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## **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/>

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## **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Stephen Booth**

### **“The Psychology of Murder”**

Stephen is a locally-based award-winning crime writer whose 15 novels, set in the atmospheric and beautiful Peak District in Derbyshire, are based on the detective pairing of two young police detectives from Derbyshire named DS Diane Fry and DC Ben Cooper. The TV series, “Cooper and Fry”, based on the books, was screened on Channel 5 in November 2025. Ben Cooper is played by Robert James-Collier, known for his role as Thomas Barrow in Downton Abbey.

During his early career, Stephen had been a teacher; he then entered journalism as a reporter covering rugby. Later assignments were wide ranging, from reporting on village Women's Institute meetings to coverage of the hunt for the Yorkshire Ripper. He has said that working on the serial murder case had a direct influence on his leap to fiction writing. He began to look at the subject in a new light when his wife pointed out that even he could be a suspect in the case, and that she could not provide him with an alibi during the hours he worked the night shift!

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Almost 70 members and friends attended the now “annual” U3A quiz night on June 5th in BJ Village Hall. A very close scoring night was won by the (ironically-named) team, “THE DONALD TRUMP FAN CLUB” who just got over the line by 1 point after scoring a maximum 10 points on the last round. The second-placed team on the night, “UNIVERSALLY CHALLENGED” led all the way but could only score 8 points on the last round. Other prize winners on the night were “QUIZ TEAM AGUILERA” for the most inventive name and, in the sense that they were bottom of the table, supporting all the others, the “strongest” team at the event, “THE CRISP APPRECIATION SOCIETY” happily accepted “specially commissioned” wooden spoons. A very good night was had by all.

**Many thanks to Quiz Master Rupert Williams for devising and comparing the quiz and to Anne Hegarty for keeping score.**

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## BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A - INTEREST GROUPS

Group	Leader	Meets
Aerobics - <span style="color: red;">This group is currently full, but please ask the group coordinator if you can join a waiting list.</span>	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 - <span style="color: red;">This group is currently full, but please ask the group coordinator if you can join a waiting list.</span>	Anna Moore 07891 221840	1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm
Craft & Patchwork - <span style="color: red;">This group is currently full, but please ask the group coordinator if you can join a waiting list.</span>	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 Newslines.	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