

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022

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

Third Wednesday of the month
NEXT MEETING : 21st September 2022



Bingham u3a

Founded October 2000

Registered Charity No. 1181961

LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE

UPCOMING MEETING

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

19th October 2022 AGM

BINGHAM LIGHTS THE WAY! MORE.....

BEACON RELAY

Date: Tuesday 20th September 2022

Venue: Bingham Market Square

Format: a bit of fun with music

Times:

10 - 11.30 am Setting up [volunteers to help requested!] and soundcheck

11.35 - 11.45 Official Opening and addresses by Mayors of Bingham and Rushcliffe

11.45 - 12 noon First Set feat. The Major Oak Singers

12 - 12.15 Arrival and handover of Beacon with unusual features

12.15 - 12.30 Second set feat. Marion Downs

12.30 - 1 pm Departure of Beacon by unusual means

1 - 2 pm Clearing up [volunteers to help requested!]

PARTY BY THE LAKE

Venue: Highfields Park, University Boulevard, Lenton, NG7 2RD (opposite Nottingham University tram stop)

Format: Informal open-air celebration - bring own food, drink, seating etc

Date: Saturday 24th September 2022

Times:

12 noon - 1 pm Setting up [volunteers requested!]

1 - 1.30 pm Workop Steel Band

1.30 - 2.30 Lord Mayor's welcome; arrival of Beacons; Speeches; finale

2.30 - 3.30 Workop Steel Band

3.30 - 4.30 Clearing up [volunteers requested!]

Please, please, everybody, come along and enjoy yourselves!



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

FUTURE PLANNING

Did you enjoy the Picnic in the Park? Would you like to be involved in planning future exciting events for our u3a?

You would not need to join the committee to be part of a working party. If this appeals to you, speak to any committee member at the monthly meeting, or come to a coffee morning on the second Monday of each month, when a committee member is always present.

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 sadly the group will fold if we do not have a volunteer to take over. Contact Lynne or any committee member to chat about it.

WE NEED YOUR IT SKILLS!!

We are still looking for someone to take on managing our website.

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.

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. Last month we asked for views about what else you would like to see in it each month.

So far no comments have found their way to the Editor. Please do let committee members know what your views are so we can make this Newsletter truly of the members and for the members and something you will enjoy reading each month

Ed.

Notice of AGM

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of Bingham u3a will be held on **Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 2pm** in Bingham Methodist Centre, Union Street, Bingham, NG13 8AD.

The Agenda is as below:

Welcome remarks by the Chair	Chair
Apologies for absence	Secretary
Minutes of the AGM held on 20th October 2021	Secretary
Matters arising	Secretary
Annual Report	Chair
Annual accounts for the year 2021--2022	Treasurer
Motions from members	Secretary
Membership Report	Membership Sec.
Report from Groups	Groups Coordinator
Election of Officers and Committee Members	Secretary
Any Other Business	New Chair

Although all current members of the Committee have expressed their willingness to serve for another term, this does not preclude any member from standing for election to their posts, or as assistant to a position. There is always a need for additional committee members and it helps to plan for succession when officers step down. Currently there are also vacancies for a Webmaster and members to help with publicity. Anyone taking on these responsibilities need not attend committee meetings unless they wish to do so.

Nomination and Resolution forms are being emailed to members. Completed forms should be returned to the Secretary by 21st September. Forms can also be obtained by contacting her on 01949 831530 or email bingham.u3a.secretary@gmail.com.

The AGM usually takes less than half an hour and will be followed by a social and cream tea! We hope you will come to this meeting which needs at least 57 voting members to be present for a quorum. If this is not achieved the AGM will need to be rearranged for another date.

TRAVEL GROUP

Only U3A Members can go on U3A Holidays or Excursions

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
The Cotswolds

Sezincote House &

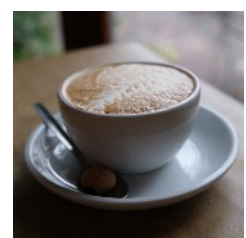
**This excursion is postponed until next year - further
information to follow at the appropriate time.**

Tuesday amblers on
the cliff path at
Radcliffe - before we
all got soaked!



