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**Notices for May 2024**

# By the Members, for the Members

Please remember that all Beeston u3a events,  
outings and interest groups are for

***U3a members only***

unless specifically stated otherwise

# **This Month's Open Meeting**

## **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May @ 10.15am**

Refreshments will be served *after* the meeting – please remember to bring your own mugs.

### **Annual General Meeting**

**We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for this meeting.**

**It will last approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by coffee/tea and cake in the church hall.**

**Please note the slightly earlier start time. This meeting will be held at Beeston Methodist Church and we also plan to offer access on Zoom. Details to follow.**

# **Next Month's Open Meeting**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Refreshments will be served from 10am – please remember to bring your own mugs.

Our speaker will be

**Stephanie Sirr MBE, CEO of Nottingham  
Playhouse**

who will speak about

**Nottingham Playhouse**

**A Regional theatre with an International  
Reach**

**The highs and lows of running a theatre in a cost-of-living  
crisis**

**This meeting will be held at Beeston Methodist Church.**

# IT Support Group

Struggling to use your technology? Help is at hand.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10 am – 12 noon**

Guild Room, Beeston Methodist Church

Please reserve your place by  
emailing [ITsupport@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:ITsupport@beestonu3a.org.uk)

Please state what device you will bring and what specific problems you are trying to solve.

# Beeston Methodist Church Refurbishment

Many of you will be aware that refurbishments will be taking place in the Church and the Hall soon.

PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR GROUP  
BOOKINGS.

The Committee are in close touch with the Church team, and we will let you know if you need to take any action.

Contact the Group Coordinators Team at [groups@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@beestonu3a.org.uk) if you have any specific concerns or difficulties.

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# **Beeston u3a Quiz**

## **Tickets are now sold out!**

**Date: Friday 3rd May 2024**

**Venue: Chilwell Manor Golf Club**

**Supper at 7pm Quiz starts at 8pm**

**Finish approx. 10.15 pm**

**Teams of 4 will be allocated on arrival  
(or friends can arrange their own team)**

**Tickets are £14.50 per person**

If you're interested in putting your name on a waiting list in case anyone drops out, please email Celia on

[communications@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:communications@beestonu3a.org.uk)

# “Tax, Care and Toyboys”

We have booked a repeat session of last year's successful talk on “Tax, Care and Toyboys” on **Thursday June 13th 2pm** at BMC.

This session will cover aspects of Estate Planning such as Wills, Inheritance Tax and Powers of Attorney.

To reserve a place on this free, impartial talk by Coop Legal Services, please contact Anne Pinnock–  
[chair@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@beestonu3a.org.uk) Just £1 room hire contribution per person to pay on the day.

# Wollaton Hall Walled Garden Tour August – Change of Date

Friends of Wollaton Hall would prefer to arrange a bespoke tour of the Walled Garden for Beeston u3a members.

A Thursday morning date in August will be confirmed shortly.

£5 per person.

All those who have already expressed an interest will be kept up to date and firm bookings will be taken in June.

More details to follow in due course.

# Coming Soon!

In addition to the upcoming visit to Stonebridge City Farm on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (now fully booked), the following local activities are in the planning stages:

- Strelley Hall tour and afternoon tea – July
- Wollaton Hall walled garden – August
- Theatre Royal Backstage tour – September
- Bromley House Library – October

Watch this space for further information!



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# Interest Groups

A new form of the Groups List has been added to the website with more information about each group. It takes information directly from our Beacon computer system and so is (and will stay) more up to date.

<https://beestonu3a.org.uk/group-meeting-timetable/>

# Short Mat Bowls

The group meets Monday mornings at 10:45 for a 2-hour session at Christ Church Hall, near The Lanes Primary school, Cator lane, Beeston.

We now have 2 Mats that enable a maximum of 20 players to participate at any one time. We cater for beginners and experienced players.

