



The Buntingford Banner

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It's that time again. Come along to the AGM and vote for your committee for the upcoming year.

As ever, it is the time to remind you that volunteers are always wanted to help runs thing. It takes less of our time than you probably think and is remarkably rewarding. Not just to be on the committee but all the other helpers without whom our u3a would fold.

As always at the AGM, there will be refreshments, tea and cake made by some of our esteemed volunteers. And of course, after the proceedings, wine.

This year your u3a will be participating in the Remembrance Day ceremony in Buntingford. I know the ceremony means a lot to so many of you, so by all means join those who will be present.



Martin Gray

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (ICE)

The new Membership Cards have arrived and now have a space for your emergency details.

They will be given out to new members but existing members will not receive theirs until the next renewal.

In the meantime please continue to put your ICE on your current card as best you can.



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Name: _____

Membership No: _____

Valid to: _____

In case of emergency, please contact:

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OUR FIRST WEDDING

They met at Solo Lunches 1 and kept their friendship a secret in case they were expelled!

He proposed last December over lunch when they were on the LETs outing to the Mill, Sonning to see My Fair Lady.

She accepted! They left Solo Lunches.

Last month, Jenny Gibbs & Keith Bradfield were married in the Council Chamber of the Manor House, Buntingford, followed by a reception at The Bury.

Many congratulations to you both.



Tub2Pub

Greene King has been running a community recycling initiative collecting the popular chocolate tubs since not all domestic kerbside recycling collections will accept the polypropylene plastic.

The tubs are collected during the months of January & February.

Since its launch in 2021, Tub2Pub has collected 88,435kg of plastic - which is around 768,00 tubs - raising £45,369 for Macmillan.

Madela Baddock told us about the scheme last Christmas and we joined in by collecting tubs at our Monthly Meeting which Madela then delivered to Greene King.

So we are going to do it all again in January - can you keep your tubs until then and bring them along to the monthly meeting please.

Thank you.



GROUP NEWS

LETs (London, Elsewhere & Theatres)



For her first trip as the new Group Leader of LETs, Cindy Greaves chose a visit to Buckingham Palace to see the new exhibition, the largest so far, of some 300 plus items of Queen Elizabeth II's Fashions.

"There is a wall of more than 50 hats. There are headscarves, handbags and a double-height rainbow display of daywear.

Of course her iconic Wedding Dress takes pride of place as does her historical Christening Gown and constitutionally significant Coronation Dress.

And at the centre of it all is a striking display of glittering evening gowns that remind us just how much the late Queen Elizabeth really was the star of the show,"

The exhibition is in the King's Gallery.

This was followed by a visit to the Royal Mews. There were only two horses 'in residence' – the others were in the private stables on the other side of the palace where they wouldn't be disturbed.

But the Royal Carriages were on display including the newest one bought for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Sadly, Cindy was only able to take a group of 39 people on this trip but you can see photos of this and other QE2 fashion exhibitions, on line.

The exhibition has been extended to the 18th April 2027.

THURSDAY WALKING GROUP



Photo Mary Doherty

Margaret Burleigh, Bryan Roberts, Chris Newman, Chris Burleigh, Clare Roberts, Peter Remnant, Barbara Henderson, Jenny Helbig, Roger Henderson, Naomi Olley, Malcolm McKimmie, Greg Amos, Cynthia Kattau, Paul Clifton, Carol McKimmie.

The pic was taken at the Folly at Wimpole Hall. The walk was 5 miles around the Wimpole estate and was led by Peter Remnant and Greg Amos.

WINE APPRECIATION



← Ron Brighton Group Leader

Birthday Boys
Brian Tebbutt & Dave Austin ↑

Free Raffle Winner – Paul Brunt →



I am a member of the Wine Appreciation Group. The group was started by Dave Austin and when he stepped down Ron Brighton took over.

Our monthly meetings are held in the Bunters Suite upstairs at the Seth Ward Community Centre. Members volunteer to give the presentation and sometimes we have a guest speaker.

Last month I volunteered. I had worked at Tesco H.O. in Personnel Admin for just over 13 years.

When Tesco was moving from Cheshunt to WGC we transferred to Harlow for four years where we shared a building with the Wine Department.

So I chose as my theme Tesco Finest Wines. I made contact with the Tesco Wine Department at WGC and they were very helpful.

STOP PRESS

Many congratulations to
Cindy Greaves (LETs Group Leader)
Ladies Champion 2026
Buntingford Bowls Club



FORTHCOMING MONTHLY MEETINGS

OCTOBER - Monday 12th October – AGM 2pm prompt

NOVEMBER - Monday 9th November - Janine Machin, BBC Look East News Journalist/Correspondent
"My life with the BBC from Stoke on Trent to Norwich."

DECEMBER - Monday December 14th Michael Buck – 'Merry Santa'.
A one-man show entertainer who brings us all things Christmas.

