

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022

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

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

Bingham u3a



Founded October 2000

Registered Charity No. 1181961

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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.

20th April 2022 **Beating the Blues**

An afternoon of music and the spoken word showcasing the talents of u3a members!

SAVE THESE DATES!

What red letter days have we in store for you in 2022?

- **Friday 25th March, 9.45 am, under the Buttercross**

Great British Spring Clean Litter Pick - more details inside - still time to join in!

- **Wednesday 20th April, 2 pm, Methodist Centre**

Beating the Blues - an afternoon of music and the spoken word showcasing the talents of u3a members!

- **Thursday 2nd June, 2 pm, Bingham Rugby Club**

Picnic in the Park - Platinum plated fun!

- **Saturday 24th September, 2 pm, Bingham Arena [TBC]**

National u3a Day Special - Featuring a musical tour of the British Isles from a top local band in a brand new prestige venue!

Be there or be square!

John Lewis



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

General Updates

Knitting group

Not running at moment as Helen Rose, group leader, is unable to organise currently for health reasons. An interim volunteer would be very welcome.

Spanish

Now meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the Old Court House. A few new members have been welcomed into the group and given help to participate this year.

Table tennis group would very much welcome new members

Wine group is full and really needs someone to start a new group.

French 2 would be able to welcome 2 more members.

Writing Group - Gordon Wallace would very much like to resurrect the writing group. Is anyone interested in joining him?

Please note if you are thinking of setting up a group, do contact me before arranging anything. As Coordinator, it is my responsibility to be aware of all groups and their members and to ensure compliance where necessary with any appropriate guidelines. Many thanks.

Veronica Perry
Group Co-ordinator

I'd like to have a go at that

With Covid restrictions now easing it seems an appropriate time to get the "have a go group" back up and running. Having started the group in 2014 and been group leader since then, I think it is time for someone else with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to take over the running of the group.

This is not a particularly arduous task and mainly involves asking the group what they would like to do and setting up a programme of events. Running the individual events can be delegated to members of the group and I am still happy to organise a few activities if needed. I don't expect to be knocked over in the stampede of volunteers but we do need a new group leader and without one the group will close which would be sad.

Jeff Peters

HISTORY GROUP

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

We will continue our presentation of the life and times of Winston Churchill. The topic this month is Winston in the Edwardian period and his contribution alongside Lloyd George to the Liberal Government of 1906-14, which laid the foundations of the modern welfare state.

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

Jennie Travers



Music Appreciation Group

The February meeting was postponed due to illness but was re-scheduled to March 3rd so should have happened by the time this newsletter is published.

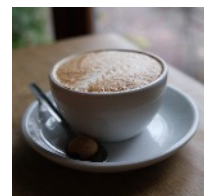


The March meeting will be at 2.00pm at the home of John & June Ferguson, 2 Balmoral Road on March 31st when we will have a look behind the scenes of the André Rieu Orchestra and listen to some of the wonderful music that they produce.

Please do come and join us. New members very welcome but please ring 837115 if you would like to attend.

Anthony Watts

Next coffee morning Monday 14th March, 10.30 am in the Buttercross - new and existing members very welcome!



2nd WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

February's walk was 9 miles through Clumber Park mainly on tracks and broad, close-cropped grassy swards and was refreshingly pleasant in sunshine. Jeff found us a beautiful designer sofa for our lunch and our post walk cuppa was at the National Trust café. A lovely day!



The next walk will be around Louth with a little time for exploring the town. Meet at Old Church House at 9.30 on 13th April.

Esme Smith

TRAVEL GROUP

Only U3A Members can go on U3A Holidays or Excursions



COACH DAY EXCURSIONS 2022

Thursday 12th May - Canal Boat Trip & Derbyshire CANCELLED

Unfortunately we have had to cancel this excursion. Several Travel Group Members are going on holiday to Sicily in May. The flight we were travelling on has been cancelled and we have had to change our travel dates. We hope to reschedule this excursion at a later date

Friday 22nd July Anglesey Abbey

Tuesday 20th September Sezincote House & The Cotswolds

Details will be given in our Newsletter nearer the time.



