

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023

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

Third Wednesday of the month
NEXT MEETING : 19 April 2023

Bingham u3a



Founded October 2000

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

19th April 2023

The Gretna Girls and the Devil's Porridge with David Skillen

17th May 2023

Emma Sheardown (return)

ANOTHER UPDATE

Things have generally happened as predicted, so I'm now the Regional Trustee and Third Age Trust main board member for the East Midlands Region

Thank you once again, everyone, for your messages of support and wishes for a swift recovery after my recent surgery.

My plans to visit all 5 County Networks in the East Midlands have continued, and I've already got firm dates to visit Notts, Leicestershire and Rutland and Northamptonshire.

As I said before, the work involved is going to take up a very large chunk of my time between now and October and indeed for the coming 3 years and much of what I shall be doing will be confidential, so I shan't be able to see you as often or share as much of my news and views with you as I have in the past.

That said, I'm still going to be an enthusiastic and active member of Bingham u3a, and I'm looking forward to starting ambling, walking, petanque and other outdoor activities just as soon as I'm able.

It's great to see that the History and Knitting groups have restarted and are flourishing, as are Welsh Conversation, Gardening and other new groups.

This makes it all the more important that members start thinking now about taking part in the running of Bingham u3a, so as to make sure that it continues to grow and thrive, and also starting new interest groups and developing the existing ones.

I'm very much up for and excited by the opportunities and challenges that my new roles present, and I wish each and every one of you many more years of enjoying the u3a experience.

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John Lewis



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

Programme News

You may remember from March's newsletter, that I asked for input to the proposed meeting on **Wednesday 17th May**. This could be memorabilia concerning the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II, such as souvenir mugs, pens, booklets, newspaper cuttings, programmes etc. If anyone would like to write a paragraph about their Coronation memories, this could be inserted in the next newsletter. I can remember a pageant at my school and a tea-party attended by numerous children, after which we were given a Coronation mug and pen (long since lost). It would be interesting to share what we have and compare with what will (by then) be the recent Coronation of HM Charles III.

We shall be hearing from **Emma Sheardown** at the beginning of the meeting, followed by a Coronation quiz and tea and biscuits, while we view and chat about our memorabilia. Make a note in your diary! Thank you.

On April 19th we have a talk entitled **The Gretna Girls and the Devil's Porridge** which I gather is a reference to the work of Gretna ladies in making munitions during WW1. In **June** we shall welcome (?) The Plague Doctor - more about that next month.

Notice of Special General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Special General Meeting to be held at 2pm on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at Bingham Methodist Centre to consider the adoption of a revised Constitution for Bingham u3a.

The changes proposed for the Constitution primarily relate to the inclusion of proxy and remote voting at Annual General and Special Meetings, as these facilities are not available under the present Constitution. It is also proposed to lower the quorum for such meetings to 10% of the membership. It will also enable us to hold general meetings by electronic means, eg Zoom after the bit about proxy voting.

Copies of the existing and proposed new Constitution are available on our website.

The SGM will be followed by the normal speaker meeting.

Notts Network

Did you know that we are part of a larger 'family' of u3as in Nottinghamshire? Altogether there are 44 member u3as who exchange information and training on a regular basis and it also publishes the Newsbites newsletter covering events and activities throughout the county.

You can check out the Network on its new website:

<https://nottsnetworkofu3as.weebly.com/>



TRAVEL GROUP

**Only U3A Members can go on U3A Holidays
or Excursions**

DAY TRIPS

The coach (Emjay Tours) will pick up in Bingham & East Bridgford

Wednesday 31st May

Sezincourt House is between Bourton on the Water & Moreton in the Marsh in the Cotswolds. The house was built for Colonel John Cockerell, grandson of Samuel Pepys. The house is built and furnished in the Indian Moghul style. It influenced changes in the design of the Brighton Pavilion and was built 200 years ago. It is still managed by a family team (brother/sister). There is also a 2,000 acre farm.

