

Forthcoming Monthly Speaker Meetings

Monthly speaker meetings are held at 1:45pm on the second Tuesday of the month in Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall, Trent Lane, Burton Joyce, NG14 5EY. The speaker's talk is followed by tea, coffee and cakes. Visitors are very welcome and may attend two meetings without charge or obligation to join. Please arrive in good time as latecomers can make it difficult for others to hear the announcements.

Information about future Speaker Meetings can be found at <https://bju3a.co.uk/events/>

Tuesday 12th May – Tim O'Brien **“The Last Post at RAF Newton”**

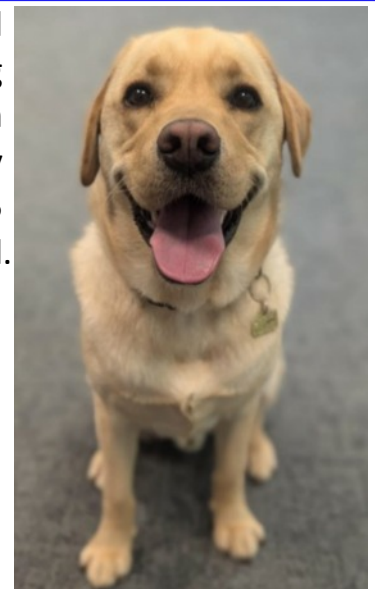
Newton was one of numerous airfields built during the late 1930s as part of the UK government RAF expansion programme. It was completed in 1938 and at its peak Newton accommodated 1773 males and 304 females. In June 1940 Bomber Command Squadrons 103 and 150 were posted in after their return from France in July. Both were held mainly in reserve for the expected invasion of Britain and undertook numerous training tasks to prepare for this eventuality but also made a small number of night bombing raids to targets on the continent.

In October 1940 they were re-equipped with Vickers Wellington bombers and were heavily involved in bombing operations against targets, mostly in Germany and France. Tim details the history of the base from its founding through the WW2 period, the post war developments and the squadrons that would call this base home. There are also accounts of the wartime missions and activity right up to its closure.

A really interesting and entertaining talk on Tuesday 14th April about the Guide Dogs charity by Alan Barnes, who despite being completely blind delivered a 35-slide PowerPoint presentation flawlessly. As a member of another u3a, Alan couldn't make any charge for his talk, but the audience generously donated £277.45 to the Guide Dogs Charity. Many thanks to everyone who donated.



*Alan's Guide Dog,
Windsor, also attended
the talk.....*



FRIDAY 5TH JUNE AT 7:30 p.m. - BURTON JOYCE VILLAGE HALL



- ONLY £5 PER PERSON (NUMBERS ARE LIMITED)
- BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS/NIBBLES, DRINKS & PLASTIC GLASSES/CUPS
- CONTACT JACKY KINSEY, TREASURER, TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE BY EMAILING: treasurer@bju3a.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE POINTS 1 AND 2 BELOW.

1. TEAMS WILL BE OF UP TO 6 PEOPLE. IF YOU ARE IN A TEAM PLEASE LET JACKY KNOW WHEN EMAILING TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE.
2. IF YOU ARE NOT IN A TEAM DON'T BE CONCERNED AS WE WILL ORGANISE LIKE-MINDED TEAMS FOR A FUN NIGHT.

INTEREST GROUPS

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Table Tennis 1 Group Presentation

On Easter Monday we met at 10 a.m. for our usual fun morning of table tennis. Betty and Tony Everington took over the reins of running the group in September 2022, moving it's location from The Poplars Sports ground to Burton Joyce Village Hall, a far superior venue. They then successfully increased the number of table tennis tables from two to three, and then to four, as a result of recruiting many more members, from around twelve to currently over 30, as well as undertaking lots of careful budgeting to fund the purchases.



We, as a group, wanted to show our appreciation for all their support and hard work - they've even spoilt us with Christmas buffets and Easter eggs! So a collection was commenced initially by Colin Berry and then completed by Ann Gee and a Royal Centre Voucher was duly bought and presented.

