

FILEY & DISTRICT U3A

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BACK TO NORMAL MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our thanks to all the members who were able to attend our AGM last month – we were able to meet our quorum and so vote in the new version of our Constitution.

At last we are back to normal monthly meetings for our u3a, and we hope you will all feel able to join us. Our next monthly meeting will be held on:

23rd September 2021

10am Filey Methodist Church

Speaker: Chris Place

Chris will be giving us a brief history of Filey Sailing Club and will include some interesting facts and anecdotes along the way.

We very much hope that no further disruptions to our meetings and groups will occur in the lead up to Christmas. We will keep you informed if anything does happen, of course. Our regular monthly meetings are scheduled to take place on the 4th Thursday of the month, (28th October, 25th November, December to be advised) so make a note in your diaries. Most of our activity groups have started up again and we have sent out notices about new groups we are hoping to create. If you have an interest that is not covered by our groups, then please consider proposing one yourself. We can help you canvass interest and find venues for meeting up.

Your u3a committee

RESIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Many thanks to everyone who has paid the full membership fee (£12) for this financial year (April '21 to March '22). This now enables us to book speakers for our monthly meetings and get our programme established for the rest of the year.

There are still a number of members who kindly paid their £5 interim fee earlier in the year (and we assume wish to remain full members of our u3a) but have not paid the remaining £7 for full membership. We do appreciate that it was some time ago and if you are unsure what you have paid to date, then please contact either Eleanor Harris (07807474009) or Howard Mitton, our Treasurer (01723 516342) and they will be able to advise you. We will have a table at the September meeting where you can pay any residual fee and collect your membership card and membership booklet with all the up to date information about your u3a.

CALL FOR A NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As I am a committee member and membership secretary, I feel it is time to hand over the Newsletter editorial to someone else. The editor does not need to be a committee member; it can be done by any member of the U3A. The committee can always feed regular updates to the editor for news items and now that we are getting back to normal meeting schedules there will be much more information to send to our members. We were issuing 4 newsletters per year, but since the pandemic began it was more a matter of creating one when needed to keep people informed. I am more than happy to help someone put the newsletter together for the first couple of issues to ease them into the job. If no-one takes over, then the newsletter will die and our members will not be kept up to date as we would wish. We have a number of members who do not have email and will miss out on information without the newsletter. Please give it some consideration. If you are interested or just want further information about what the job entails, please let me know by email (see above) or phone (07807474009).

Eleanor Harris

YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Given that we now have only 7 members on the committee and several of them will be reaching the end of two terms of office by the end of this financial year (March 2022), we need new members to fulfil our minimum requirement of 6 committee members. If people do not come forward to take over, **our u3a will collapse and cease to exist in March**. Now that we are emerging from the pandemic restrictions and have a chance to get back to our normal social activities, it would be tragically ironic if our u3a folded through lack of committee members.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN!

Committee membership is not that onerous. We meet once a month and decide what will be happening, ensuring groups can meet as they wish, arranging monthly meetings, keeping our members up to date with any news.

We are sure there are people among you with fresh ideas and past experience who could bring so much to our u3a and keep it functioning efficiently. Join us now and shadow us!

DO PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE COMMITTEE

WE NEED YOU!

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Most of our activity groups have started up after being closed during the pandemic and are meeting up face to face again.

The [Mah Jong](#) group, led by Beth Place (01723 515458), are meeting from 20th September on Monday and Thursday mornings (10am – noon) at Filey Golf Club.

The [Canasta](#) group, led by Peter Crooks (07860247661), started meeting at Filey Golf Club from 3rd September on Friday afternoons (2-4pm).

NEW GROUPS

Those of you with email will have seen that Tony Dawson is taking on a [new Theatre and Film](#) group, combining the two old groups into one. Tony invites all those interested to a planning meeting at Hunmanby Community Centre, Stonegate, at 4.15pm on Tuesday 28th September. The intention is to explore opinions on the scope of activities to satisfy the wide range of interests of members and to plan the operation and management of the group. Please contact Tony (01723 563173) if you intend to come and have not already spoken to him.

We are also currently canvassing interest for a new [Handicrafts](#) group. This would probably not start until November and the initial meeting would be in the manner of a 'Knit and natter' group. It could then be discussed how the group would pursue projects and topics of interest and how the group could be run. Anyone interested, please contact Eleanor Harris (07807474009) to be put on the interest list (no commitment at this stage) for future information.

Tony Dawson (01723 563173) will be happy to advise you if you have any queries about the groups, or contact the group organiser directly from the contact numbers listed in your membership booklet.