We will be travelling on an Emjay Tours Coach and will journey through and stop at some pretty villages en route. We will be viewing the house and gardens in 2 groups at 3.30 & 4.00 p.m. so we will not be departing early but will not return home until after 7.30 p.m.

Price Coach £29.50 House & garden entry £12.50. If you do not wish to visit the house and garden you can stay longer at Bourton in the Water and the coach will pick you up later.

To book a place phone Pat 01949 875471 or Beryl 7792 929 334 or ask at the Travel Desk at the monthly meeting.

Tuesday 25th July

Coach tour of Cromer and Sherringham

Enjoy a day out at the seaside with friends. We will be travelling on Emjay Tours deluxe coach and Malcolm will take us on a tour of both resorts where we will have additional time to explore the resorts or just relax.

Price Coach £30.00

You can book a place at the Travel Desk at the monthly meeting or phone
Pat 01949 875471 or Beryl 7792 929 334

Tuesday 26th September

Coach Tour of Derbyshire (area around Bakewell - details later)

Wednesday 25th October

Flamborough & Bridlington

Coach and lunch included

The coach and driver have been reserved for all these dates. Prices and detailed Itineraries to follow.



THEATRE NEWS



Forthcoming visits

NEW - HEATHER THE MUSICAL on Thursday 31st August at 2pm at the Theatre Royal

Winner of the best new musical 2019, Heather is a black comedy rock musical. You can dream of a better day and being a nobody might kill you but is it murder being so well known???

Price £ 40.50 No concessions available. Payment date 30th June.

NEW - EVERYBODY LOVES JAMIE on Wednesday 27th September at 2pm at the Theatre Royal

This well known and award and record-breaking musical tells the story of Jamie New. He is 16 and lives on a council estate in Sheffield. He doesn't quite fit in and is terrified about the future; but he is going to be a sensation!

Price £38.50 (no concessions) Payment date 26th July.

Please contact me with any queries and 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, or email randjhutton@gmail.com.

Please note my new address:

Dane Cottage. 15, Cherry Street Bingham NG13 8AJ

Jackie Hutton

NEW MEMBERS

The committee would like to express a warm welcome to the following new members:

Gordon Ayres	Aileen Beet	Linda Blackburn
Cathy Cash	Clare Didsbury	Anthony Fulton

We hope they will enjoy being part of Bingham u3a and participating in the activity groups of their choice.

GENERAL GROUP UPDATES

HOLIDAY TO CHESTER AND WALES

Monday 13th March: stepped out for the bus in pouring rain. On the bus, and we set off to cheery greetings and the usual weather comments. We arrived at the hotel in Chester bringing the rain with us.



The Hotel was magnificent, everywhere you looked was an antique or quirky. Then came time to find our rooms, Stanley didn't have as much trouble. However, the dinner made up for everything.

Tuesday : we had a Blue Badge guide come aboard, and entertained us royally with information about the town and some interesting villages, and corny jokes. Then back to Chester, some walked into town, not many as it was raining.

Wednesday : we were off for a scenic drive through the hills via Rhos-on-sea, Penrhyn and past the Little and Great Orme to Llandudno.

There were plenty of shops under cover to explore - oh, did I mention it was raining?

Thursday : we drove inland to Llangollen and then rode over the Horseshoe pass. We saw most of it as, um - it was raining. We passed through Ruthin and through the Clwydion hills into Mold and back to base, in the rain.....

Friday : we set off home, but before we left we were handed a history of the Hotel, (clever); it was full of stories of suicide, hangings and spirits and ghosts on every level. No matter, the stay was great and with a happy bounce we set off, because - the skies were **blue** and the **sun** was shining!!

Beryl Kemp

EXPLORERS NEWS

Proposed Visit to the Museum of Making, Derby on Tuesday 21st March

Sadly, the visit to the Museum of Making did not take place owing to illness causing the number of delegates to fall below the economical number. However, all is not lost as the Museum are happy to take a fresh booking from us when we are ready, so this will be organised in a couple of months time. Watch this space for announcements.

