

NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUGUST 2022

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

Third Wednesday of the month
NEXT MEETING : 20th JULY 2022



Bingham u3a

Founded October 2000

Registered Charity No. 1181961

LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE

UPCOMING MEETING

20th July 2022

“Mind your Motoring Manners” with Paula Cornwell

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

21st September 2022 Chris Bentley (Southwell u3a) - “Living in Japan”

PLUS Cream Tea and Entertainment

BRACE YOURSELVES FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAMME!

Judith Swann’s fascinating talk about her role as Deputy Lieutenant of the County on the 15th June was well received, and we look forward to welcoming her again some day.

Paula Cornwell will be showing us how to mind our motoring manners at our monthly meeting on the **20th July**.

Unfortunately, we haven’t as yet been able to finalise our plans for our contribution to the National u3a Week / 40th birthday celebrations in September.

The Beacon Handover to us in Bingham is now expected to take place on Tuesday the **20th September**, and all members are encouraged to come along and join in the fun.

We’re going to hand the Beacon over to another unsuspecting Notts u3a on **Wednesday the 21st September**, when of course we have our monthly meeting so we can greet the conquering hero on their return, and it will reach its final destination in Nottingham on **Saturday the 24th September**.

Further details will be sent out to everyone via e-mail as soon as they are available.

Finally, the planned entertainment featuring performers drawn from our own members after our **AGM on Wednesday 19th October** is still going ahead, and once again, please check your e-mail account for updates.

John Lewis



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

JULY MEETING DETAILS - SEE BELOW!



ASPIRING LADY MOTORISTS **MIND YOUR MOTORING MANNERS**

with the Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce

Ladies, do you have the perfect driving temperament for 1920's motoring? Do you dress appropriately, know your hand signals and understand horn etiquette?

No need for a moment's more anxiety!

Join my informative theory class today

An upbeat and interactive talk based on the writings of the Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce. To book contact Paula Cornwell
e: curlypaula@hotmail.co.uk



YOUR NEWSLETTER - MEMBERS NEWS

The Newsletter is for you as a membership. It's here to inform you, of course, and keep you up to date with group news, meeting details, travel and theatre timings and future plans. But what else would you like to see in it each month?

Do you have anything interesting that you are participating in that other members might like to hear about? This is *your* Newsletter so do tell us about your lives, hobbies and activities - if you find it engaging and entertaining then other members may well do too. Perhaps a holiday to an unusual or intriguing place? Photos warmly welcomed!

As you know the virtual copy is sent directly to your email account every month and is also uploaded to the website. However, we also provide a limited number of paper copies each month and the committee is interested in knowing whether this is what members want. Printing costs money and we have to consider this in our budgeting. Please do let committee members know what your views are so we can make plans going forward.

Ed.

WE NEED YOUR IT SKILLS!!



We are looking for someone to take on managing our website. It is currently being taken care of by a non committee member who is doing a sterling job maintaining it on a temporary basis.

However, we really need someone with good web skills who is interested in taking this on and perhaps developing and improving what we have at the moment. It would be ideal if this person joins the committee but this is not an absolutely essential requirement.

Within our large membership, we feel sure there is an enthusiastic member out there with the right skills and ideas - do get in touch if this is **YOU!**

Contact any member of the committee for a chat.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE?

Lots of photos, contacts and other information. This newsletter can be also be viewed on the website. www.binghamu3a.org

Why not follow us on Facebook?

www.facebook.com/binghamu3a

Various events are promoted on our Facebook page and contributions from members are warmly welcomed.



TRAVEL GROUP

Only U3A Members can go on U3A Holidays or Excursions

ANGLESEY ABBEY - Friday 22nd July

We will travel by executive coach from Bingham to the Abbey which is near Cambridge. When you step into this elegant home you journey back into a golden age of country house living. The domestic wing shows how the staff serving the meticulous Lord Fairhaven ran his household like clockwork. The celebrated garden, with its sweeping avenues, classical statuary and flower borders, offers captivating views, vibrant colours and delicious scents, whatever the season. A visit to the historic working watermill and famous winter garden will complete your day. There is a restaurant with views over the garden that serves snacks and hot meals and a shop and plant centre.



PRICE £24.00 PLUS £14.25 FOR ENTRY TO THE HOUSE & GARDENS FOR NON NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE BUT PLEASE MAKE CONTACT AS THIS TRIP TAKES PLACE VERY SOON!

Book a place at the Travel Desk at the monthly meeting or phone Beryl Kemp on 07792 929 334

COACH DAY EXCURSIONS 2022

Tuesday 20th September Sezincote House & The Cotswolds

Details will be given in our Newsletter nearer the time.

