



Broxbourne u3a

Registered Charity no. 1090504

**Part of the International u3a Movement
Monthly Meetings, usually 3rd Thursdays,
at the Spotlight Theatre, Broxbourne
(ENTRY FROM 9 am, MEETINGS WILL START AT 10.30 am
IN THE AUDITORIUM)**

**Please Support Our Raffle in the Foyer!
Prizes: Vouchers £25, £20 and £15.**

**Programme – Thursday June 18th 2026
Alex Mair – Crime Scene Search**

**Thursday July 16th – Andrew Colley and
John Neil – The Man who Tested
Parachutes**

**Greeters Rota
Supplied by RUGs Group**

CHAIR'S CHAT – JUNE 2026



Here we are in mid-June having successfully negotiated our AGM in May. We move into 2026/27 with lots to look forward to. This month sees the start of summer but it seems to have started and then stopped with a vengeance. Predictability has disappeared. We welcome new committee members – Janet Hack – Vice Chair, Eddie Cordina –

Treasurer, Sandra Yates, John Allison and Tony Knight – Committee members. We are unfortunately without a Secretary. This role is ideal for job sharing between friends and requires basic office skills. If you feel you can maybe help in any way, please speak to any member of the current committee.

Our groups continue on a strong basis and have a lot to offer to our members. Make sure to visit the group tables at our monthly meetings.

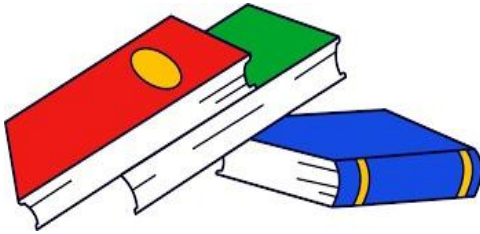
We are unable to hold our August meeting due to renovations at the Spotlight so please make a note in your diary to save a wasted journey.

We have the first of our group features this month, highlighting the French Boules (2) group, led by Steve Nendick. If you are in a group which you feel deserves a mention for all members to see, please get in touch with any committee member. Groups are the lifeblood of our movement and provide learning and socialising opportunities for all.

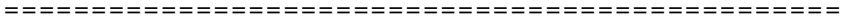
Enjoy your u3a and everything it offers, where else would you find such value for money with a fee of just £15 for the year? Visitors are very welcome to come along to a meeting for a minimal charge of £2 per visit which is refundable against membership if you like us enough to join.

Best wishes to all, take care, and enjoy June!!

Barbara Cordina / Chair / Broxbourne u3a – 07522 385103



If you want to pass on 'read' books for a good cause, visit us at our tables at each monthly meeting.



JIGSAW SWAP. Julie Mountain



Bring a puzzle to swap for 50p or buy a puzzle for £1. All puzzle donations gratefully received. Funds received will be put back into Broxbourne u3a for all members to benefit.

If or when you change your email address, please make sure you give the information to your Group Leader, so that we can stay in touch with you.

PLEASE NOTE, THE FIRST ROW IN THE TIER OF SEATS IS TO BE RESERVED FOR MEMBERS WITH LIMITED MOBILITY

MONTHLY MEETINGS 2026

June 18 th	Alex Mair	-Crime Scene Search
July 16 th	Andrew Colley & John Neil	-The Man who tested Parachutes
Aug 20 th	NO MEETING	
Sept 17 th	Paul Gillions, RNLI	- Saving Lives at Sea
Oct 15 th		-Wartime & Romance
Nov 19 th		

Gardening 2 Trips 2026

Tues. 14th July – Thompson & Morgan Garden at Jimmy’s Farm £42



Because of the success of the Thompson Morgan garden weekends, they were unable to cope with the large numbers. Hence they have relocated to Jimmy’s Farm.

FUTURE DAY TRIPS

Tues. 28th July – NT Ascott House & Gardens NT members £20. Non-members £40.

Tues. 1st Sept – Leonardslee Gardens, nr Horsham, W Sussex, £32.50 each

Thurs 10th Dec. – Blenheim Palace, Price for Palace and coach is £59, Light trail £26, making total of £85.

