

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022

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

Third Wednesday of the month
NEXT MEETING : 15th JUNE 2022

Bingham u3a



Founded October 2000

Registered Charity No. 1181961

LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE

UPCOMING MEETINGS

15th June 2022

My Time as Deputy Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire
with Judith Swann

20th July 2022

Mind your Motoring Manners with Paula Cornwell

WHAT DO WE DO FOR AN ENCORE?

By the time you read this, our Picnic in the Park will have happened, so is that it for 2022?

As they say across the Pond, it ain't over till the fat lady sings, and she ain't even warmed up yet!

As you can see from the title page of this issue, Judith Swann's coming to talk to us about her role as Deputy Lieutenant of the County at our **monthly meeting on the 15th June** and Paula Cornwell will be showing us how to mind our motoring manners on the **20th July**, so two more fascinating afternoons in store.

We've got no less than three surprises in store for you in September.

To celebrate National u3a Week, we're taking part in the **County-wide Beacon Relay**, and the handover to Bingham u3a will take place **in Bingham Market Place on Monday 19th September**, and the Beacon will then be carried by us to the next handover point and continue on its way until it reaches its final resting-place in an **as yet secret location in Nottingham on Saturday 24th September**, where there will be a celebration event with members taking part.

You think I've missed one out? At our **monthly meeting on the 21st September** we shall be treated to a cream tea and, I hope, some entertainment

Finally, immediately **after our AGM on Wednesday 19th October at a venue to be announced**, we're planning an afternoon featuring performances by members on another thought-provoking theme.

John Lewis



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

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!

Book a place at the Travel Desk at the monthly meeting or phone Carol 01949 20448 or Beryl 7792 929 334

COACH DAY EXCURSIONS 2022

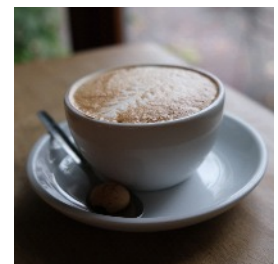
Tuesday 20th September Sezincote House & The Cotswolds

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. The June meeting will be on Monday 13th June in the Buttercross Pub in the Market Place - a great opportunity to meet friends old and new.



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.

JOANNE COLLIE

Joanne long time leader of the beginners/Intermediate French group, member of so many different groups and volunteer at u3a events had a nasty fall in her own home recently. She is now thankfully on the road to recovery at City hospital respite care. We all send our best wishes to her and wish her a speedy recovery.



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.

EAST BRIDGFORD OPEN GARDENS

The village of East Bridgford is once again opening its residents' gardens to the public on **Sunday 19th June**. It takes place at various sites around the village from **12.30 - 5.30pm**. Admission is by programme, available at any garden for £5. There are 20 gardens to visit, including Millennium Wood and the Bee Farm in Kneeton Road. The programme contains a map with numbering and a useful map and it is on sale at each garden (cash or card at some gardens) and there is clear signing and balloons around the village.

Suggested parking is in Kneeton Road, where there are several gardens to visit, or turn right from Main Street into College Street then left into Browns Lane (no through road but central).

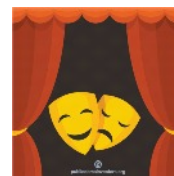
Teas and cakes are on sale at 20 College Street and at Haycroft tearoom near the Post Office on Main Street (limited parking there).

Do come and see how resplendent the gardens are!





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

Jackie Hutton.

GROUP UPDATES FOR APRIL

Book Club



Book club met again this month with increased numbers. We had a lively discussion of a number of books. Our next meeting is on 28th June at 2pm and we are going to discuss “This is going to hurt” by Adam Kay. New members most welcome.

Wine Group

It seemed there was demand for a second Wine Group as we had a waiting list and Veronica Perry said she would be happy to organise this - **if there is sufficient interest**. So far one or two members expressed interest but we’d need a few more to form a group. The plan is to meet in June with the topic “My Favourite Wine”. Please contact Veronica via email, bingham.u3a.vicechair@gmail.com, with your contact details if you’d like to join in.

French Group 1 :

We now have 2 spaces in our group . We continue to be a relaxed conversation group meeting in each others' houses and with a topic suggested in advance. This is not a beginners group so a reasonable degree of fluency is helpful. Do get in touch if you’d like to give it a try.