*Don't know what Short Mat Bowls is? It's played on a carpet 14 metres long (45 feet) by 1.8 metres wide (6 feet). To see a game in play, go to 'You Tube' and search Short Mat Bowls. Interested?*

Contact John (group leader) via the Groups co-ordinator Team at [groups@beestonu3.a.org.uk](mailto:groups@beestonu3.a.org.uk)

# Non-fiction Book Group

This group welcomes members to join our discussions on the first Tuesdays of the month 10-11 am at Middle Street Resource Centre Beeston NG9 2AR

Next meeting **Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Book for discussion: **Food for Life by Tim Spector**

To join contact the Groups Coordinator Team via

[groups@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@beestonu3a.org.uk)

or talk to us at the Open Meeting.

# Medium Walks (6–8 miles)

## Group 1

The current facilitator of this group has stepped down after 8 or more years. A new facilitator is needed.

All the support needed for a smooth and easy transition will be given.

If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Alan Bailey via the Groups Coordinator Team at [groups@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@beestonu3a.org.uk)



# Play Reading

## Rescheduling of next meeting date

The May meeting of the Play Reading Group has been rescheduled for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in the Wesley Room, Beeston Methodist Church.

This date replaces the original scheduled date of 17<sup>th</sup> May

We will be reading the last two acts of  
An Ideal Husband by Oscar Wilde

If you would like information about our group, please contact Karen via [publicity@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:publicity@beestonu3a.org.uk)

# Snooker Group

Are you interested in playing snooker?

The Snooker Group is up and running!

We currently have six members, but there is space for more. We use two tables at Beeston Conservative Club. The group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 1.45 pm until 3.45 pm. All equipment can be provided. The group is intended for people who can play snooker socially. If you are interested in joining this group, please email [groups@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@beestonu3a.org.uk)

Please include your contact details and your level of expertise at playing snooker.

# Practical Art Group 2

Come and join this friendly group, which is looking for new members. You will be made very welcome.

We paint/draw for our own enjoyment, usually starting with some simple exercises and then working on our own pictures using a variety of mediums.

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2pm-4pm at The Conservative Club, Beeston.

If you are interested in joining this new group, please contact the Groups Coordinator Team via

[groups@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@beestonu3a.org.uk)

or talk to us at the Open Meeting.

# Pickleball Group

This group started in January using 1 court with approx. 30 members and a waiting list.

In March we moved to the Pearson Centre with 3 courts and 42 members.

We now play every Wednesday 11.30am–1pm and Friday 12md–1.30pm and 1.30pm – 3pm.

We currently have room for another 8 members.

If you're interested in joining this group, please contact Malcolm (group leader) via the Groups Coordinator Team at

[groups@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@beestonu3a.org.uk)

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# Local Outings Team

## Can You Help?

A very interesting tour of Nottingham Council House got our new programme of local outings off to a great start this month.

More of these outings are in the planning stages by our hardworking team of 3: Sue, Moya and Joan  
We really need one extra person to complete this team – could you be the one to help?

Please contact Anne Pinnock –  
[chair@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@beestonu3a.org.uk)  
to find out what's involved

# Litter Picking

Following our recent recycling workshop, attendees were interested in organising a local Litter Pick.

Full support would be given by Erin from Broxtowe Borough Council.

If you are interested in receiving more details when a date has been arranged, or have a suggestion of a location where a litter picking session would be of benefit, please contact Anne Pinnock  
[chair@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@beestonu3a.org.uk)

# Worried about attending your first Open Meeting?

We realise that it can seem a little daunting to come along to monthly open meetings, especially if you haven't got a friend with you.

Remember that we have a small team of buddying volunteers, who can meet you in the foyer before the meeting, show you how things work and where everything is, then sit with you during the speaker's talk.

If this is something that would help you to get more out of Beeston u3a, please contact me on [chair@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@beestonu3a.org.uk) a few days before the meeting and I will pair you up with one of the team. Anne Pinnock



Don't forget that your membership of Beeston u3a also enables you to join up to 3 interest groups at u3as in our local cluster group. Our cluster group covers Long Eaton, Stapleford and Ilkeston – take a look at their websites to see what's on offer!

[www.u3asites.org.uk/stapleford/home](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/stapleford/home)

[www.u3asites.org.uk/long-eaton/home](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/long-eaton/home)

[www.ilkestonu3a.org.uk](http://www.ilkestonu3a.org.uk)

*Please note Wollaton is not in our cluster. Members of Beeston u3a can join Wollaton u3a as Associate members at a reduced fee if they wish to access activities/groups they run.*