£10 deposits are required to reserve places on any trips.

Those of you without NT membership are better off coming with us rather than going alone.

Unless advised differently, all trips leave the Spinning Wheel at 9 am and return journeys start 4pm. Please write on the back of cheques what trips you are paying for to make admin easier. **Please note, when you put your name down for a trip, you must pay a deposit or full amount. Any names on the list without monies received after the next meeting, will have their names removed.** If you need to speak to me please contact me preferably via WhatsApp.

ART GROUP – Jack Snary

Bollescroft Main Hall, fortnightly 10-30 - 1.00 pm. Price £5 includes tea/coffee.

Next meetings:

June 29th – In Full Bloom

July 13th - A Rainy Day

July 27th - A stately pile

THERE ARE NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST.

COUNTRY DANCING - Val Foster & June Brown

We are a very friendly and social group who meet twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays in Bollescroft large room 2-4pm. (Just opposite the Spotlight car park).

Visiting callers take us through the dances before we attempt them with music, and continue to call out the movements throughout the dance.

Although all dances are different, they include the same dance movements, just in a different order!

No previous experience is necessary and you don't have to worry about a partner. It's a great way to enjoy some gentle exercise whilst indulging in a sociable chat.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss a visit. The cost is £4 a session which includes a cold drink. Your first visit is free, so please come along and give us a try.

Next meetings: 18th June, 2nd and 16th July

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

CRAFTS - Sue Wilson

Meetings will be held at my house, usually on the last Thursday of the month 2 – 4 pm. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 25th June. If anyone wants to join us please contact me via the website.

CREATIVE WRITING & POETRY - Janet Hack

We meet at 10.30am on the first Thursday of the month at The Methodist Church, Hoddesdon

DISCUSSION - Ann Sims & Glenys Brown

Meetings will be 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at Oasis Room, URC, Mill Lane, Broxbourne.

Next Dates: 19th June, 3rd and 17th July at URC.

EMBROIDERY - Margaret Cramphorn

Every 1st Tuesday between 2-4pm at members' homes. Needlework projects and discussion.

FAMILY & SOCIAL HISTORY - Tony Eagling & Phil Melville

Monthly 1st Thurs. 10am - 12noon. 1st Wormley Scout Hut, Cozens Lane West, Broxbourne.

Next Meeting: 2nd July, Dave Willett is giving a presentation entitled "Tracing my Family History."

FOLK AND COUNTRY MUSIC GROUP - Andy Bradford

Meet on the third Wednesday of the month, at members' homes. We listen to English and Celtic music, Americana, and other cultures. Please ring the group leader for the date and location of the next meeting.

FRENCH BOULES (1) - Alan Cudd

Every Monday 10am at Rye Park, Old Highway, Hoddesdon. New members welcome, beginners or experienced. Boules available to borrow for the session on the day

FRENCH BOULES (2) - Steve Nendick

Every Wednesday 10am at Rye Park, Old Highway, Hoddesdon. New members very welcome, beginners or experienced. Boules available to borrow for the session on the day

GARDENING (1). Focussing on practical Horticulture and Garden design with RHS qualified group leader Geraldine Stone

Everyone welcome. Please contact me via the website if you would like to attend, want a lift or to offer one, or have any enquiries or suggestions. We have a group WhatsApp for communication which you can join. Winter meetings are from 10.30 to 12.00 and, unless otherwise stated, will be at Mill Lane URC in the upper function room. Free parking on the roads after 10.00 am.

Next Meeting/visits: TBA

GARDENING (2) - Suzanne Fitch & Sue Gilford

Monthly on Monday after the Main Meeting 10am at Hoddesdon Methodist Church.

22nd June - Jacqueline Aviolet - At the Nursery

Summer Break - No Meetings - Day trips only.

21st Sept. - Frances Watkins - Medicinal plants linked to Shakespeare

19th Oct. - Tricia Thompson - Garden Design through the Ages.

23rd Nov. - Katy - Buzzed Off - all about Bees and Hornets.

Our list of trips is on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

A GOOD READ BOOK GROUP - Maureen Lincoln

Members read and meet to discuss books written in the last seven years that have won a prize. Variable dates to suit members.

