

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 8th September

Dave Andrews "100 years of Auntie"

Dave Andrews worked at BBC Radio Leicester from 1996, where he presented most of the daily and weekend programmes. He was the commentator for BBC Radio Leicester during the services for the re-interment of Richard III at Leicester Cathedral.



Déjà Vu? Yes - Dave was due to present this talk to us in April but had to postpone it shortly beforehand. He will tell the story of the BBC's 100 years from the early days under Lord Reith through to the present. It covers the great days of radio and TV and some of the incredible changes in broadcasting over those 100 years, and also features nostalgic audio and video clips from programmes and events of the past such as the first Christmas broadcast from King George V, clips from Muffin the Mule, The Archers, and the late Queen's coronation, the opening of Radio One and many other extracts.

Tuesday 13th October

AGM (see page 2) + Andy Smith "Songsmith and other stories"

Andy is a performance poet, entertainer, author and former business communicator who has two artificial limbs, a wonderful wife, three fine children and a whippet. (And two feisty chickens until Basil Brush made their acquaintance). He talks and engages live audiences with stimulating poetry and related commentary..... interspersed with humour, thought-provoking insights and the occasional smattering of history.

Andy comes with some really good testimonials. His talk covers the challenging and sometimes funny world of songwriting and performing. He also presents the lighter side of disability whilst motivating audiences of all ages and abilities to make the most of what they've got.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED!

Our Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday October 13th. A formal notification of it will be emailed to members in good time. This year Anna Moore, who has given so much to BJU3a during the past 9 years, will be leaving the committee after serving the maximum term of nine years permitted by our constitution. Anna was responsible for the introduction and implementation of the u3a's Beacon system (the online management platform designed to help u3as manage membership, groups, finances, and communications). In addition to retaining responsibility for Beacon she then served as Chair for 3 years, handled publicity for 12 months (during which she was one of the main organisers of a very successful Open Day), and for the past year she has been our Groups Facilitator. Furthermore, two other Committee Members are also approaching the end of that maximum tenure.

Consequently, we need new committee members to help run the organisation. This involves just 8 meetings per year (2 hours each) in a friendly, informal atmosphere, and enables you to contribute to this very worthwhile organisation and make a real difference in your community.

Without a committee Burton Joyce & District u3a cannot function, and without certain key roles we can't legally exist. Yes, there are some obligations; every committee member is a trustee and we have to ensure that our organisation's finances are in good shape (they are), we have to act with integrity (we do), we have to comply with Charity law and a Code of Conduct laid down by the Third Age Trust. However, none of these things are difficult.

We believe our u3a really benefits its members and we want to see it continue to grow, to succeed, and to be enjoyed by everyone. But we need more committee members to replace those who will have to leave their roles, members who will volunteer a little time to ensure BJU3a continues to thrive. **Please don't assume someone else will do it.**

We do need you; please consider joining, and if you're unsure, **why not attend a committee meeting as an observer? No commitment, just a chance to see what it's like. The next committee meeting is on Tuesday September 22nd at 10:00.** For more information or to have a chat about this, please give me a call on 07715 283958.

- Michael Dobbs, Chairman

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Tai Chi Fusion

I am looking for people interested in joining our newly renamed 'Tai Chi Fusion' group. The former Mindful Movement group has been renamed Tai Chi Fusion, which better describes the group's activities. Tai Chi Fusion combines a mixture of Tai Chi movements, Chinese health exercises and related ideas. These gentle movements have many benefits including greater relaxation and mobility, increased circulation, better balance and a different approach to movement in general.



Tai Chi type movements and exercises can aid everyone from Olympic athletes to people with illness and injuries. Its movements are usually simple to learn, gentle in nature as well as being good for the mind. Tai Chi fusion is suitable for everyone; comfortable loose clothing and suitable shoes should be worn.

- Timothy Bradley, Tai Chi Fusion Group Coordinator.

Please visit the website for further information - URL: <https://bju3a.co.uk/tai-chi-fusion/>

Writers Group

The Writers Group would also welcome new members. This group is for anyone who either wants to start writing or is already writing. We cover all genres and help and encourage each other. No experience necessary, just the desire to have a go. We meet once a month in Burton Joyce library, on the third Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Jacky Kinsey and Phil Colbourn, Writers Group Joint Coordinators. *Please visit the website for further information - URL: <https://bju3a.co.uk/writers-group/>*



Editor's note: The images above were by AI. They are not images of the actual groups.

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Guided Tour of Papplewick Pumping Station

It was a great opportunity when I was asked if our u3a members would like to have a private guided tour around the grounds, reservoir and beautifully designed and well-preserved Victorian Papplewick pumping station, which has the most innovative steam powered engines of yesteryear in the country, providing clean water for many people in the Nottingham locality. Its website is <https://papplewickpumpingstation.org.uk/>

For the first part of this tour our group of 21 was transported half a mile in a tractor-drawn “public transport trailer” along a bumpy track to the underground reservoir. With a stunningly engineered brick vaulted structure designed by engineer Thomas Hawksley in 1879, this was excavated and built in just 8 months, and held one and a half million gallons of water (one day’s supply). It required over a million bricks to build, made at several local brickworks, including Bulwell and Linby. Despite being immersed in water for 70 years they show little wear (they are twice the density of today’s house bricks) and have never needed re-pointing.



We then moved on to the three-storey beam engine house, the ground floor of which houses six coal fired boilers, installed 1881-1883. Three boilers were fired up and used at a time, devouring 6 tons of coal a day! On the next floor are the massive James Watt engines with pistons and “con-rods” and all the ancillary engine parts necessary to operate the two enormous 13 ton beams, that transferred water from 200 feet underground, uphill to the reservoir then eventually to houses in Nottingham up to eight miles away. Climbing again, the third floor houses an access gallery and the lifting gear and pulleys for making and maintaining machinery.

This industrial power house is a wonderful legacy to the Victorians, for it was not for public viewing, but was built to such a high standard. There are four intermediate supporting piers having colourful brass and beaten metal ornamentation representing fish, water plants, and water birds. Stained glass windows depicting similar ideas, celebrating the importance of clean water for public health. And outside is a beautiful cooling pond, which one of the guides described as his personal swimming pool when he was a boy.

A most fascinating and interesting tour with our u3a friends. I say - “bring on our next outing!”

- David Falkner

BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A - INTEREST GROUPS

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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
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 Newslane.	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
Tai Chi Fusion	Tim Bradley 07847 776057	Every Tuesday 11:45am to 12:45pm

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
Writers Group	Jacky Kinsey and Phil Colbourn 07506 408996	Usually 3rd Wednesday at 11am