

# Buxton & District u3a

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## The Bulletin – October 2025

From the chair, Jill Murphy

### News from the national u3a

The national u3a have produced a very lengthy report on the commitment to life-long learning and the benefits to be gained from it. You can download it from

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/edocman-downloads/u3a-learn-to-live-report-2024-2?highlight=WyJsZWYibilsInRvliwibGl2ZSIsInJlcG9ydCJd>

It does mention that the most common subscription for u3as is around £20. For those of you who are new to Buxton u3a and who may be wondering why our subs are so much higher than that, should note that most u3as charge a flat fee and then members pay for each group they attend which varies depending upon the cost of running the group. Buxton voted some time ago to go for a comprehensive fee which allows members to attend any group without further cost. Group leaders are thereby relieved of the task of collecting, accounting for and paying in money, by having the larger subs.

There is a nice short summary of the national report (with music) on YouTube - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkkBF\\_aP9-s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkkBF_aP9-s)

### Recent events

Fourteen members of our MOTO (Members on Their Own) group gathered for the very first “MOTO Movie Matinée” at Barry and Darren’s home. The film "Quartet" was enjoyed on the big screen, complete with popcorn and refreshments. The next showing will be on Tuesday 7th October, featuring "The Thursday Murder Club".



If you would like to be part of these afternoons, please contact Darren (contact details on the MOTO webpage) to add your name to the MOTO group. It's operated via WhatsApp. Places are limited as it's in their home, hence only via MOTO membership.



The MOTO group enjoying their first matinée

## **Crochet and Knitting Groups**

Thanks to those who came along to the Inner Wheel Coffee Morning where our knitting and Crochet Groups raised £122 in aid of the Grapevine Project. Well done.

## **A thank you to Group Leaders and Event Organisers from Jill**

Personally, I would like to say a special thanks to all our Group Leaders and Event Organisers. I am sure we all truly appreciate them and the work they do. I felt a very genuine sense of support and co-operation at the Group Leaders Meeting held in September. Jean, Marge and Simon did a terrific job, so, thank you, one and all.

## **Group News**

**French Conversation** is now meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month with a change of venue, to the Pump Room. Next meeting will be 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15pm. Contact our Group Leader Janette via the web page for more information. After members tell their news, a topic is discussed. This month, it will be 'My favourite book or poem'.

**The New Travel Talk Group.** This will be a monthly group (dates to be discussed). The plan is for it to run with a similar format to a magazine but obviously talking as a group!

We'll have regular articles, special features, amusing anecdotes, reader contributions, etc. I have a long list of varied ideas which I'll discuss at the preliminary meeting on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 2pm downstairs in the Pavilion Gardens Café. Any further suggestions/topics will be gratefully received.

- It will not be a stream of holiday photos (but we could bring one pic each sometimes, if everyone thinks that's okay).
- It will not be for planning/going on group trips (although the logistics of planning trips can be discussed loosely on occasion).

A few examples of future subjects are: packing, transport, architecture, food, famous travellers, history, plus many more! Hope to see you soon.

**Kurling**, the new Group, is planning to start in November. We have applications in with 2 charities to help fund the kit needed and decisions are still awaited. There is one other set available to rent for use, but it is felt that having at least a second set would enable the group to run more smoothly.

**Sharing Supper** meets on the 17<sup>th</sup> of every month at 7pm and has vacancies. The host makes the main course, and guests are invited to bring, for example, a starter, or dessert or cheese. Everyone provides their own drinks. You can cook or bring something you have bought. It's a great way to meet other members and enjoy a sociable evening. Contact the Group Leader Jane Kerr for further information.

### **Digital Photography**

This month, the group got together to share some really interesting and beautiful photos of trees! Everyone had sent in three of their best shots, and members had a great time looking at all the submissions. A big congratulations to Ann Leblanc and Margaret Cook, whose photos were chosen as our "featured of the month."

They also chatted about their upcoming photography trip to Manchester in October and started to plan how the photos for the 2026 calendar will be picked. It was a really productive and fun meeting!







## **Upcoming Events and Outings**

We are running a **QUIZ** in the Conservative Club on Thursday 6 November 2025 at 2.30, (doors open at 2pm, for refreshments). We intend there to be teams of 4, but if you do not have a full team, do not worry, we can arrange teams. Places are available by contacting Jill Murphy.

