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CURATE'S LETTER

Dear Friends

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9 NIV)

Spring is here! After the anticlimax and dullness and in particular this year, the wetness of January and February, we can see the new signs of life that make this season such a lovely and joyous one. God, in his creation, gives us a visible reason to keep going, don't you agree?

St Paul in his letter to the church in Galatia urged them to not become weary, not to give up, it would all be worth it in the end. He was talking about their faith, but I think that is a message that rings true for many people, those of faith or no faith. Those who may be seeking. We can so often feel like giving up, feeling unseen, unheard or even taken for granted. But Paul says, don't give up because the time will come when we will see a result of all our efforts.

In the springtime we witness the bulbs starting to flower, the birds become more vociferous in their singing, the days and nights gradually give us more light – it all seems a bit more worthwhile and hopeful, doesn't it?

But you know, God has created all that we see, hear, touch and feel but He also created us – you and me. And what he wants more than anything is for us all to come to know who He is and how our lives can be transformed by knowing him. We can do this by looking to the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are someone who is curious about or seeking Jesus do come and see us in Church on a Sunday morning or to one of our other weekly events. We will be running an Alpha course after Easter which is the perfect way to find out more. If you are someone who has a faith, but has let that slide a little, the same invitation applies. Don't give up, we at St Mary & All Saints are here for you and we can't wait to welcome you into our Church family.

Blessings

Wendy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

The Lord is loving to everyone and His mercy is over all His works.

15 February Vincent Dalton Sowerby

Funerals

John Betts, aged 88 years
Rosemary 'Rosie' Erde, aged 85 years
Roy Goldsbrough, aged 69 years
Thelma Poynton, aged 98 and a half years
Barry Leonard Weston, aged 88 years

Funerals conducted away from the Parish Church, at crematoria, for example, do not come to our attention. However, we are always willing to publish death notices from families if full name and age of the deceased are supplied to the Editor (contact details on page 19). Please supply your own details in case we need to contact you.

PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Regular Services

On the first to fourth Sundays in the month, we have a Traditional Communion service at 9.00am. It includes congregational hymns – mainly of the traditional variety – with organ accompaniment.

This service is followed by a family friendly service at 10.30am which has children's activities. There is Communion at this service on the 4th Sunday of each month. After the service we enjoy refreshments and a time for fellowship.

On fifth Sundays there is usually a single service, Family Communion, at 10.30am, followed by a *Bring and Share* lunch.

Monday Prayer Group, 9.30 – 10.00am

Thursday Welcome Café, 10.00am to 12.00pm, Children's play area, dogs welcome. This is held currently in Old Church House as it is warmer than Church.

The church is open Monday to Saturday to around 3.00pm and on Sundays for services.

Butter Cross – Help Needed

If you could spare half an hour a month (excluding January, May and July) to help please ring Lyn (07504 222721).

Help is needed to deliver house to house on Starnhill Way, Campion Way off Meadowsweet Hill, Windsor Court, Forest Road and Rufford Grove; and Singleton Drive (Roman's Quarter).

Several people with cars are also needed to join the team of distributors, particularly for the east and west end of Bingham and the Romans' Quarter. Distributors collect boxes of Butter Cross from Lyn Thomas, Newgate Street, and distribute them to the end deliverers who go door to door. Please ring Lyn (07504 222721) if you can help.

This is a most useful piece of community service, and it does not take a lot of time to deliver to your road or one nearby. There are 9 issues per year. The magazine contains much useful information about all the many and varied activities available in Bingham as well as the various churches and, also, very useful adverts for the local shops and tradespeople – vital for new residents.

CHURCHES IN BINGHAM

Parish Church Services see page 3 and Parish Church News.

Methodist Church Services are to be found in Methodist Church News.

Minister: Revd Dawn Brown (01949 837330)

St Anne's Catholic Church serving Radcliffe on Trent, Bingham and villages

Part of the Parish of the Annunciation, Rushcliffe

New Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent (opposite Library)

Contact: parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk

Mass celebrations:

Saturday, 4.30 pm: St Anne's

Sunday, 9.00 am: St Anne's

Parish Priest: The Revd Fr John Martin (0115 933 2738)

BINGHAM CHURCHES' WALKING GROUP

This year the Group will be organising walks each month on Saturdays from April to October and two short walks each month from April to September. We also organise a four-day walking weekend each year in May. Full details of our walks are published each month in *Butter Cross* and the full programme of walks for the year is published on the notice boards of the Parish and Methodist churches. We are a very friendly and social group and would welcome new members. Should you be interested in joining us, you are cordially invited to try us out by joining one of our walks. Should you require copies of our walks timetables for the year please contact Chris Page (c.page44@btinternet.com).

Our Saturday Walking Programme begins on 25th April with a walk of 4 miles in Cotgrave and along the Grantham Canal and our Evening Walks Programme starts on 14th April with a walk of 2.5 miles walk in Ruddington with a further walk of 3 miles on 28th April in Cotgrave Country Park. Full details of these walks will appear in the April copy of the *Butter Cross*.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Bingham Methodist Church is part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit.

More information about Bingham Methodist Church can be found at www.binghammethodist.org.uk and www.facebook.com/binghammc or on the Methodist Church noticeboards.

Contacts

Minister: Revd Dawn Brown

Telephone: 01949 837330

Email: minister@binghammethodist.org.uk

Families and Youth Worker: Mrs Sarah Hobbs

Email: cyp@binghammethodist.org.uk

Room Bookings: Mrs Janet Ritchie, lettings@binghammethodist.org.uk

Church News Contact: notices@binghammethodist.org.uk

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship with Junior Church is held at 10.30 am. All are welcome.

Christian Youth Group (ages 11 – 18) at 5:30 – 7:00 pm, third Sunday of the month

Sunday Worship is also live streamed on YouTube, search for Bingham Methodist Church on YouTube or go to the Bingham Methodist Church website and click on the YouTube Channel.

Following the service, it can also be viewed on the Bingham MC Facebook page.

Regular Weekly & Monthly Activities

Bingham Community Cinema: fourth Sunday of the month 2.00 pm

Lively Spirits: parent/carer and toddler group, Monday 10.00 – 12.00 noon (term time only)

Memory Café: second Monday of the month 2.00 – 3.45pm

The Upper Room Discussion Group: Tuesday 10.30 – 11.30am

Wholeness: a time of prayer, reflection and music

first Tuesday of the month 7.30pm on YouTube and WhatsApp

Prayer Bubble: Wednesday 9.00am on Zoom

Lunch 'n Chat: first Wednesday of the month 12.30 – 2.00pm, Chestnut Community Centre

Messy Church: first Wednesday of the month 3.45 – 5.00pm (term time only)

Coffee Shop: Thursday 9.30am – 12.00 noon

Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association: Friday 6.15 – 7.45pm (term time only)

Board Games Club + Pizza: ages 10 – 18 (year 6+)

second Friday of the month 3.45 – 5.30pm (term time only)

Who Let The Dads Out? first Saturday of the month 10.00 – 12.00 noon (term time only)

COME & SING FAURÉ *REQUIEM*

Good Friday, 3rd April 2026, at Bottesford Parish Church

The Cranmer Company of Singers and Director of Music, Deborah Davies, are hosting another charity *Come & Sing*. This popular event, where time and talents are freely given, has

raised up to £2,409 with over 190 singers taking part; so, bring your voice, bring a friend, have a good time and see how much we can raise in 2026.

This beautiful music is well known, a firm choral favourite of timeless beauty with soaring melodies and moments that touch the heart.

Soprano: Rachel Cropley
Baritone: Kieran Seymour
Organist: Elizabeth Harwood
Conductor: Deborah Davies

All welcome: £6/£12/£25 to sing, tiered as we ask you to select the amount you wish to give. Donations on the door from the audience. Money raised will go to the **Gaza and Middle East Appeal** via Tearfund.