COFFEE MORNINGS

A reminder that our coffee meetings are still taking place on the **2nd Monday of the month at 10.30am in the Buttercross Pub** in the Market Place. This is a great opportunity to meet friends old and new. There will always be a committee member there to welcome new members and those just interested in finding out more about Bingham u3a. Do spread the word and invite your friends to come along!





THEATRE NEWS



THE CLOTHES THEY STOOD UP IN

at the Nottingham Playhouse Saturday 1st October at 2.30pm

An adaptation of the Alan Bennett play by and starring Adrian Scarborough (Madness of King George, Gavin & Stacey etc) with Sophie Thompson who are both Olivier award winning actors

This is a hilarious story of a mild mannered couple who return from a night out to find their flat completely empty, even the chicken casserole has been stolen! How this affects them and makes them assess their lives and marriage is told with Bennett's trademark observational wit.

Price £26.50 or £20.50 (£21.20 /16.40 group rate) **Payment date 16th August.**

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 20th August.**

THE NUTCRACKER with the NORTHERN BALLET

at the Theatre Royal Saturday 19th November at 2.30pm

An enchanting winter wonderland, the Sugar Plum Fairy and the notorious Mouse King and performed to Tchaikovsky's enduring score played live by Northern Ballet Sinfonia this should be a magical and memorable experience.

Price £45 (seats are in the Dress Circle) **Payment date 7th September**

And coming in 2023!! Best Exotic Marigold Hotel on Wednesday 8th Feb 2pm Details to follow nearer the time.

Please contact me with any queries and especially any ideas for future bookings on 07443595653 or randjhutton@gmail.com . **Please note payment dates listed above in red during August and early September - there will not be a meeting then so please contact Jackie to arrange payments or pay at the July meeting. Thank you.**

Jackie Hutton.

GROUP UPDATES

Book Club



The u3a Book Club has grown from 2 to 8 members, who met at the Library to discuss their first shared book, entitled “This is going to hurt” by Adam Kay. You may guess from the title that it is about medical matters, even if you didn’t see the recent BBC adaptation.

Part of the discussion was about the difference between the autobiographical book and the TV series. Opinion varied widely about the content of the text and most of us felt we had learned a lot about medical conditions and procedures, not all of it uplifting. The author wrote in diary style format which felt a little sensationalist at times, with amusing anecdotes and sad stories but made the book accessible to dip into and put down without losing track. As always, opinion varied as to whether it was a “good” read but we leave you to form your own conclusions by reading it.

We meet at 2 pm on the last Tuesday of the month in Bingham Library, new members are most welcome.

Linda Molineaux

Wine Group

The second wine Appreciation group will have its first meeting at 7.00pm on 14th July at the home of Veronica Perry. It will be on the theme of “a wine I love”.

This first meeting will be to gauge interest and to decide on dates and times for any future meetings. Anyone interested in attending should contact Veronica via email on bingham.u3a.vicechair@gmail.com, with your contact details if you’d like to join in or ring on 01949 875231. All welcome.

JOANNE COLLIE

Joanne would like to thank all the friends who sent good wishes to her recently, she is most grateful for them all. We’re delighted to hear that Joanne is now back home and well on the way to recovery. Excellent news!

HELEN ROSE

Sadly, we have been informed of the recent death of one of our members, Helen Rose. Helen was an active u3a member and ran the knitting group. We pass on our sincere condolences to her family and her friends within the u3a.

Music Appreciation Group

After a very successful meeting in June when we were delighted to welcome 2 new members we enjoyed a real 'taste of spring' with music ranging from Spring Sonatas to Rogers & Hammerstein musicals and all stations between.

Because of holidays there will not be a meeting in July but our next meeting will be on Thursday August 18th at the home of Maisie Ray in Scarrington at the usual time of 2.00pm. Please ring her on 01949-839911 to confirm your attendance and to receive details of how to find her home.

Her theme will be Female composers and Artistes so this should be something a little out of the ordinary.

Please do come and join us ...

Anthony Watts

I'LL HAVE A GO AT THAT.....

Is there anyone out there willing to take on the leadership for this group? Lynne Barnett is unable to continue with it and it would be wonderful if an enthusiastic person could volunteer... it would be sad to see it fold. Contact Lynne or any committee member to chat.

Reminder: u3a Science Network Anniversary meeting

26 July 2022 (online event)

Booking is now open for this science-based learning event with 3 presentations of 45 minutes, followed by questions after each, with a break for refreshments and for lunch.

Check-in from 10.15. It will end with a short summary and thanks at **3pm.**

The talks will be:

- 'Blowing Hot and Cold in the 1980s',
- 'The Carbon Imperative', and
- 'Human Colonisation of Space'.

To book a place go to the Third Age Trust website Events page www.u3a.org.uk.