- Jacqui Hudson

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Ukulele Group



On Tuesday 21st April, dressed in red to celebrate either Shakespeare's Birthday or St. Georges Day the Burton Joyce "Ukes of Hazzard" set out to one of their regular gigs, The Willowbrook Care Home to play and sing for the residents. We were met at the door by the under manager who announced that only 20 minutes earlier their doctor had locked them down due to chest infections. Hasty arrangements were made with another care home 4 miles away, run by the under manager's sister, and despite a slightly straggly arrival due to the short notice of the change of venue eventually the group was in place.

We played a full complement of songs that most of the residents were happy to sing along to and make a good job of shaking our tambourines in time to the music. We were accompanied by Christine, the wife of one of our members and her Therapy Greyhound, Skye, who did what Greyhounds do and after saying hello to the residents, she crashed out.

- *Chris Smith*

Dial 159 to Speak to your Bank's Fraud Team

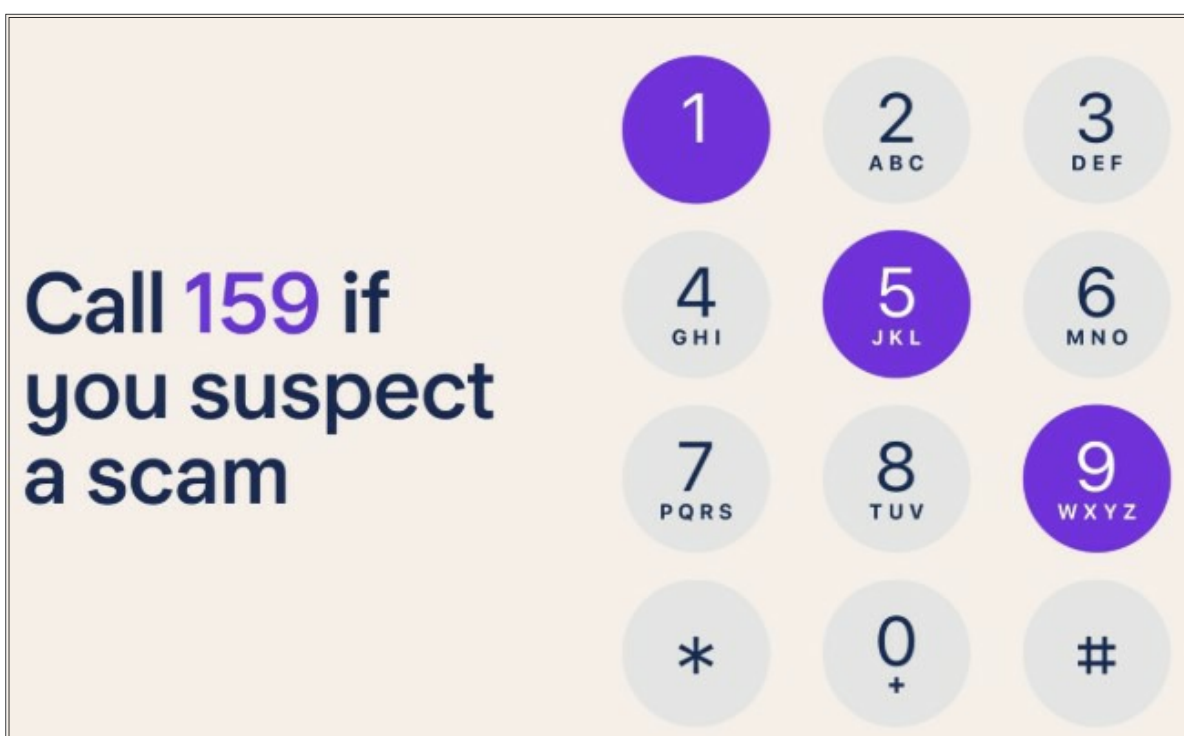
STOP, HANG UP, CALL 159

He's sharp, sceptical and perfectly capable of telling a snake-oil salesman where to go. However, one evening, he answered a call from someone claiming to be from his bank's fraud team. The man, who gave his name as Malcolm, was well spoken and seemed professional and friendly. Over the next three hours, he was drawn into what he believed was a live fraud investigation. Malcolm told him that his phone may have been compromised and that the bank needed his help to secure his accounts. There were "test" transactions and even a WhatsApp video call, complete with a bank logo on screen, all of it designed to gain his trust and access to his accounts.