GUITAR PLAYING - Cliff Hunt

Advanced Group: First and third Friday mornings of the month. We meet at St Augustine's Church, Broxbourne, 10.45 monthly, charge for hall hires to be paid. If you are interested in playing with this group, please contact Cliff Hunt via the website to discuss.

HERITAGE - Bob and Maggie Buckley

Next trip: The trip to Peterborough Cathedral and the Longest Yard Exhibition is now full and the times of pickup have changed. They are now 8.45 am Cheshunt Old Pond and 9.00 am for Hoddesdon, Lowewood Museum.

HISTORY - Mick Coe

Monthly 3rd Wed. Meet 2pm at Hoddesdon Methodist Church, Middlefield Road. If anyone is interested in joining the History Group, please contact Mick Coe via the website.

HOLIDAY - Joan Underwood

December 6th – 8th 2026 visit to Oxford. £395 per person staying at 4* Mercure Hotel, Eastgate, Oxford. Includes visits to Blenheim Palace and the Christmas Market held in the grounds. Plus one and half days in Oxford visiting museums etc.

See Joan at the Annual Holiday table for more information

KNIT AND NATTER - Val Sambridge

Monthly on 2nd Thursday 2-4pm at Broxbourne URC. Mill Lane. Please note there will be no meeting in August. Please contact Val Sambridge for an alternative location via the website.

LONDON WALKS & EXPERIENCES - Gill King

Meet every second Saturday of the month.

Next walk: On July 11th will cover Hyde Park and Regent's Park, including the new Rose Garden. Meet as usual at 9.30 am at Broxbourne station to catch the 9.44am train to Liverpool Street. From there take the Central Line to Marble Arch where the walk starts.

MODERATE WALKS - Bernie Cove

Monthly, 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Next Walk: Tuesday 14th July 10 am start. Meet in Jones Road, Goffs Oak just beyond the Primary School. Approximately 4-mile walk, stopping for coffee at Windmill Nursery.

MORNING WALKS - Bernie Cove

Monthly 4th Tuesday of the month. (Leaders Hilary and Peter)

Next Walk: Tuesday 23rd June, 10am start. Walk round Brocket Hall. Parking is at the end of the road past the Waggoners Pub, Brickwall Close, Ayot Green AL6 9AA. Map reference is 221139. Directions A414 to A1M roundabout. Do not go on to the A1M but take the A6129 north, then B197 north up to Ayot Green. The roads follow alongside the A1. Take the turning on the left to Ayot Green which crosses over the A1 and turn immediately left onto Brickwall Close. This is a dead end. Follow to the end and park. Walk is approximately 4.5 miles. No toilets and bring your own drinks.

SHORTER WALKS - Bernie Cove

Monthly 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Next Walk: Tuesday 16th June 10 am start. (Leader Mel and Angie)
Meet in the car park on the left over the railway at Cheshunt station (bottom of Windmill Lane). Parking in any of the car parks over the railway (charges will apply – card or phone). Coffee at the White Water Centre. This is a circular walk of approx. 3.5 miles.

PUB LUNCHES (1) Jean Hart & Annette Thrasher

Monthly on the 2nd Friday at 12 noon.

PUB LUNCHES (2) Marjorie Boulton

Monthly on 2nd Wednesday at 12 noon

PUB LUNCHES (3) - Les & Wendy Hickford

Monthly on 1st Wednesday at 12 noon.

PUB LUNCHES (4) - Sue Barratt Clarke

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 12.30.

Next lunch: Tuesday 23rd June 2026.

QUIZ GROUP - Lin Coe

On the 4th Friday each month 2pm – 4pm Bollescroft Hall.

Next Meeting: Friday 26th June 2026

SALSA FUN & FITNESS - Lynn Phillips & Val Sambridge

Have fun, dance and exercise, all at the same time! If you like the sound of Latino music, enjoy dancing and want to keep fit, why not give us a try? Our instructor, Victoria, keeps things simple as she teaches us the basics of Salsa, Merengue, Chacha-cha and more – delivered in an exercise class format. The steps are easy to learn so all you need to do is follow along, just add your own attitude and style. 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 10 am – 11.00 am at Wormley Scout Hut. Cost £5 per session (first session free).

