

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

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

Third Wednesday of the month
NEXT MEETING : 18th May 2022

Bingham u3a



Founded October 2000

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

18th May 2022

East Bridford Open Gardens - The Story So Far

With Barbara Murphy

June Meeting

Picnic in the Park (2nd June)

20th July 2022

Mind your Motoring Manners with Paula Cornwell

HOW WE BEAT THE BLUES AND OTHER HAPPY ENDINGS

The meeting on the 20th April seemed to go down OK, by all accounts.

Here are some pictures of Marion, Gordon, Val and Mick, Jim and last but not least, the inimitable Rowan strutting their stuff.



Dave Downs made fantastic recordings of all of the performances, which have been shared to 103 The Eye FM, Bingham Audio Magazine and Radio u3a. The pictures and a short audio clip are posted on our Facebook page.

Predictably, there are now calls for more of the same, so we're working on the idea of doing something similar as part of the celebrations we'll be involved in come September, so watch this space!

John



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



Among the many appreciative words for the efforts of our members at the last meeting "Beating the Blues" was praise for our member, Jim Costello, who entertained us at the meeting about his life and career and more importantly his venture into writing and becoming a published author.



This from member Marjorie Need:

"I attended the meeting for the first time last week. It was superb. The author (Jim Costello) did not push the purchase of his books but I had a birthday coming up so bought both. Really truly wonderful! Can you pass my congratulations on to him."

Attention All Quizzers

We know that there are lots of members who enjoy quizzing, so I am pleased to let you know of another opportunity to put your grey matter into gear. Mike Storr of Burton Joyce u3a is planning to set up a regular inter-u3a quiz for Notts. If you are interested in forming a team (or two...) for Bingham u3a let me know and I shall send you more information when it's available.

Ann Lewis

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

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

Thursday 12th May Canal Boat Trip & Derbyshire CANCELLED

Tuesday 20th September Sezincote House & The Cotswolds

Details will be given in our Newsletter nearer the time.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

u3a UK's 40th Birthday and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

WHEN: Thursday 2nd June 2022 between 2 and 5 pm

WHERE: Bingham RUFC Pavilion, Brendon Grove, Bingham

WHO: Bingham u3a Members and their guests

FORMAT: Informal picnic for members, bringing their own seating, tables, food, drink, drinking vessels, cutlery and plates. There is no charge for entry, and every effort will be made to ensure that all aspects of the event and all facilities are safe, appropriate and fully accessible. The event is free to all u3a members and guests.

ENTERTAINMENT: There will be live music to include performances by the locally renowned Toot Hill Swing Band and also some local aspiring vocal stars.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS: a Platinum Pie Bake-off competition featuring entries prepared by members/guests attending the event, to be judged and prizes awarded on the day. Rules of the competition to be found on the next page of this newsletter.

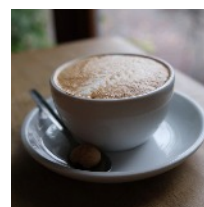
STOP PRESS: A fully accessible private bus service has been arranged to carry members, their guests and their picnic equipment between points in Bingham and the Pavilion. This will be free of charge, but if any members have special requirements, please contact the Chair as soon as possible.



Bingham u3a acknowledges the generous support of the **Third Age Trust** and the **National Lottery Community Fund** for this event

COFFEE MORNINGS

A reminder that our coffee meetings are still taking place on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10.30am. The May meeting will be on Monday 9th May in the Buttercross Pub in the Market Place - a great opportunity to meet friends old and new.



Platinum Pie Competition

Bingham U3A are organising a Competition to take place at the
Picnic in the Park on Thursday 2nd June
to celebrate the
Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.



Entry is free to all Bingham U3A members, with prizes to be won. Pies will be sampled and judged on the day.

Rules for Platinum Pie Competition.

Your pie should be original, home-made and edible! Number of entries unlimited.

1. A pie of any shape or size, to fit on a plate and be served as a recognisable pie.
2. Either sweet or savoury filling.
3. Appropriately decorated.
4. Served on a firm plate or dish.
5. List of ingredients provided.
6. Original name for the pie (optional).
7. Name of contestant clearly shown.



Let your imagination run riot! Jubilee theme appropriate.

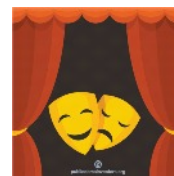
The judges may taste and open the pie, but you may collect and consume your own pie after judging. Please take home your plate and wrappings. The judges' decision will be final.