Rehearsal 4.30pm (arrive earlier to register), charity performance at 7.30pm.
Singers – if you wish, bring a picnic supper to have between rehearsal and performance. Sober dress.

Singers, please book your place by contacting Heather: heather@ng7.org.uk or 0115 947 4759.

Music provided if required.

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Bottesford Parish Church NG13 0DA

Come and Sing, or Come and Listen, you will be made very welcome.

UNDER 21 GRANTS

Bingham Trust Scheme once again has funds available to further the welfare of young people under the age of 21 who live in the town (parish) of Bingham.

Do you have a special interest or hobby which could lead to a future career? Are you good at sport or music? Do you have a chance to go on a special course? Do you need extra equipment or help because of a physical disability?

These are just a few examples of the wide range of physical, religious or educational opportunities for which a grant may be available.

Grants are considered twice a year. The closing date for Spring 2026 is April 30th. The awards will be made in July after consideration by the Trustees.

Application forms are available from Mrs Suzanne MacPherson at binghamtrustscheme@aol.com

Come and Sing
Hosted by **The Cranmer Company of Singers**
Fauré
'Requiem'
Good Friday, 3rd April 2026
Bottesford Parish Church
NG13 0DA
Registration from 4pm, Rehearsal 4.30pm
Performance 7.30pm

Soprano: Rachel Cropley
Baritone: Kieran Seymour
Organist: Elizabeth Harwood
Conductor: Deborah Davies

This is a Charity Event. The cost to sing is £6, £12 or £25.
Tiered as we ask you to select the amount you wish to give – please be generous.

Charity – Gaza and Middle East Appeal – via Tearfund

Card Payment Facilities are available

Book your place by contacting Heather:

heather@ng7.org.uk

or Ring 0115 947 4759



For further details use QR code

Just want to listen?
Simply come along at 7.30 and make a donation.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS MONTH FROM BINGHAM'S GROUPS AND CLUBS

103 The Eye is the award-winning community radio station serving the Vale of Belvoir, including Bingham, Bottesford, Cotgrave, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Keyworth and all the surrounding villages through the Vale right down to Melton Mowbray – a population of around 90,000 people in Rushcliffe and Melton Borough.

The station has been on the air since 2005, providing entertainment, local information and education. We play music from the past six decades through to today, broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 103 FM and on DAB+. You can also listen online via our website www.103theeye.co.uk, or on a smartphone, smart TV and other media.

103 The Eye is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers. We've recently gained the King's Award for Voluntary Service – the group equivalent of an MBE.

We're here to give local people a voice. If you have some news or a story to tell and would like to be featured on one of our programmes, or there's an event you want to publicise, do contact us. We also offer media training opportunities and a showcase for local unsigned musicians.

Phone 01664 565315, email studio@103theeye.co.uk or write to 103 The Eye, PO Box 103, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE13 9AW.

1st Bingham Scout Group

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers (adult help also always needed); see www.1stbinghamscouts.org.uk or phone John Green (875 057).

Archers of Bingham (formerly Bingham Leisure Centre Archery Club)

Archers of Bingham is the longest established archery club in the area. In the Winter Season we shoot outdoors on Sunday mornings in Aslockton about twice a month and indoors in Bingham, at the Toot Hill Sports Centre every Friday. In the Summer Season we shoot on Wednesday and Friday evenings in Aslockton and Saturday afternoons at Toot Hill.

Our nationally accredited coaches, with experience of coaching at all levels up to international, run beginners' courses several times a year. If you are interested in taking up archery, please let us know and we'll be in touch with full details.

Our members shoot all bow styles and the field in Aslockton allows for practising at all competitive distances. Many of our members shoot just for fun but some are more competitive, entering competitions locally, regionally, nationally and, on occasion, internationally. The club's aim is to enable everyone to enjoy shooting in a sociable, friendly, and supportive environment.

For more information contact the club secretary – binghamarcheryclub@gmail.com, or visit our website www.binghamarchery.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Aslockton Tennis Club

Tennis is for everybody! Aslockton Tennis Club, situated in the centre of the village, has 2 fully floodlit all-weather tennis courts; all ages and ability levels are welcome to join.



Elijah
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Whether you've been playing for a while or are a newcomer to the game you will be welcomed to join in the varied playing and coaching activities within the club.

The annual subscription is kept low and adult members are encouraged to bring along their children who can play free of charge up to the age of 11 and thereafter, while in full time education, for a minimal charge. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult while using the courts. We are keen to provide an easy pathway into the club so if you'd like to give tennis a go, get in touch and we'll be pleased to introduce you to the club before you decide whether or not to take up membership.

aslocktontennisclub@outlook.com
clubspark.lta.org.uk/AslocktonTennisClub
www.facebook.com/AslocktonTennisClub

Belvoir Archers

We are a friendly archery club formed in 2011 and based at Works Lane, Barnstone, NG13 9JT. Our club culture is to have fun in a safe place where you can just *shoot your bow*.

We shoot outdoors March to September and have 3 shooting sessions per week, Tuesday evening 5.30pm until dusk, Thursday evening 5.30pm until dusk and Saturdays 2.00pm until 5.00pm. During the winter, we have 1 outdoor session on Saturdays 11.00am to 2.00pm.

We shoot indoors October to March in the Barnstone Village Hall on Tuesday evenings 8.00 – 10.00pm and Thursday evenings 6.30 – 8.30pm. We also have coaching on alternate Saturdays from 9.00am – 2.00pm,

We have archers of all abilities who shoot with Recurve, Longbow, Compound, Barebow, Flatbow, and Recurve Target Crossbows.

The club has three Archery GB Level 2 coaches and one Level 1 coach, and two are also National Crossbow Federation qualified Instructors.

We regularly run Beginners Courses and also offer a 2-hour Taster Session throughout the summer months.

For more information: www.belvoirarchers.co.uk, or e-mail coaching@belvoirarchers.co.uk

Bingham and Radcliffe Advice Centres

We are open from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Wednesdays in the Bingham Town Council Offices, The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, NG13 8AL, and from 9.30am to 12:00pm on Thursdays at St Mary's Hall, Main Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, NG12 2FD, no appointment necessary.

We offer free, confidential advice on a number of issues including Welfare Benefits, Debt, Tax, Housing and Employment. For further information see our website www.advicecentres.co.uk, email us at info@advicecentres.uk, or telephone 07549 184832.

Bingham Art Club

We meet every Thursday between 2.00pm and 4.00pm at Long Acre Arts.

With thanks to generous support from Wyvern Engineering Services Ltd and T.M.S Hardware

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If you have any initial questions, please contact Jane, email: jane.hart@hotmail.co.uk or call: 07795562307. Sponsorship forms and other relevant paperwork will be shared with you on registration.

New members, beginners or experienced, are always welcome to join our group. There are members experienced in a mixed range of artistic media to offer help and advice to those starting out.

Whether you are an experienced artist or you are just thinking of starting art, why not contact us for more details, email Heather at binghamartclubmembers@gmail.com. It will be fun.

Bingham Belles W.I.

We are a relatively new W.I. having formed in 2012. We are a group of like-minded women of all ages. We enjoy a wide variety of meetings where we always learn something new and broaden our view of the world. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at the W.I. Hall on Station Street, 7.45 – 9.45pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Contact: binghambelles@gmail.com or Helen Pidgeon (838 567). Alternatively, visit our website: binghambelleswi.weebly.com or our facebook page www.facebook.com/binghambelles.

Bingham Bowling Club

We are a very active Bowling Club and our 2025 bowling season finished in September. However, we are now planning for next season and would welcome anybody who wants to have a go to give us a ring, and we'll meet you at our Club House and talk you through what we can offer.

