

DU3A - OUR GROUPS AT A GLANCE

Basic French

The French used in this group is easier than in the other French Groups. To enjoy this group you will need a basic knowledge of spoken French vocabulary and grammar. Skills are practised with a variety of topically-themed activities. The group meets fortnightly on Wednesday mornings at The Baptist Church Hall, Chequer Road.



Brass Band

This is a 'developing' band group. Markham Main Colliery Band have the instruments and the experience. Tuition on how to play the instruments is given. You **MUST** be able to read music. The group meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons at Armthorpe Community Centre.



Bridge

This group meets twice a month on a Wednesday afternoon at St Francis of Assisi church, Bessacarr. Beginners and improvers welcome. Help is given so that members understand the Acol bidding system and can take part in games at their own level.



Canasta

The group meets twice a month on Wednesday afternoons to play Samba Canasta. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. Instructions are given if required.



Card Making

The group uses a variety of techniques including, stamping, die-cutting, heat and dry embossing, decoupage and paper piecing, to produce greeting cards for many occasions. They meet on the last Monday afternoon of the month at Priory Place Methodist Church Hall, Printing Office Street.



Coffee Quiz

The group meets on alternate Friday mornings at Prego at the top of Hallgate for a light-hearted and enjoyable general knowledge quiz with coffee.



Cooking without Meat

This is a sharing group, for vegetarians or people who want ideas on how to reduce the meat in their diet. There will be lots of ideas shared, some tasting and plenty of thought provoking recipes. The group meets once a month on Tuesday mornings at Prego, Hallgate.



Crown Green Bowls

The group meets on Thursday afternoons at Haslam Park. Help, advice and instruction is at hand from fellow members. Bowls are available for use. All levels of experience welcome.



Digital Photography

The Group meets once a month, on the third Thursday, at Prego, Hallgate to look at the intricacies of using digital cameras well by discussing various aspects such as camera functions, composition and processing.



Dining Out

The group meets once every two months at a chosen restaurant for a relaxed and sociable evening meal including Mediterranean and other cuisine.



Discussion

The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at Yates, Hallgate, to discuss a topic of general interest. Many of the Group then remain at the pub for lunch



Easier French

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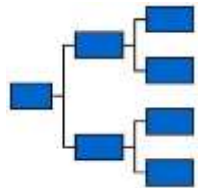
Enjoying Poetry

Members of this group love to meet and share their enjoyment of poetry. There are lively discussions and a lot of laughter. All you have to do is choose a poem you like, bring it along and read it out. All varieties of verse are welcome. The group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Prego, Hallgate.



Family History

This group aims to help you research your family history. We hope to pool our resources and ideas, learn from one another and break down those "brick walls". Beginners or experienced family historians are welcome. The group meets at Prego, Hallgate on the last Wednesday morning of the month.



Film Group

The group meets every four weeks on Tuesday morning to discuss, in an informal way, disciplines, language and modes of production of films.



French Groups 1 & 2

The aim of both groups is to help members maintain their knowledge of spoken and written French by conversation and translating French text. The Groups meet on alternate Thursday afternoons at the Central Library.



Gardening

You don't need your wellies for this one - a discussion group which meets in the Prego coffee bar in the morning of the second Wednesday of the month. Occasional visits to local gardens are also organised.



German

The group meets to explore the German language (GCSE level) and culture. The group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday afternoons of each month, at the Prego coffee bar at the top of Hallgate.



History

This group agrees amongst itself which aspects of history to explore. They meet on the third Wednesday morning of the month at Prego coffee shop, Hallgate



Jazz Appreciation

The group listens to, and discusses, jazz in all its forms including traditional, big band and modern. The group meets every 4 weeks on Thursday mornings.



Literature

As opposed to a 'reading group', members of the Literature group choose and discuss literary works which follow, or are connected with, a theme. The group meets in the morning on the second Monday of the month at Prego coffee shop, Hallgate



Living History

Meeting on the first Wednesday of the month in the Prego coffee bar at the top of Hallgate, members of the group assist one another in writing down past memories, with a view to compiling a memoir for the benefit of family members



Local History

Each member of the group presents their chosen topic. This is discussed by the Group which adds to everyone's knowledge. The group meets on the last Monday morning of the month at the Prego coffee bar at the top of Hallgate.



Love of Nature

The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Potteric Carr Nature Reserve. Many aspects of flora, fauna and habitats are investigated via both taught and hands-on sessions. Visits to other sites are also organised.



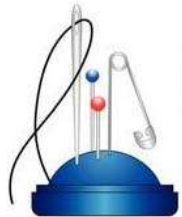
Philosophy

The group meets on the last Tuesday afternoon of the month at Doncaster Central Library. Members discuss themes and topics on a variety of philosophical, moral and ethical issues which they have chosen themselves.



Pins and Needles

The group meets in the afternoon on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Prego coffee bar at the top of Hallgate. The members of the group have a variety of skills and interests. They are a self-help group who support each other over a cup of tea



Playreading

The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the Baptist Church Hall, Chequer Road. The group has a different play each month, which they read out loud in a group, sharing the roles.



Scottish Country Dancing

The group meets every Friday morning at the Baptist Church Hall, Chequer Road. This is an undemanding type of dancing where members dance in groups (sets). (Please note: This is not Highland Dancing).



Stretchers

This group is one that is 'a little more than Strollers', but 'not as much as Striders'. Members meet on the second Tuesday of the month and walk between 4 - 6 miles on a local circular walk, starting close to an eatery and ending with lunch/coffee/snack on their return.



Strollers

Members meet at a pub on the fourth Thursday morning of the month and, after a gentle walk/stroll of approx. 2 to 4 miles, usually return to the same pub for lunch.



Sunday Lunch

The members of this group meet for lunch once a month, on a Sunday, at one of the central Doncaster hotels or restaurants.



Tenpin Bowling

The group meets on the third Tuesday, on alternate months, at Tenpin, Doncaster. Some members of the group go for a meal afterwards.



Travel

The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Priory Place Methodist Church Hall. Usually a presentation on an aspect of travel is given by one of the members of the group. Bus trips for group members are also arranged.



Walking Cricket

The group meets twice each month on the first Tuesday and last Monday at an outdoor venue for most of the year (Doncaster Dome during the winter months). Members of the group take it in turns to score, umpire and play, so each member is learning new skills and keeping both their mind and their body active. There is no running allowed (and it's played with a softer ball too).



Writers

Members write on agreed topics and read and discuss their own work. They occasionally look at the work of published authors. The group is a self-help one and members' interests are varied. It meets every other Thursday morning at the Central Library.



General Meetings

These meetings take place on the afternoon of the third Monday of the month at C-View, Church View, Doncaster, DN1 1AF. They are open to all members and visitors can come twice before joining. There is usually a speaker, and tea and coffee are available



For further details about our groups and organisation visit the Doncaster U3A website at <http://u3asites.org.uk/doncaster>

We are always pleased to hear from members, new or old, who wish to start a new group and we will offer them our full support.

For further information, please contact our Membership Secretary:
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If you would like to be the leader of a new group, please tell us.



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If you are a member of Doncaster U3A and have identified a group that you would like to join, please contact the Group Leader and arrange to go along. Group Leaders' names and telephone numbers are in the back pages of the DU3A Newsletter.

If you are a prospective member please contact the Membership Secretary in the first instance, who will put you in touch with the relevant group leader/s.

Remember the U3A motto:

Learn, Laugh and Live

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Details included above are correct as at 9th February 2020