

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023

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

Third Wednesday of the month
NEXT MEETING : 15 March 2023

Bingham u3a



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

15 th March 2023	<i>Fire Safety with Jack Hibbert</i>
19 th April 2023	<i>The Gretna Girls and the Devil's Porridge with David Skillen</i>
17 th May 2023	<i>Emma Sheardown (return)</i>

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

It turns out that I was the only nominee for the position, so, come the 24th March, I shall be the u3a East Midlands Regional Trustee/Director for the next three years.

My key actions in the 100 days starting on the 25th March to help make u3a in the UK “Fit for the Future” by becoming a better communicator, more open and accountable in its decisions and actions, with a higher media profile and public awareness of the benefits of membership and more effective use of the u3a brand, so as to develop and grow the movement include:

- Inviting myself to the next meetings of all five of the County Networks in the East Midlands Region [I've already received invitations from Notts and Leicestershire and Rutland, and I think one is on its way from Derbyshire]
- Meeting my support team
- Meeting the current East Midlands Regional Publicity Adviser
- Meeting the Chair of the National Communications Committee
- Meeting the Chair of the National Development Committee [already done]
- Handover meeting with immediate past Regional Trustee/Director [already done]
- Attending the Third Age Trust Board meeting on 28th/29th March either in person or online
- Attending the May meeting of the new u3a Pilot Council

I think you'll agree that's plenty for me to be getting on with!

Inevitably, this new appointment is going to take away some of the time I'm going to be able to devote to my current roles as your Chair and Publicity Officer, but I'm completely confident that your other Committee members and I will be able to come up with a plan to make Bingham u3a continue to grow and prosper and despite its tiny size, be **UNIQUE, UPBEAT, UNSTOPPABLE, ACTIVE, ADVENTUROUS AND APPROACHABLE.**

LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE!

John Lewis



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

Programme News

March 15th Fire Safety with Jack Hibbert.

Jack will talk about his life and work in the Fire Service. He was in the Royal Marines and worked on a kibbutz and at a zoo. Promises to be an interesting and informative talk! Bingham U3A will be making a donation towards the Service in lieu of a fee.



April 19th David Skillen comes highly recommended from other u3As. His presentation is intriguingly entitled *The Gretna Girls and the Devil's Porridge*.

May 17th The welcome return of Emma Sheardown, to conclude her talk entitled *There's no such word as can't*. Emma was with us in January, when her talk was unfortunately shortened by an emergency. She has kindly agreed to return, with a brief cover of the story so far and the outcome.

Emma's talk will be followed by a quiz about the 1953 Coronation and opportunity to chat about our memories and view memorabilia, whilst having our usual cuppa.

If you were born before 1953, please seek out photos of yourself or family in 1953, relating to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Souvenir mugs, pens, booklets, programmes etc could be displayed and shared between members on 17th May. Make a note in your diary! Thank you.

Do come along to the monthly meetings to hear these interesting speakers and maybe bring a friend to try Bingham U3A?

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.



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.

There may not be anyone at the Travel Desk at the March meeting as we are on holiday in Chester so to book a place phone Pat 01949 875471 or Beryl 7792 929 334.

Tuesday 25th July

Coach tour of Cromer and Sherringham

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

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 and 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

NEW - ANNIE THE MUSICAL on Wednesday 14th June at 2pm at The Royal Concert Hall

This production comes directly from the smash hit revival in the West End and stars Craig Revel Horwood as the tyrannical Miss Hannigan with an unforgettable score including "It's a hard knock life" and "Tomorrow".

Price £ 40/ 36.50 group rate or £46/£42.50 group rate. Payment date 15th March

NEW - BIZET'S THE PEARL FISHERS performed by Opera North on Saturday July 1st at 7pm at the Royal Concert Hall

A love triangle set against the backdrop of ancient Ceylon this concert staging of Bizet's imaginative music has magnificent choruses and tells the story of two men whose vow of friendship flounders on their love for the same woman, the priestess Leila.

Price £40.50 or £ 31.50 Payment date 28th March

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 email randjhutton@gmail.com

Jackie Hutton

GENERAL GROUP UPDATES

LATEST EXPLORERS EVENT

Walking Tour of Bingham; Tuesday 7th February

The tour of Bingham, organised and conducted by Veronica and Ann, was very successful and interesting.

We saw old water pumps hidden from normal view. Old buildings, some accommodating various trades and purposes during their lifetime, occupied our attention for a large part of the tour. We even saw old brewery buildings, sadly no longer in use for their primary task.

I was amazed by the number of Methodist chapels, both old and new, which had existed and still exist in such a small town.



In the market place we viewed the old manual telephone exchange, now a hair-dressing salon, and the old Manor House. We also noted the wind vane over the Dog Charity shop in the form of the Battle of Britain Flight, consisting of a Lancaster, a Spitfire, and a Hurricane. Have a look next time you are in the market place.

Dotted around the town were many old boot-scrapers, most missing the vital blade, but left in place in the buildings' structure.

We wandered towards Toot Hill to view the Roman well, which has been rebuilt in the cemetery following its discovery when building the A46.