Current annual subscription for Bowling membership is £70 per person.

Facilities include a Club House with a fully stocked bar, supplied by Greene King, providing beers, lagers, wines, spirits and soft drinks at a very competitive price.

Our Winter Bar Opening Times are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays – 7.00pm to 11.0pm

Mondays & Thursdays – CLOSED

If you are interested in bowling, please contact us using the following details:

Membership Secretary – Tony Petersen, tony@petersenfamily.co.uk, 01949 838668,

Club Secretary – Susan Rowley, susan.rowley57@icloud.com, 07513 857202.

Address: 'The Dovecote', Long Acre, Bingham, Nottingham NG13 8BU.

Bingham Breastfeeding Support Group

Are you pregnant and want to know more about breastfeeding? Do you have a bee baby and need some breastfeeding support? Or would you just like to meet other breastfeeding families?

We are a friendly group run by trained breastfeeding peer support volunteers every Wednesday 10.00 – 11.00am at Bingham Children's Centre. Older siblings welcome. Call Bingham Children's Centre (0115 977 3749) to book a place.

Bingham Bridge Group

Now known as the Thursday Bridge Group. We meet 7.00 – 9.00pm on Thursday evenings in the Trent Room at Grange Hall, Radcliffe-on-Trent and play duplicate bridge.

We welcome intermediate level players who would like to play in a relaxed and friendly environment.

There is a charge of £2 to cover room hire.

Please contact Rosie Garner (07766 518708) if you are thinking of coming along as we have occasionally been at full capacity and had to operate a waiting list.

Bingham Butter Cross Art Group

Do you love to paint, draw, sketch? So do we! So why not join us? We have been going for forty years and are a friendly and mutually supportive local art group, meeting at Old Church House on Monday mornings 09.15 – 11.15am for three terms per year.

At our meetings we have coffee/tea/biscuits and annually we have a Christmas lunch. We also do outdoor sketching / painting during the summer break and annual exhibitions in the library and at QMC.

If you wish for further information, please contact Maureen Pook: maureenpook@yahoo.com, telephone 01949 837 744.

Bingham Cricket Club

The sixth oldest cricket club in the world offer training and playing opportunities all year round.

Senior cricket (open) – Indoor training Sunday evenings at Ratcliffe College 6.30 – 8.00pm.

Women's cricket – Indoor training Monday evenings at Barnby Road Academy, Newark 8.00 – 9.00pm.

Junior cricket – times vary, please contact binghamcc@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Girls' cricket (up to year 6, softball) – Indoor training Saturday mornings, Toot Hill Leisure Centre 9.00 – 10.00am.

We are currently looking for adult players aged 18 and above who would be interested in joining for the outdoor season in 2026. We have 6 weekend teams on a Saturday and Sunday as well as midweek cricket opportunities.

GENERAL INFORMATION – contact binghamcc@hotmail.co.uk or call Cricket Manager Paul Maylard-Mason (07817 983285), search Bingham Cricket on Facebook and Instagram, X – @ BinghamCC.

Bingham Day Service for the Elderly, Moor Lane (formerly Moorlands)

For information on day-care services please contact 836 652. Alternatively, you can contact the Customer Services Centre for all enquiries about social care (0300 500 8080).

Please look out for our forthcoming events.

Bingham and District Angling Club

Formed in 1974 this small friendly club caters for anglers of all ages, abilities and disciplines. The Club is affiliated to Leicester AMAL and the East Midland Angling Association allowing members to fish a wide range of waters across the East Midlands at no cost. Additionally, active members also have the opportunity to become members of Ashfield Anglers who control the Gunthorpe / Bulcote lakes complex and many miles of the River Trent again at no cost.

For those interested in match fishing the Club meet every fortnight at a variety of different venues. Contact Martin Fielding (01949 877588, 07973 444276) for details.

Bingham and District Audio Magazine

The Audio Magazine was launched in September 1985 by a group of people who wanted to bring local news and events to vulnerable people who could not access community events from their homes. Since then, it has developed a vast archive of materials and continues to deliver discs to the listeners every month.

As part of our 40th birthday celebrations, we have launched a new website. The website gives lots of information about who we are and what we are doing. Go to www.bdam.org.uk.

You can join our lively and ever-growing community by listening to our podcast in lots of different ways. The latest monthly magazine can be accessed via the website or from the details below.

If you have a virtual assistant such as Alexa or Siri simply say, "Play Bingham Audio Magazine Podcast".

You can also access the podcast on the internet using binghamaudio.buzzsprout.com.

For further information contact Sue Hull (01949 839346) or Lesley Lyon (07815 118641).

Bingham and District Choral Society

We are a classical, non-auditioned, 72 strong choir: 24 Sopranos, 28 altos, 7 tenors and 13 basses. We rehearse at Carnarvon Primary School, Bingham, Wednesdays 7.15pm – 9.30pm, including a 15-minute break.

We have an inspirational Music Director, Stephen Bullamore, and our accompanist, Michael Overbury, is a wizard on the piano.

Rehearsals are fun, challenging and inspiring; friendliness and humour abound. Performances: thrilling, moving, joyful and rewarding. Venues: beautiful. Ability to read music is helpful, though not essential.

Every year we hold four concerts. In 2025 we filled St Mary and All Saints Church, Bingham, for all concerts and our 'Come and Sing' Day workshop. Next one: Saturday 11th July. Working title: 'Mastering Mozart'. On April 25th we will be performing in Lincoln Cathedral (Note: Choir spaces could be limited.)

New members are welcome. We offer a free, three-week trial period. Please visit: www.binghamchoral.org.uk.

Bingham and District Diabetes Support Group

We welcome you to our volunteer led open meetings every 3rd Wednesday in the month. 10.30am to 12.00pm at The Old Courthouse, Church Street.

These meetings are a very informal chance to meet others living with diabetes, share experiences and top tips on living with the condition.

For more information contact Rowan Bird (876 570, rowanbird@ntlworld.com), or just turn up and meet us.

Bingham Dolls' House Club

We meet in members' homes on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 2.00 – 4.00pm. We like to make items for our projects, but anyone who just collects is equally welcome.

As our members live in various places in east Nottinghamshire, meetings are not always held in Bingham. For further information, please ring Jenny David (01949 748391).

Bingham Folk Club

The club has been established in the town for more than 50 years and is currently based in the Rugby Club Pavilion on Brendon Grove, NG13 8TN. We meet once a month during most of the year, normally on the 4th Friday of the month, and offer a varied programme of singers' nights (sometimes with a high-quality PA system) and guest nights. Everyone is always very welcome, and a wide range of musical styles is covered – folk, country, jazz, blues, pop, etc.

These are our forthcoming events (all club nights start at 8.00pm in the Rugby Club pavilion, and end at 10.30pm):

March 27th Open Mic Night for any performers who would like to share a couple of songs with us. A good PA system is available, and any folk / blues / pop / acoustic songs are welcome, as is anyone who would like to just come along to listen. Entry is just £2.50 at the door.

April 24th Feature Night with JILL & BERNARD BLACKWELL. This Southwell based duo are a highly regarded and well-known act on the local folk scene. In addition to fine harmony vocals, our audience can expect to hear guitar, flute, Northumbrian small pipes, concertina and accordion! They will be playing for about half of the evening, with floor singers welcome as well (the PA system will be available for their use). Entry is just £5 at the door (no tickets).

Further information and updates can be obtained from our club Facebook page (simply search for "Bingham Folk Club") or website (binghamfolkclub.weebly.com), both of which are updated regularly. Alternatively, please contact Marion Downs (07879 226427).

