

Join the U3A in Burton Joyce

Information for prospective Members

The University of the Third Age is an amazing organisation. The word 'university' in this context is used in its original sense of people coming together to learn. In the UK it has been running since 1982 but is part of an international organisation begun in France in the 1970s. Membership is increasing rapidly, as is the number of U3As. The U3A is a self-help organisation offering people no longer in fulltime employment the opportunity of lifelong learning within a friendly and sociable framework.

BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A is an autonomous association (U.K. Registered Charity No. 1157213) affiliated to the Third Age Trust, to whom a proportion of your subscription is paid, in return for third party insurance, publications, subject resources and guidance. BJ&D U3A is a member of the East Midlands Association of U3As and is in the Nottinghamshire Network. Our year end is 30th June and an AGM is held in August, when the Committee of 12 members is elected.

Monthly Meeting Place - Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall, Trent Lane, Burton Joyce, NG14 5EY
Second Tuesday of each month at 1.45pm to 3.45pm

Membership

1. Your membership starts on the date of application, and becomes due for renewal on the anniversary of that date. New members may attend up to two events before deciding to join.
2. A new member will receive a membership card bearing their membership number, a name badge, a copy of the Constitution, and a Welcome leaflet. Their name, address, telephone number, email address, interests & skills will be recorded in the membership database.
3. The payment of the subscription entitles the member to free attendance at monthly meetings, including refreshments, a monthly BJ newsletter, and copies of the Third Age Trust publications Third Age Matters, five times per year and Sources. It also covers the payment we have to make to the Third Age Trust to cover things like insurance.
4. Any costs incurred by the groups are agreed and covered by that particular group. Any income is the property of the whole U3A.
5. Please wear your name badge at meetings; it helps you know who you are talking to! We hope every member will grow accustomed to this practice.

BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

*Please complete and return this form & fee
(Cheques payable to Burton Joyce U3A) to;
Paul Geeson, Membership Secretary, Flat T1202 Nottingham One,
156 Canal Street, Nottingham NG1 7HG
or bring it to the next monthly meeting
or hand deliver to 89 Main Street, Burton Joyce*

Title Surname First Names

Address

.....Post Code

I wish to join BJU3A and enclose my payment: Full Membership (£18.00).... £.....

Associate/2nd Membership (£15.00)....*£.....

Signed Date

* Associate members belong to another U3A as full members but also belong to BJ&D U3A so that they can join in interest groups. Their main branch pays the fee to The Third age Trust for their insurance, magazines, etc.

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GROUPS

We have many established interest groups covering areas such as:

Gardening, foreign languages, art & culture, history, card games, walking, nature, food & drink, photography, exercise etc, etc.

How to join a Group

General Information

Brief details of groups are listed on the Welcome to BJ&D U3A leaflet, in the monthly 'Newsline' and in detail on the website bju3a.co.uk . Please speak to the Groups Facilitator if you need any further information. Group information is also available at the monthly meetings, where sign up sheets for all the groups are laid out in the committee room.

Groups usually meet in Members' homes and this limits their size. Meetings may be at a fixed venue or rotated around the group. Sometimes a venue is hired for a large group (the cost to be shared amongst that group). If you join a group but are unable to 'host' it at any time, don't be put off – many people are in this position.

If you have transport problems, mention this to the leader who will know if anyone can give you a lift. Once you have joined a group, it is important that you let the leader know if you are unable to attend a meeting.

Joining a Group

- Look at the information sheets available in the committee room at a monthly meeting.
- Check that the dates and times of meetings of any potentially interesting group suit you.
- Print your name and contact details on the group sign-up sheet.
- The Group Leader should contact you within a week or so.
- You can attend a meeting to decide if the group is what you want. If it is not, tell the leader that you have decided not to come again.

Home Phone **Mobile Phone**

Emergency Contact & Phone

Email

Previous Occupation

Hobbies and Interests

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