

## Bexley u3a Newsletter

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October 2024

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Dear Members

I feel we have jumped past autumn and have gone straight to winter !!! Remember to dress warmly when coming to the monthly meetings. If you find the pews uncomfortable please bring a cushion and make yourself comfortable.

For those hard of hearing there is a loop system available in the church so please ask either one of the committee or Roy, the Verger. Also, if you have a hearing problem please sit nearer the front as it must be frustrating sitting towards the back and being unable to hear the speaker.

Our AGM will be held at our November meeting (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November) and the necessary papers are attached to this email. There will be a limited number of copies available at the meeting for those who do not have email or print facilities. I hope as many of you will be able to attend the AGM to vote for your committee and to show some encouragement for the work which is done by them during the year. It is also a chance for you to raise any points, moans or questions that hopefully we can answer. We will not be posting any of the papers out but if you cannot attend the October meeting and would like a copy please send a stamped addressed envelope to Maureen Wright. If you ring her and let her know you require this she will give you her address.

We appear to have a problem in encouraging new members to Bexley u3a as often groups they wish to join are full so we are appealing to group members to consider starting another group. As said previously you would have help from the existing group leaders and committee. So I would be grateful if all the present group members would consider this and swell our membership once again to how it was pre-COVID.

Our Christmas Social on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December will be different this year. As no one has come forward to form a Social Committee we have decided that the tickets for the December meeting will still be £2 and nibbles, mince pies and tea/coffee will be provided. If you feel you would like more refreshments you are most welcome to bring your own. The entertainment will be provided by Nick Brown who was with us last December. Tickets will be on sale at the October and November meetings (as previous tickets will not be available at the December meeting on the door).

I look forward to seeing you on 10<sup>th</sup> October when our speaker will be Paul Holloway who is the Bexley Mayor's Mace Bearer. I have heard him twice before and he is very entertaining with stories from his many years in this post.

Wendy

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### **Future Meetings at Christ Church Bexleyheath – Dates for Your Diary**

**10<sup>th</sup> October** - Paul Holloway . Bexley Mayors Office and stories from that role

**14<sup>th</sup> November** – AGM

**12<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Social – with Nick Brown, entertainer

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Dear Members - the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of Bexley u3a is due to take place at Christ Church, Bexleyheath on Thursday 14 November starting at 2 pm. Retiring members of the committee are Wendy Scott, Keith Scott, Maureen Wright and Paul Morris. You will have a chance to vote in new committee members at the AGM. Relevant papers will be sent out to you, by email, well before the

meeting but for those of you without IT facilities, hard copies will be available at the u3a October meeting. If you have a u3a friend without email please pick up a set of paper for them too.

Hoping to see many of our membership at the AGM. Maureen

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Tania Lipparelli's Knit and natter will be on the 7th of October instead of the 14th. Second Monday in the month thereafter.

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Current Bexley U3A Groups

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

If you are interested in any of the above groups, please contact me – email, telephone or leave a message. 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)

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**Executive Committee 2023 – 2024**

Chair	Wendy Scott		
Vice Chair	Rosey Case		
Secretary	Maureen Wright		
Treasurer	Keith Scott		
Membership	Douglas West		
Speakers	Paul Morris		
Group Liaison	Jenny Cosser		
E-mail & IT	Keith Scott		
Social Secretary	<b>VACANCY</b>		
Catering	Vi King		
Database	Keith Scott		
Meet & Greet	Liz Salter**		
Non Committee - London Region Rep	<b>VACANCY</b>		
News Letter Editor	Mary Jupp		

\*\*Please let Liz know of personal events e.g. significant birthdays, anniversaries, condolences, etc. so that she can send cards