Bingham Garden Club

Do come and join us to meet our friendly group of garden enthusiasts. If you are a new gardener or an experienced one with either a large or small garden or even just a balcony you are welcome to come and pick up new gardening tips and ideas.

Our Summer season of outdoor activities runs from June until August.

Our Winter Speaker Programme runs from September to May. The meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the W.I. Hall, Station Street, Bingham.

The Winter evening activities include interesting talks by informed and professional gardeners. There is usually a sale of plants which are often brought along by speakers or contributed by members.

10th March Andrew Ward "Success with Sand" (How to grow tricky plants successfully)

14th April Neil Timms "Flower Shows"

12 May South Notts Flower Club: Flower arranging using fruit & vegetables

Why not just come to see us for a preliminary visit for only £3, You might like us!

Annual Membership is currently £25.

Contact Barbara Savage (01949 838782) for further information.

Bingham Surgery Patients Participation Group

Useful information for patients:

- **Cashless Payments:** From 1 April 2026, all surgeries will move to a cashless system. Please be prepared to pay for any services using a credit or debit card.
- **Improved Communication:** We are working with the surgeries to help everyone use technology for booking appointments, ordering prescriptions, and accessing personal health records. If you need support with these online services, please reach out. The surgery website has lots of useful information.
- **Free Blood Pressure Checks:** Many local chemists offer free blood pressure checks. These are especially useful if you need a prescription from your doctor.

Would you like to join the Bingham Patient Participation group or find out more? We are a small group of patients who provide a link between patients and surgery staff. For further information please ask surgery staff or visit our page on the surgery website www.belvoirhealthgroup.co.uk/ppg/about-our-ppg. Do consider joining us.

Bingham Heritage Trails Association

Bingham Heritage Trails Association promotes awareness of the geology, archaeology, history, built environment and natural history of the parish of Bingham. A recent archaeological dig in Warner's revealed some interesting finds. Find out more on our web site binghamheritage.org.uk

New members welcome. For more information, contact membership secretary Nikki Thomas (01949 876570).

Belvoir Ladies Probus Club

We meet monthly for Lunch & Talk at The Chequers Inn, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, NG32 1LU. Meetings are on the 1st Wednesday in the month and start at 11.00 am.

New Members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Liz Jeffries on 01400 282606.

Bingham Library

Our opening times:

Monday to Friday: 9.30am – 5.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am – 4.00pm

Police beat: Thursday 12th March 1.00 – 2.00pm and Thursday 26th March 9.30 – 10.30am

Keep informed via our FaceBook page and posters in our window for more events.

EventBrite bookings can be made by phoning 01623 677200 or at the Library help desk.

REGULAR SESSIONS

Chess: Monday weekly 1.30 – 3.00pm FREE no need to book.

Unwind with Words: 1st Monday of the month 11.00am – 12.00pm. Adult literary conversation group, FREE no need to book.

Story Time and Craft: 3rd Monday of the month 2.00pm. Under 5's, FREE no need to book.

Crafty Crew: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month 10.00am – 12.00pm, FREE no need to book.

Heritage Café: 1st Tuesday of the month 2.00 – 3.00pm. Drop with your ancestry enquiries, FREE no need to book.

Drop in & Draw: Last Tuesday of the month 2.00 – 3.00, FREE no need to book.

Rhyme, Rattle & Roll: Wednesday weekly 10.00 – 10.30am, FREE no need to book.

Literary Quiz: 1st Wednesday of the month 10.45am, FREE no need to book.

Board Games Club: Thursday weekly 3.30 – 4.30pm, FREE no need to book.

Scrabble: Thursday weekly 2.00 – 4.30pm, FREE no need to book.

Little Creatives: 2nd Thursday of the month 10.00 – 10.45am & 11.15am – 12.00pm, FREE book on EventBrite.

Rhyme, Rattle & Roll: Friday weekly 10.00 – 10.30am, FREE no need to book.

Lego Club: Saturday weekly 1.00 – 3.00pm, FREE no need to book.

Let's Talk Tech: 1st Saturday of the month 10.30 – 11.30am. Come chat to our IT volunteer, FREE no need to book.

Gallery Space: exhibitions from local artists and groups every month.

HOME LIBRARY SERVICE: Are you aware that you can have books delivered to your home?

For many people who are housebound, due to age, disability, or circumstance, reading or listening to a recording is an important stimulation, as the opportunity for social contact. A group of volunteer Community Makers deliver books supplied by Inspire Nottinghamshire Library Service, on a fortnightly basis every other Tuesday to residents, who for many of the reasons above are not able to visit the library in Bingham.

If you would like to make use of the service or know of someone who would like to do so, please contact the library (837 905).

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK – Inspire Bingham Library now has its own page! or see our website for more information: www.inspireculture.org.uk

Bingham Model Railway Club

Bingham Model Railway Club is a long-established club aimed at all those interested in the design, building and operation of model railways.

Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings are the main club meeting times and members often bring their own bits and pieces to work on. Some get involved with the new club layouts, and others come for a cup of tea and a chat. There is a good atmosphere, a great sense of togetherness and two large layouts to test and run-in locomotives.

We have members interested in all gauges although the club tends to concentrate on the more familiar gauges of 00 and N. We are currently working on several new layouts with members heavily involved in the construction of the layout, scenic items, and electrics.

Our current club room is located at Cotgrave Welfare Scheme Centre, Cotgrave, and new members are always welcome at the clubroom and if you are a complete novice to either railways or modelling, there will always be someone who can help you out.

Our web site is www.bingham-model-rail.co.uk where you can find contact details and a wealth of photographs of layouts we are involved with.

Bingham Musical Theatre Company

NANDA Award-winning theatrical group who welcome new members from all walks of life ages 5 to 90!

We perform at least twice a year at the Bingham Arena and have a growing membership.

Auditions, rehearsals and social events take place all year round and there is no membership fee (only pay for the shows you perform in).

Not only do we produce musical theatre, but everything from Shakespeare to panto, plays and showcase events. We're currently looking for a wide range of off-stage members to help with building sets, admin, planning and securing funding; if you love theatre but don't fancy being on stage.

Email: contact@bmtc.co.uk; Phone: 0115 871 3404; Website: www.bmtc.co.uk; Socials: @bmtcnotts.

Bingham Netball Club – Juniors

Netball club for girls aged 9 to 16. Term time only on a Monday at Bingham Leisure Centre. Contact for times and directions while Covid-19 restrictions ongoing. Cost is £2.50 per week, first week free or £7 per month. Players of all abilities welcome.

Please contact Claire Bowen (07971 077327) or see www.binghamnetball.co.uk.

Bingham Netball Club – Ladies

Ladies netball club for all ages and abilities, we are always looking for new players. Please

come along and give it a try, no commitment to come every week needed. We are a friendly group of ladies and all about fun and as much fitness as you want (don't worry if you haven't played for 15 years or more). We do play matches and tournaments, but this is optional.

We play at Bingham Leisure Centre on a Tuesday 7.30 – 8.30pm, excluding some school holidays, on the tennis courts behind the centre. Cost is £2.50 per week (first week free) or £7 per month.

All government Coronavirus guidelines are adhered to.

For more information contact Claire (07971 077327), Sue (01949 839946), or see www.binghamnetball.co.uk.

Bingham Penguins Swimming Club

We are a swimming club for people of all ages with a disability. We are run by a team of DBS checked volunteers with the poolside teachers qualified to Swim England standards. We hold our sessions on a Sunday afternoon 2.30 – 4.00pm at Bingham Arena. We are looking for new volunteers aged 14+ to help swimmers in the water. Please email Lisa Wright, binghampenguins@outlook.com if you would like more information.

Bingham Playgroup

Looking for a fun, friendly, and nurturing environment for your little one?

