

Group Diary 5 February - 8 March 2024

| Please contact the Group Organiser before attending a Group | | | | | | | |
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| Group Name | Frequency | Day | Time | Venue | Group Leader | Telephone | Notes |
| Art | 1st and 3rd | Wednesday | 14:30 | Friends Meeting House, Skinnergate | Clive Wrigley | 07787 181744 | Paint, sketch, craft - everybody welcome |
| Canasta | weekly | Wednesday | 10:30 | Woodland Bowling Club | Lesley Parkin | 01325 490433 07990 870401 | |
| Carpet Bowls | weekly | Monday | 14:00 | Woodland Bowling Club | Chris Raynel | 01325 353350 | |
| Carpet Bowls | weekly | Thursday | 10:30 | Woodland Bowling Club | Tom Vout | 01325 468629 | |
| Classical Music | 2nd & 4th | Tuesday | 10:15 | The Well Centre, North Road | Joyce Spanswick | 01325 464404 | Currently suspended - contact Joyce for info. |
| Coffee Club | 3rd | Friday | 10:30 | Café Zest, Binns | Sue Murton | 01325 495037 | No need to book - just turn up. Coffees at own expense. |
| Darts | 2nd | Wednesday | 14:00 | Morrisons' Indoor Bowls | Sue Murton | 01325 495037 | Contact Sue if you're interested in this group |
| French Conversation | 1st and 3rd | Tuesday | 10:15 | Woodland Bowling Club | Jenny Lumley | 07708 038129 | |
| Handbells | weekly | Monday | 10:30 | Harrowgate Hill Methodist Church | Contact (not GL) Bette Dobson | 07790 697862 | |
| History | 28-Feb | Wednesday | 14:00 | St Thomas Aquinas Church, North Rd | Steve Keeney | 01325 258162 | Chris Forster: "The Census and 3 County Durham Case Studies" The decennial Census returns are a fantastic resource, an interesting and informative presentation. |
| Line Dancing | weekly | Thursday | 10:00 | Friends Meeting House, Skinnergate | Marjorie Bullen | 01325 357374 | |
| Literature | Fortnightly | Tuesday | 14:00 | 40 Skinnergate | Kathy LeRoy | 01325 259980 | |
| Lunch Club | 08-Mar | Friday | 12:30 | Bannatyne's Hotel | Victoria Laing | 07786 578071 | Booking essential with menu choices AND PAYMENT by Wednesday, 16 February |
| Mah Jong | 2nd & 4th | Monday | 13:00 | Friends Meeting House, Skinnergate | Marjorie Bullen | 01325 357374 | |
| Rummikub | Twice a month | Thursday | 11:15 | Friends Meeting House, Skinnergate | Mary Chow | 0790 043 5946 | |
| Social Bridge | weekly | Monday | 10:30 | Woodland Bowling Club | Carol Bowman | 01325 463611 | |

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| Sunday Lunch Club | 4th | Sunday | 13:00 | Blackwell Golf Club | Lesley Mitchell | 01325 332362 | |
| Tai Chi | weekly | Friday | 9:45 | Friends Meeting House, Skinnergate | Clive Wrigley | 07787 181744 | |
| Wine Appreciation | last in month | Friday | 14:00 | Woodland Bowling Club | Victoria Laing | 07786 578071 | Limited places so booking is essential. £8 per session. |
| The next Meeting is 10:00 for 10:15am start on Friday, 8 March 2024 in the Studio, Dolphin Centre, Darlington. | | | | | | | |
| Speaker Carol Dean: Hever Castle - a love story. Join Carol on a journey back to Tudor times at Hever Castle with Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn | | | | | | | |
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| Speakers at Monthly Meetings in the Studio, Dolphin Centre | | | | | Speakers at History Group at St Thomas Aquinas Church Hall | | |
| 05 January 2024 | Dr John Ridley | | | Tales from School | Jan. 31st. | Jill Cunningham | explained, definitions, derivations, fascinating facts and uses of some common weeds. |
| 02 February 2024 | AGM | | | | Feb. 28th. | Chris Forster | "The Census and 3 County Durham Case Studies" The decennial Census returns are a fantastic resource, an interesting and informative presentation. |
| 08 March 2024 | Carol Dean | | | Hever Castle - a love story | | Jenny Cathcart | "Getting the message across" The history of communicating over distances from ancient times to today. "Learn, Laugh, Live". |
| 05 April 2024 | Mark Braithwaite | | | Canoe-man John Darwin ...the northeast's own Reggie Perrin | Mar. 27th. | (Former Richmond U3A) | |
| 03 May 2024 | Michael Roff | | | Journeys to the ends of the Earth, nearly! | | Members Day | Enjoy refreshments and a talk " Finchale Priory and St Godric" |
| 07 June 2024 | Raby Castle | | | An Introduction to Raby | Apr. 24th. | Steve Keeney | |
| 05 July 2024 | Dr Carol Tetlow | | | Doctor to Author | May 29th. | Carol Dean | "Arbeia and a personal history of South Shields". Another not to be missed. Carol will entertain and inform with another amazing, professional power point presentation. |
| 02 August 2024 | Summer Recess | | | | Jun. 26th. | David & Christine Selby | "Uzbekistan" I really want you to hear this. Please come along and enjoy an inspirational and educational presentation. Want to go on an adventure, just do it! |
| 06 September 2024 | Philip Caine | | | Barrow to Baghdad and Back Again | July 31st. | Elizabeth Smith | The history and work of the Commonwealth Graves Commission. |
| 04 October 2024 | Jeff Jacklin | | | Retirement for Beginners | Sep 25th | Niall Hammond | "Scargill Castle". History, restoration and a tale of romance. Niall returns by popular request! |
| 01 November 2024 | Chris Lloyd | | | Heroes and a Villain | Oct 30th. | Lyn Lamport | "Gertrude Bell- creator of a king" Marvel at our almost forgotten but amazing local explorer. If you enjoyed Lyn's talk on her antique fan and Georgian Theatre goers you will also love this! |
| 06 December 2024 | Christmas Party | | | | Nov 27th. | David Butler | "The famous and remarkable wall". Hadrian Wall visitors over the ages share their experience. Hear about the suspected spy, the greatest vandal in history and a Dukes Mistress. |
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| Lunch Club: | Friday, 2nd Feb | Croft Hotel | | menu choices by Wednesday, 24th January | Friday, 8th March | Bannatyne's Hotel | menu choices AND PAYMENT by Friday, 16th February |