

Dear Bexley u3a members,

Are you warm enough? Woolies in June! Bexley u3a has plenty to do across this Summer, whatever the weather!

Carol Durndell, in her role as Group Co-ordinator, is searching out vacancies in our Groups, to provide other people with a learning and social opportunity. Details are to be found at the end of the Newsletter. Please encourage your friends to join u3a, especially if they can bring a skill or interest with them.

On Thursday, we will experience a Fraud Advice Workshop, presented by Chloe Lawson, from NatWest Bank. I think this will be enlightening, making us a lot safer.

There are some seats left on our coach trips. See me regarding Whitstable, on 15<sup>th</sup> September. £17. Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market trip is booked for 26<sup>th</sup> November. £26.

Tickets for our Summer Social will also be on sale priced at £5.00 each. Put the date in your diary, 13th August. Please see Luigi to get your ticket.

## INTEREST GROUPS NEWS

### ***Table Top Games***

Do you enjoy playing card games or board games and would you like to meet up regularly with fellow players? Table Top Games has vacancies and would welcome new members. The group meets weekly on a Wednesday between 2pm and 4pm at the IVI Club and play a variety of games, including cribbage, canasta, whist and Rummikub. Entry to the IVI Club is free for IVI Club members and only £2 for non-members. Drinks are available to purchase at the bar and, if you're lucky, you may be able to purchase some delicious puddings left over from lunchtime!

### ***\*New\* Arts & Crafts***

A new club for people interested in Arts & Crafts is starting in July and will be held on the first Friday of the month between 12:30pm and 4pm at the IVI Club in the Library Room. Any form of arts and crafts is welcome, whether you be a painter, drawer, card maker, jewellery maker, mindful colourer or any other form, you just need to turn up and bring your material and tools with you. You will also be

required to bring a mat to work on to protect the table. There will be a small, nominal charge to cover the room hire, which will be dependant on however many people attend, but this will no more than £5. The group will be limited to 6 people to allow people space to work.

### ***Acoustic Music***

The new Acoustic Music group has one vacancy, should anyone be interested. This group is for amateur singers and instrumentalists and runs fortnightly on a Tuesday from a member's home in Bexleyheath between 10:30am and 12:30pm. The format is for each member to have a turn, either solo or (by agreement) shared, with tea or coffee at halftime.

### ***Alternative Book Group***

This group currently has vacancies for 2 people, if anyone is interested? They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at Welling Library between 2pm and 3pm. A topic is suggested by the Group Leader so that you choose a wider variety of books and each member brings with them to the meeting a short review which either recommends the book or not. This then leads on to further discussions.

If you are interested in joining any of the above groups, please contact Carol Durndell at [cdurndell@gmail.com](mailto:cdurndell@gmail.com) and she will put the group leaders in touch with you.

In October, Bexley Council are planning another exhibition of local organisations for older people. We will have a stall. Last year, we met some people, who subsequently joined. Please come to help us at the exhibition. We need new people and new ideas all of the time.

Let me know what you are doing in your groups, so it can be shared in the Newsletter.

Enjoy the sun, when we see it.

Toodles!

Rosey,

Chair.

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

**2026:-**

**June 11th** – Fraud Advice Workshop. Chloe Lawson. Natwest.

**July 9th** – Dickens’ London. Diane Burstein

**August 13th** – **Summer Social: CIU club: volunteers for a catering team most welcome! Please see Lesley Draper.**

**September 10th** – John Rayment: History of Thames Sailing Barges

**October 8th** – Peter Allen (Speaker who gave talk on TV Detectives):  
“Pantomimes.”

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** – **AGM.** Talk being arranged

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Social **CIU Club. Volunteers for a catering team most welcome!**

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Current Bexley U3A Groups

Alternative Book Group (v); Armchair Travellers (vs); Choir (vs); Creative Writing; Crochet; 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; (vs) 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) Classical Concert Visits (new) (vs); Furze Wren Coffee Morning, (open to all) New Acoustic Group (vs) New Arts and Crafts Group (starting July, 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.

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Chair	Rosey Case		
Vice Chair	<b>VACANCY</b>		
Secretary	Liz Salter		
Speakers' Secretary	Lesley Draper		
Treasurer	Luigi Lipparelli		
Membership	Pat Moss		
Group Co-ordinator	Carol Durndell		

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