GROUP CONTACT DETAILS AND MEETING TIMES

Monday am:

Group	<u>Ambling 1</u>	<u>Coffee Social</u>
Contact	Miriam Bingham	Any committee member
Telephone	01949 836390	01949 839946
Venue	by Church House	Buttercross Pub
Frequency	Weekly	2 nd
Time	10.30 am	10.30 am

Monday pm:

Group	<u>Cinema</u>	<u>Table Tennis</u>	<u>Board Games</u>	<u>Welsh</u>
Contact	Lindsay	Chris Skingle	Jeff Peters	Beryl Kemp
Telephone	Evet	01949 876221	01949 875406	01949 839728
Venue	01949 851115	Leisure Centre	Bowls Club	Library
Frequency	Butler's Coffee Hse	1 st & 3 rd	Oct to April	2.30pm
Time	1 st not Bank Hol	4 pm to 5 pm	2 nd Monday	<u>Wine</u>
	2.00 pm	skinglec@gmail.com	7 pm	Lynne Barnett
				01949 875151
				Various
				3 rd or 4 th
				2.30 pm

Tuesday am:

Group	<u>French Improvers</u>
Contact	Joanne Collie
Telephone	01949 831899
Venue	Venue TBC
Frequency	Every other Tuesday
Time	10 am

Tuesday pm:

Group	<u>Ambling 2</u>	<u>Gentle Exercise</u>
Contact	Jackie Hutton/Sue Eaton	Linda Walden
Telephone	01949 839728/837376	01949 836717
Venue	Car Park	Old Church Ho.
Frequency	Fortnightly @ 1 pm	Weekly
Time		1-2 pm
Group	<u>French Conversation 2</u>	<u>Book Club</u>
Contact	Barbara Savage	Linda Molineaux or Veronica Perry
Telephone	01949 838782	01949 875231 or
Venue	Various	07855 762775
Frequency	2 nd & 4 th	Every 4 th Tuesday
Time	2-4 pm	Library
		2pm

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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>Bridge</u>	<u>Cycling</u>
Contact	Dave Hobson	Beryl Kemp	Dave Cobley	Charles Richardson
Telephone	01949 836042	01949 839728	07966370385	01949 831602
Venue	Venue TBC	The Grange	Bowls Club	The Buttercross,
Frequency	Last Thursday	Alternate w'ks	Alternate weeks	Market Place
Time	11:00-12:00	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	3 rd of the month
Time	2 pm

Friday am:

Group	<u>Mobility & Movement</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
Contact	Ann Lewis	Viv Dyer
Telephone	01949 831530	01949 838614
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>	<u>Gardening</u>
Contact	John Lewis / John Greenwood	Tina Patrick
Telephone	01949 831530	07801 150567
Venue	Venue TBC	Various
Frequency	Last of the month	TBC
Time	12.30 pm	2.00pm

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	Lynne Barnett	Ann Lewis
Telephone	01949 838140	01949 875151	01949 831530
Venue	Various Theatres	Various - contact Lynne	Contact Ann Lewis

Group	<u>Explorers Visits</u>	<u>Popular Music Group</u>
Contact	John Lewis	John Lewis
Telephone	01949 831530	01949 831530
Venue	Contact John Lewis	Contact John Lewis

Your Committee

POSITION	NAME	Contact Number	EMAIL
Chairman	John Lewis	01949 831530	bingham.u3a.chairperson@gmail.com
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Treasurer	Judith Axtell	01949 839097	bingham.u3a.treasurer@gmail.com
Secretary	Ann Lewis	01949 831530	bingham.u3a.secretary@gmail.com
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Database Manager	Steve Aremia	01949 831537	bingham.u3a.database@gmail.com

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New Members Support	Beryl Kemp	01949 839728	bingham.u3a.beryl.newmembers@gmail.com
Equipment Handler (non-committee)	Judy Soar	01949 837108	
Refreshments (non-committee)	Sue Eaton & Volunteers	01949 839946	

The deadline for the September 2022 edition is 17th August 2022
Contact Tina Tringham 01949 839153/07941 279189
e-mail : bingham.u3a.newsletter@gmail.com

THE LATE-SUMMER QUIZ

u3a

MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2022

All u3a members in the
East Midlands can take part:
Singles
Couples
Teams (up to 4)

A handicap system makes it fair for all

No limit on the numbers from
each u3a

To Register send:
Your name & email address
Name of your u3a
Team name (if any)

To: u3alatesummerquiz@gmail.com

You'll receive a confirmation email
within a couple of days
and Zoom details on Sept. 16th

REGISTER NOW – PLACES ARE LIMITED!

The quiz will start promptly at 7:00pm – login from 6:45pm

We aim to finish around 8:45–9.00pm

There will be a 10-minute comfort/drinks top-up break after Round 4

Answers will be given after Rounds 4 and 8

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