



## BARNSLEY u3a News, Information and

### **Features**

# e-BUZZ

#### **JAZZ NIGHT**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, around 80 Bu3a members enjoyed a wonderful evening's entertainment at the Fairway in Dodworth. Our Master of Ceremonies, Max Senior, introduced the Washington Whirligigs.

This brilliant band entertain audiences all over the UK. They don't come from Washington, in fact they hail from Barnsley and 3 of the band attended Darfield Foulstone School. They were delighted to be on home turf. Playing a variety of instruments and with two vocalists, we were treated to jazz numbers from the 1920s to the 1950s.

In the interval, roast pork or beef sandwiches were consumed with gusto while Max read the answers to a jazz quiz he'd previously handed out. The raffle was announced and then for more jazz tunes, including two from The Jungle Book, and soon several couples from the Sequence Dancing groups took to the floor.

A thoroughly enjoyable night.

**JO KASPAREK** 





#### FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to this edition of the new e-Buzz which replaces the Interim Buzz. Yes, Bu3a is dragging its membership, kicking and screaming into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The 21<sup>st</sup> century can wait, we won't be going AI just yet. Some members may wonder what goes on at the Bu3a Committee meetings. Recently, a very heated discussion took place as to the name of this new(ish) publication. It came down to two nominations - The Buzz (too confusing with the paper Buzz) and e-Buzz (appropriate as it is indeed electronic). As a Mancunian by birth (and possibly even a Lancastrian), I was opposed to such a Yorkshire sounding title. I was unanimously over-ruled so e-Buzz it is. Nevertheless, it will contain the usual features on group activities, information from the Committee and articles of interest.

WATCH FOR LINKS – LOOK FOR THIS SYMBOL NEXT TO A LINK



GIVE THEM A CLICK AND SEE WHAT'S THERE.

**HELEN SIMMS** 





Further information about the Whirligiggs at:

https://washingtonwhirligig.crd.co/

## **GROUP NEWS**

#### **GET MORE FROM WORD/EXCEL**

David Andrews will be running his 'Get More From Word/Excel' courses starting late September/October running on Thursdays and/or Friday mornings.

To register your interest, please contact David, details in the Contact List.

#### INTRODUCTION TO JEWELLERY MAKING

The six-week course starting on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September is now **FULL**.

The next series of sessions begins on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 2pm at Tesco, Stairfoot.

Please contact Sue Stokes. Details in the Contact List.

#### WINE APPRECIATION

This online group will recommence on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm. We meet via Zoom on the first and third Saturday of each month (except July and August).

The planned programme so far:

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>: The History of Wine. Select an Old World wine of choice.

Sept 16th: Gruner Veltliner, Austria

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: Amarone, Italy – tbc

Oct 21st: White Malbec, Argentina

**Nov 4**<sup>th</sup>: Non-alcoholic wine **Nov 18**<sup>th</sup>: Garnacha, Spain – tbc

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>: Glass – the essential component of wine

appreciation.

Dec 16th: Chateauneuf du Pape, France

Interested members to please contact Sue Stokes. Details in the Contact List.

#### SING N' STRUM

There is more Sing n' Strum to be had.

From September 1<sup>st</sup> meetings will increase to weekly.

Contact Peter Creasey if you would like to join in.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER IS FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST − bu3anews@outlook.com

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED ITEMS. HELEN SIMMS (ED)

#### THE CHOIR

The Choir are accepting applications from members and prospective members to join them.

This is our largest musical group. You DO NOT have to be a great singer or know much about music. It helps it you know that you can sing in tune with a song on the radio or television (ask a friend to tell you) but this is an inclusive group and no audition is required.

You can join in with the sopranos, altos, tenors or basses and you'll soon be enjoying yourself enormously.

The Choir meets every Tuesday afternoon under the outstanding leadership of Tony Jermy.

If you're interested, please contact Choir Coordinator, Sue Rowley. Details in the Contact List.

#### **STITCHES**

Our latest project in the Stitches Group has been making tapestry doorstops. Although we all used the same basic pattern for the doorstop, everyone designed their own tapestry pattern with the colour and beautiful results that you can see below.



More photos will be available in the Autumn Buzz.

SUZANNE DINSDALE

#### **NEW GROUPS**

Groups currently in development/starting in September:

Laughter Club (with some Yoga) – Roselyn Watson

Life Before Us – Beth Rudkin

More details in The Buzz – out on September 4th

If you've got an idea for a new group, contact **INDU KUMAR** who will guide you through the process.

## **NEWS FROM YOUR COMMITTEE**

#### **'SAFETY IS SEXY'**

(N.B. this is NOT advice on safe sex.)

Why is our safety sexy? Because it is at the forefront of our lives. It is fashionable and desirable as the dictionary's definitions confirm. We are all, as active Bu3a members, very aware of our own safety, but we all know that when it comes to a slip, trip or fall, it can be a live-changing event and our primary aim is prevention.

A few of you will have met me as I visit activities to learn about the Bu3a and to understand what happens at venues, introducing a different approach to the never popular subject of risk assessment. The plan of action is to visit all the venues and to work with coordinators and group members in the form of an 'Activity Safety Check'. We will still have to fill in a form, keep a record and members will need to sign that they have received the safety information once complete. It will be a joint effort for the benefit of us all.

Progress will be reported at the Monthly Meeting and in The Buzz.

We know you are proud of your safety record and care deeply about your own safety and the safety of others. Let us prove it by completing this important exercise. Bu3a has a reputation of being 'Simply the Best' – let us make this happen.



I look forward to working with you all.

**JEAN EMBURY** 

**Risk Assessment and Compliance Officer** 

## **GROUP TASTER SESSIONS INFORMATION FOR COORDINATORS**

At the July Executive Committee meeting the rules on prospective group member taster sessions was clarified.

Prospective Bu3a members are allowed to attend **ONE** Monthly Meeting and TWO different group meetings to ascertain suitability. After this, membership MUST be completed in order to fulfil our insurance requirements. Many thanks for your cooperation.

#### **KEEPING IT LEGAL**

What happens if u3a members make illegal or unauthorised use of copyright material?

Illegal or unauthorised use of copyright material is a serious matter and has led to u3a groups in the UK facing threats of court action and requests to pay substantial damages for copyright infringement.

JANET ELVY, Business Secretary, has been working hard to understand the intricacies of copyright and licencing law. We must comply, but it's a highly complex set of regulations. Groups that make use of literary works, letters, reports, accounts, song lyrics, journals and magazines, plays, musical works, databases, photographs, maps and illustrations, sound recordings, films and broadcasts will be subject to copyright law.

Members of the Committee will be learning as much as possible to help groups negotiate the rules. It's work in progress, and those groups who use the above materials will be contacted soon to help them comply.

For the current government information:



Copyright Law

For advice and information from u3a please refer to:



u3a Copyright and Licences

**HELEN SIMMS** 

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS SCHEDULE

WE ARE RETURNING TO PRIORY CAMPUS, **LUNDWOOD, PONTEFRACT ROAD, S71 5PN** 

MONDAY SEPT 4TH:

Bu3a Choir will perform songs from their summer concert which was such a success, "fantastic", "wonderful" etc.

The guest speaker will be **CAROLINE PARKER** from the Romero Centre. Named after Archbishop Oscar Romero, the centre offers help with a range of issues to people from all over Barnsley. It does wonderful work in trying to turn people's lives around.



**Romero Communities**