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



A group of 13 U3A members thoroughly enjoyed the lively (very!) production of **Six the Musical** in July. Ordered tickets will be available for collection at the September meeting for “**The Clothes They Stood Up In**” at the Playhouse on October 1st. This has incurred a lot of interest so I hope all 18 members have a fun afternoon. The same applies for tickets for the **Hunchback of Notre Dame & The Nutcracker** productions.

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 & 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 & 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 & aspirations regardless whether they were 3rd/2nd or 1st class passengers With a stunning set this production is emotional & stirring

Cost £44.50 Payment date 15th March

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

Jackie Hutton

GROUP UPDATES

Book Club



The U3A Book Club continues to grow, rather like Topsy! We meet in Bingham library on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2 pm. Members discuss and choose the books they would like to read which the library obtains free of charge.

Once read, each member contributes their opinion of the book and a discussion usually ensues, as we all have different tastes. If unable to attend, the librarian kindly keeps spare copies for collection. You are welcome to join. Please contact Veronica Perry, Vice-Chair.

Linda Molineaux

Cinema Group

Please note the change in timing for this group - now the **2nd Monday** of the month not the first.

Croquet

This group is having a great season which has been well attended during the lovely weather. A wonderful outdoors activity for the summer months - why not join in?

Music Appreciation Group

Because of the change to when the information is provided for the newsletter I am not able to report on the August meeting. However the September meeting will be on Thursday September 15th – provisionally at 12 Stanhope Way – the home of Jen and Derrick Gierth.

Derrick is hoping to provide a programme based on English Song and Dance which sounds very attractive.

If you would like to go then please ring Derrick on 01949-837519 – if there are too many takers then we will move the location and notify you.

Please do come and join us ...

Anthony Watts

HISTORY GROUP

For the time being the History Group will not be meeting, unless or until a new volunteer comes forward to share in leading presentations. The History Group has been led for the past eleven years by Douglas Travers and the late George Davison who, in alternate years, have covered the course of history from the Tudors, the Stuarts, the Georgians, the Victorians, and the Edwardians to the 20th Century. George was involved for many years before that.

Watch this space for when there is news of the group being able to meet again.

Best wishes,

Jennie Travers

EXPLORERS DAY OUT

Did you know that the first clock to be built in Britain about 1320 (years that is, not the time of day) is in Salisbury Cathedral?

Did you know that many Huguenot refugees were skilled artisans who settled in Britain and brought with them the secrets of clock manufacture? Our family name is of Huguenot origin.

Did you know that you could build your own clock by joining the British Horological Institute and studying with them, with the help of monthly journals?

Did you know that BHI suffered bomb damage to their London building during WW2 and moved to Upton in 1974? It is housed in a magnificent house built in 1842.

Do you know the origins of the phrase “passing the time of day?” It refers to the practice of setting time by a watch in London, travelling by stage coach elsewhere and showing local people what the correct time was, because clocks could be notoriously unreliable.



These are some of the fascinating things the Explorers Group learned on our trip to The BRITISH HOROLOGICAL INSTITUTE at Upton on Tuesday 23 August. We heard about the development of the Speaking clock (remember TIM?) through several models to the present day. We saw a Greenwich atomic clock, lots of long-case clocks and all sorts of unusual time-pieces, some working, chiming and ticking. It was a fascinating tour even if one were not particularly interested in clocks, but Dave our tour guide did a grand job.



One of our monthly talks in the New Year will be entitled Time through the Ages, so we shall find out more about horology. In the meantime (intentional pun) take note of how often clocks, watches and time are mentioned in nursery rhymes, literature, verse, culture generally. Alice in Wonderland, Tom's Midnight Garden, Hickory Dickory Dock, 1984 etc.

Linda Molineaux



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

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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

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE?

Lots of photos, contacts and other information.

www.binghamu3a.org

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Your Committee

POSITION	NAME	Contact Number	EMAIL
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Secretary	Ann Lewis	01949 831530	bingham.u3a.secretary@gmail.com
Programme	Linda Molineaux (temp)	07855 762775	bingham.u3a.programme@gmail.com
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Website	VACANCY		
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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 October 2022 edition is
Contact Tina Tringham 01949 839153/07941 279189
e-mail : bingham.u3a.newsletter@gmail.com

15th September

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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laugh,
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