

# Join the U3A in Burton Joyce and District

## Information for prospective Members

**The University of the Third Age** is an amazing organisation. The word 'university' in this context is used in its original sense of people coming together to learn. In the UK it has been running since 1982 but is part of an international organisation begun in France in the 1970s. Membership is increasing rapidly, as is the number of U3As. The U3A is a self-help organisation offering people no longer in fulltime employment the opportunity of lifelong learning within a friendly and sociable framework.

**BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A** is an autonomous association (U.K. Registered Charity No. 1157213) affiliated to the Third Age Trust, to whom a proportion of your subscription is paid, in return for third party insurance, publications, subject resources and guidance. BJ&D U3A is a member of the East Midlands Association of U3As and is in the Nottinghamshire Network. Our year end is 30<sup>th</sup> June and an AGM is held in August, when the Committee of 12 members is elected.

**Monthly Meeting Place - Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall, Trent Lane, Burton Joyce, NG14 5EY**  
**Second Tuesday of each month at 1.45pm to 3.45pm**

### MEMBERSHIP

1. Your membership starts on the date of application, and becomes due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> September following. Annual membership fees are £18.00 for Individual Members, £16.50 for joint members with the same address and £15.00 for Associate Members who are already members of another U3A. New members may attend up to two events before deciding to join.
2. A new member will receive a membership card bearing their membership number, a name badge, a copy of the Constitution, and a Welcome leaflet. Their name, address, telephone numbers and email address will be recorded in the membership database.
3. The payment of the subscription entitles the member to free attendance at monthly meetings, including refreshments, a monthly BJ newsletter called Newline, and copies of the Third Age Trust publications Third Age Matters, five times per year and Sources three times per year. It also covers the payment we have to make to the Third Age Trust to cover things like insurance.
4. Any costs incurred by the interest groups are agreed and covered by that particular group. Any income is the property of the whole U3A.
5. Please wear your name badge at meetings; it helps us all to know whom we are talking to! We hope every member will grow accustomed to this practice.

### GROUPS

**We have many established interest groups covering areas such as:**

Gardening, foreign languages, art & culture, history, card games, walking, nature, food & drink, photography, exercise etc, etc.

### General Information

Brief details of groups are listed in the monthly 'Newline' and in detail on the website [bju3a.co.uk](http://bju3a.co.uk). Please speak to the Groups Facilitator if you need any further information. Group information is also available at the monthly meetings, where sign up sheets for all the groups are laid out in the committee room.

Groups usually meet in Members' homes and this limits their size. Meetings may be at a fixed venue or rotated around the group. Sometimes a venue is hired for a large group (the cost to be shared amongst that group). If you join a group but are unable to 'host' it at any time, don't be put off – many people are in this position.

If you have transport problems, mention this to the group coordinator who will know if anyone can give you a lift. Once you have joined a group, it is important that you let the leader know if you are unable to attend a meeting.

### Joining a Group

- Look at the information sheets available in the committee room at a monthly meeting.
- Check that the dates and times of meetings of any potentially interesting group suit you.
- Print your name and contact details on the group sign-up sheet.
- The Group Leader should contact you within a week or so.
- You can attend a meeting to decide if the group is what you want. If it is not, please tell the leader that you have decided not to come again.

**BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete and return this form & fee  
(Cheques payable to Burton Joyce U3A) to;  
Caroline Roberts, Membership Secretary,  
16 Lambley Lane, Burton Joyce, Nottingham NG14 5BG  
or bring it to the next monthly meeting

Title ..... Surname ..... First Names .....

Address .....

.....Post Code .....

Month of joining	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Individual Member Fee	£12.00	£10.50	£9.00	£7.50	£6.00	£4.50	£3.00	£1.50	£18.00	£16.50	£15.00	£13.50
Joint Member Fee	£11.00	£9.63	£8.25	£6.88	£5.50	£4.13	£2.75	£1.38	£16.50	£15.13	£13.75	£12.38
Associate Member Fee	£10.00	£8.75	£7.50	£6.25	£5.00	£3.75	£2.50	£1.25	£15.00	£13.75	£12.50	£11.25

I wish to join BJU3A as an Individual/Joint/Associate Member and enclose my payment as shown above: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed ..... Date .....

*\* Associate members belong to another U3A as full members but also belong to BJ&D U3A so that they can join in interest groups. Their main branch pays the fee to The Third age Trust for their insurance, magazines, etc. 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership refers to a member living at the same address as a member who has paid the full subscription.*

Home Phone ..... Mobile Phone .....

Emergency Contact & Phone .....

Email Address.....

Previous Occupation .....

Hobbies and Interests .....

Associate Member only – full member of ..... U3A

**Gift Aid**

Burton Joyce and District U3A would be pleased if you as a UK Tax Payer were able to support us by completing the following Gift Aid Declaration. The declaration below allows us as a charity to recover Tax from HMRC on your donations or subscriptions allowing BJ&D U3A to maintain its member services at a reasonable cost.

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like the tax to be reclaimed on any eligible donations or membership subscriptions that I have ever made or will make to the Burton Joyce and District U3A until further notice. I confirm that I pay an amount of UK income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that BJ&D U3A will reclaim.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_