

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2022

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

Third Wednesday of the month
NEXT MEETING : 19th October 2022

Bingham u3a



Founded October 2000

Registered Charity No. 1181961

LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE

UPCOMING MEETINGS

19 th October 2022	AGM
16 th November 2022	Tax, Care and Toy Boys (Estate Planning) with Oliver Hill
21 st December 2022	History of Pantomime with Ann Featherstone

HIGH JINKS IN BINGHAM (AND OTHER GALAXIES)

On Tuesday 20th September, astonished residents of Bingham were treated to a feast of music by the MOctet Barbershop Singers from Southwell and some neat shapes thrown by Strictly Jive from Radcliffe, not to mention Bingham Mayor Gareth and Rushcliffe Deputy Mayor Debbie.

The u3a 40th Anniversary Beacon arrived from Keyworth at noon, but everyone gasped when it was snatched by the Evil Ovaltine, who made his getaway in Rosie the Little Pink Tuk-tuk, pursued by Officer Dribble, perhaps never to be seen again.....

But wait! The Beacon reappeared the following day in the middle of Beeston and went on to further adventures in space and time, enthusiastically supported by Broxtowe Mayor David.

It all came to a head at Highfields Park on Saturday the 24th, when a crowd of u3a members gathered to listen to Steelpantastic and watch the Flashmob do their dance routine and then repeat the whole thing! Lord Mayor of Nottingham Wendy was to be seen joining in the fun.

Turn to the back page for pictures.

It was a great pleasure to have been able to support the wonderful work of the **Rosie May Foundation**, as well as carrying the u3a message **LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE** to an ever wider audience.

Planning and producing this event has given us the opportunity to meet with the u3a in Keyworth, Radcliffe, Beeston, Southwell, Dukeries, Arnold and Mansfield and swap experiences and ideas about the year ahead.

In the words of Mayor Gareth -

HERE'S TO ANOTHER 40 YEARS!

John Lewis



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

Programme News

At the Bingham U3A annual general meeting on 19th October 2022, there will be an opportunity to enquire about perhaps joining one or more of our groups which offer a wide range of subjects and activities. If you have not tried something before, now might be the chance to enquire from the leaders of groups who may be present and check out the Newsletter for contacts. There will also be tea and cream cakes – what's not to like?

The speaker on **16th November will be Oliver Hill from Co-operative Estate Planning**, a subject of interest to many of us as we get older. Oliver comes recommended by other U3As as being interesting, informative and amusing. The title Tax, Care and Toy Boys sounds intriguing enough! There will be absolutely no sales talk, just an opportunity to find out what you might like to know about their services, with a generalised question session at the end.

On **December 21st** we shall be in the festive mood with a talk from **Ann Featherstone about the History of Pantomime**. A chance to dress up and be a Dame, maybe? Personally, I prefer Dandini's fishnet tights. He's behind you – oh no he isn't!

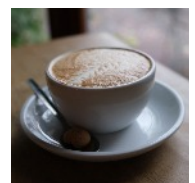


If you have ideas for future talks or would like a particular subject covered, please get in touch. This is **YOUR U3A** after all.

Linda Molineaux,
Programme Organiser.

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!



NEWS FROM YOUR SECRETARY

AGM

Please try to attend our AGM on 19th October to hear reports on the last year and to elect your new committee. The formal meeting will be followed by a cream tea and social. If less than the quorum of 58 members attend, the meeting will have to be re-arranged for another date, and that is something the committee would prefer not to do! Remember, Bingham u3a is your organisation and everyone has a part to play in the running of it.

Chinese New Year Banquet

On a more jolly note, Notts u3a Network is again organising a trip to the Springwater Restaurant in Calverton for their amazing Chinese New Year banquet.

Those of us who went this year will agree that it is an event not to be missed, with all-you-can-eat delicious food, a traditional Chinese Lion Dance and fireworks.



The date is Monday, 23rd January 2023, and the cost is £28 per head, with a deposit of £5 to be paid by the last week in October. If you would like to go, contact me on bingham.u3a.secretary@gmail.com as soon as possible.

