

Annual General Meeting

A new(ish) committee was elected at our AGM on Tuesday 13th August. Unfortunately our Chair, Anna Moore, had to stand down as she had served the maximum term in that role allowed by our constitution, but thankfully she has agreed to remain a member of the committee and will continue to be the "go to" person for the Beacon system and also, now, for Publicity. We presented Anna with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her excellent work and the commitment she has given to BJu3a.



Christine Shepherd, Anna Moore, Alan Comerie

Our committee now comprises:-

Alan Comerie (Chairman), Jacky Kinsey (Treasurer), David Yates (Business Secretary), Anna Moore (Beacon and Publicity), Christine Shepherd (Groups Facilitator), Rupert Williams (Speaker Finder), Elaine Bass (Trips Coordinator and Social Secretary), Gemma Gill (Membership Secretary), Gwen McCormick (General Committee Member), and Dave Hoskins (General Committee Member).

Also, we now have a free charity telephone number - 0300 102 1383 - through which you can reach committee members personally. Calls are free from most landlines and mobiles.

"REVIVAL" 60's NIGHT - FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER ***£15 per person***

Based in Nottingham, the group "Revival" have been performing now for over 34 years, entertaining audiences across the country. They recreate the sounds of the 1960's and early 70's. Whilst not a tribute band, they aim is to recreate the sound and excitement of the original artistes from that era. Much more info is on the band's website at - <http://www.revival-web.com/default.htm>



Burton Joyce Village Hall has been booked for Friday October 4th 2024. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., And the band will perform a 45 minute set beginning at 8 p.m. with a break from 8:45 to 9:10, and close with a set of around 50 minutes at 10 p.m. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

To reserve your place(s) please email treasurer@bju3a.co.uk N.B. Once your reservation has been confirmed payment will be required and will be non refundable.

Forthcoming Monthly Speaker Meetings

Monthly speaker meetings are held at 1:45pm in Burton Joyce and Bulcote Village Hall, Trent Lane, Burton Joyce, Nottingham NG14 5EY. They are followed by refreshments, tea/coffee and biscuits. It's an ideal opportunity to socialise, sign up for Groups and chat to friends. Members should arrive in good time as latecomers can make it difficult for others to hear the Announcements.

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER – PAUL LILLIE - “THE EVOLUTION OF POP MUSIC from 1954 to 1994”.

Paul Lillie is currently Artist In Residence at Nottingham QMC and City hospitals where his unique mixture of art and music has proved a huge success in supporting the wellbeing and mental health of patients as part of the Hospital Trust's award winning Arts programme.

In his talk “The Evolution of Pop music from 1954 to 1994” Paul will be performing songs on his guitar and encouraging audience participation as he traces the development of modern popular music from the early rock and roll of Elvis Presley through to the rise of the internet. He also weaves in the protest power of pop discussing the importance of writers such as Bob Dylan and Joan Baez. Paul trained at Wimbledon School of Art and he will show some of his paintings and sketches including ones from his childhood, relating these to his lifetime love of pop music. He will also include anecdotes from his own career in the music industry.



TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER – PAULA CORNWELL - “THE SOHO STUNNER”

“Stunner”, is a slang word coined in the mid 1800's by the Pre-Raphaelite artist Dante Gabriel Rossetti. He used it to describe any woman of exceptional beauty, who stood out in a crowd. Fanny Cornforth fell into this category. Rossetti was captivated by her beauty and asked her to model for him, but they soon entered into a tempestuous and bizarre relationship that lasted for over 20 years.

Members of Rossetti's painting fraternity could not accept Fanny. She came from the lower working class, she had a low class accent, and the other painters criticized her lack of breeding and intellect. She was even known as a dollymop, a 19th century word for prostitute. Paula presents her talk in character. She will become Fanny Cornforth for the afternoon with authentic Victorian clothes, a sustained low class accent, and cheeky, knowing asides.



NEWS FROM OUR GROUPS

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SWANS

(Short Walks And No Stiles)

We enjoyed an interesting walk starting from The Ferry Boat, along the river Trent to the lagoons at Netherfield. These walks are never too long, but for members that enjoy the countryside and aspects of nature. Our return took us back to Stoke Bardolph, enjoying the exercise, and sociability. Could this be for you? Afterwards, we all enjoyed a snack lunch back at “The Wheatsheaf” in Burton Joyce.

The SWANS group meets on the third Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. The walks are not too strenuous, around three to four miles long over easy terrain (1½ half to 2 hours steady walking). It’s a popular group with a healthy membership but not all attend every time so there is no limit to the numbers in the group. To join the group just contact one of the coordinators, whose contact details can be found at <https://bju3a.co.uk/swans/>



Political History

This Group was formed about 15 months ago and has now a membership of approaching 20, with a regular variable attendance of about a dozen plus, meeting on the last Tuesday of each month in Burton Joyce Library at 2 p.m. The meeting lasts an hour or so, with tea and cake provided. A mere £1.50 (maximum) is extracted from members.

We converse in a lively interactive discussion about historical political issues – the subject matter suggested by the membership. This is not a ‘high-brow’ academic discussion but an opportunity often for well entrenched views to be exercised. Some members are simply happy to listen and learn.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 24 September, when the topic is “*The Rise of European Dictators in the Thirties*”. New members always welcome – just turn up and see for yourself what it is like.

David Yates - Email - yatesnottm@hotmail.com

THEATRE

The photo is of the Theatre Group's visit to the Tolethorpe Open Air Stamford Shakespeare Theatre for the production of Sense & Sensibility in July. A lovely experience which we enjoy every year; although rainy and a bit chilly, the sun came out as we left so we had a picnic. Marvellous sets using the gardens of this lovely little stately home, and, as always, superbly humorous and professional acting.



In May, some of us saw Punch, a true story about a Nottingham teenager, set in the Market Square and based on James Graham's play. Nottingham Playhouse's production was excellent as always, with enjoyable, but raw, strong performances, full of today's street language.

Earlier in the year, we saw Evita, performed by Newark Amateur Operatic at the Palace Theatre, and enjoyed top notch brilliant singing; there's a Burton Joyce connection here with a cast member.

Ladies Unleashed was produced by The Robin Hood Theatre, Averham, who offer unusual plays, both traditional and modern. This one, by current successful playwright Amanda Whittingham, involves 3 friends renting a seaside cottage for a wedding weekend. There was much comedy and tension, with the amazing appearances of 2 herring girl ghosts, who broke through the time barrier and interacted with present day characters. Some of us found this confusing, others who read the plot summary, found it fascinating; there was a mix of disappointment and enjoyment in our group!

We also enjoy East Bridgford Drama Group, so have seen 2 of their productions this year: Breath Of Spring and Strictly Murder; marvellous acting and dramatic stories every time!

Christine Smith, Theatre Group

Unfortunately the Theatre Group is currently full, but if you are interested we can start a waiting list, or you could form a second group. I'm sure both Christine Shepherd (Groups Facilitator), and Christine Smith, will be happy to provide advice and guidance. - *Editor*.

Bring a Friend

Do you know someone who may be interested in what Bju3a can offer? Then bring them along to a monthly Speaker Meeting or take them for a "taster session" at an Interest Group you go to. Non-members can attend two meetings without any charge or obligation to join.