**We meet at the Seth Ward Community Centre on the
Second Monday of the month - doors open 1.30pm.
AGM - 2pm prompt.**

OUR GROUPS

Buntingford u3a Interest Groups			
*SWCC – Seth Ward Community Centre ** BBC – Buntingford Bowls Club #OGPS – Old George Pottery Studio, Puckeridge ~ URCH United Reformed Church Hall (opposite the Post Office)			
If you wish to join a group please contact the Group Leader			
Group Co-ordinator Fran Feek fran.feek@hotmail.com			
<u>GROUP</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DAY & TIME</u>	<u>GROUP LEADER</u>
Badminton	*SWCC	Fridays 11-12 noon	Gill Alderton 07984 039 016 gillalderton@yahoo.com
Bookworms FULL	Fairfield	Last Wed 2.30 – 4.30	Anne Austin 01763 272 066 anne.austin555@btinternet.com
Bridge	The Bury	Tuesdays 10-12	Phil Anderson 07484 122 847 philpoppy@btinternet.com
Carpet Bowls FULL	**BBC (Late Sep-Mar)	Thursdays 10-12	Gill & Martin Gray 07717 220 431 gill.gray@mail.uk
Church Crawlers	Various Churches	1 st Tuesday 10am	Keith Bradfield 01763 448 914 - 07704 945 209 u3abuntchurchcrawlers@gmail.com

Clay Pigeon Shooting	Contact Bill Hooper (Group Leader)	Monthly	Bill Hooper 01763 273 123 bunthoop12@outlook.com
Computer Group	On-line	Email	Martin Gray buntingfordu3a@proton.me
Crafty Chat	Various	1 st Monday 2-4pm	Kate Farquhar 01763 287 393 farquharkate@yahoo.co.uk
Current Affairs	Black Bull Pub	1 st Thursday 7.30-9.30pm	Susan Peters 07723 343 282 suemary1958@hotmail.com
Guitar for Beginners	Crown Pub	Alternate Mons 2-4	Bill Hooper 01763 273 123 bunthoop@hotmail.com
Keep Fit	*SWCC	Mondays 9.30-10.30 10.30-11.30	c/o Ron Brighten 01763 273 175 ron.bofcw2026@outlook.com
Keep Fit Seated Exercise 1 strictly no casual drop-ins contact Ron Brighten (see column 4)	~URCH Opp Post Office	Thursdays 1pm	c/o Ron Brighten 01763 273 175 ron.bofcw2026@outlook.com
Keep Fit Seated Exercise 2 strictly no casual drop-ins contact Ron Brighten (see column 4)	~URCH Opp Post Office	Thursdays 2pm	c/o Ron Brighten 01763 273 175 ron.bofcw2026@outlook.com
Leisure Afternoons Come along for company, chat and learn some new board games.	*SWCC Bunter Suite	3 rd Monday 2pm-4pm with some adjustments for bank holidays!	Maggie Bell 01763 274 259 07485 360 012 a.bell100@btinternet.com
LETs (London, Elsewhere & Theatres)	Various	Various	Cindy Greaves cindykgreaves@me.com
Line Dancing	*SWCC	Tuesdays 4.15-5.15	Gill Alderton 07984 039 016 gillalderton@yahoo.com
London Walks See Walks			
Mah Jong	The Bury	Tuesdays 2-4pm	Liz Cooper 01763 271 027 lizandmikecooper1@gmail.com
Musicians United The A Train Jazz Band	Cheshunt u3a	Mondays 10-12	Cheshunt u3a Colin Meehan 07768 278 064 Steve Deeks 07392 298 788
Pétanque	The Crown	Fridays 1pm-3pm Summer	Dave Austin 01763 272 066 daustin2020@btinternet.com
Photography	Tann Bar	3 rd Tuesday 10am	David Dixon interestingplace@hotmail.com
Pickleball FULL	Cottered Village Hall	Mondays 11-1pm	Gill Alderton 07984 039 016 gillalderton@yahoo.com
Pickleball 2	Cottered Village Hall	Fridays 10-12	Ditto
Pickleball 3	Cottered Village Hall	Wednesdays 10-12	David Baxter 07745 501 965 coverupholstery@aol.com
Pilates FULL New day and time w.e.f. Thurs 15 Jan 2026	*SWCC	Thursdays 3.30-4.30	Jacqui Plummer plummerkj11@aol.com
Pottery FULL	#OGPS	Thursdays 10-12	Gill Alderton 07984 039 016 gillalderton@yahoo.com
Quiz Nights	Various	Occasional	Tim Marks timbo2256@yahoo.co.uk

Scrabble FULL	Vicarage Road	Thursday afternoons Fortnightly	Sue Neal 07862 220 787 sueneal2957@yahoo.co.uk
Seated Exercise - See Keep Fit	-	-	c/o Ron Brighten 01763 273 175 ron.bofcw2026@outlook.com
Sunday Lunches for Solos 1 FULL	Various	2 nd Sunday	Lyn Kendal-Archer 01763 271 972 lkendalarcher@outlook.com
Sunday Lunches for Solos 2 FULL – reserve list	Various	4 th Sunday	Fran Feek 07775 857 335 fran.feek@hotmail.com
Table Tennis	*SWCC	Wednesdays 1.30-3.30	Dave Austin 01763 272 066 daustin2020@btinternet.com
The Thursday Group Go along and try your hand at darts, crib, dominoes, snooker, pool or just for a chat.	Social Club	Thursdays from 2.15	Ian Round 01763 272 276 ianround@yahoo.com
They Matter - FULL Making activity mats for people with dementia. Donations of buttons, ribbons, fabric, zips, etc., always appreciated	*SWCC Bunters Suite	Last Monday 2-4	June Fairbrother 01763 271 600 fairjune1181@gmail.com
Walks – 3 Mile Walk	Various	Last Wednesday 11am	Norman Jones 07766 367 983 normanbjones1@gmail.com
Walks	Various	Wednesdays am	Carol McKimmie 01763 271 054 carolmckimmie@yahoo.com
Walks	Various	Thursdays am	Barbara & Roger Henderson 01763 272 035 barbarahenderson87@outlook.com
Walks in London	London	Monthly Wed or Thurs	Mike Murfitt 07803 708 181 mikemurfitt@sky.com
Wine Appreciation FULL	*SWCC Bunters Suite	Last Thursday 7.30pm	Ron & Maureen Brighten 01763 273 175 ron.bofcw2026@outlook.com

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