Prizes will be awarded for the best Platinum Pie, one for sweet and one for savoury. Photos may be taken for U3A archive.

Good Luck with your participation and enjoy the Picnic in the Park.



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 got off to a fantastic start this week. We had a long discussion on books we had read and exchanged views as to how we would like the club to run. We have planned out our reading for the next 4 months. In May, we are going to read “This is going to hurt” - the secret diary of a junior doctor - by Adam Kay. The library is going to make copies of the book available for the next meeting. If you wish to attend, bring along a book you have **READ** or a book you’d like to **TALK** about **GOOD** or **BAD**. Next meeting 2.00pm on 24th May In Library, tea and coffee and biscuits available. New members welcome - Linda and Veronica

Wine Group

There seems to be demand for a second Wine Group and Veronica Perry would be happy to lead a new group - if there is sufficient interest. If you think you'd like to be able to distinguish plonk from Pinot and vin de table from Chablis and your taste buds are ready and willing, please contact Veronica via email, bingham.u3a.vicechair@gmail.com, with your contact details.

Veronica Perry
Group Coordinator.

2nd WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

Our walk on 11th May will be 9 miles around the highest point in Lincolnshire, meeting at Old Church House at the slightly earlier time of 9 am.

Esme Smith

ADDENDUM

Table Tennis Group, as mentioned in last month’s issue, is now being run by Chris Skingle. A survey of those interested as to whether the group should run year round instead of seasonally as previously, resulted in a positive response. So the group will now gather **every** month, 1st and 3rd Mondays.

HISTORY GROUP



The History Group meet next at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th May, 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 years leading up to and including the first world war. Suffragettes, Irish home rule, and European conflict were issues of the time when Winston was in charge of the Royal Navy.

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

Jennie Travers

Music Appreciation Group

The André Rieu DVD that we had in April was delightful with excerpts from his concerts around the world. The enthusiasm of the orchestra and the audiences, the ladies' colourful gowns and the quality of the playing and singing just took our breath away. Now we see why the ticket prices are so high!

The planned programme of Handel's 'Messiah' for the week before fell foul of Covid (again) so will be given later in the year.



The May meeting on May 19th will have the theme of 'Spring' and comprise several items from different composers – and not just Vivaldi!



This 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

EXPLORERS' GROUP REPORTS OF OUR DEATH ARE GREATLY EXAGGERATED

[with apologies to Mark Twain]

Our group planning meetings in April and June 2021 were held via Zoom, and a wide variety of visits was discussed.

Our first face to face visit took place in September 2021, to Taylor's Bell Foundry in Loughborough, and was pronounced a success by all who took part.

We had a face to face group planning meeting on the 7th January 2022, and a total of 12 projected visits were under active discussion. One of these, a visit to the new[ish] Veolia recycling plant in March, had to be cancelled because - wait for it - their Director of Education had Covid! It will be rebooked later in the year.

The next visit, to the Bomber Command International Memorial and Centre near Lincoln, is on the 5th May, so will have happened by the time you read this.

The group currently has 77 active members, but we're not "full" - nor shall we ever be - and like John Cleese's Norwegian Blue parrot, we're definitely not dead, just resting our eyes!

May and June are a tiny bit busy for everyone with other things, but we might be able to squeeze in a group planning meeting on the 24th June, so watch your Obits column!

POPULAR MUSIC GROUP

No, we're not defunct either - just treading water for a while.

Some venues are fully up and running again, but many have been very slow getting started.

Bingham Folk Club have a crowded programme for the rest of the year, and we've been to a couple of Singer Nights already. If you were hoping to hear Paul Carbuncle, you're too late - he was singing last Friday. I believe there may still be tickets available for Brooks Williams, the country blues legend from South Carolina, on the 27th May - we've got ours!

I believe Lowdham Village Hall has a full programme of blues-tinged acts, and ditto Radcliffe Folk Club. However, I've no information about gigs at the Thomas Cranmer Centre or East Bridgford Village Hall.

Poacherline keep saying that they're going to start running their Music Trains again, but so far, nothing seems to have happened.

Also nothing from the Lincolnshire Steampunks, and the Asylum festival doesn't seem to be happening at its new venue in Newark.

In other news, we went to a gig at Rough Trade in Nottingham by a terrific shanty band called The Longest Johns, and again, that venue has a full calendar of gigs.

Anyone interested in organising a trip, please give me a call or e-mail or WhatsApp me.

John Lewis

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

The deadline for the June 2022 edition is
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