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Bexley Newsletter

July 2024

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Dear Members

Dare I say it looks as though summer might be here at last. Hope you are all enjoying the weather at the moment.

Summer Social tickets for Thursday 8th August will be on sale (£2.00) at the July meeting. Just a reminder tickets need to be purchased in advance as there will be no tickets on sale on the day. The last date for getting tickets will be 31st July as we need numbers for catering purposes. We would be grateful for any help you can give on the day to set the hall up and clear up. If you are able to help please let me know.

There will be no meeting for new members in August and the next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th September at the Furze Wren (Wetherspoons near the clock tower in Bexleyheath). As previously said this meeting is not just for new members but any existing members are welcome to find out what is happening in Bexley u3a.

A reminder of the new group – Knit & Natter which has started in Bexleyheath on second Monday of the month. For more details, please contact Jenny Cosser.

The speaker for our next meeting on **Thursday 11th July** will be Melanie Gibson Barton – The Suffragettes and Suffragists – votes for women.

Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Wendy

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- Future Meetings at Christ Church Bexleyheath – Dates for Your Diary**
- 8th August** – Summer Social – Tickets on sale in at July Meeting
 - 12th September** - Rob Eastway. Much ado about numbers, Shakespeare's Surprising mathematical life and times. Rob is another BBC person who has broadcast on the radio
 - 10th October** - Paul Holloway . Bexley Mayors Office and stories from that role
 - 14th November** – AGM
 - 12th December** – Christmas Social – with Nick Brown, entertainer

Welling u3a have invited our members to the following events they are holding:-

- (1) Saturday 20th July – QUIZ NIGHT, at St Michael's, Upper Wickham Lane, opposite the Stables at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Tickets are £5 with tables of up to 8. Take your own drink and nibbles. If you are interested, please contact Pat Perry on 07736 416693
- (2) Coach trip to Hastings on Tuesday 13th August seats £15. Coach leaves from Welling Library.
- (3) Coach trip to Scotney Castle on Tuesday 17th September £15. Entrance free for National Trust members but £16.15 for non-members

IF you are interested in any of the above events please contact Pat Perry on 07736 416693

From the Committee: an article that helps seniors understand how they can stay safe online with some really good tips and clear explanations. It's a very complete and accessible resource. You can find it here: <https://www.safetydetectives.com/blog/the-ultimate-internet-safety-guide-for-seniors/>

Current Bexley U3A Groups

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

Jenny Cosser (Group Liaison)

Executive Committee 2023 – 2024

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