U3a diaries



The 2023 diary is now available, price £3.50. If you would like to buy one please contact me at bingham.u3a.secretary@gmail.com.

Ann Lewis
Secretary



THEATRE NEWS



There are 3 theatre visits taking us up to the end of this year and all purchased tickets will be available for collection at the main U3a meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Forthcoming visits

For February there will be quite two diverse options

BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL on Wednesday 8th February at 2 pm at The Theatre Royal Nottingham

Based on the Sunday Times bestseller and popular film, we follow a group of British retirees as they embark on a new life in India. As their lives intertwine and with a well-known cast including Hayley Mills and Paul Nicholas this comedy shows how life can still be unexpected and that you can still take risks and second chances.

Cost £41 or £37.50 group rate. Payment date 1st December.

THE BEEKEEPER OF ALEPPO on Saturday 25th February at 2.30pm at The Nottingham Playhouse

From the acclaimed novel by Christy Lefteri this compassionate and beautiful play follows Nuri the beekeeper and Afra his wife when all they love and care for is destroyed by war and they are forced to leave Aleppo.

Cost £25 or £16.80 group rate Payment date 12th January

TITANIC THE MUSICAL on Saturday 29th May at 2.30pm at the Theatre Royal Nottingham

We all know the history of RMS Titanic but this Tony & Emmy award winning musical is focused on some of the real people who each boarded with hopes and aspirations regardless whether they were 3rd/2nd or 1st class passengers. With a stunning set this production is emotional and stirring.

Cost £44.50 Payment date 15th March

Please contact me with any queries and information or ideas for future visits and let me know when booking if you would like to have lunch before these outings.
07443595653 /01949 838140 email randjhutton@gmail.com

Jackie Hutton

GROUP UPDATES

Last chance saloon

Where have all the beer and cider drinkers gone? Turnout for Real Ale and Cider Appreciation Group meetings has been so low that I am thinking of closing the group. A meeting will be held in the White Lion in Bingham on Thursday 20th October from 7.30 onwards, hopefully this will not be the last one! Other drinks may be consumed..... ;)

If you haven't been before, come along for a chat as it is mainly a social evening.

Ann Lewis

Music Appreciation Group

The August meeting was presented by Maisie - one of our new members – and she entertained us with music either composed by, played by or conducted by a lady which gave us a most interesting afternoon.

The September meeting presented by Derrick comprised English Folk Songs and dances – again a very pleasant relaxing afternoon.

The October meeting will be held at Maisie's home in Scarrington but will be presented by Jennifer David - another of our new members – and her theme for the afternoon is Wales. The Welsh people are noted for their musical abilities – particularly in singing – so we look forward to a very melodic afternoon's music.

Please ring Maisie on 01949-850402 if you would like to attend.

Please do come and join us ...

Anthony Watts

Board Games Group Back on Again for the Autumn/Winter

We will be restarting the board games group for its winter run starting on the 10th October and running on the second Monday of the month until April. We meet in the Bowls Club on Long Acre at 7pm for 2 to 3 hours playing a wide selection of games. Games include traditional board games, number games, word games, card games, and quiz games all played in a light hearted and friendly atmosphere. The Bar should be open to aid your playing skills. If you would like any further information please contact me at jeff.peters3692gmail.com or tel 01949875406.

BOOK GROUP

The U3A Book Group has proved to be popular and as we are limited by the number of books the library can obtain, we shall close current membership at 12 for now. Should places become available, we will advise in the newsletter.

The book we have just read was ***A Rising Man by Abir Mukherjee***. It was a tale of a British detective sent to India in 1919 and the descriptions of life in Calcutta in those days was interesting and informative. Opinion was divided as to whether it was an enjoyable read, as the attitudes and prejudices of the time made uncomfortable reading. Some members have embarked on the next book in the trilogy, so they obviously enjoyed it.

We also discussed authors and genres we might like to read in future.

