

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

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

Third Wednesday of the month
NEXT MEETING : 21st June 2023

Bingham u3a



Founded October 2000

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UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKERS

21st June 2023

Tales from Aesop by a Storyteller

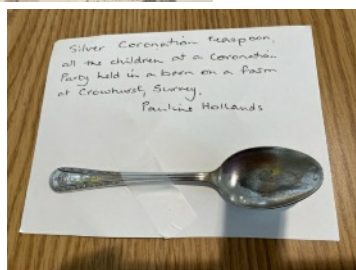
19th July 2023

A Visit from The Plague Doctor

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

CORONATION TALES

On Wednesday 17th, there was a great showing of photos, memorabilia etc concerning the Queen's coronation in 1953.....



**And congratulations to the winners of
our Coronation Quiz!**





MEMORIES OF THE DAY

Below are recollections from Alan Molineaux.

Coronation day, 2nd June 1953

I was living in Kennington, South East London where I had been born and brought up when the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place.

Schools were invited to send children (I think it was two from each year) to a special reserved area along the Embankment to see the Coronation procession on its way to the Abbey. There would have been about eight or nine of us from my school. The two names from my year were drawn but as one of them didn't want to go another name was drawn - and it was mine.

When the day eventually came we had to report to school at about 6am, (it might have been even earlier than that) and then took a bus to Waterloo. We crossed the Thames over Waterloo Bridge and then along the Embankment on the north side of the river until we reached the area set aside for the thousands of school children where we made ourselves comfortable. Well, as comfortable as was possible out in the open in the pouring rain and standing or sitting on the puddled pavement.

We were like that, in the rain, for several hours before there was anything to see. At one time there was a big cheer from the kids off to our left and we all stood up to see the procession but it was only a man pushing a cart and shovelling up the mess the police horses had left behind. It was a painfully long wait and my sandwiches had long since been devoured before anything of interest finally appeared but when it did it was a most spectacular sight that made the wait well worth it. The golden coach looked magnificent.

When the last of the procession had passed we all left the area and the walk to my home took about half an hour. I was there in time to catch the ceremony in Westminster Abbey on television. When the Queen left the Abbey I went out with my mates to The Mall and saw the procession again as it finished its journey back to Buckingham Palace. It was a long day, the weather was awful, but the occasion was great.

Alan Molineaux (aged 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ at the time)





TRAVEL GROUP



Only U3A Members can go on U3A Holidays or Excursions

COACH DAY EXCURSIONS

Tuesday 25th July

Coach tour of Cromer and Sheringham

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 **It is essential that you book quickly if you plan to travel with us as we have to confirm or cancel the booking one month in advance.**

Tuesday 26th September

Coach Tour of Derbyshire (area around Bakewell)

Enjoy a day out in the lovely countryside of Derbyshire with friends. We will be travelling on Emjay Tours deluxe coach and Malcolm will take us on a tour around the Bakewell area where we will have time to explore the town.

You can book a place at the Travel Desk at the monthly meeting or phone Pat 01949 875471 or Beryl 7792 929 334. Price: Coach £25.00

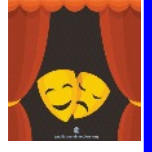
Wednesday 25th October

Flamborough & Bridlington

Details in our next Newsletter



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 **19th July (note new payment date)**

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, or email randjhutton@gmail.com.

Please note my new address:

Dane Cottage, 15 Cherry Street Bingham NG13 8AJ Tel 01949 838140/07443 595653

Jackie Hutton

NEW MEMBERS

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

Susan Bettesworth, Jacqueline Reffin, Timothy Whiting,

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

GROUP UPDATES

PETANQUE will restart on WEDNESDAY 7th June 10am to 12 noon ish. Emails have been sent to those who took part last time.

IMPROVERS FRENCH CONVERSATION

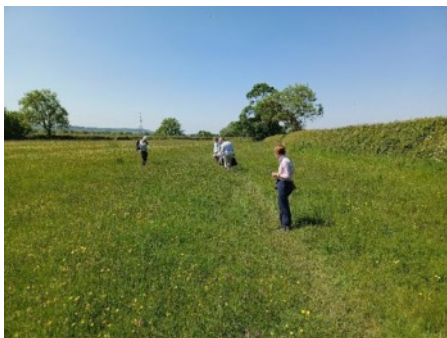
This continues every other Tuesday in the Buttercross at 10.30. A group of us meet to chat in French over a coffee. All welcome.