Volunteers will be needed to help out with our table at the Octagon Pavilion Gardens Buxton on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November. This is the weekend when the **Christmas Lights** are switched on in Buxton, and there is a great buzz about it. Volunteer slots last for 1h and 30 minutes, although you can take a break during that time. It is a good recruitment opportunity for us. Also a chance for you to meet other members in a relaxed and congenial atmosphere. Please volunteer for a slot if you can when the invite comes out. Thank you.

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## Christmas Luncheon

**Lee Wood Hotel**

Park Road Buxton SK17 6TQ

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**12 noon for 12.30 service**



**£35.00 each**

**Your choice from a 2 course menu**



Bookings together with payment **MUST** be made by no later than

**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

**There may be limited space for Non-Members.**

For any information please contact: **Bridget Woodhouse**

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS FOR BOOKING ONLY. WE WILL SEND YOU BANKING DETAILS  
WITH THE MENU CHOICES BY NO LATER THAN 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**For the Christmas lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> December** - We are waiting for the menu from the Lee Wood. Bookings are now being taken, so tell the organiser Bridget, if you are interested.

We intend to run a raffle and tombola at our Christmas lunch. We rely on your generosity for **raffle and tombola prizes. You can bring them along to our General Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> November** where they will be gratefully received.

### **Charabanc December Outing**

Our annual **Christmas Shopper to Handforth Dean** is on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Once again, we are off to Handforth Dean for our 3hrs of concentrated Christmas shopping! Whether you are looking for that sparkly shimmering Christmas dress, or a thick woolly whilst hunting out those Christmas presents for the family or even stocking up on goodies for Christmas you have chance to do it on our Christmas shopper. No hassle of parking the car, a comfy coach dropping us handily.

There will be pick ups in Buxton, Doveholes, Chapel and Whaley Bridge. Cost £12  
Book your seat by emailing Trish

### **Summary of upcoming events:**

**Wednesday 1 October 2025** Combined outing to North Wales for the Needlework group and Charabanc. The Needlework folks are going to Abakhan, Mostyn, a large fabric and crafting warehouse, with a 10% discount on purchases for members of this group. Charabanc are going to Greenfields Valley near Mostyn. Coach tickets for either outing is £19, (while entry to Greenfields, payable separately locally by you is £8.50).  
**Still some places available.** Contact Trish Hampson or Paula Shaw.

**Friday 3 October 2025** Initial meeting of the Travel Talk Group to gauge interest. This will be held in the Pavilion Gardens café downstairs at 2 pm. Contact Jean Brown for more information.

**Friday 10 October 2025** Coffee and Chat at Pavilion Gardens Cafe, 10.30-12.00

**Monday 13 October 2025** At 9.30, the Tech Team will be there to help you with your technical queries in the Main Hall of the Methodist Church, Market Place Buxton.

**Monday 13 October 2025** 10.00 Martin Rowley will talk to us about Electric Cars. Are they as good as they seem? The truth behind the myths. What we should all should know before deciding and how it will affect us?

**Wednesday 22 October 2025** Charabanc outing to Rochdale Town Hall, and the Pioneer Museum, Rochdale. (Fully booked)

**Friday 31 October 2025** Halloween Special, 5pm, in aid of Air Ambulance Special Guest Appearance by me (Jill Murphy). Further information available shortly.

**Wednesday 5 November 2025** Lunch at Harpur's restaurant The Dome Buxton. Now Full. Apply to Bridget Woodhouse to go on the waiting list. There may be an alternative date, so best to get your name down.

**Thursday 6 November 2025** Quiz at the Conservative Club Buxton. Doors open at 2pm for a 2.30pm start. Teams of 4, but we can arrange a team place for you. £3 per person. Application form from me (Jill Murphy)

**Saturday and Sunday 15 & 16 November 2025** Christmas Fair where we will have a stall. Details to follow.

**Friday 28 November 2025** Charabanc outing to Tatton to see the seasonal decorations, and possibly a stroll around the Gardens. Light Lunch in The Gardener's Choice Restaurant, Seasonal Soup, with Crusty roll, Tea/coffee, Mince Pie, £36. Book with Trish Hampson

**Monday 8 December 2025** Christmas Lunch at the Lee Wood Hotel, 12.30 £35, menu will be available mid-October, but bookings are open now, contact Bridget Woodhouse

**Tuesday 9 December 2025** Charabanc Christmas Shopping Trip to Handforth Dean, £12 - contact Trish Hampson if interested.

**And a Save the Date, Sunday 8 February 2026** Charabanc outing to York and York Ice Sculpture Trail (not bookable yet).

Jill Murphy