



Alwyn Foster - Chairman

My Wife Christine and I have lived in Burton Joyce for 42 years and joined U3A in 2009. I am a member of Table Tennis, Maths and Ukulele Groups and Group Co-ordinator for Garden Groups 2 and 4.

I am retired from a career in the legal profession, specialising in land law. In my early days I served two years in the Army as a National Serviceman in Cyprus. My outside interests have revolved around young people, music and gardening, including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award training candidates in the tough Expeditions Section and as Chairman of Nottingham Youth Orchestra for 15 years. Musically I learned the piano and tuba in my youth and enjoy orchestral and brass band music.

My horticultural interests revolve around my garden and the Alpine Garden Society of which I am Nottingham Group Secretary. I have two daughters and two lively and interesting grand-children. I have a general interest in sport, particularly cricket and am a member of that hallowed ground which is Trent Bridge. I am also a platelets donor with National Blood and Transplant (www.nhsbt.nhs.uk)



David Falkner - Vice Chairman

Both my wife (Jean) and I joined the BJU3A some 9 years ago, looking to interact with some sociable groups that would benefit our hobbies. We soon found that it was not difficult to engage with the various activities, that our U3A has to offer.

I am interested in 'the outside' and wildlife generally, and enjoy organising the Ramblers 1 monthly walking group, as well as the 'International Dining' group. Both very sociable and have grown over time. I am the "Group Facilitator" assisting any new group in getting set up, and also informing our membership of any changes in the 60 different groups.

Before retiring some 15 years ago, I enjoyed overseeing various trades, in bringing neglected houses back to life for people to enjoy once again.



Anne Hegarty - Treasurer

Originally from Lancashire, I moved to Burton Joyce 30 years ago with my husband's job.

I worked in childcare whilst the children were at school and then 17½ years ago I joined a local accountancy practice where I still work part time today. I initially joined U3A 7 years ago to learn Italian in preparation for walking holidays in Italy and over the last year I have joined all the Wednesday walking groups and International Dining.

I enjoy reading, walking and eating (particularly chocolate!)



Jan Smith - Business Secretary

After many years as a primary school teacher I retired in July 2014, eager to try new adventures and challenges. On joining the U3A I volunteered to lead a Tea Shop Appreciation group, which now has thirty members. As I needed to improve my fitness I joined the aerobics and nature walks groups, and I also play indoor short mat bowls. Recently I have taken up Pilates and Tai Chi to build up muscle and mind skills.

Having served my apprenticeship on the committee as Welcome Coordinator, I am now taking on the role of Business Secretary. More free time has enabled me to become involved in village activities and I am enjoying being able to explore different holiday venues with friends and family.



Anna Moore - Beacon Coordinator

The thought of full time retirement following a successful career in Civil Engineering spanning over 35 years was a bit scary.. 'what will I do on day 1??'I joined the BJU3A of course and enjoyed what it can offer ever since! I am a member of Ramblers 1 & 2, Canasta & Cribbage, Crafts, Spanish and University Groups. Looking at the groups above they are a good mixture of socialising and having fun, broadening knowledge, keeping the grey matter ticking and physical fitness. In my very early years I dreamt of being a ballet dancer (like most little girls growing up in Latvia), well.. it was not meant to be ...however I'm still passionate about dancing and hopefully one day there will be a dance group in our BJU3A.

I am the proud mother of 2 beautiful daughters who live close by and the 'glamma' to my 2 cheeky grandsons. In my working life I have always enjoyed the challenge of setting up new initiatives so when I was approached to lead the Beacon implementation project I said 'Yes'!! I'm currently administering this computer based management system which is mainly used by the Membership Secretary, the Treasurer and a significant number of Group Coordinators.



Rupert Williams - Speaker Finder

Two years on already - but still lots of interesting speakers to find and book for our monthly meetings. I live in B.J. with my wife Sue , also a U3A member , and our two daughters.

I am quite keen on most sports and would love for Nottingham Forest to return to some glory days. I am a member at Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club as well as B.J. Bowls club. Since 1986 I have been an active member of Mapperley & Arnold Rotary club and I also offer some assistance to the Nottingham Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre.

The majority of my working life was spent running a Kitchen supply and installation business and I am pleased to say that I come across many ex-clients through my U3A activities.



Christine Sheath - Social Secretary

I am married with three sons, seven grandchildren and a dog, and apart from two years in Stoke Bardolph, have lived in Burton Joyce all my life.

The first eight years of my career were spent in administration, eleven years child rearing and studying, and twenty six years teaching in Further and Adult Education. I joined the U3A when it first began in BJ (which coincided with my retirement). I lead the craft group, and belong to the garden, ramblers, international dining and the book group. My hobbies include dog walking, gardening, flower arranging, sewing and making cakes.



Caroline Roberts - Membership Secretary

I joined the U3A a year ago. The first group I joined was Beginners Bridge with the aim of keeping my brain working, and was made to feel very welcome. Soon after I joined Ramblers 2 and Canasta 3, which I thoroughly enjoy.

I am a Nottingham girl, moving to Burton Joyce nearly 30 years ago. I retired at the early age of 56, having spent nearly 30 years in procurement , mainly at Boots Head Office. We have a yellow lab called Dill, who keeps us active and accompanies my husband on the ramblers walks.



Sue Hollings - Welcomers' Coordinator

I moved to Burton Joyce 4 years ago, along with my husband Jeff. We have been U3A members just over 18 months. We have one son who lives in Rugby with his wife and pampered dog. Over my working and married life I have done a number of things from owning a Fish and Chip shop in Newark and living in Paignton and working as a qualified Care Assistant in a residential home for the elderly.

We moved back to Nottingham when I retired. We participate in the Library Book club, Country Walks, Chordless Choir, Art Expression, Beer and Cider Tasting and the International Dining groups.



Keith Bowker - Website Manager

I'm relatively new to BJU3A, having joined last September. I was so impressed by the friendliness and can do ethos of the group that I volunteered to stand as a committee member. The website role was vacant so I accepted the somewhat daunting challenge with only limited technical knowledge. I am keen that the BJU3A website be as simple and as clear as possible and fits neatly in with our excellent Newsline and Beacon communication. I'm an enthusiastic member of the Table Tennis, walking, Croquet clubs and Beer and Cider groups within BJU3A.

In my previous careers I have worked in buying and merchandising roles for major retail organisations and latterly in a number of education positions. Married to Anthea, I have three grown up children and two very young grandchildren. My other interests outside U3A include volunteering in primary schools for the NSPCC, cricket, and learning Spanish conversation.



Alan Comerie - Newsline Editor

I am originally from Carlton and worked in banking and finance, first for Lloyds Bank in the 60's (first at Newark, and then at what is now the "It's Inn the Bank" public house in Netherfield, and then Lombard, the finance house subsidiary of NatWest.

My wife Lesley and I were married at St Helen's Church in 1973, and shortly afterwards moved to Scarborough, then 6 years later back to Burton Joyce in 1981 before leaving again in 1983, first for Sunderland, then Newcastle, before eventually returning to Burton Joyce in 1997. I am in the BJU3A Photography group, Ramblers 2, International Dinner, Beer and Cider tasting, and Wine tasting, and am now in my third year editing our monthly newsletter, Newsline.