Join us at Bingham Playgroup! We offer engaging activities, creative play, and socialisation for babies and toddlers to develop essential skills in a safe and welcoming setting.

10.00am – 12.00 noon at Old Church House, East Street, every Friday during term time.
£3 per family
Suitable for babies and toddlers (birth – 5 years old).

Join us on Facebook for regular updates and weekly themes by searching *Bingham Friday Playgroup*.

Bingham Ramblers

Bingham Ramblers walk every other Sunday throughout the year, usually within easy travelling distance of Bingham.

We meet at 10.00am behind Church House on East Street, NG13 8DS.

The walks are usually 5 – 6 miles in length.

For further details email binghamramblers@gmail.com.

Bingham Repair Café

Held on the second Saturday of every month in the Methodist Centre, Needham Street, from 10.00am – 12.30pm.

A team of volunteer fixers will be on hand to offer repairs to electrical & electronic items, computers, clothing, textiles, wooden items, bikes, glassware, ceramics, toys, musical instruments, some clocks, jewellery, tool sharpening and other general repairs – just bring your item along. While we cannot guarantee every item will be repairable, we will do our best to keep as much as possible out of landfill and give it a new lease of life.

The kitchen will be open to serve hot and cold drinks and refreshments while you wait or just pop in for a chat.

The team are all volunteers and give their services free of charge, but donations will be gratefully received to help cover the costs of hiring the venue, insurance etc.

If you would like to join the team of fixers or feel you could help in any way, please contact John Yard at binghamrepaircafe@gmail.com.

Please follow our Facebook page Bingham Repair Café for the latest news and information.

Bingham Rugby Club

Welcome to Bingham RFC

Home of Seniors, Touch Rugby, Minis & Juniors (U7–U15), and Little Ruggers (3–6 yrs)

Whether you're returning to rugby, new to the area, looking for a fresh challenge, or just want to enjoy some social rugby in our newly established 2nd XV, players of all ages and experience levels are welcome at Bingham RFC.

New to the area? Looking for somewhere for your child to play Rugby? Not played since school? Want to get fit, make new friends, or just have fun?

Bingham RFC is a family-orientated club where everyone is made to feel part of the community from day one.

We also host regular social events, screen live matches on our big screen, and hire out our facilities for community, family, and private functions.

Contact us: www.binghamruffc.co.uk, secretary@binghamruffc.co.uk, 07780 112025

Get fit. Have fun. Make friends. Play rugby.

Bingham Scottish Country Dancing

We are a friendly group that began in 1971. Enjoy the sociability and great exercise for mind and body. Beginners are welcome – you don't need a partner.

Classes run on Monday afternoons, 2.00pm to 3.45pm at the Methodist Centre, Union Street, Bingham NG13 8AD, except on the second Monday of the month when the class is at The Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Aslockton NG13 9AL.

Three terms of classes are held from September to mid-July. Classes are also held at The Bridge Centre, Lincoln Road, Newark NG24 2DQ, see separate entry.

For further information, please contact Pat Harland, (07752 283119) pharland29@gmail.com. Website is www.newarkscottishcountrydancing.com

Bingham Sub-Aqua Club is a branch of the British Sub-Aqua Club and meets at the swimming pool at Bingham Leisure Centre on Tuesday evenings from 8.45 to 9.45pm for swimming sessions and pool training for SCUBA diving and snorkelling.

Afterwards, the members socialise in the Horse & Plough Pub in Bingham. The club welcomes both new members who would like to learn to dive and any experienced divers who

wish to cross over to BSAC from other training agencies. The club has qualified instructors who can train members who wish to learn to SCUBA dive and obtain the necessary qualifications which will enable them to dive all over the world.

Anyone who wishes to learn to dive should contact either Susan Shipley (01949 851386) or Helena Robertshaw (01476 410354 or 07940 822025) to arrange a try-dive, or come to the Leisure Centre on a Tuesday evening for a chat.

George Smith, Secretary (0115 933 4407)

Bingham Tennis Club

We are a small friendly tennis club with three floodlit tarmac courts at Toothill School that are available to members outside of school hours. Courts can also be booked by non-members with electronic gate access codes. Annual membership is £60, £90 for families. Social tennis on Monday evenings for members.

More details and booking available on our website at: clubspark.lta.org.uk/BinghamLawnTennisClub

Bingham, The Spiritual Foundation of Light

We have moved to The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, NG13 8AL. Contact: tel. 07482 285305.

The Church is open every Sunday except for bank holidays for a service 6.30 – 8.00pm with a different visiting medium each week. We also hold evenings of clairvoyance, supper with spirit and reading days, which are all advertised on our Facebook Page throughout the year.

Bingham & The Vale Boardgamers

Held the 2nd and last Tuesday of every month from 7.30pm in the Snug at the Buttercross pub, Market Place. We play a wide range of board games.

If you want to learn something new, play a classic or bring a favourite game. Then we look forward to you joining us a warm friendly bunch of people who love board games.

For more information contact Tony Carr by text (07970 544221) or email maseycarr@hotmail.com.

Bingham Town Football Club

Bingham Town FC is a volunteer run, not for profit, community organisation providing football for over 450 players of all ages from 4 to 64. The club has around 40 squads covered by our boys and girls youth sections as well as an adult section for women and men, including a Vets team. There is also The Outlaws our disability squad covering all ages where new players are always welcome. Young players just starting out in football can join our Wildcats sessions for girls (5 to 11-year-olds) or Bingham Rangers sessions for boys (4 to 7-year-olds) both of which run on a Saturday morning.

Bingham Town FC holds the highest England Football Accreditation level and provides a welcoming and safe environment for players of all ages to enjoy *the beautiful game*.

Volunteers to help run the club are always welcome as are local businesses looking to provide

support in the form of sponsorship to an organisation at the heart of our community. Interested in knowing more? www.binghamtownfc.com or chairman@binghamtownfc.com.

Bingham Triathlon Club

A friendly club for all adults 18 to 80, all welcome from novice to seasoned competitor. Swim and run sessions at Bingham Arena including coaching, plus regular cycle rides.
binghamtri@gmail.com

Bingham Twinning Association

In our 41st year, some of our members have enjoyed a visit to Wallenfels, Bavaria, and continued to build on our friendship links with our twin town. We were lucky enough to be able to use their fantastic new outdoor swimming pool facilities, as they had recently opened.

We welcome new members. We have a website - binghamtwinning.com on which there is much to see of Wallenfels and our events. For further information please contact Ian (07739 410101) or email binghamtwinning1984@gmail.com.

Bingham U3A

For newly retired or already retired who want to pursue interests you never had time for. Come and meet us. We have over 20 different activity groups plus a monthly meeting. A good chance to socialise etc. Open to members and non-members.

The popular Bingham U3A coffee mornings are held on the second Monday of each month at The Butter Cross pub, Market Square, starting at 10.30am. All welcome. For more information contact Frances (07796 546035).

For more information, see www.binghamu3a.org or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/binghamu3a, or email bingham.u3a.membership@gmail.com.

Bingham United Charities 2006

The income from investments is available in the form of grants to residents of Bingham who are in need or financial difficulty, or to organisations which are able to assist Bingham residents who are in need or financial difficulty.

Requests are most welcome from individuals, but applications supported by a professional, medical or a social care agency are sometimes able to be dealt with more quickly, so this may be worth considering.

All applications are carefully considered and not all applications are successful. Each application is looked at on an individual basis and treated on their merits and in the strictest confidence.

Application forms are available from the Secretary by emailing binghamunitedcharities2006@gmail.com

Bingham Walking Football

Walking football takes place at Toot Hill Sports Centre on the outdoor astro pitches on Wednesday nights 7.00pm. Aimed at over 50s, it is a non-serious, non-tackling fun hour which tends to veer into trotting. All new players are welcome. If interested, please contact Shaun (07800 761557).

