking **afternoon on the 20th April** featuring short presentations and musical performances by u3a members on a topical and relevant theme. More details in the March issue.

The official plans for the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** celebrations in the first week of June are now out, and it's also **u3a UK's 40th birthday** at the same time. Our contribution to the celebrations will be a **Picnic In The Park** during that week, when we're hoping to bring you an excellent afternoon of platinum-plated fun and entertainment! More details in the March issue.

See you there!

John



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



THEATRE NEWS



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.

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 and 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 2022** U3A March main meeting date.

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME at the Theatre Royal Friday 28th October at 2.30pm

This a new musical retelling of the Victor Hugo novel –an epic tale of passion, hope and redemption and will be one of the biggest and most spectacular shows by Nottingham Operatic with a full orchestra, new and lavish costumes and sets and over 50 performers.

Price £24 (over 60's)

Payment date TBC

I have looked at other performances but feel the cost is becoming prohibitive. For example tickets for South Pacific earlier in October are £55 to £65. There are good tickets available so if anyone is interested in this or any other alternatives, please let me know.

For further details or to book and especially with new ideas and options please contact Jackie Hutton 07443595653, or 01949 838140 and email **randjhutton@gmail.com**.

GROUP NEWS

Are you thinking of starting a new group?

Members have sometimes been unable to join existing groups which are recorded as “full” and have to go on a waiting list. If this is the case, contact Veronica Perry, our Vice Chair and Groups Co-ordinator, who will see what can be done to accommodate you - sometimes just minor adjustments can allow members to join in with current groups and fresh faces can always add a new dimension to activities.

If there is not an existing group for your particular interest, why not consider starting one up? Speak to Veronica and she will be able to give you advice and guidance on how to organise a group. There are some guidelines, risk assessments and so on, which all group leaders will need to be aware of and Veronica can give you all the latest information. She will help you every step of the way and no doubt, if you are interested in a particular subject, there are bound to be many other members who will share your enthusiasm.

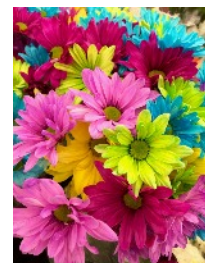
Veronica Perry - bingham.u3a.vicechair@gmail.com or ring 01949 875231.

Cycling Group

Please note change of meeting from Tuesday to Thursday from 24th February.

New Group - Enjoy Gardening

We are looking to start a new group for those of us who enjoy gardening at any level. We are thinking of having informal meet ups to share seeds, young plants, and cuttings, offer practical advice, and have a look around each other's gardens for chat and inspiration!



If you are interested, please contact Tina Patrick (07801 150567) or Margaret Blythe (01949 831537) so that we can gauge interest and see what would work for us all.

HISTORY GROUP

The History Group meet next at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd February, at Old Church House.



We will continue our presentation of the life and times of Winston Churchill. The topic this month is Winston and the Edwardian decade at the beginning of the 20th Century, when his political career began. We shall also look at the activities of his mother, Lady Randolph Churchill, during these years.

New members are always welcome to join us.

Jennie Travers

Music Appreciation Group

The Berlioz Requiem was finally watched and listened to in January – quite unknown to all of us but truly amazing in the quality of the performance with over 400 musicians in the choir and orchestra. Can you imagine 6 lots of timpanists playing in total synchronisation? A wonderful afternoon.



The next meeting will be at the home of Jen & Derrick, 12 Stanhope Way on Thursday February 24th when Derrick will present a programme entitled "Sibelius, lyrical, turbulent, peaceful, exhilarating." It should be most interesting.

New members very welcome but please ring 837519 if you would like to attend.

Please do come and join us ...

Anthony Watts

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Lots of photos, contacts and other information.

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U3A 2nd Wednesday walking group

Programme of walks 2022

(Note: starting time changed to 9.30am)

Date	Area	Leader	Distance in miles
Feb 9	Clumber Park	Jeff	8
Mar 9	Draycott	Eric	9
April 13	Louth	Esme	8
May 11	Nettleton Lincs	Esme	9+
June 8	Ab Kettleby	Eric	9.5
July 13	Collingham	Jeff	?
Aug 10	Vale of Belvoir	John	8
Sept 14	Ancaster	Esme	9
Oct 12	Market Bosworth	Jeff	8
Nov 9	3 Parks – Besthorpe	Lynne/John	8-9
Dec 14	Bingham to East Bridgford	Eric/Esme	6

TUESDAY AMBLING GROUP

A sunny afternoon by the canal near West Bridgford.