SCRABBLE - Margaret Beeston

We meet at 2 pm on the first and third Wednesday of the month. A friendly group that meets in members' homes, with refreshments. Please contact Margaret via the website for details of venues and dates;

SHORT MAT BOWLS - Bob Finning

Laura Trott Centre, 10.30 – 12.30. Fortnightly on Friday. Cost is £4.40 or £4.10 with a Friends of Spotlight card. Equipment provided. Members are asked to arrive by 10.15 to organise teams. Car parking is free to players but they must give their car registration number to reception on entry.

SINGING FOR FUN – Rita Cusumano & Carole Walker

All abilities welcome. Every Wednesday morning 10.30 am to 12.15 pm. Mayhem Theatre Arts, Brewery Road, Hoddesdon.

SPANISH (1) - Dulcie Fordham & Jenny Jones

Basic Spanish and general conversation. Every Thursday at 2-4pm. We meet in the local area. This group is not suitable for beginners and is currently not taking new members.

SPANISH (2) - Deborah & Amanda Davies

The meetings will be held every Thursday from 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm in the parlour of the Methodist Church, Hoddesdon. Initially the cost will be £6 per person.

SUNDAY LUNCHES - Lorraine Anderson

Held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please contact Lorraine via the website for details.

T'AI CHI - Ann Glover

Fortnightly on Tuesdays, 2.30 – 3.30. Mayhem Theatre Arts Studio, Brewery Road, Hoddesdon. Please contact Ann via the website for details. New members very welcome.

WINE APPRECIATION - Mary Phillips

Group meets on third Wednesday of the month in U.R.C Meeting Room, Mill Lane, Broxbourne. Starting time 7:30pm. Please contact Mary Phillips via the website to discuss this group.

WOODTURNING - Dave Gostellow

Fortnightly on Tuesdays. Please contact Dave via the website.

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April 2026

Dear Barbara Cordina

Thank you! Your donation has raised £573.82.

Thank you very much for supporting RNIB's foreign and old currency appeal by sending us your donation of currency. We really do appreciate your time and effort in collecting the currency – importantly, the funds raised from this appeal will help us create a world without barriers for people with sight loss.

So far we have contributed enough foreign and old British coins and notes to raise **£573.82** for the RNIB – a magnificent result! We sent 14 kilos in two boxes and have nearly filled another so please continue to bring your old currency to our Spotlight meetings. The charity pay for the postage so our contribution is the unusable currency we have hiding in our cupboards and drawers.

Well done everyone!!

GROUP SHARES

BRIDGE GROUP - Terry Askew (Hertford Group Leader)

Weekly on Tuesdays, 2-4pm at Place House, Ware. £10 for 6 weeks, includes tea and biscuit. **This is not a beginners' group. Some knowledge of the game is required.**

CROQUET. Ann Neuff (Ware Group Leader)

Our members are welcome to join Ann's group.

MODEL MAKING GROUP - Jack Snary (Cheshunt Group Leader)

Meetings are held at The Crocodile Pub at a cost of £2 per person. Please ring Jack for details. Broxbourne members welcome to join this group.

WALKING NETBALL – Jacqui Fry (Cheshunt Group Leader)

Our members are enthusiastically invited to join this group. Held every Wednesday at The Laura Trott Centre, 2 – 3 pm Cost £4 per person. Please wear trainers and bring water

OTHER LOCAL CLUBS

HODDESDON FLOWER CLUB –Contact Vivienne Edwards 01992

442907. vivanne@hotmail.co.uk. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, in Jackson Hall, Burford Street, at 2 pm. No need to bring flowers, just sit and watch the professionals. New members welcome, £10 for visitors.

FRIENDS OF LOWEWOOD MUSEUM.