TUESDAY AMBLING

Tuesday ambling group by the River Trent near Stoke Bardolph enjoying the sunshine!



4th WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP at Allington near Grantham



HISTORY GROUP

Having followed the life and times of Winston Churchill from his childhood to the end of World War One, the History Group is now taking a summer break. Look for further information in September.

New members of the group are always welcome to join us. Jennie Travers

Music Appreciation Group

Unfortunately, the May meeting had to be cancelled at short notice due to the sudden hospitalisation of the presenter. However he is now home again and hopes to be able present the programme with the theme of 'Spring' as previously advertised. **The new date will be June 16th** and will be at the home of Elizabeth & Anthony Watts, 11 Grove Road, Bingham.

If you would like to come please ring 01949-875968 to book a place as it could get crowded.

Note that this is on the **third** Thursday of the month instead of the **last** Thursday as we have had to change the day for the future because of some other new on-going commitments.

Please do come and join us ...

Anthony Watts

Bingham U3A BRIDGE GROUP

The Bridge Group currently consists of @ 18 members who meet fortnightly on Thursdays from 10 – 12 am at the Bowls Club on Long Acre.

We started last autumn as a group of beginners (and lapsed players) who wished to learn the 'King of Card Games'. We have since been joined by some who have played before and wish to advance their game. The game is great fun, and serious mental exercise.

Our sessions usually begin with a bit of theory from the ACOL system of play, followed by playing a number of hands. The play is usually assisted by volunteers from the East Bridgford Bridge Club, who give their time to come along and advise on the game.



Anyone who would like to join us (as a new player or an experienced one) is very welcome. To cover hire of the Bowls Club and other costs including tea/coffee we each give £2 per session. Please contact Dave Cobley on 07966 370385 or dfcobley@hotmail.com , in the 1st instance.

VISIT TO BOMBER COMMAND MEMORIAL in LINCOLN with EXPLORERS GROUP

THE SPIRE



THE WALL WITH NAMES INSCRIBED



A VIEW OF LINCOLN CATHEDRAL IN THE DISTANCE
(if you look very closely!)



Let's get the Explorer's Group running again!

Following our recent visit to Bomber Command at Lincoln, we would like to put in place a programme of future outings by asking individual members to offer to organise their preferred trip whilst liaising through the group leader.

This would involve ascertaining the details of the venue, what is on offer, the price (if any), opening times and dates, facilities etc. Once this information reaches the group leader (via email, phone or whatever) a date could be selected and everyone informed. This would be publicised through the Newsletter, emails and monthly meeting notices. Details would be circulated to group members, lifts arranged or transport booked.

We have previously had some difficulty in finding a suitable venue to discuss options, but the good news is a Group Meeting has now been arranged **upstairs at the Horse and Plough at 12.30 pm on Friday 24th June 2022**. Existing members and anyone interested in joining the Group are very welcome indeed to attend.

GROUP CONTACT DETAILS AND MEETING TIMES

Monday am:

Group	<u>Ambling 1</u>	<u>Coffee Social</u>	<u>Knitting</u>
Contact	Miriam Bingham	Any committee member	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

Monday pm:

Group	<u>Cinema</u>	<u>Wine</u>	<u>Table Tennis</u>	<u>Welsh</u>
Contact	Lindsay	Lynne Barnett	Chris Skingle	Beryl Kemp
Telephone	Evet	01949 875151	01949 876221	01949 839728
Venue	01949 851115	Various	Leisure Centre	Library
Frequency	Butler's Coffee Hse	3 rd or 4 th	1 st & 3 rd	2pm
Time	1 st not Bank Hol	2.30 pm	4 pm to 5 pm	
	2.00 pm	<u>Board Games</u>	skinglec@gmail.com	
		Jeff Peters		
		01949 875406		
		Bowls Club		
		Oct to April		
		2 nd Monday		
		7 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	Beryl Kemp/Jackie Hutton	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
Telephone	01949 838782	Veronica Perry
Venue	Various	01949 875231 or
Frequency	2 nd & 4 th	07855 762775
Time	2-4 pm	Every 4 th Tuesday
		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

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

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Secretary	Ann Lewis	01949 831530	bingham.u3a.secretary@gmail.com
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Refreshments (non-committee)	Sue Eaton & Volunteers	01949 839946	

The deadline for the July 2022 edition is
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