Bingham W.I.

W.I. monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 2.00 pm, W.I. Hall, Station Street. Visitors and new members very welcome.

March 9th British Sign Language with Mandy Brennan
April 13th AGM

The community coffee morning is open on Thursdays at 8.00 until 11.30am for refreshments and we look forward to seeing you all.

For hall bookings please contact Val (836 584), or email: binghamwihallbookings@hotmail.com.

Bingham Wind Band

Fun, friendly, music group looking for players of clarinet, tenor sax, trumpet, french horn, trombone, bassoon, euphonium, tuba, drums, percussion, timpani. All players most welcome.

Rehearsal Wednesday's 7.15pm – 9.15pm at Robert Miles Junior School, Bingham.

Please contact Sarah Parnell (07710 561982) or binghamwindband@gmail.com for further details.

Bootlace Buddies

We are a walking group for single people over 50. We walk in the Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire areas. Walks are between 7 and 10 miles and are of varying grades, every Sunday all year. You must be a car owner.

Contact denhenshaw@hotmail.com for further details and the monthly programme of walks.

Bonnets and Breeches

We are a friendly group of people who love to dance historical dances from the Georgian, Regency and Victorian period. We welcome new people. All you need are a pair of flat shoes. No prior knowledge required.

We meet on Sundays 7.00 – 9.00pm at Old Church House, East Street, Bingham, £5.00 entry.

Contact bonnets.breeches@gmail.com or find us on Facebook: Bonnets and Breeches Dance Society.

The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association is a Christian uniformed organisation for children aged 5 and over. We do lots of different activities which include crafts, music, games, sports, making friends, and exploring stories. The programme is organised into five programme zones of Body, Community, Creativity, Mind and Spirit through which the children have the opportunity to gain awards. We meet on a Friday evening at 6.15 – 7.45 term time only. For further information or to book a place please email: boysbrigade33@live.co.uk.

Bramley Squares Dance Club

Exercise for Brain and Body. Fun and friendship. Suitable for all ages. Wednesday evenings 8.00pm – 10.00pm, Bingham Methodist Centre, Needham Street, NG13 8AD. American square dancing is a great way to exercise body and mind at the same time. Beginners' course starting in the New Year. Why not give it a try. £4 week. FIRST VISIT FREE.

Bingham Town Council



TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2026/2027

	Budget	Budget	Budget
	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027
Budget Headings			
Allotments	1,910	1,910	2,202
Cemetery	13,900	13,900	13,550
Environment	7,100	6,500	6,500
Finance	31,250	33,450	33,520
Old Court House	29,190	35,608	37,000
Professional Fees	4,500	4,170	4,180
Community and Events	35,895	33,395	37,600
Recreation	18,112	22,122	23,122
Recreation Equipment	19,800	19,800	19,350
Reserves	50,000	75,000	75,000
Salaries and On Costs	217,800	221,800	259,320
Totals	429,457	467,655	511,344
Less income	25,928	30,623	41,033
Precept Demand	403,529	437,032	470,311
Tax Base	4042.8	4218.80	4360.5
Band D property	£99.81	£103.59	£107.86

Bingham Town Council has set its expenditure for the year at £511,344 along with a projected income of £41,033. The Town Council will also draw upon its reserves to fund its other activities and projects, as well as seeking grants from other organisations.

To arrive at a balanced budget, the precept demand to Rushcliffe Borough Council has been set at £470,311, this equates to an increase of £4.10 to £107.86 (4.1%) for a Band D property.

The Town Council's income sources have always been modest, and these are expected to be limited to:

- Burial and memorial fees
- Room rental at the Old Court House
- Rent from sports clubs for lease of pitches and pavilions
- Allotment rents
- Wayleaves
- Interest on reserves

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Planning	Tuesday 03 March 2026	7.00pm
Finance, Policy & Resources	Tuesday 03 March 2026	7.15pm
Full Council	Tuesday 17 March 2026	7.00pm
Planning	Tuesday 31 March 2026	7.00pm
Community, Recreation & Amenities	Tuesday 31 March 2026	7.15pm

The meetings are open to members of the public and press.

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 Cllr Douglas Sleigh – 01949 839792 – dsleigh@bingham-tc.gov.uk

Bingham Town Council, The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, NG13 8AL

E-mail: info@bingham-tc.gov.uk Website: www.bingham-tc.gov.uk

Tel: 01949 831445

Contact Chris Atkin (0115 9611115, 07533 503470, chris.atkin@hotmail.co.uk) or just come along Wednesday evenings.

Bumps and Babies

Are you Pregnant? Do you have a young baby? This is a friendly group that welcomes all babies under one and their parents/carers to come and play and socialise in a relaxed safe and friendly environment. This is a great place to meet other expectant mums or parents with children of similar age. If you ante-natal group has outgrown meeting at each other's houses, then feel free to come along and use this group to meet together.

Bumps and Babies takes place every Wednesday morning 10.30am – 12.30pm at the Village Hall, Screveton Road, Car Colston (2 Miles from Bingham off the A46 to Newark). Cost is £2 per family including refreshments.

We also have a fantastic toy library where toys can be hired for £1 a week.

For more information contact Laura (07795 634538).

Calverton and Bingham Swimming Club (CABSC)

CABSC is a family/volunteer run competitive, yet friendly, swimming club affiliated to the ASA and SWIM 21 accredited. We offer lessons, competitive swimming opportunities, excellent training and water polo to all ages from 5 to 95 yrs mainly based at Bingham and Calverton Leisure Centres. We also have sessions at a number of other pools in the Notts area. Our dedicated Teaching and Coaching team are all ASA qualified and our swimmers and teams compete successfully at a high level in local, national and international competitions. We are always looking for new recruits, both in and out of the water, so please visit our website for more information and how to contact us at www.cabsc.co.uk.

Chestnut Avenue Centre

Are you retired, looking for something to do? Then join us:

Monday: Bingo, 2.00 – 3.30 pm

Tuesday: Mencap lunches, 12:00 noon

Wednesday: Coffee Morning, 9.30 – 11.30 am

Every 1st Wednesday: Soup & Chat 12.30 – 2.00 pm

Thursday: Joyful Dance, 9.30 am:

Friday: Knit & Natter, 2.00 pm

Saturday: Café, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

Keep your eye on our noticeboard or pick up a leaflet about our many outings and functions, or phone 831 393.

Cranmer Company of Singers (CCS)

New singers are always welcome to come along and join us on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm for a few weeks after which there will be a relaxed audition, nothing too scary hopefully. Please email Deborah Davies at cranmercompany@gmail.com or phone 0775 909 1160 if you are interested in joining us.

Dickens Fellowship

If you would enjoy sharing a Dickens novel with a group of friendly enthusiastic readers,

come to the Nottingham Mechanics Institute on South Sherwood Street the 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoons of the month, 2.00 – 4.00pm. Phone Jennie (07756 825 164) for details.

Dyslexia Association is a registered charity (1082345). We provide information, advice and guidance, dyslexia screening and assessments, as well as tuition and training for dyslexic children and adults of all ages, their parents/families, educators, employers and the wider community. Our head office is in Nottingham and we provide services primarily across the East Midlands (Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Northamptonshire) and neighbouring counties. If you are dyslexic or think you might be dyslexic, or if you are concerned about another person who may have dyslexia, we can help. Website: www.dyslexia.uk.net, Helpline: 0115 924 6888.

East Bridgford and Bingham Drama Group

We are a lively and welcoming Drama Group with members in the East Bridgford and Bingham area. We put on three plays a year alongside a range of drama and other social events like play-readings, workshops and theatre visits.

