

Bexley u3a Newsletter

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Dear Members,

Do we have any members who enjoy a Bexleyheath winter? Just asking, as I, for one, am hibernating ! But, the good news is that, for at least until September and hopefully beyond, **we are back in the Roberts Hall for our main monthly meetings. That's straightaway, from 13th February 2025.** At our meeting in January, the hall was conducive to mingling. People seemed much happier for being warm, not surprisingly. The wildlife photography was so interesting as well.

The National u3a is going through a bit of a hierarchical metamorphosis. It will shortly be necessary to vote. There is a hustings available on line, run by Eventbrite, on Wednesday 5th February, 2 until 4pm, to meet those people standing for Board membership. You may know the people standing. Please let me know whether they deserve the Bexley vote. They are: John Bent, Jean Jackson, David Blanchflower, Laurence Whale, Nick David, Elaine Toms, Pauline Green, Alan Russell, Jill Whitehead. The vote must be in by 5pm on 21/2/2025.

Our Bexley u3a Survey is now available for downloading or picking up at the next Roberts Hall meeting. Please place them anonymously, in the box provided at the next two Speakers' meetings. Please be helpful and kind!

Thank you to all the Group Leaders, Committee members and helpers, working to provide us all with education and fun!

Rosey

Future Meetings at **Roberts Hall Bexleyheath** – Dates for Your Diary

13th February - John Halligan - *Spitalfields through the Ages*

13th March - Lucy Lewis - *Bomb Disposal Light the Fuse*

10th April - Chris Truran - *First forensics and the Tottenham Outrage*

8th May - Paul Beard - *Insight into Dr Barnardos History and work with Children*

12th June - John Pearson - *Blessed are the Cheesemakers*

10th July - Gwen Jones - *Pearly Queen of Greenwich*

Hi Everyone

Please join us for coffee, especially if you are a new member on Wednesday 5 February at 10am at the Furze Wren for a chat. Please arrive before 11am.

Would be good to catch up. Prayers and Love Jenny Cosser.

Current Bexley U3A Groups

Alternative Book Group (v); Armchair Travellers (vs); Choir (vs); City Explorers; Creative Writing; Crochet; Decorative Arts; Family History Advanced; French Conversation (vs); French Intermediate; Gardening; Italian (vs) Jazz appreciation (vs); Knit and Knatter (vs) Life Story (vs); Listening to Music (vs); Micropubs (vs); More of London; Photoshop Etcetera (vs); Play Reading(vs); Poetry Reading; Rummikub; Scrabble; Self Help Art; Spanish Conversation; Steam Trains (vs); Strollers(vs) Table Top Games (vs); Tea Cake and Chat (vs).

If you are interested in any of the above groups, please contact me by email .

I will get back to you with details of the group or groups that interest you.

If you are a Group Leader please keep me informed of any alterations to times of meetings, change of leadership details, vacancies etc.

Many thanks. Jenny Cosser (Group Liaison)

Executive Committee 2024 – 2025

Chair	Rosey Case		
Vice Chair	VACANCY		
Secretary	Liz Salter		
Treasurer	Luigi Lipparelli		
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Group Liaison	Jenny Cosser		
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Database	Luigi Lipparelli		
Meet & Greet	Jackie & Sandra		
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Please let Liz know of personal events e.g. significant birthdays, anniversaries, condolences, etc. so that she can send cards