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Bexley Newsletter

April 2024

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Dear Members

I hope you had a good Easter despite the changeable weather. I'm writing this on 1st April and, looking out of the window, there is sunshine and slight winds. I hope this is the way forward now although could it be an April's fool to confuse us!!!

By now I hope you have all paid your subs for this year as they were due on 1st April. For the next couple of monthly meetings and when attending your Group Meetings, you will be asked to show your new membership card which has a yellow border. A reminder that if you do not renew your membership, you will not be allowed to continue with groups as our Insurance will not cover you.

Regarding the Speaker at the March meeting, I would like to apologise to you all, especially to any new members attending for the first time. The Speaker was not happy from the time he arrived saying we were lucky he was not going to charge us for the Congestion Charge which obviously he should have included in his fee (which was quite high anyway). I would like to reassure all new members that we usually have very good speakers who are often recommended from other Organisations.

For those of you who knew Pat Hicks this is to say that sadly she died on 23rd March 2024. We have sent condolences to her family on behalf of Bexley u3a.

For those of you who were not at the last meeting it was announced that we will be making a donation of £100 to Greenwich and Bexley Hospice from the monthly refreshments. Thank you to Jean and Maureen for their sterling work each month in providing our tea and coffee.

STILL ON THE LOOK OUT FOR A TREASURER AND IT BOD please seriously think about it. If one or two members come forward now they would have time with Keith to learn the ropes before he stands down in November.

Our speaker at April's meeting on Thursday 11th April will be Robert Keable - Utterly Immoral WW1 Chaplain (sounds very interesting).

I look forward to seeing many of you at the April meeting.

Wendy

Future Meetings at Christ Church Bexleyheath – Dates for Your Diary

11th April - Robert Keable. Utterly Immoral WW1 Chaplain

9th May - Mary Smith. A schoolgirls war

13th June - Nick Higham. Mercenary stream

11th July - Melanie Gibson Barton. The Suffragettes and Suffragists- Votes for Women.

Current Bexley U3A Groups

Alternative Book Group ; Armchair Travellers (**Vacancy**); Choir(Vs); City Explorers; Creative Writing(Vs); Crochet; Decorative Arts; Family History Advanced; French Conversation (Vacancies); French Intermediate; Gardening; Italian; Jazz Appreciation (Vacancies); Life Story (Vacancies); Listening to Music; Micropubs (Vacancies); More of London(Vacancies); Photoshop Etcetera (Vacancies); Play Reading; Poetry Reading; Rummikub; Scrabble (Vacancy); Self Help Art; 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.

Look out for a new Knit and Knatter group starting in May, if you might be interested do have a word.

Jenny Cosser (Group Liaison)

Executive Committee 2023 – 2024

Chair	Wendy Scott		
Vice Chair	Rosey Case		
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**Please let Liz know of personal events e.g. significant birthdays, anniversaries, condolences, etc. so that she can send cards