We would love to hear from you, especially if drama and theatre are your thing and you have recently moved into the area. We would welcome new members either for acting in plays or helping with all the many backstage roles. It would be great to hear from you. Please contact Chris Henley by e-mail cfch@live.co.uk. You will be made very welcome!

Friends of Bingham Linear Park

Please join us for conservation work parties on the Linear Park to manage the park for biodiversity and users. Just turn up, see the following dates. We meet at the top of the steps by Tithby Road bridge at 10:00 am.

15th March

For more information, please contact via email linear_park@hotmail.co.uk, or phone 01949 838585, or visit our website: www.friendsofblp.org.uk.

Fun Chorus

Singing for fun, confidence, health, happiness and friendship! Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.30 pm.

For further information: www.funchorus.com or 07891 209 083.

Grantham Canal Society

This beautiful canal is often overlooked but was once a vital trade route through the counties of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire. We are doing our utmost to restore it to being classified as a Cruiseway by the Canal and River Trust and would ask you to consider publicising our aims.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the canal or the work currently being undertaken then please contact our Chairman, Mike Stone by phone 0115 9313375, or by email: chairman@granthamcanal.org.

Girlguiding in Bingham – Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Joining Bingham Rainbows or Brownies – this needs to be done via Girlguiding's centralised online list which can be found at www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved. Please register your

daughter's details on the website and then she will be allocated to the local waiting list. Sadly, there is a long waiting list due to limited volunteers, so be sure to register your daughter's name as early as you can.

Volunteering with Girlguiding – this can be really rewarding and great fun. Not only will you get involved with supporting the learning, development and confidence-building of the girls, but you will have lots of fun. No experience is necessary, each unit has a team of leaders who would give you a warm welcome and you will be given support from a mentor to help you develop your skills as a volunteer. Registering your interest to become a volunteer can also be done via the following online link www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved.

For further details, please contact Lucy Effingham
e-mail: nottsfossedivision@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk or phone 07972 812732.

Ladies Five a Side Football

FA Just Play Female Football Sessions.

We train every Monday evening 8.00 – 9.00pm at Toot Hill Sports Centre. All ages and abilities welcome. Lots of fun and great for fitness. £3 a session.

Please contact Esther Cooper for more information (07741 458745 or esthercooper10@outlook.com)

Lively Spirits Parent and Toddler Group

Our popular Parent/Carer and Toddler Group meets at the Methodist Centre. Open Mondays 10.00am – 12.00pm. For ages 0 – 4. Term time only. £2 entry per adult. Refreshments are available. Lots of toys, crafts and song time. Lynn and the team look forward to welcoming you and your little ones.

ME Support Group

We are a very friendly and informal group that meets weekly every Wednesday between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. We are for anyone with, or who suspects they have, ME / CFS or FM. Some refreshments are available, including chocolate biscuits!

For more information, please contact Sophy (07772 232 083) sophy.wynne@hotmail.co.uk.

Meditation Classes

Free meditation classes are conducted on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm in Bingham Methodist Church for an hour. Classes are led by Rosemary Kaur.

For further information: www.meetup.com/Bingham-Free-Meditation-Yoga-Meetup.

Newark Scottish Country Dancing Society

We are a friendly group that began in 1971. Enjoy the sociability and great exercise for mind and body. Beginners are welcome – you don't need a partner.

Classes are held on Tuesdays, 7.30 to 9.45pm at the Bridge Community Centre, Lincoln Road, Newark NG24 2DQ. There are 3 terms each year, with Garden Dances in the summer.

Classes are also held in Bingham on a Monday afternoon, see separate entry.

For further information, please contact Pat Harland, (07752283119), email pharland29@gmail.com

Website is www.newarkscottishcountrydancing@weebly.com.

Newark Speakers Club (Bingham)

Newark Speakers Club is one of over 100 clubs in the UK, chartered to the Association of Speakers Clubs.

Do you want to speak in public? Do you want to do the best job you possibly can? Come to Newark Speakers club 3rd Monday of the month at Bingham Methodist Centre, 19.15 for 19.30 start till 21.30, upstairs. Refreshments included. Guests £5 (£2.50 first visit). We also meet 1st Monday of the Month at the Newark Salvation Army Community Centre, Balderton.

Our first aim is to give you the confidence to speak in front of an audience and then help with your speaking techniques. All are welcome to join us in a warm welcoming environment for a fun entertaining educational evening. In the past our membership has ranged in age from 9 to 92. All walks of life for various reasons, Duke of Edinburgh Award, presentation at college, work, wedding speech, business, asked to do talk on hobby, own personal development or just for the fun of it, whatever your reason we can help.

For those that wish we work through a series of assignments in the 'Speakers Guide' earning internationally recognised awards as we take the speakers pathway. We also have competitions going up to national level for the competitive ones in you.

For more information, email the North Midlands Area President, Martin Cox (martin.cox1@outlook.com, 01949 851869 mob. 07745 106307 – not always strong connection) or simply turn up at a meeting (prior notice of attendance is appreciated). Visit our website at newark@asc-northmidlands.org.uk.

NSPCC, Bingham Branch

We have had our planning meeting and would like to let you know what we have planned.

April 12th – collection at Blue Diamond

June 2nd – Race Day at Southwell

June 24th – Tea and Cakes in the garden

July / August – Treasure Hunt

September 13th – Sunday lunch

October 10th – Quiz

November 5th – Coffee morning

December – Carol singing.

Please make a note of these events in your diary. More details will follow.

We are only a small group so if you have an idea for something we could organise, or can help at any of our events, we would be delighted. Please contact Gill (01949 838673).

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Orston Village Choir

We are a mixed choir and sing for fun; it's good for the soul. No singing experience or ability to read music necessary.

We meet at the Thomas Cranmer Centre in Aslockton on Thursdays 6.45 – 8.00pm (term time only). For further information contact Ali (07971 183872).

Parkinson's UK, Nottingham Branch

If you have been diagnosed with Parkinson's, or are living with Parkinson's, you are not alone. Nottingham has a vibrant Parkinson's branch, which is there for you.

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month the branch meets at St Jude's Church Hall, 405 Woodborough Road, Mapperley, Nottingham NG3 5HE., from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

Various activities take place which include guest speakers, trips out, etc., nothing too daunting, and you will be able to mix with like-minded people and learn of the other Parkinson's venues, which are open to you in Nottingham. Come along give us a try, the only costs involved is a donation to cover your tea or coffee. You will be made most welcome.

For any assistance contact 0808 108 833, or parkinsonsnottingham@hotmail.co.uk.

Probus Club, Radcliffe-on-Trent and District

Have you given up full-time work? Are you semi-retired, or about to retire? Are you looking for good conversation, a decent meal and an after-lunch speaker? Then you have found it!

We meet twice a month on Tuesdays at Ashmore's Restaurant, Bingham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent. Please contact Stan (0115 933 3395), www.radcliffeontrentprobus.co.uk.

Probus Club, Vale of Belvoir

The Club meets at The Chequers Inn in Woolsthorpe, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 10.15am.

Membership is for retired professionals, businessmen and the like. We start with a social gathering followed by a speaker and then an optional informal lunch. We also have social events and outings for members, family and friends.

If you would like more information about our Club please contact Barry Greenhalgh, Membership Secretary, at baza54@hotmail.com or tel. 0115 841 2851.

Radcliffe Knights Badminton Club

The Club plays every Monday at South Nottinghamshire Academy 7.30 – 9.30 pm. We are a friendly club looking for new members of club standard. Why not come along and get your first session FREE. For more details contact Club Secretary, Ken Curtis (07966 293 743).

Radcliffe-on-Trent Male Voice Choir

For the latest information on the Radcliffe Male Voice Choir, please go to the website or Facebook: www.radcliffeontrentmvc.org and www.facebook.com/ROTMVC.

