



September 2021

General Meetings

Return of our Monthly General Meetings.

Our first General monthly meeting after lockdown ended was well attended. The hall was covid compliant with hand gel, good ventilation and many felt more comfortable wearing face masks and did so. Tea, coffee and biscuits were in abundance, and we really enjoyed that meeting up time to catch up.

The following August meeting we also had around 42 members turn up. Thanks to Wendy for introducing the quiz we had, kindly compiled by Gene, our former Art & Crafts group leader. It looked like you all enjoyed getting those little grey cells working.

The Committee

We have two new committee members confirmed, Steve Holloway and Gill Daly, but there is always room at the table for more. The lottery funding is starting to be spent appropriately. For instance, the Lawn Bowls group now have their own indoor mat for when they start playing inside the main hall as autumn weather approaches.



On Saturday 4th September 2021, BDU3A set up a small recruitment display at the **Summer Fayre** at Hillstown Village Hall, drumming up business. We were also on hand for Hillstown Village Hall's first free coffee morning on 6th September and recruited some more new members.

Interest Groups

Group Leaders

3rd September a group leaders meeting was held and was well attended. It was good to meet in person as the last few were via Zoom over the internet.

As you will all be aware Covid 19 has affected some groups harder than others.

Pam has decided to step down as leader of the Family History and Art, Cinema & Theatre (ACT) groups. We thanked her for all her hard work and support over the years and she will be sorely missed. However, if the groups are to survive, they both need new leaders. Please contact bolu3a@outlook.com or phone Peter on 01246 463426 if you would like to volunteer. Pam is happy to advise and assist if necessary. The library still has restricted access to

the computers for Family History, but it is hoped that the situation will improve in the foreseeable future. Many members are still unsure about visiting possibly crowded theatres and cinemas with limited social distancing. Also, booking and paying for tickets often has to be done online at present, so it may be that ACT will prefer to wait until next year to get back into its stride. These delays should give the new group leaders an opportunity to ease themselves into the roles. We look forward to hearing from you!

A further clarification was given as to the use of Lottery Funding given to groups across the country. The Committee has decided to continue covering room hire charges for groups until March 2022.

A few new groups have been suggested, such as a Jigsaw group and Croquet group. We have the equipment ready if anyone is interested running it. We may also look at holding a Film event. The Lunch group is resuming on 23rd September and we also hope to reinstate the Supper Club in October. Look out for announcements or contact bolu3a@outlook.com later for details.



"You never know what you can do until you give it a go. There's creativity in all of us. It's fun, it's relaxing, even when it's frustrating! I have a new way of looking at objects that I would have thrown away, creating something beautiful and unique".

"What better way could I find to de-stress than spending some time testing out innovative ways to upcycle everyday things into a work of art (in my eyes anyway). Great fun!"

"At last I've learned what to do with all the arty paints and papers I've bought over the years, not knowing what to do with them!!"

- CAUTION.....hoarding could become a problem!

From the members of the group,

The group is full at the moment although there is a waiting list.

Group leader Julie. Contact: julvan@hotmail.co.uk



The Village Gardeners who have a plot at Hillstown have had their first crop of potatoes and onions.

We have also recently had a seating area with picnic tables put down, next to the Pavilion where we can enjoy a cuppa. We are in the process of digging a wildlife pond and will shortly be looking to plant more trees provided by the woodland trust.

Meeting weekly every Thursday at HVH 10am to 12 midday. Just turn up plenty to do, tools provided!
Group leader. Kevin



The national trust group have met and decided to keep a watchful eye on the situation.

Most National Trust properties are only partially open if at all, some have only gardens open with limited toilets and coffee shops. With that in mind it's not generally worth the expense of hiring a bus if you won't get the full 'visitor experience'!

There may be an annual trip to see Hardwick at Christmas on the cards with a meal to follow, this would be using our own transport with possible car share, but once again we will have to see how the Covid 19 situation changes.



We had 7 turn up for bowling Friday, 8th September, an extra two new members and they all enjoyed it. The next session is booked for Friday 8th October at 1pm as usual. Group Leader:John

General Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 15th September 2pm Hillstown Village Hall

Speaker:- John Hope "Time Through the Ages"

Diary Dates

September and October are attached for those wanting to view or print them off

Our do it all contact address

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