U3a 4th Wednesday Walking Group - Orchids at Muston Meadows - May 24th

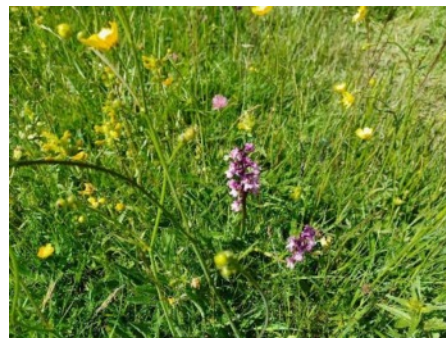
It was the warmest day so far this year and Lindsay led the '4th Wednesday' walking group from the Dirty Duck at Woolsthorpe, along the Grantham Canal (where some of our group watched a grass snake swimming!), to the wonderful Muston Meadows Nature reserve. The very special, rare Green Winged Orchids were in full bloom.

After a pleasant walk along the old railway route back to the pub, we were certainly ready for a refreshing drink and we

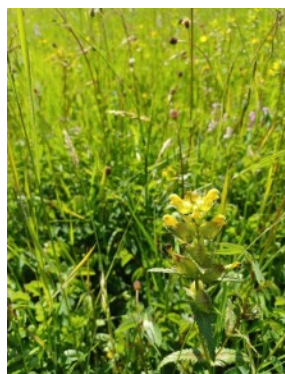
enjoyed the good lunchtime food that was efficiently served.



The tranquil, lovely meadow



The Green Winged Orchid (the winged leaves at the base of the plant are green!)



The 'plant net' app confirmed that this was Little Yellow-rattle

The 4th Wednesday walking group tends to do walks which are typically less than 5 miles at a pace which suits the majority.

Each month one (or two) of our members lead the walk from a convenient location and afterwards members can choose to go to a nearby pub or café for lunch if they wish.

There are vacancies in the group at present – if you are interested please contact John or Glynis Greenwood at johnandglyn@btinternet.com 0115 989 9798.

John Greenwood 25.05.23

EXPLORERS NEWS

Ann Lewis has volunteered to be facilitator for this group. Please contact Ann if you have ideas for “exploring”.

VISIT TO GREEN’S WINDMILL SNEINTON NOTTINGHAM

Following the note in the last newsletter Green’s Mill have now agreed a date for the visit – **Wednesday 12 July, with a suggested starting time of 11 am**

As previously mentioned one of our members John Perry is a volunteer at the Mill and is happy to host a visit, talk about the History of the Mill, Science Centre and Gardens. Cost is £3 per person, payable on the day.

You will need to make your own way there by public transport or car. Green’s Mill have disabled parking in the courtyard.

Can you please let John know ASAP - jkp1951@gmail.com - if you definitely want to take part.

WINE CLUB



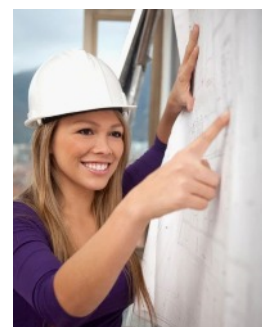
The wine group enjoying some of the lovely weather we have had so far this spring and early summer - and the wine of course! It all looks like such hard work.....



Bingham u3a STEM Interest Group

We have switched to a **bi-monthly format on the fourth Thursday of the month starting on June 22nd at 11am in the Methodist Centre.** The subject will be **‘Water and Soil – the Engineering Challenge’**.

Water and soil, together with the underlying rocks, form the prime constituents of the earth’s surface. Without them there would be no life on earth. The challenge to the Engineer is to control and utilise these materials to the advantage of our present and future civilisation. This talk will draw on John Greenwood's industrial and research interests to illustrate some of the key roles and responsibilities of the Geotechnical Engineer in shaping the world in which we live.



Music Appreciation Group

Jennifer David gave us a wonderful selection of music on the theme of Kings, Queens and other royals in May which was greatly enjoyed by those who were able to attend.



The June meeting is on the 13th and will be at Esme's home at 8 Gillott's Close in Bingham. Her theme will be 'Esme's Pot Pourri' (which probably means a lovely mixed selection of music!).

Please ring Esme on 01949-875148 if you would like to attend.