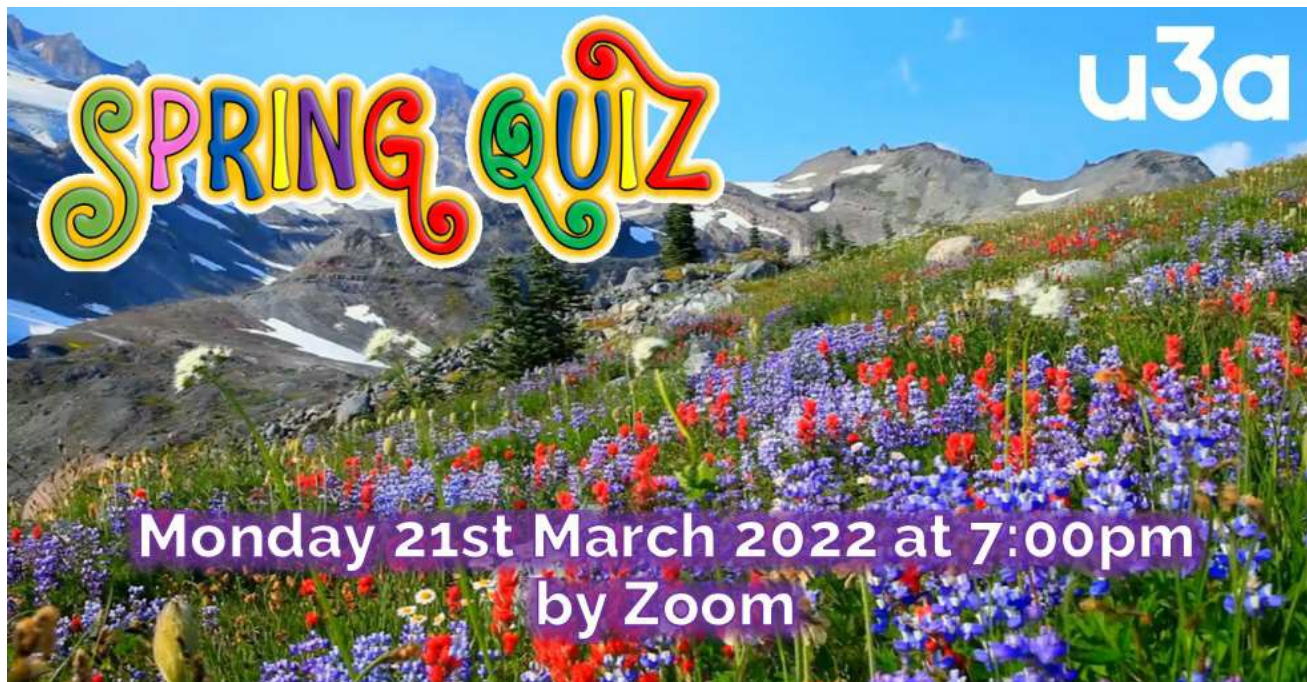
JOIN US AND PICK A BIG BAG OF LITTER!

At 9.45 am on the 25th March, around a dozen members will be gathering under the Buttercross for our Great British Spring Clean 2022 litter pick, sponsored by Streetwise Environmental Limited.

I'm hoping we'll be joined by Cllr Abby Brennan, Rushcliffe BC Portfolio Holder for Communities and the Environment, Cllr Sue Mallender, Mayor of Rushcliffe and Cllr Andrew Shelton, Mayor of Bingham.

It's not too late to join us - just phone me on 831 530 or e-mail bingham.u3a.chairperson@gmail.com

John Lewis



WHO CAN JOIN?

Open to:

all u3a members in Derbyshire,
Leicestershire, Lincolnshire,
Northamptonshire,
Nottinghamshire, and Rutland
Teams of up to 4 members
Couples
Singles
No limit on the number of entries
from each u3a

A Handicap system will make it fairer

HOW DO I JOIN?

To Register send:

Your name
Name of your u3a
Team name/leader (if a team)

To: coordinator@landru3a.org.uk

Confirmation:

By email normally within 24
hours
Zoom details will be sent a
couple of days before the quiz

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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Some Useful Fraud Advice from Nottinghamshire Police

Fraud occurs by deception. Someone will make contact claiming they are from a genuine organisation, usually from one that you use. They generally create a sense of urgency to cloud your judgment. Don't engage in conversation or respond directly to an email or text. Contact the organisation using a number you know to be genuine, like the number from a bill or off the back of your bank card, and ensure that the line is disconnected first. If possible call back from a different phone.

NEVER Provide bank account information, send or receive money because of a cold call and never give away your bank card or PIN numbers no matter how convinced or scared you might be,

NEVER Give away personal details online. Revealing your full name, date of birth and home address may lead to your identity being stolen.

Blocking unwanted calls

- Change Telephone Numbers. This could be a consideration depending on the provider.
- Telephone Preference Service (TPS). Free opt-out service for individuals who do not want to receive unsolicited calls. Tel: 0845 070 0707 or visit www.tpsonline.org.uk.
- True Caller. For smartphones you can download the True Caller app from any app store. Register your details and regularly update to significantly reduce nuisance calls.
- Call Blocker phones: BT 4600 Cordless Nuisance Call Blocker phone is an example of what nuisance blocking aids are available.
- Make your phone number ex-directory. To avoid having your phone number listed on websites, you need to contact your provider to have your number made ex-directory. Your number will not appear in local telephone directories.
- Network Provider. These can provide services to reduce unwanted calls (this is separate from the TPS service and you can also try requesting limitation on international numbers if this facility isn't required).

Gift voucher scams **NO** legitimate debt can be paid in STEAM cards/iTunes/Amazon vouchers. Hang up on that call.

Courier Fraud. Neither the Police nor Banks will ever contact you to:

- Transfer money to a 'safe' account
- Withdraw funds for safekeeping
- Assist with an undercover investigation or collect cash, bank cards or PIN numbers.

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
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>
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>Explorers Visits</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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Your Committee

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Refreshments (non-committee)	Sue Eaton & Volunteers	01949 839946	

The deadline for the April 2022 edition is
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