We meet on Thursday evening, phone Bill (07972 013614) for more details.

Ramblers Association, Vale of Belvoir Group

Members of the Vale of Belvoir Ramblers walk every week in the local area and further afield in the East Midlands and the Peak District. Our selection of walks is chosen to suit all abilities and interests. Call 01949 836042, email vbramblers@gmail.com, or go to our website at www.vbramblers.org for more details of our group's activities and photographs taken on our walks.

Ready Steady Go... running club

For adults and children of all abilities. Held at Bingham Leisure Centre running track.

Adults Monday at 7.30pm and children at 5.00pm Thursday.

For further details call 07751034613, email deena.tomlinson@ntlworld.com, or visit the website at www.readysteadygorcbingham.yolasite.com.

Royal British Legion, Bingham Branch

The Branch meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except August, in the Bingham Bowling Club. New members are always welcome.

Membership is open to everyone. If you have an interest in the objectives of the Legion and want to help and support those who have served and their families, come and join us. We welcome men and women of all ages, whether they have served in the Armed Forces or not.

Contacts: Chairman, Hywel Rees (reeshywel@gmail.com); Secretary, Gavin Vallance (gavvallance@virginmedia.com).

Rushcliffe Athletics Club www.rushcliffeac.co.uk

The Club meets at the Athletics Track at Bingham Leisure Centre running 3 sessions weekly, as well as competing in various Track & Field events, Cross Country and Sports hall events locally, regionally and nationally throughout the year. Competing for the Club is optional but encouraged.

* Floodlit facilities * Qualified UKA coaches * Event specific coaching * Indoor training during winter months * Regular Induction days *

- 1 Track & Field, Cross Country: for children from age 8 years old to senior athletes, a full range of events on one of the country's best facilities. Training Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.45pm to 8.00pm and Saturdays 9.45am to 11.00am.
- 2 Road Runners: Are you one of the many seen jogging around Bingham? Come and join us! All abilities, male and female sessions.

Please contact the club via email rushcliffeac@gmail.com for more information about the club and for the next induction dates.

Rushcliffe Voluntary Transport Scheme

Do you need support to get from A to B? Are you unable to use public or any other means of transport to make your journey? If so, we are keen to hear from you.

We have an excellent, experienced and friendly team of volunteer drivers who live in Bingham. They use their own cars to help people get out and about locally, travel to surrounding villages, West Bridgford and Nottingham. Passengers can book to go shopping, to the hairdressers, in addition to booking trips to the doctor, dentist or optician.

We are urgently looking for more drivers across the service to help us with these journeys. Do you enjoy helping people get out and about, maybe you could help, or maybe you know someone who might? If you would like to find out more about being one of our drivers or about joining our service as a passenger, please contact us: Your CVS, 0115 969 9060, transport@yourcvsnotts.org, www.yourcvsnotts.org

Shelford Art Group

A place where you can develop your artistic flair in watercolours, oils, pastels, acrylics, drawing or linocut. Just starting art? Rediscovering an interest in art? or an experienced artist? All are very welcome. Our group meets on alternate Saturday mornings between 10.00am and 1.00pm at the Village Hall, Church Street, in Shelford. Why not pop in, have a cuppa and a chat and check us out. For information on our next meeting call Mike (07413 389377). We look forward to meeting you.

South Nottingham Hockey Club

Toothill Sports Centre, The Banks, Bingham, NG13 8BL.
Email: southnottmhc@gmail.com
Tel: 07973 864 458
Website: snhc.clubbuzz.co.uk

4 Men's teams and 1 Ladies team play from early September in the competitive Midlands League. Qualified coaches. Seniors training and coaching,
Over 13 Men's and Ladies: Thursday 7.30 – 8.30pm on the Astro Pitch.

A thriving Juniors section, boys and girls aged 6 – 13 welcome.
Juniors Sunday training and coaching 10.30 – 11.30am on the Astro Pitch.
Games v other Junior Clubs planned this season.

Sunrise Junior Badminton Club for 7 to 17 years of age to learn the skills of badminton and play competitively at Bingham Leisure Centre, Sunday mornings. For more information, please ring Gill Payne (0115 312 839).

The Arts Society Trent Valley

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month (with the exception of August and September). Talks start at 11.00am with coffee available from 10.15am. If you'd like to join this friendly organisation and would enjoy hearing lectures by experts in their field please contact Hilary Horsley at hilartincb@yahoo.co.uk or call 0115 933 2151 regarding membership.

The Rosary Community Centre

Thursday: Music Quiz for Fun, 2.00 pm
Friday: Coffee Morning, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
The Rosary Community Centre is off East Street.

Vale of Belvoir Lions Club

The Vale of Belvoir Lions are local people who share a common interest in raising funds, having fun at the same time and helping those less fortunate than most. The Club meets The Durham Ox in Orston every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 8.00 pm. Our website is www.voblions.org.uk and you can always catch our latest news here www.voblions.org.uk.

Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club

We meet on Thursday evenings, 6.30 for 7.00 pm at The Rutland Arms, Bottesford, and would always welcome new members. This year we are introducing a new programme, "Friends to Rotary", for people who would like to be involved in our activities, particularly community service and fund-raising but who do not wish to commit to becoming Rotarians at present. Full details of *Friends of Rotary*, our activities and meetings can be found on our website: www.valeofbelvoirrotary.co.uk.

Vale of Belvoir Cycling Club

We are affiliated to British Cycling, the CTT for Time Trialists and also the local Cyclocross league. We are a friendly club and cater for all cycling abilities.

Our open forum Facebook page called Vale of Belvoir Cycling Club is where we share information, videos, pictures and chat. All are welcome to join our *Open Forum* page and can contact the club through there if you are considering joining us for a ride or two before deciding whether to join. We actively encourage women into cycling, and we have a separate women only Facebook page called Vale of Belvoir Cycling Club (Women's Cycling page). For more details please contact vbccsecretary@gmail.com.

Vale of Belvoir Probus Club

We are a non-charitable gentleman's club who meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the Chequers Inn at Woolsthorpe by Belvoir. We are a friendly group and have varied, interesting talks followed by lunch. Guests are welcome, why not try us out? Please contact Peter Sheardown (07502 933526) or John Case (07970 728523).

Vale and Fosseyway Responders – delivering Basic Life Support to the Vale of Belvoir.

We are a voluntary organisation of responders operating in local areas. We are trained by EMAS,, East Midlands Ambulance Service. For more information contact Nikki (07505 366129).

Vale Netball Club

Training takes place on Tuesdays 7.00 – 8.00pm at South Notts Academy, Radcliffe-on-Trent, indoor training all year round at £11 per month by standing order. Fun and fitness, qualified coaches and umpires. Please contact us for further information: Stef 07876 683946 or valenetballclub@yahoo.com, you can also find us on Facebook.

Vale Voices Community Choir

Love to sing? Come and join our friendly choir. No auditions and all abilities welcome. We meet at the Methodist Community Centre, Bingham, each Monday at 7.30 – 9.00pm (term time only).

First session free and additional taster sessions £6.00. If interested in coming along or for more information email valevoicescc@gmail.com.



MARCH SERVICES AT PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 1st March

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Family Worship with Children's Activities

Sunday 8th March

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Family Worship with Children's Activities

Sunday 15th March

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Family Worship with Children's Activities

Sunday 22nd March

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Family Worship with Children's Activities

Palm Sunday 29th March

- 10.30 am Family Worship with Communion and Children's Activities followed by *Bring and Share* lunch

THURSDAYS

- 10.00am Welcome Café at Old Church House

PRIVATE PRAYER

The church is open Monday to Saturday to around 3.00pm and on Sundays for services.

HOLY BAPTISM, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS

Please contact the Curate or churchwarden – see page 19.