Please note that we have changed our meeting date from the 3rd Thursday to the 2nd Tuesday of the month for the foreseeable future. Many thanks

Anthony Watts

Many thanks

Book Club

Another meeting took place on May 25th in the library.

We had a long and interesting discussion re the latest novel "***The Pull of the Stars***" by Emma Donoghue. Most of the group loved it. We all found things that were memorable in the text. On the whole, we considered her a very evocative writer. Someone had read her previous book "***The Room***" which has been made into a film, a gripping story.



One of our members wrote this. ,

"Here are some thoughts about 'The Pull of the Stars'. I have returned the book already. I found it utterly absorbing, hard to put down. The way it's written, narrative voice, is really strong. I felt almost as if I was there with Nurse Power and the other women. Eerily close to our recent pandemic experiences, but also high lighting the lack of medical knowledge back then. The characters of volunteer Bridie, and Dr Lynn, a rebel trying to hide from police, were well drawn. The historical information, such as the terrible way Bridie was brought up by nuns, I found very interesting. Altogether the story offered some hope, some light in those terrible dark days."

We meet again on 27th June. Our book of the month is "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchet.

HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday 28 June at the Methodist Church when one of our members, Jo McHugh, will be giving a presentation on the Mitford Sisters.

Following that on Wednesday 26 July we are hoping (thanks to Ann Keen) to organise a trip to Southwell Workhouse. The entry cost is £14 per person, though free if you are a National Trust member. Can you please let our Group facilitator John Perry – jkp1951@gmail.com – know ASAP if you definitely want to go. Once we have names we can then organise car sharing.

The Group also needs volunteers to give a presentation/host a discussion for the September, October and November meetings. Again, names (and topics) to John Perry please if you have knowledge and expertise you feel would be of interest.

ONE HOUR A MONTH

Could you spend an hour a month making sure all our local publications have up to date copy for their publications, eg Buttercross, Bingham Life, Rushcliffe News? If you could, **your u3a needs you.**

Contact Ann Lewis
bingham.u3asecretary@gmail.com



CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY

Yes, we still need volunteers for these two essential posts. Is there anyone with the necessary enthusiasm and esprit de corps to step forward? Contact any member of the committee to discuss.

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

Tuesday am:

Group	<u>KNIT & NATTER</u>
Contact	Beryl Kemp (839728) or
Telephone	Judy Soar (837108)
Venue	Bingham Library
Frequency	Weekly
Time	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 838140/839946	Old Church Ho.	01949 875968
Frequency	07443 595653/07868	Weekly	Various
Time	153314	1-2 pm	2 nd of the month
	Car Park		2 pm
	Fortnightly @ 1 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>	<u>Petanque (Seasonal)</u>
Contact	Judith Williams	Esme Smith	John & Glyn	Beryl Kemp
Telephone	07523 645105	01949 875148	Greenwood	01949 839728
Venue	By Church House	Church Ho./Car	01159 899798	The Grange
Frequency	1 st	Share2 nd	Church Ho./Car	Alternate w'ks
Time	10 am	9.30 am	Share 4 th 9.30 am	10 - 12 midday

Wednesday pm:

Group	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>History</u>
Contact	Jean Oates	John Perry
Telephone	01949	jkp1951@gmail.com.
Venue	850864/07898895274	Church House
Frequency	Old Courthouse	4 th Wednesday
Time	fortnightly 2 - 3 pm	<u>2pm</u>

Thursday am:

Group	<u>STEM</u>	<u>Bridge</u>
Contact	Dave Hobson	Dave Cobley
Telephone	01949 836042	07966370385
Venue	Methodist Church	Bowls Club
Frequency	Last Thursday(bi-monthly)	Alternate weeks
Time	11:00-12:00 Appletrees.hobson@gmail.com	10 - 12 midday

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	
Telephone	Valerie Morgan
Venue	0115 9332353
Frequency	Various
Time	Fortnightly 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 838140/07443 595653
Venue Various Theatres

Group **Explorers Visits**
Contact Ann Lewis
Telephone 01949 831530

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Lots of photos, contacts and other information. www.binghamu3a.org

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Database Manager	Steve Aremia	01949 831537	bingham.u3a.database@gmail.com

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

The deadline for the JULY 2023 edition is
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e-mail : bingham.u3a.newsletter@gmail.com

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