

Bexley u3a Newsletter

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Dear Members

I hope you have all managed to have a good few weeks with the sunny and hot weather.

I would like to thank everyone who helped at the Summer Social – all those who helped to get the hall ready and clear up after and a special thanks to Nino who is always there to help, also to Brenda who stepped in at the last minute to take charge of organising the refreshments together with her band of ladies distributing the drinks. I hope those of you who attended enjoyed the afternoon. The raffle raised £115.00 which has been given to the Greenwich & Bexley Hospice.

Of course a very special thanks goes to Doreen and Vi for as always providing an exceptional afternoon tea. For those of you who were not able to attend I announced that this was the last event Doreen and Vi would be catering as after many years of giving us a wonderful spread they were “retiring”.

We will now need suggestions for how we go forward with either catering or not at future Socials – bearing in mind our next social is scheduled for December there is not much time. If anyone would be willing to form a Social Committee or have any ideas for the future please let the Committee know as soon as possible our next Committee Meeting is 17th September.

A couple of reminders (1) New Members/Members meeting is held first Wednesday of each month in the Furze Wren (near the clocktower at Bexleyheath) at 10.00am – all welcome new and old members.

(2) Knit & Natter will be on Monday 16th September at 2.00pm at 81 Oaklands Road. If you want to know anything more please ring Tania on 07751 826011.

The speaker at our next meeting on Thursday 12th September will be Rob Eastway – Much ado about numbers.

Wendy

Future Meetings at Christ Church Bexleyheath – Dates for Your Diary

12th September - Rob Eastway. Much ado about numbers, Shakespeare's Surprising mathematical life and times. Rob is another BBC person who has broadcast on the radio

10th October - Paul Holloway . Bexley Mayors Office and stories from that role

14th November – AGM

12th December – Christmas Social – with Nick Brown, entertainer

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; 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

Walking Tennis

Colleen Medcraft is the lead contact for a walking tennis group based at Bexley Lawn Tennis Squash and Racketball Club, Parkhurst Road, DA5 1AX. They are always looking for new players who might have enjoyed playing tennis but, for whatever reason, are no longer able to play at a social level and would still enjoy hitting a few balls.

Colleen says ' We have players in their 80s, players with knee replacements or awaiting knee replacements and one player recovering from a heart attack. It's a really lovely group with lots of banter and no-one takes it seriously. We have a dedicated time of playing on Wednesdays from 12.30-2pm but we also try to play on Monday and Friday mornings from 9.30-11am. If you think any of your members might enjoy walking tennis and would like to have a taster session, please feel free to pass my details to them. My mobile number is 07932 951547.'

Executive Committee 2023 – 2024

Chair	Wendy Scott		
Vice Chair	Rosey Case		
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Treasurer	Keith Scott		
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Catering	Vi King		
Database	Keith Scott		
Meet & Greet	Liz Salter**		
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**Please let Liz know of personal events e.g. significant birthdays, anniversaries, condolences, etc. so that she can send cards