



May 2022

The Committee

Things are moving on...

The March 2022 AGM was well attended and the new committee was duly elected. Jen our long-standing membership secretary, has stood down from this role, but, is still staying as a committee member. The first committee meeting for the new team was on 5th May with the positions and jobs allocated to get things up to full speed.



New Website

We have a new website up and running boldu3a.com which has all the information you will need to attend our interest groups and events. (Please note the old website is now unavailable). Over the next few months, we will be adding more content.

The month ahead diary dates can be easily found, and also a new **latest news** button takes you to events and deadlines for events, visits, and, any changes, so you don't miss out on anything.

One of the driving forces to change our website provider is more members are viewing content on their smartphones and tablets. The new web provider makes it easier for us to reconfigure material for the different devices the web is being viewed on.

Over the next month, we will be updating the 2022 / 2023 membership list to enable the Newsletters to be fully integrated directly from the new website

package we have set up. This will make your details more secure, and GDPR compliant.

Gill our new membership secretary has informed us, that we are back up to a hundred members, so far, which is very reassuring.

If you have decided not to renew your membership this year, we are sorry to lose you, and you will no longer receive our Newsletters after this month.

But if you do decide to return, all the information on how to do so is on the new website.

We would love to hear any feedback from you about the website or how to improve it, so any ideas please use our new contact email address boldu3a@outlook.com



Art Appreciation

Art Appreciation is changing. We are going to be out and about looking at Art in its various forms, becoming Art Explorers, with the occasional meeting to plan excursions.

Our first new look venture was to Wentworth Woodhouse to see the art installation 'Listen' and we also saw the [moon](#), which is on an international tour. Five of us made the journey to see these and we were well pleased we made the effort and hope to go again soon to see the house in daylight.

We also have plans to take in local art, as well as journeying further afield.





National Trust Group

After more than 2 years the National Trust Group finally set off for Biddulph Grange and Little Moreton Hall. There were about 20 of us on the coach and good weather was forecast.

First to Biddulph with its spectacular gardens lots of steps to take you meandering around the different themed areas.

Then after an hour or so, we boarded for Little Moreton, where we were accompanied by some very hungry ducks who enjoyed eating bits of cake along with the odd finger!!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the day, and we were all glad to put our feet up on the bus for the return journey, pleasantly tired.

We will be looking forward to the next trip, National Trust card ready.

Thanks to Pat, Maggie, and Sue, who have worked really hard to get things running again after such a difficult time.



Biddulph Grange.



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Jubilee & u3a Anniversary

This year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, also the u3a 40th Anniversary, so we are planning to mark it in a few ways here in the Bolsover District.

- Quilt
- Planting a tree
- Stall at the HVH Jubilee event on the 5th June 2022
- Bolsover Old Yard Event in September

u3a Quilt

We are creating a commemorative quilt/wall hanging to celebrate these 2 occasions and are asking you if you would like to contribute?

What do we want...?

Pieces of fabric work 12 inches square (please allow a bit extra for sewing together).

Patchwork

Embroidered

Applique

Painted fabric

We will sew the various pieces you produce together to form a lasting piece of artwork as groups together or as individuals.

If your style is more knitted or crochet, we can also include your work.

What you put into your work....

If possible, it would be nice to reflect on the groups you enjoy, the Queen's Jubilee, the u3a 40th anniversary, or possibly the last 2 years.

Rembrandt to street art and stick people are all welcome.

We are open to your interpretation of events.

Please include your name or initials on your work.

We hope the finished item will hang in the Village Hall or the Pavilion and we will use it when we plan our promotional events.

Don't forget the motto Learn, Laugh, Live!

Please hand any work to Gary or any committee member.

Looking for inspiration? The church, the castle, the water tower, shops, favourite person, flowers, group activity, pretty design or how about your own front door?

Tree Planting

Two trees have been purchased and planted on your behalf by the committee to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, plus 40 years of the u3a. A pink flowering cherry and a pink flowering hawthorn are planted on the Hillstown playing field along the Mansfield Road. They should go on to thrive and give pleasure for many years to come. This adds a tree or two to the Queen's canopy.



HVH Queens Jubilee Event.

This will be a picnic on the field at Hillstown Village Hall. The u3a will be there and will have our u3a gazebo with the committee in attendance. You

are welcome to come and join us, have a cuppa, a chat, and generally chill out.

The u3a bowls group will be playing on the bowling green, so if any of you, friends, or family want to have a try Come along.

A dog show is planned and various other things, please check the <https://www.hillstovnvillagehall.com/> for further details.



Bolsover Old Yard event, September 24th

This is part of the 40th u3a Anniversary to promote the u3a to the public! We are aiming to showcase what we do and encourage more members. More details to come nearer the time.



Monthly General Meeting

Wednesday 18th May 2 pm Hilltown Village Hall.

This month's speaker is from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. " They play a very important part in protecting our natural heritage. I would encourage anyone who cares about wildlife to be there".

Tea, coffee, raffle, and the latest group information as always.



The Editor

Hi everyone,

Things have been really busy over the last few weeks, a new website, a new committee and planning for the year ahead.

Along with the spring flowers, we are seeing our u3a begin to come out to play again and learn, laugh, live.

See you soon,
Kevin.