Veronica and Linda



TRAVEL GROUP



Only U3A Members can go on U3A Holidays or Excursions

TRAVEL GROUP

SPRING HOLIDAY TO NORTHEAST WALES

13TH – 18TH MARCH 2023

We will be travelling with Emjay Tours on their deluxe coach and will be staying at the 3* Beaufort Park Hotel where we will have dinner, bed & breakfast. It is a short distance from Mold, a friendly market town in Flintshire near to the Clwydian Mountains. The hotel does not have a lift but ground floor rooms are available. Excursions are available and will include Chester & Llandudno.

Price £349.00 No single supplement but availability is limited.
Please contact **Pat Antcliff 875471** if you wish to reserve a place.
Booking forms will be available at the October Monthly Meeting.

The message below, sent to Bingham u3a, may be of interest to some of our groups. Please make contact directly with Welham Architects.

Good afternoon,

I hope you and the community group you represent are well.

I have been asked to contact you on behalf of Bingham Town Council regarding an exciting local community development project.

Bingham Town Council are anticipating being allocated 0.25 Hectares of land on Chapel Lane, just before the roundabout with Dunsmore Avenue, to create a new community asset. The conditions of taking over the land require Bingham Town Council to provide a proposed scheme for the site. Bingham Town Council, alongside Welham Architects, want to hear if you and your group could benefit from use of this area of currently vacant land.

Our goal is to identify a community group(s) who will help transform this site into a successful fit for purpose community asset. The successful community group will share the aim of the council in creating a place that encourages community togetherness and does not conflict with existing community building use within Bingham. We envision a place which should give reason to being north of the train tracks, where new residents can meet with existing ones. We support equality and all suggestions will be taken into consideration, with the potential of a combination of community projects utilising the site.

The Site

The site is located between the Barratt homes and Taylor Wimpey developments on chapel lane, just before the roundabout with Dunsmore Avenue. The site measures approximately 42meters (North to South) x 65 meters (West to East) covering an area of 0.25 Hectares. The land is being made available to the community if there is a clear focus to the site's development. The site already benefits from great pedestrian access and public transport links. Depending on comments from the community, the proposed development could also include vehicle parking and bicycle storage.

Contacting Us and Participate in our Survey

If you have an idea of how the land could be used, or know of a group who would benefit from access to the site, please email Edward at: chapellaneproject@gmail.com

Please also feel free to provide us with your thoughts and feedback in this short survey, it will take around 2 minutes to complete: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FGV6C72>

As part of the process in identifying a community user group, we will be engaging in further discussions to ensure as many voices can be heard. We have an exciting plan of targeted events to gather information from specific members of the community and we are also planning both in person and digital events for general discussions and feedback.

Thank you for your kind attention on this matter,

Kind regards,

Edward Welham

Welham Architects

On behalf of Bingham Town Council.

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	2nd Monday 2.00 pm	4 pm to 5 pm skinglec@gmail.com	2 nd Monday 7 pm	<u>Wine</u> 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

GROUP CONTACT DETAILS AND MEETING TIMES

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 850864/07898895274	07756 825164
Venue	Old Courthouse	Old Church House
Frequency	fortnightly	4 th
Time	2 - 3 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

GROUP CONTACT DETAILS AND MEETING TIMES

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	Theatre News

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Lots of photos, contacts and other information. www.binghamu3a.org
 Why not follow us on Facebook? www.facebook.com/binghamu3a



Your Committee

POSITION	NAME	Contact Number	EMAIL
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Treasurer	Judith Axtell	01949 839097	bingham.u3a.treasurer@gmail.com
Secretary	Ann Lewis	01949 831530	bingham.u3a.secretary@gmail.com
Programme	Linda Molineaux (temp)	07855 762775	bingham.u3a.programme@gmail.com
Membership	Margaret Blythe	01949 831537	bingham.u3a.membership@gmail.com
Publicity	John Lewis	<u>01949 831530</u>	bingham.u3a.chairperson@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 November 2022 edition is
Contact Tina Tringham 01949 839153/07941 279189
e-mail : bingham.u3a.newsletter@gmail.com

10th October

BINGHAM BEACON HANDOVER



Network event at Highfield Park