A second "manager" whom he dealt with told him not to contact his bank and to wait for a call back the next morning. It was only later, as he lay awake in bed and replaying that request in his mind that the horrible truth began to dawn on him. He spent the rest of the night contacting his real banks and locking down his accounts. Thankfully, no money was taken, but it was a close call. Why didn't he realise sooner? "Once I missed that initial moment to step back, it felt as if I was under their spell," he told me. "Then I couldn't change course and I had to see it through."

When this experience was shared online, it went viral. Thousands of people said they had experienced something similar. What was most worrying was how many didn't know about 159. It's a secure hotline you can use to check whether a call from your bank is genuine.

Hang up, dial 159, name your bank and you'll be put through to its fraud team.



BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A - INTEREST GROUPS

Group	Leader	Meets
Aerobics - This group is currently full, but please ask the group coordinator if you can join a waiting list.	Rosslyn Tuffrey 0115 931 2754 , Judith Wright 0115 931 2805, Joy Yates 0115 9312858	Every Wednesday at 09:30am
Antiques & C20th Collectables	Angela Mallett 0115 966 3799	Fourth Monday of the month at 11:15 a.m.
Armchair Travel	Rod Hirst 07804 335878	2nd Monday of the month from 2pm to 4pm
Beer and Cider Tasting	Colin Berry (07891 754132) and Vic Wightman (07767 752963)	3rd Thursday - evenings
Bird Watching	Hilary MacCallum, 07803 925 715 , hil.mac@btinternet.com	Usually the last Friday of the month at 10:00am
Board Games	Elaine Bass 07799 233 891	Every Thursday at 2:00pm
Book Club 1	Judith Wright 0115 931 2805	3rd Wednesday at 2:00pm
Book Club 2	Malcolm Nabarro 07985 362 234	Last Thursday of the month at 2:15pm
Bridge 1	Dorothy Burton ----- Caroline Roberts 07779 315310	1st, 3rd, 4th Tuesday, 2nd Monday at 1:30pm
Bridge 2 (Beginners)	Dorothy Burton ----- Caroline Roberts 07779 315310	Every Thursday at 1:30pm
Canasta 1	Colin Simm 07850 553 133	1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Canasta 2 - This group is currently full, but please ask the group coordinator if you can join a waiting list.	Anna Moore 07891 221840	1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm
Craft & Patchwork - This group is currently full, but please ask the group coordinator if you can join a waiting list.	Christine Sheath 07767 136185	2nd Friday 10:00am
Discussion	Tom Klima 07766 600205	Usually 1st Monday at 2:00pm
Dominoes Plus	Jacqui Hudson 07775 450 497, Sue Berridge 0799 910 1354	4th Tuesday at 7:30pm
Fashion	Anna Moore – 07891 221 840 Christine Shepherd – 07773 156813	Bi-monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 2pm

