

Buxton & District u3a

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The Bulletin – May 2025

Sent on behalf of the chair, Jill Murphy

RECENT EVENTS, GROUP ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS

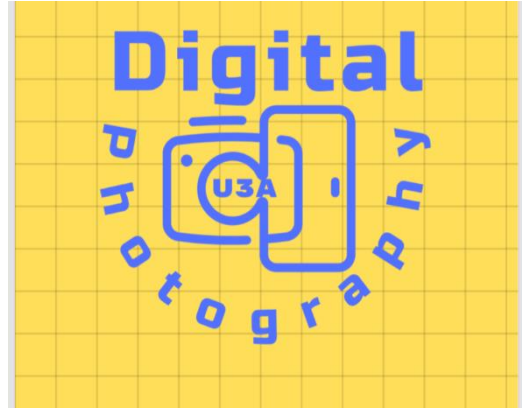
AGM

About 72 members signed in at the AGM. Alan McMurdo had not stood for re-election and Diane Ives was elected to replace him. Lindsay Crowe having been a co-opted member, was now appointed to the committee and will continue to support new members. Our External Examiner Christine Limb was re-appointed, and we changed our financial year, as proposed by our Treasurer. It was also agreed that a new member's subscription in the first year, would be reduced to reflect the quarter in which they joined. For example, if a new member joined in September, it would be a half-year's subscription.

Natalie and Joel from Buxton Police gave us some very relevant and interesting pointers about our personal safety.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The Digital Photography group held their April meeting with a review of last month's challenge - each member had been asked to take three photographs of bridges. These were showcased in a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Darren, sparking lively discussion and appreciation from the group. Following refreshments kindly provided by Sonia, members watched a YouTube video offering tips on improving photography skills, along with an overview of the u3a national initiative encouraging members to submit their photos. Ann concluded the session by presenting a list of new topics for the next challenge, which were put to a vote. Two photos were then chosen as the featured photo of the month. Congratulations to Desi and Jayne who had their photos chosen - see next page.



CHARABANC NEWS

Charabanc's outing for April was to the stunning **Chirk castle** on the Welsh/Shropshire border, in fact Offa's Dyke runs by the castle. The castle was built to keep an eye out for any Welsh uprising but today it belongs to the National Trust. We were there on **Tuesday 29th April**, which was after the deadline for items to be submitted for the May Bulletin. So, watch out for my report in the June Bulletin.

So where is charabanc going in May?

Trentham Gardens on Tuesday 20th May

Cost, which includes the coach travel, driver's tip and entry to the gardens £22.

The award-winning Trentham Gardens which cover 725 acres in total, underwent a complete transformation makeover in the late 1990s and today you can stroll through many different plantings like the River of Grass, wander in the Italian gardens and enjoy the Floral Labyrinth or seek out the Fairies.

A super garden centre to choose if you want a plant or two to buy. There's lots of space on the coach so you can take them home to remember the day. Plus, for those who like a bit of a shop there is, on the same site, Trentham Shopping Village with 80 timber lodges and cafes, so lots to do.

Please email me to book to come as it will be an excellent day out with Charabanc.

- See the groups page to email me - Trish Hampson

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE GROUP

Congratulations to this group, who are 'graduating' to 'play', following the completion of their course. They will play in the main hall in their own group initially and will, over time, become integrated into the existing group. A terrific achievement. Thanks to our bridge tutor, Paul Beresford.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS, OUTINGS AND GROUP MEETINGS

1st May 2025 2-4pm Mahjong Group. A change of day and venue. This Group will meet in the **Community Centre in the back of St Anne's Catholic Church** on Thursday 1st May, and then weekly. Tea and coffee will be available for 50p to cover costs.

8th May 2025 A new Group, u3a Needlework will hold its first meeting in the **Upper Room at Buxton Methodist Church at 2 pm** and will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Paula Shaw is the Group Leader. Further information is on the groups page of the website.

9th May 2025 A Walk in the Park with Jean Brown, meeting at the **Pavilion Gardens** at 10.00 before **coffee and chat** at 10.30

9th May 2025 10.30am Coffee and Chat, meeting at the **Pavilion Gardens** Tea Rooms

12th May 2025 9.30 Tech Team then **10am Christine Gould** will talk to us about Buxton and Derbyshire **Wells Dressing**, in **Buxton Methodist Church Main Hall**, Market Place Buxton

15th May 2025 Lunch in Harper's Restaurant in the Dome. At the time of writing, this event is booked out, sorry!

16th May 2025 – Start-up meeting for a possible **Kurling** group – 2pm downstairs in the Pavilion Gardens Tea Rooms

20th May 2025 Charabanc outing to Trentham Gardens, see previous page for more information

31st May 2025 Rotary Fair 10-5 in the Octagon, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton, volunteers now being sought. You should have received an email about this – contact Chris Marrison for more information

9th June 2025 General Meeting – Jim Williams on Charlatans, Frauds and Fools

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND IDEAS

Fringe seeking volunteer reviewers

Buxton Fringe is still looking for people to join their team of reviewers to write about shows and events at this year's Fringe (July 9-27). *Thanks to those who have already responded - we are very grateful!* The idea of our Fringe reviews is to tell audiences more about a show and give the performers and artists valuable feedback that they can quote. We try to cover every event in every genre (Music, Theatre, Comedy, Children's Events, Dance, Visual Arts, Film, Spoken Word, Street Theatre, And More) so you're sure to find something you can write about. Some venues are out of town. No experience necessary, just an open mind! Contact reviews@buxtonfringe.org.uk

Derbyshire Police are offering **help to mature motorists** – probably much later in the year - more information as we get it.



A reminder - Please send in your photos from group activities this year to **Darren** for the 2026 'Out and About' review. It's the right time of year. [REDACTED]

u3a week, In September last year, we had a Walk in the Pavilion Gardens wearing u3a colours and handed out leaflets to whoever we met. I think focussing on our local community is a good idea. Any ideas? Please send them in to me, Jill Murphy

THE SUGGESTION BOX

We received 3 suggestions via the Suggestion Box in the hall at the AGM. They were

1. To trial using mugs instead of cups and saucers, to reduce washing up
2. To ask speakers to repeat any question before answering it, so we all know what is going on
3. To get more groups set up.

We're working on it!

Please use the Suggestion Box at meetings for any ideas you might have. We are interested and listening.

Jill Murphy