TRAVEL GROUP

Only U3A Members can go on U3A Holidays
or Excursions

HOLIDAY TO SCOTLAND

MONDAY 21st – FRIDAY 25th MARCH

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.** Phone Carol if you wish to book or enquire at the Travel Desk at the Monthly Meeting.

COACH DAY EXCURSIONS 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KINEMA IN THE WOODS

& AFTERNOON TEA

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH



We will travel by Emjay's coach from Bingham and East Bridgford to Pennels Garden Centre where we can purchase a snack or full breakfast or enjoy shopping, before travelling on to the Kinema in the Woods where we will have a private showing of the film **THE NOTEBOOK**. Which is based on the best selling novel by Nicholas Sparks. The Radio Times describes it as a Romantic Drama - the story of an ill fated romance which helps an old man to bring the love of his life back from the shadowlands of dementia. We will then transfer to **The Teahouse in the Woods** at Woodhall Spa where we will partake of an afternoon tea (sandwiches and cake) before returning home.

Price £39.00 per person (this includes the coach, film & afternoon tea).

Phone Carol Habieb 01949 20448 or Beryl Kemp 07792929334 to reserve a place. Cheques to be made out to Bingham u3a.

Future trips for your diaries:

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.

Learn online with the u3a

Did you know that u3a members can sign up for a wide range of online learning sessions free of charge? Forthcoming events include such diverse subjects as Beginners' Genealogy, UK Marine Wildlife and the birth of the Geometrical Abstraction art movement. To find out more about these, and the many other courses and presentations available, check out the Third Age Trust website, www/u3a.org.uk/events.

U3a 40th Anniversary Woodland

There is still time for you to purchase a tree to be planted in the woodland being created in the Brecon Beacons to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the u3a movement. The unit price starts at £7.50 but reduces according to the number ordered.

To put your name down please contact me at bingham.u3a.secretary@gmail.com.

u3a on Facebook

Don't have a Facebook account? You can still view our public page by Googling Bingham u3a to see what we are saying about our u3a. Whether or not you have an account there are lots of other interesting pages to browse, including both local and national news and discussions. **u3a: Keeping in Touch** has been invaluable throughout the pandemic, with lots of cartoons, jokes and discussions, then there is **Craft u3a, u3a Let's Talk Tech** as well as the national u3a UK page and many others that may be of interest to you. The Bingham page currently has 130 followers from both our membership and non-members - why not add yourself?. Visitor posts to the page are always welcome too.

MEMBERSHIP 2022

Membership subscriptions were due for 2022 in January.

This is a gentle reminder for those who have not yet paid their fees.

Please do so at your earliest opportunity.

Only paid-up members are able to take part in the group activities.

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	Oct to April	1 st & 3 rd
Time	1 st not Bank Hol 2.00 pm	2.30 pm	2 nd Monday 7 pm	4 pm to 5 pm

Tuesday am:

Group	<u>French Improvers</u>
Contact	Joanne Collie
Telephone	01949 831899
Venue	Venue TBC
Frequency	Every other
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 839728/837376	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	9.30 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</u>	<u>Card School</u>	<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Cycling</u>
Contact	Dave Hobson	Beryl Kemp	Veronica Perry	Dave Cobley	Charles Richardson
Telephone	01949 836042	01949 839728	01949 875231	07966370385	01949 831602
Venue	Venue TBC	The Grange	TBC	Bowls Club	The Buttercross,
Frequency	Last Thursday	Alternate w'ks	Alternate w'ks	Alternate weeks	Market Place
Time	11:00-12:00	10 - 12 midday	10 - 12 midday	10 - 12 midday	2 nd & 4 th 10.30 am

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 Sept.	Fortnightly
Time	1.00 pm	2.30 pm

Group	<u>Music Appreciation</u>
Contact	Anthony Watts/Derrick Gierth
Telephone	01949 875968
Venue	Various
Frequency	Last (usually)
Time	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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The deadline for the March 2022 edition is
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