Film 4 Fun (October - April only)	Colin Simm 07850 553 133	Varies
French Intermediate - This group is currently full. Please ask the group coordinator if you can join a waiting list.	Sue Clifford 07866 139236	Every Friday at 11:00am
French 3	Christine Foster 0115 931 2571	1st and 3rd Friday at 10:15am
Friday Fit - This group is currently full, but please ask the group coordinator if you can join a waiting list.	Roz Tuffrey 0115 9312754	Every Friday except the 2nd Friday of the month, from 9:30am to 10:30am
"Greenfingers" Garden Group	Alwyn Foster 0115 931 2571	1st Monday at 10:00am
Garden Group "Fifty Shades of Green". -This group is currently full, but please ask the group coordinator if you can join a waiting list.	Christine Shepherd 0115 961 8840	4th Wednesday at 2:00pm
Garden Group 1 - This group is currently full. No waiting list available.	Christine Sheath - 07767136185	1st Wednesday at 10:00am
Guitar 1 - This group is currently full. No waiting list available.	Tony Kirk 0115 961 4587	Thursdays at 2pm
Hikers	Chris Helmore 07973 473 531	2nd Wednesday
History	Tom Klima 07766 600205	2nd Monday in the month at 10:30am
Information Exchange	Margaret Gaborak 0115 998 5798	N/A
International Dining	David Falkner 07860 502479	Third Tuesdays or Wednesdays. 6:45-7:00 pm onwards
Italian	Mary Simm 0115 841 3605 and Maggie Clothier 07811 246133	Every Friday 3:30pm - 5pm
Line Dancing - This group is currently full, but please ask the group coordinator if you can join a waiting list.	Anna Moore (07891 221840) and Christine Shepherd (07773 156813).	Every Tuesday 4:30pm to 6pm
Luncheon Group	Margaret Robinson 0115 966 3793	4th Tuesday at 12:30pm
Mah-Jong	Sandra Giles	1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30am - 12:30pm
Meditation	Tricia Blanco White 07985 313711	Last Wednesday at 2:30pm

Mindful Movement	Tim Bradley 07847 776057	Every Tuesday 11:45am to 12:45pm
Out and About - This group is currently full, but please ask the group coordinator if you can join a waiting list.	David and Margaret Hallam 07777 631364	1st Thursday May-October
Outings	Outings are announced well in advance in Newslite.	Timings vary
Petanque	Dil Vowles 07879 425643 Roz Tuffrey 07591 555859	Tuesdays and Fridays 10.30am - 12.30pm
Photography	Jim Molloy 07885 203989	Last Wednesday at 1:00pm
Political History	David Yates – 07929 726583 or yatesnottmbj@outlook.com	Last Tuesday at 2pm.
Pool 1	Pete Clothier - 07960 016210	1st and 3rd Mondays
Pool 2	Stephen Foster - 07896 200302	2nd and 4th Mondays
Ramblers - Plus	Chris Helmore 07973 473 531	1st Wednesday at 10:00am
Ramblers 1	Anne Hegarty 07981 705967	Last Wednesday at 10:00am
Shakespeare Appreciation	David Yates – 07929 726583 or yatesnottmbj@outlook.com	4th Thursday of the month at 2:30pm.
Snooker	Alan Comerie 07581 456253	1st Wednesday of the month during the afternoons.
Spanish	Mike Chapman 0115 965 2489 or 07771 973415	2nd and 4th Thursdays at 11:00am but may vary - contact Group Coordinator
Speed Walking	Caroline Roberts	Every Tuesday at 9:00am. Meet in front of the village hall for a 30-minute walk.
SWANS (formerly know as Country Walks)	Elaine Bass 07799 233891 Mary Russell 07855 706291	3rd Monday at 10:30am
Table Tennis 1	Tony and Betty Everington 0115 966 3465	Every Monday 10:00am to 12:00 noon
Table Tennis 2	Dave Hoskins - 07711 985380	1st & 2nd Thursday - 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Theatre	Christine Smith 07977 050693	1st and 3rd Fridays at 9:45am

Time Out	Elaine Bass and Jacqui Hudson. Email: dabass43@hotmail.com Mobile: 07799 233 891.	Times and dates vary.
Ukulele	Barbara Palmer 0115 966 5103	1st & 3rd Wednesday at 2:30pm
University Interest Group	Trevor Wright 0115 931 2805	Varies
Water Colour Painting	Yvonne Kirk 0115 961 4587	1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9:30am
Wine Tasting	Alan Comerie 07581 456253	Usually 4th Thursday but may vary