

December 2025 Newsletter

**BEXLEY NEWS LETTER**

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Dear Bexley Members,

If we ignore the weather and the news, hopefully for most of us this a busy and joyful time of year. For those of us who know people that struggle, perhaps we can offer them a helping hand.

Having a guide dog at the AGM went down very well. Any suggestions as to what sort of animal we could invite for next year would be very welcome! It could be an elephant, if the door frames allowed, because we've landed on our feet, finding the CIU club in Bexleyheath. The 8<sup>th</sup> of January is our first visit there.

You'll find it difficult not to notice the two bars! To use them, you would have to become a member of CIU, because of their license. There is tremendous scope for using the facilities, but additional licenses and costs would be involved. We need to become a much bigger group, with loads of money!

CIU will provide tea and coffee. More expensive, but still less than the going rate in a café.

We hope to have some creative new groups in the New Year. New people are joining. They're very welcome, like new groups and committee members. Hint, hint! Lesley and I took over Jenny's new members' meeting at The Furze Wren, today. There's no reason why other members shouldn't join us. 10.30am, every first Wednesday in the month.

We have a spare printer, going free to anyone who wants it. It's a 'Brother' cartridge printer. It may need a new cartridge. Let me know.

Hopefully you'll enjoy what we've put together for the Christmas Social this year.

We wish you and your families a very peaceful and happy Christmas, followed by a wonderful New Year!

Big Hugs from

Rosey.

Chair.

Hi to all members from Luigi. As you know we start to take subscriptions from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January till 31<sup>st</sup> March. I have ordered the new membership cards and they will be available from the January 8<sup>th</sup> at the meeting in our new wonderful venue.

Remember you can pay by BACs using your name and member number as the reference, pay on the day at the meetings by cheque or cash or send your application to Pat Moss with a self addressed stamped envelope. Pat will then post the new card out to you. I will begin to explore the possibility of using chip and pin as well.

I want to thank Linda Alexander for the piece of Perspex she gave me. If you have anything you want to get rid of or are looking for an item, let me know I will put something in the newsletter about it.

Can I also remind group leaders to send in their lists of members accessing their activities.

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**Future Meetings in the New Year will be held at The CIU club, down the side of Primark, Bexleyheath!**

**18<sup>th</sup> December – Robert’s Hall Christmas Social 1.30pm. Danielle (and Father Christmas!)**

**2026**

**January – 1066 and All That, Joanne Larner**

**February – An Actor’s Life for Me, Sue Parker Nutley**

**March – Fabulous Fifties, Delia Taylor**

**April – History of Hall Place, Kirsty Macklen**

**May – Decluttering the Attic, Eileen Mahony**

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Current Bexley U3A Groups

Alternative Book Group (vs); Armchair Travellers (vs); Choir (vs); Creative Writing; Crochet; Decorative Arts; Family History Advanced; Advanced French Conversation, French Intermediate; Italian (vs) Jazz appreciation (vs); Knit and Natter (vs) ; Life Story and Reminiscence (vs); More of London; Play Reading(vs); Poetry Reading; Rummikub; Scrabble; Spanish Beginners (v) Spanish Intermediate{vs}; 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 Lesley and Luigi informed of any alterations to times of meetings, change of leadership details, vacancies etc and photographic evidence of your group enjoying their activities.

Many thanks.

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**Executive Committee 2024 – 2025**

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| <b>Membership</b>         | <b>Pat Moss</b>         |  |  |

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