November 2026 Newsletter

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Dear Bexley u3a members,

Here we are again, shorter, chilly days, Halloween and firework season. If only they would get rid of the bangs, which terrify my Newfoundland puppy, whose name is Wendy. Bill, her three year old Newfoundland friend, is totally chilled about the noise and always has been!

Bexley u3a are very grateful to have received a bequest of £1000 from the Estate of Mrs Wellbeloved. This represents the many happy hours she enjoyed with her u3a family. Luigi has written to her family to express our condolences and gratitude. R.I.P.

We have several new members to whom I would like to extend a warm welcome to Bexley u3a! These new members came by way of the Ageing Well Event at Bexley Civic Offices. It proved to be an eventful day as we recruited 10 new members.



A big thank you to all the volunteers and committee members who turned up to help on the stand.

I hope you have been introduced to our various groups. Carol Durndell is our Group Coordinator until 12th November. Louisa Pegg and Richard Gromkowski have been nominated for election at the forthcoming AGM to take over from her.

Luigi is stepping down as Treasurer, but will stay on the Committee to help Carol acclimatise as his replacement. He will assist us with IT, database and website services, having set up the Siteworks u3a version which we use. It's a huge relief, as I'm a computer dinosaur! Carol has received nominations to be elected as Treasurer, at the AGM, as we co-opted her on to the Committee.

Some of us have been on the Committee for two years now. If re-elected, it will be our final year before having to step down, under our Constitution. We need to plan for this, ideally bringing "shadow" officers on board to learn what's involved. All

the London u3as have recruitment issues. No volunteers, no u3a! Approach a committee member for an invitation to one of our Committee meetings.

Wrap up warmly!

Best Wishes from

Rosey.

Chair. Bexley u3a.

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Meetings are held at The CIU club, down the side of Primark, Bexleyheath.

2026:-
November 12th – AGM, followed by a talk by the Air Ambulance Charity.

December 10th - Christmas Social CIU Club. Earlier start, 13.15pm. Entertainment by The Singing Cabbie. Tickets available at the November meeting and also on the door on the 10th December

2027:-

January 14th – Visit from Bexley Fire Service, shouts permitting!

February 11th – Silverline. Wills and Trusts.

March 11th - Landscapes of the World. Photographs and Talk.

September 9th Tony Harris, Character Actor.

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If you are interested in any of the above groups, please go to the website for contact details where the link goes directly to the various group leaders, or speak to Carol, our Group Coordinator.

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 Carol 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. Any groups that are travelling, please notify the Chair, Treasurer or Secretary, in order for the u3a insurance to be valid.

Many thanks.

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Executive Committee 2025 - 2026

Chair	Rosey Case		
Vice Chair	**VACANCY**		
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