We are a support group for the Museum to help with the donations from our funds for the purchase of relevant artifacts for display and conservation. We also put on a series of talks on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from February to May and September to November every year at the United Reform Church Hall, Mill Lane, Broxbourne EN10 7BQ. Tea/coffee served at 7.30 pm. Talks start at 8 pm. Visitors welcome - £5 per person. For further details please contact Diana Weston – diane.weston@ntlworld.com – 07778 380072.

ITALIAN. Nunzia Cusumano, nancycusumano1@gmail.com. The Italian group meets every Tuesday 2pm-3pm in Hoddesdon. Please _depending on numbers additional sessions can be accommodated.

GROUP OF THE MONTH !!

FRENCH BOULES 2



LEADER STEVE NENDICK – 01920 463285

See information under French Boules 2. Come along and have a try.

ENJOY CYCLING?



The committee have been asked if we can bring back our Cycling Group. Anybody interested? We would of course need a leader but this can be shared and everyone can be involved in choosing routes.

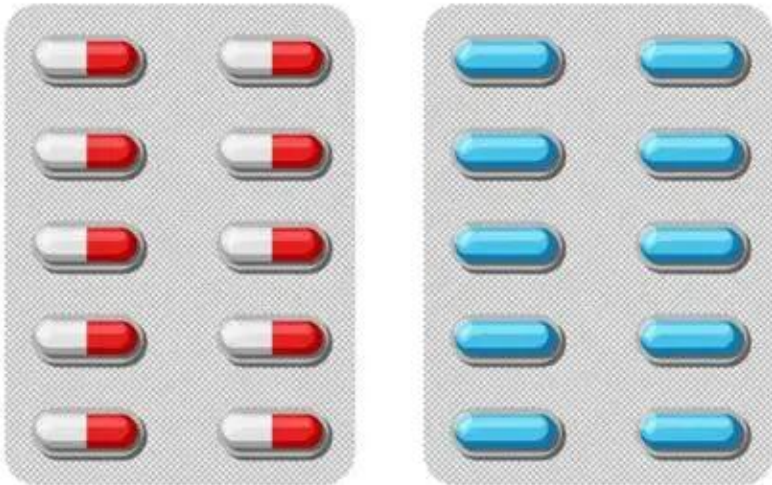
Give it some thought and if you are tempted just speak to any of our new committee members and we will see what we can do.

DO YOU TAKE REGULAR MEDICATION?

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR RECYCLING PROJECT BY BRINGING YOUR EMPTY TABLET BLISTER PACKS TO OUR SPOTLIGHT MEETINGS

Boots have a recycling programme in place and member volunteers collect these every month and take them to Boots. It was my turn last month and I took 3 full dustbin sacks to Boots at Brookfield Farm – a kind gentleman had to help me as they were so heavy!

This is a national project and helps protect our environment. Broxbourne u3a members are happy to help.



Barbara Cordina / Chair



£750 has been sent to Cancer Research from the sale of this book. Thank you very much to all those who have bought a copy.

Janet Hack. Creative Writing Group

MEMBERS' CORNER – JUNE 2026

Introducing you to a new feature in our monthly newsletters. A space for members to air their views, pass on information and generally speak to everyone.

Honour Our Dads

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

Third Sunday in June, it's finally here!

A day to celebrate and cheer.
To honour our Dads, we gather around,
With love and support that knows no bounds.

Thank you for being there through thick and thin,
For teaching us right from wrong, again and again.
We cherish the memories we've made with you,
And hope this Father's Day is extra special too!

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

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or find us through the u3a website - www.u3a.org.uk Please send photos
or articles for the website to:

Chris Common at Broxbourneu3awebm@outlook.com.

Find us on Facebook at "Broxbourne u3a Group"

YOUR COMMITTEE

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Committee	Tony Knight	

Non Committee Helpers

Lorraine Anderson	RUGS & Welcome
Lesley Harrison	Events & Catering
Chris Common	Webmaster

Information for all future programmes should be given by the 1st of the month please, to Margaret Beeston.

Please note - a £2 Temporary Membership Fee is charged to visitors attending the monthly meeting and a dated receipt will be given. This confers all the advantages of Broxbourne u3a membership, including Insurance for that month only, during which time a group activity can be joined if there is room, on production of the receipt and payment of the usual group attendance fee.

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