

January 2026 Newsletter

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Happy New Year, Bexley u3a members!

I hope Christmas was wonderful for you. Non-believers in Father Christmas were proved wrong, when he turned up at our Christmas Social and was made to feel very welcome! Danielle, our singer, had her groupies with her. I've never seen so many dancing people up, so quickly, on the dance floor! It was a good atmosphere.

The cold temperatures are very unwelcome. It's tempting to hibernate, but u3a is here to prevent that from happening.

The committee has been looking at our assets. Big Fred, the speaker, awaits examination and a PAT test. We will be using CIU's PA system, anyway. Welling have lent us their projector and screen. We find ourselves having to shop for our own, for the first time.

The 'Brother' cartridge printer is still available to any member who would like it, for free.

Our Committee of five is sharing more of the administrative duties. Members details are safe with us. We respect data protection legislation and only know what details we absolutely have to know.

New 2026 membership cards are now available as you renew. Yellow, with a red border. From 1st April, the old cards / 2025 membership, will expire. This doesn't apply to members who have joined us from November 2025 onwards.

Group wise, we hope to be able to offer some musical entertainment this year. I don't have confirmed details as yet. Watch this space!

The CIU Bar Manager has advised me that u3a members can be served at one of the bars. Not CIU member prices, but it gives us more variety than just tea and coffee. (£1.90 and £2.20, respectively.) We are throwing in a biscuit!

Maureen Wright has some words to share with you:

More of London Visiting Group.

Dear Members – after many years of arranging enjoyable outings for my More of London Visiting Group I have decided now is the time to relinquish my leadership. Rosie Case (Chairman) and Carol Durndell have kindly offered to take the reins. I am sure you will all have many more great outings into London and thereabouts with both these capable leaders.

Thank you for your support over the past years.

Best Wishes to you all for a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Maureen Wright.

Kind words indeed from Maureen. She has been a Bexley u3a stalwart for many years, serving in many positions on the Committee and as a Group Leader. We have been very lucky to have her. Thank you for your service, Maureen!

A trip in February is currently being finalised. Details will go out shortly to More of London Members. I will open up any remaining places (limited on this occasion to 15) to all members, after seven days. Places will be confirmed on receipt of your entrance fee.

That's more than enough from me. Enjoy our new venue. Bring new members, there's plenty of room!

Best Wishes from

Rosey.

Chair.

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

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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

Current Bexley U3A Groups

Alternative Book Group (v); 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). Fun Choir (vs)

If you are interested in any of the above groups, please go to the website for contact details, or speak to a Committee member at meetings.

We, as a committee, will ensure that your enquiry reaches the correct Group Leader and you receive a response.

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.

Executive Committee 2025 - 2026

Chair	Rosey Case		
Vice Chair	VACANCY		
Secretary	Liz Salter		
Treasurer	Luigi Lipparelli		
Membership	Pat Moss		
Speakers Secretary	Lesley Draper		

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