

# Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

Charity Number SC021683

## Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 2.00pm

U3A Dumfries Monthly Meeting: AGM
Baptist Church Centre, Gillbrae Road, Dumfries, DG1 4EJ

#### A Reminder about the AGM

Our AGM, when we review our performance over the past year and vote on resolutions and for new committee members, will be held next month on the 2nd March at the Dumfries Baptist Church Centre. This year we have formally introduced proxy voting as a normal method to allow those who cannot be at the meeting to cast their votes. Thank you to all of you who have already sent your voting forms to me, it really is much appreciated.

Remember that our u3a is an organisation for you, the members, and we encourage everyone to step up and help run it. Committee membership needn't be an onerous job, but all are expected to play a role and share the jobs that need to be done.

We still need someone to fill the role of Chairman and also to take over from Clive as Business Secretary. We can accept nominations at the AGM.

As usual there will be a short talk following the close of business. This will be a talk by Andrew McKenzie about when he met our late Queen.

**Clive Brown, Acting Chairman** 

### **News about Groups:**

If any member is interested in making up a selfhelp/recreational art group please contact Jessie Rogerson (jessierogerson.7@gmail.com) or John Lethbridge.

The ukulele group will resume in September. Please contact Margaret Ward (margaret360ward@btinternet.com) for details.

And: 'For any other interests please see our u3adumfries website <a href="https://u3asites.org.uk/dumfries/groups">https://u3asites.org.uk/dumfries/groups</a> or contact John Lethbridge Groups Coordinator:

groupcoord.u3adumfries@gmail.com

## U3A Off the Wall 10th May 2023

See: https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/off-the-wall

There is a national u3a event at Hadrian's Wall on 10<sup>th</sup> May, The current programme is:

(1) The Sill, National Landscape Discovery Centre, Military Road, Bardon Mill, Hexham, NE47 7AN

10.00 - 10.30: Registration & Coffee

10.30 - 11.30: A General Overview of Hadrian's Wall Through the Ages - Dr. Rob Collins, FSA, Senior Lecturer, Archaeology, Newcastle University.

11.30 - 11.45: Break

11.45 - 12.30: A Frontier in Transition - Dr. Andrew Birley, FSA, FSA Scot., CEO & Director of Excavations, The Vindolanda Trust. 12.30 - 13.30: Lunch

(2) Events taking place at Vindolanda, Hadrian's Wall, NE47 7JN 14.00 - 15.00: Guided Tour (ideally free but if not a fee of £5 per person. To be confirmed based on numbers applying.) 15.00 - 16.00: Free time to visit the Museum and / or the archaeologists working on site.

If we have enough interest, we may be able to offer two tours at Vindolanda.

Fringe Activities are planned for The Sill, all day. You can book your place via the website, or register your interest in the day by emailing thewall@u3a.org.uk