We finished in the Buttercross pub to enjoy a well-earned refreshment, and to chat about what we had seen.

Many thanks to Veronica and Ann who brought our local town to life in a refreshing and non-heritage manner.

If you did not go, and have the opportunity to join a future tour, take it – you will not be disappointed.

David Heppenstall

MORE PROPOSED EXPLORERS ADVENTURES

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

The Museum of Making in Derby is located in what is widely regarded as the world's first modern factory. The museum charts the progress of Derby's manufacturing history and the people involved.

A visit is proposed in mid-March whilst the museum is relatively free from tourists and school children. I visited during February and found it fascinating. However, there is too much to try discovering by oneself, so I suggest having a guided tour so we can obtain maximum benefit.

Tours are £6 per person for a tour of ten people, and take about one hour. There is a coffee shop which also serves lunches.

I propose booking the tour on **Tuesday 21st March at 10.30am.** Please note that we do not have a lot of choice, but are severely limited by the availability of museum staff and other tours already booked. Transport will be by car, hopefully with car sharing.

Please indicate your interest by emailing me on Heppenstalldavid@hotmail.com, or telephoning me (David Heppenstall) on 07885 200 852.

More information will be available in due course when I can assess the response.

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 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.

Music Appreciation Group

The February meeting was the showing of the opera 'Madama Butterfly' – a 30 year old recording from the TV onto a VHS tape which, thankfully, played perfectly. It was a beautifully staged and sung performance of love, betrayal and self-sacrifice in 19th century Japan and everyone was suitably moved by the story.



The March meeting on the 16th will be at Maisie's home at 'Newlands', The Saucers in Scarrington when she will be entertaining us with some of her favourites – no particular theme, just pleasure.

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

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

Anthony Watts

HISTORY GROUP

**History Group will now restart in March.
Everyone who has expressed an interest will be informed re time and place.**

If you would like to join the group and have not already been in touch, please contact John Perry via email on bingham.u3a.vicechair@gmail.com

Thanks,

Veronica Perry



A couple of reminders from your Committee:

Membership Fees

A last reminder that fees were due by the end of February.

Committee Changes

We are still in need of interested parties to take over Chairman and Secretary roles in October***Who will step forward?***

Book club continues to flourish. Last month we read “**The Spice Box Letters**” by Eve Makis.



“A beautiful story with a vivid evocation of Cyprus during the horrors of the Armenian Genocide.”

It was a love story or rather several love stories, well written and kept you engaged right to the uplifting end.

This month we have read “**Bewilderment**” by Richard Powers. We have just yet met to discuss and there were mixed reviews - some of us felt rather “Bewildered”! Perhaps a very aptly named book!

However, this is how one of our group felt:

“I loved this book and thought it was very interesting. The characters really were extraordinary and what brilliant parents they both were to Robin. His mother left a legacy of animals and the environment which Robin obsessively took on board.”

We meet again on 28th March.

Veronica Perry

French Improvers - Joanne Collie will be standing down from leadership of this group in April after many years valiant teaching of French conversation. Is there anyone who feels they could take over the reins and keep this enjoyable and much valued group going?

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT AVIATION GROUP

RoT u3a has asked us to let members know about their aviation group:

“We’re the only aviation group in the local area and I’m hoping you let your members know of our existence.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm. The meetings are held in the Trent room at the Grange Hall in the centre of Radcliffe. We are a thriving group but we are always interested in new members joining us.

March 7th meeting is a presentation on the Bae Hawk trainer.

April 4th will be a talk about East Midlands airport cargo handling.

May 2nd is a visit to Duxford Aviation museum.”

Contact Dave Arron on ann.arron@btinternet.com or 0115 933 4304 but please be aware that you will of course have to pay a membership to RoT u3a if you wish to join the group.

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	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
				3 rd or 4 th
				2.30 pm

Tuesday am:

Group	<u>French Improvers</u>	<u>KNIT & NATTER</u>	<u>Writing</u>
Contact	Joanne Collie	Beryl Kemp	Gordon Wallace
Telephone	01949 831899	(839728) or Judy	07809 226285
Venue	Venue TBC	Soar (837108)	Scarrington
Frequency	Every other Tuesday	Bingham Library	Monthly
Time	10 am	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>
Contact	Jean Oates
Telephone	01949 850864/07898895274
Venue	Old Courthouse
Frequency	fortnightly
Time	2 - 3 pm

Thursday am:

Group	<u>STEM</u>	<u>Petanque</u>	<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Cycling</u>
Contact	Dave Hobson	<u>(Seasonal)</u> Beryl Kemp	Dave Cobley	Charles Richardson
Telephone	01949 836042	01949 839728	07966370385	01949 831602
Venue	Venue TBC	The Grange	Bowls Club	The Buttercross, Market Place
Frequency	Last Thursday	Alternate w'ks	Alternate weeks	2 nd & 4 th
Time	11:00-12:00	10 - 12 midday	10 - 12 midday	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

GROUP CONTACT DETAILS AND MEETING TIMES

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 Heppenstalldavid@hotmail.com 07885 200852

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Your Committee

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The deadline for the APRIL 2023 edition is
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