

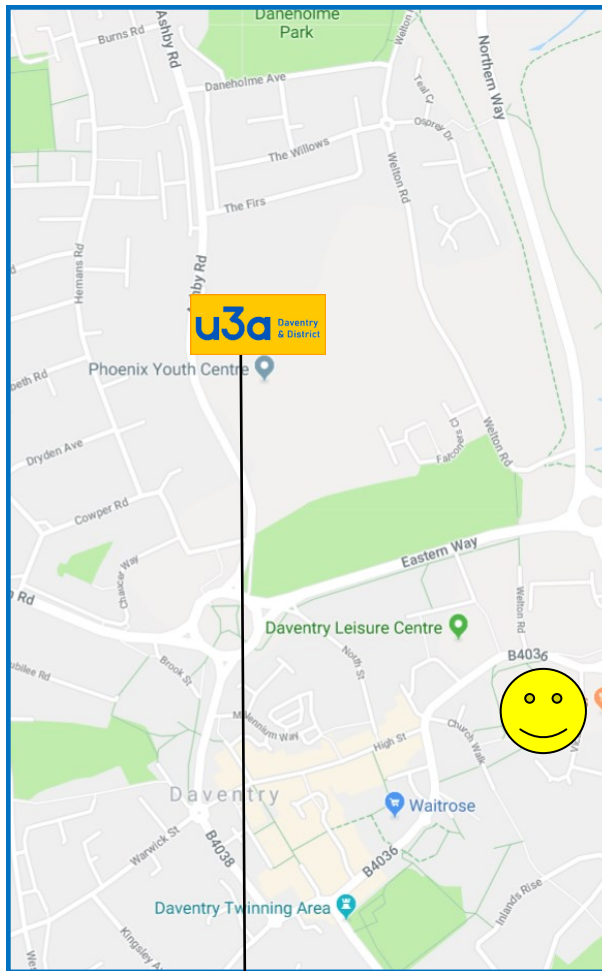
Learn, Laugh & Live

Just some of our interest groups:

- Motoring
- Climate Change
- Art Groups
- Supper Club
- Book clubs
- Rambles 5-6 miles
- Psychology & Philosophy
- Photography
- Folk Dancing
- Rummikub
- Gardens, Vistas & Views
- French Conversation
- Reading Shakespeare
- German
- Stories in my life
- Any Craft will do

There are more groups together with their contacts and further details in the GROUPS page on our website:
u3asites.org.uk/daventry - or email: daventryu3a@gmail.com
for general information

How to find our monthly meeting venue



Daventry Community Centre

Your Membership Number



PROGRAMME 2024—2025

Monthly meetings on the third Thursday
in the month at 2pm
Community Centre, Ashby Rd, NN11 0QE

As well as a speaker and refreshments,
there will be opportunities to meet with
members, group organisers and members
of the committee.

April 18th 2024 Chris Tickle - You be the Judge

Chris Tickle is a retired Crown Court Recorder who gives interactive talks about how judges decide on the appropriate sentence for an offender. The participants are shown how to approach the problem, using Judicial Guidelines and in small groups decide sentences for various offences and offenders – with some surprising results!

May 16th 2024 Jonathan Goodwin - Ramblings of an Actor

Professional stage actor Jonathan Goodwin invites you to a very informal talk as he reminisces how and why he started performing, the origins of his theatre company – **Don't go into the cellar!** and his interest in adapting and performing classic Victorian and Edwardian best sellers!

June 20th 2024 AGM

Annual Meeting followed by our speaker -

Philip Caine - Barrow to Bagdad and Back Again

Philip delivers a fascinating biography from his own experience tracing his life from leaving school in Barrow in Furness to the present day. He is also a celebrated novelist and writer of the Jack Castle series.

July 18th 2024 Steve & Eve Bacon - Victorian Mourning and Burial Customs (The Industrialisation of Death)

This illustrated talk focuses on the Victorian attitude to death and how it became big business in the second half of the nineteenth century. Learn about the technological and commercial development which underpinned the Victorian attitude to death and mourning richly illustrated with period pictures, artefacts and stories.

August 15th 2024 Colin Hill - Dancing with Diana
(Anecdotes of life as a Royal Protection Officer)

Colin, a Metropolitan Police Officer for 30 years from 1977 - 2007. In the late eighties and early nineties he was a close protection officer to the Royal Family. In his talk he tells why he joined the Police, his training to be a protection officer, and stories of the times he worked with members of the Royal Family.

September 19th 2024 Gary Schaeffer - The Cooper Collection

Gary Schaeffer, a Northamptonshire Blue Badge Guide and former Director of (and now Consultant to) Popperfoto, Europe's largest privately held photographic library, combines both roles as he presents Three Generations of Northamptonshire Photographers including the family's fascinating photographic history and many local archival images, spanning over a century.

October 17th 2024 Bert Manton - Bygones Quiz

Bert Manton – a retired local teacher of Rural Studies brings along a collection of rural crafts and farm implements for members to work out what they have been used for. This is very much a hands-on event, working in small groups, and a quiz sheet, with a prize for the team that has the highest scores.

November 21st 2024 Andy Smith - My Life in Music

Andy returns by popular requests from members and takes us on a journey through life, featuring self-penned comedy songs and ballads played on a multitude of instruments...plus a few well known numbers... Also, (if time allows), he brings his home recording studio and demonstrates how a song is written and recorded. With lots of amusing chat and nostalgic anecdotes, this has become a very popular talk.

December 19th 2024



Christmas Party

A social event, for and by all members, with a quiz, entertainment and Refreshments.

Come and join in the fun!

January 16th 2025 Steve Dimmer - Grumpy Old Men

This talk traces those people of TV that are the most memorable – the grumpy ones. We'll go right back to Greek comedy and Shakespeare before exploring the anti-heroes that make us laugh so much. So be prepared to hear the origins and see Pa Glum, Tony Hancock, Steptoe and Son, Alf Garnet, Victor Meldrew and many more in all their grumpy glory

February 20th 2025 Sarah Devonshire - Canons Ashby House – a Local Treasure

Explore this historic house with a National Trust Tour Guide - Sarah Devonshire. Sarah takes us on a virtual tour of this tranquil Tudor historic manor house with grand rooms and stunning tapestries, contrasting with the servant's quarters.

March 20th 2025

Open Day

2pm—4pm

Showcasing our u3a

Bring your friends so that they may also enjoy the displays from many interest groups, chat with Group Leaders and other members.

Enjoy some refreshments too!

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