Proposed Tour to the Holocaust Museum on Monday 17th April

The National Holocaust Centre and Museum is in Laxton. The museum recommends 4 to 4.5 hours for a visit. It is self-led, and there are two exhibitions. The second tour is on the 'Kinder Transport', and we can book a guided tour of this if desired.

The cost is £7.50 per person, and this allows you to return as many times as you wish during the year. There is a café serving hot drinks and snacks.

The museum is 22 miles from Bingham and takes 35 minutes by car. We will leave Bingham at 10.15 to begin the visit at 11am. We plan to be home by 3.30 to 4pm.

Please contact Judith Wilkin to express your interest. Call 07769 293 621 or email judithlwilkin@yahoo.co.uk

Please respond urgently, as we need to book as early as possible to be sure of securing our places.

Proposed visit to Greens Mill

John Perry has volunteered to organise and facilitate a tour of Green's Mill, Nottingham. The cost is £3 per person for a conducted tour payable in advance. Transport will be either by bus or private car, ideally sharing where possible. The Mill is open Wednesday to Sunday and further information will be promulgated in due course. Please contact John Perry on bingham.u3a.vicechair@gmail.com to express interest.

Walking Tour of Bingham

If you did not go on the original tour, you will have the opportunity to join a future tour in June, take it – you will not be disappointed. Further information will be in the newsletter in due course but numbers will be restricted to 20 for practical reasons.

Music Appreciation Group

For the March meeting Maisie entertained us with a selection of her favourite pieces – which, strangely enough, proved to be our favourites too – so a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by us all.



The April meeting on the 11th will be at Jen & Derrick's home at 12 Stanhope Way in Bingham when Derrick will present a programme of English Light Music with memories of Children's Hour. This should be most enjoyable so ring Derrick on 01949-837519 if you would like to attend.

A reminder that we have changed our meeting date from the 3rd Thursday to the 2nd Tuesday of the month for the foreseeable future.

Anthony Watts

Table Tennis

Chris Skingle would like to confirm that table tennis will now be a seasonal activity from September to April (1st & 3rd Mondays at 4pm). It has moved to the new Bingham Arena - see the players in action!



It's a great way to keep fit and socialise, so if you're interested contact Chris Skingle on 01949 876221/07979851934 or email on skinglec@gmail.com.

WINE CLUB

A second wine club will be starting in MAY. If you are interested in joining, please contact Group Co-ordinator Veronica Perry for more details.



***Monday
Amblers
enjoying a
leisurely stroll.***



Book Club

This month's read was "**Uninvited Guests**" by Sadie Jones: A Sinister Tale of haunting beauty from the author of "Outcast".

This is what one of our group thought:

"Despite saying that we shouldn't judge a book simply by its cover, I decided to give it a try. I thought the style of writing had much to recommend it, being written with some humour. The characters were quite well described but became annoyingly predictable, trapped in their period and setting. When the unwanted guests from the train crash arrived, I lost patience and flicked through the rest."

We shall learn more at the meeting on 28th March in the library and we meet next month on 25th April at 2.00pm.

Veronica Perry



French Groups - Parlez-Vous Francais?

We **DESPERATELY** need a new leader for our French Beginners and Intermediate group. We have a text book, we have members but our leader, Joanne Collie, is retiring. Quite right too, she has worked hard for us and deserves her rest. We need someone with a knowledge of French and a love of the joys of teaching. We are GOOD STUDENTS who do our HOMEWORK AND LISTEN ATTENTIVELY. PLEASE, PLEASE HELP US OUT AND COME FORWARD TO TAKE OUR CLASS.

If you are interested please contact Group Coordinator Veronica Perry ASAP.



Good news. The History Group is back!

The inaugural meeting of the reconstituted group took place on 22nd March, facilitated by John Perry. There was considerable interest, and those present agreed some future dates, format, subjects etc, including some possible visits.

It was agreed that the meetings will take place on the 4th Wednesday of the month, at 2pm, and initially at Church House.

If you are interested but were unable to make the initial meeting, please contact John on jkp1951@gmail.com.

Bingham Practical Gardening Group

We are running the gardening group again this year – a small, friendly and informal group that gets together throughout the season to admire each other's gardens, and swap seeds, cuttings, tips and advice. We will start meeting again after Easter. Contact Tina Patrick (tina.patrick22@virginmedia.com) if you'd like to join in!

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		Beryl Kemp
Telephone	Evet	01949 876221/ 07979851934	Jeff Peters	01949 839728
Venue	01949 851115	Bingham Arena	01949 875406	Library
Frequency	Butler's Coffee Hse	1 st & 3 rd (seasonal September to April)	Bowls Club	2.30pm
Time	2nd Monday 2.00 pm	4 pm to 5 pm	Oct to April 2 nd Monday	
	<u>Spanish Conversation</u>	skinglec@gmail. com	7 pm	<u>Wine</u>
	Laura Rennie's house			Lynne Barnett
	2pm - alt weeks			01949 875151
	07722499111			Various

Tuesday am:

Group	<u>French Improvers</u>	<u>KNIT & NATTER</u>	<u>Writing</u>
Contact	??	Beryl Kemp	Gordon Wallace
Telephone	Venue TBC	(839728) or Judy	07809 226285
Venue	Every other Tuesday	Soar (837108)	Scarrington
Frequency	10 am	Bingham Library	Monthly
Time		Weekly	12.00
		10am	

Tuesday pm:

Group	<u>Ambling 2</u>	<u>Gentle Exercise</u>	<u>Music Appreciation</u>
Contact	Jackie Hutton/Sue	Linda Walden	Anthony
Telephone	Eaton	01949 836717	Watts/Derrick Gierth
Venue	01949 839728/837376	Old Church Ho.	01949 875968
Frequency	Car Park	Weekly	Various
Time	Fortnightly @ 1 pm	1-2 pm	2 nd of the month
			2 pm
Group	<u>French Conversation 2</u>	<u>Book Club</u>	
Contact	Barbara Savage	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	John Perry
Telephone	01949 850864/07898895274	jkp1951@gmail.com.
Venue	Old Courthouse	Church House
Frequency	fortnightly	4 th Wednesday
Time	2 - 3 pm	<u>2pm</u>

Thursday am:

Group	<u>STEM</u>	<u>Petanque</u> <u>(Seasonal)</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	Methodist Church	The Grange	Bowls Club	The Buttercross,
Frequency	Last Thursday	Alternate w'ks	Alternate weeks	Market Place
Time	11:00-12:00 Appletrees.hobson@gmail.com	10 - 12 midday	10 - 12 midday	2 nd & 4 th 10.30 am

Thursday pm:

Group	<u>Croquet (Seasonal)</u>
Contact	Trish Tilley
Telephone	01949 837923
Venue	Pavilion Butt Field
Frequency	Fortnightly May to Sept.
Time	1.00 pm

Group	<u>German Conversation</u>
Contact	Valerie Morgan
Telephone	0115 9332353
Venue	Various
Frequency	Fortnightly
Time	2.30 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 **French Group 1**
Contact Lis Leslie
Telephone 01949 831602
Venue Various
Frequency Fortnightly
Time 2 - 4 pm

Group **Gardening**
Contact Tina Patrick
Telephone 07801 150567
Venue Various
Frequency TBC
Time 2.00pm

Sunday:

Group **Sunday Lunch 1**
Contact Jill Kent
Telephone 0115 9334516
Venue Various
Frequency 1st
Time 12.30 pm

Groups meeting up on various days:

Group **Theatre visits**
Contact Jackie Hutton
Telephone 01949 838140
Venue Various Theatres

Group **Explorers Visits**
Contact David Heppenstall
Telephone 07885 200 863 or email on Heppenstalldavid@hotmail.com

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The deadline for the MAY 2023 edition is
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