

**Next monthly meeting** 2pm, 2 August 2023, at the Parish Hall, Bow Street.

Doors open 1.30pm. Meeting begins at 2pm.

### **Chair's Introduction**

We're pleased to welcome Ann to the committee and very much hope she enjoys being with us. Ann has already been 'grabbed' by the Excursions Team!

We're planning to reintroduce occasional talks at the Monthly meeting, lasting around 20 minutes. If you'd like to suggest other activities or a speaker, please get in touch.

U3a Day is in the middle of September and we'd like to "do something" to raise our profile, remind people we're here and active; and invite them to join us. Before covid, we had 599 members and now have 380, including 51 new ones which is very encouraging. As you know, some of our groups have had to close due to lack of numbers and it would be good to keep recruiting ... so over to you ... would you like to have an event at Sunnyfield House, or something different? Please get in touch with your suggestions.

The Excursions Team is arranging a range of interesting outings for the autumn – including taking us out after dark! (See below). Well done to the Team for their innovation and the variety of excursions.

Enjoy the summer. **Dave, Chair.** (actually, the Ed on this occasion!)

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### **Membership Renewal**

Membership renewal is now overdue. This is the last Newssheet to be delivered to you, unless you renew. There are four ways to renew or join:

1. Download the membership renewal form from the website under the JOIN tab.
2. In person, at the Monthly Meeting (5 July).
3. Through your Group Coordinator.
4. By post with an SAE – address details are on the form.

**John, Membership Secretary.**

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### **What's on?**

**2 August. Monthly Meeting** at the Parish Hall in Bow Street, 2pm. Doors open at 1.30pm.

**12 August. Guisborough Crafts and Produce Show.** Sunnyfield House. Open to the public from 11.30am-2pm. Auction of entries for the Mayor's chosen charity 2pm. Prize giving at 2.30pm. Brochures available from Sunnyfield House. Please support this fun event if you can to support our traditional British way of life. (The Editor will be entering wonderful creations, for fun!)

**30 August. 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Talk.** 2pm, Main Hall, Sunnyfield House. Speaker: Elaine Glendinning. "From the Dissolution to the 1800's, in Guisborough, including the coming of the railways and ironstone mining." No need to book, just come along and enjoy Elaine's talk. £1.50.

**6 September. Monthly Meeting** at the Parish Hall in Bow Street, 2pm. Doors open at 1.30pm

**Staithes.** Patricia Chapman has arranged a tour of Staithes by resident Bill Hinchley and has a few places left. Please phone her on 01287 619583.

### **EXCURSIONS:**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Esk Valley Theatre. Matinee.** "Deals and Deceptions" written and directed by Mark Stratton. Danny and Jen leave London and head to an isolated cottage on the North York Moors. City clashes with country, dark forces are at work and humorous situations arise! Cost £27.00. Coach will depart from St. Paulinus, The Avenue at 1.30pm and thereafter from Fountain Street carpark. Drinks and light

snacks available to purchase on arrival at the theatre. For queries please contact Edna. Fully booked, waiting list in operation.

**Thursday 21st September. Teesside Princess.** A 2 hour morning cruise aboard The Teesside Princess sailing up to Yarm and then returning to disembark at Preston Park where you can rediscover your land legs, get some lunch, visit the museum, visit the Victorian Street & gardens or just wander in the park. Coach travel from Guisborough to embarkation in Stockton and pick up from Preston Park. Cost £25.00. NB Departs Fountain Street car park at 9.15 and thereafter St Paulinus, The Avenue Booking continues at the August meeting. Enquiries to Pauline or Moira

**Monday 16th October. Thorp Perrow Arboretum.** Thorp Perrow is the home of one of the UK's finest collections of trees, including five National Plant Collections, and a leading centre for raptor conservation. The visit will include a curator led talk. Full details will be available under the "Events" tab on the GU3A website shortly. Cost £26.00. Booking will open at the August meeting. Queries to Pauline or Moira.

Looking further ahead - **November** - an evening theatre trip to Billingham Forum for "Beyond the Barricades". An evening of music from Broadway and West End musicals. Approximate cost £38.00. Full details to follow.

And then dare we say **December!** Harlow Carr Glow Walk. We are aiming to depart Guisborough late morning and spend some time in Harrogate before making our way to Harlow Carr for Glow Walk. Timings, costings and details yet to be confirmed but again details will be available on the website and will be publicised in subsequent news sheets. **Pauline, Groups Coordinator.**

**Excursion booking:** 1.30-2.00pm at Monthly Meetings.

Because our excursions have become so popular and there's always a long queue, it would be very helpful to the Excursions Team if you could:

**Write your cheque in advance**, payable to Guisborough u3a: *The costs are given above.*

On the reverse of your cheque please write your:

**U3a membership number. Telephone number. Preferred pick up point - Fountain St. or St Paulinus.**

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## MONTHLY MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

From July 2023, Diana Wardill has kindly taken over managing the Monthly Meeting arrangements and the Rota for Refreshments and Meeting/Greeting. If you'd like to volunteer to take a turn helping with refreshments or welcoming everyone, both sociable relaxed tasks for half an hour or so, please contact Diana at [dianawardill@gmail.com](mailto:dianawardill@gmail.com)

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**The Moors Bus is back!!** From 1 July to 28 August. On 6 July, timetables were available from the Library, Sunnyfield House, the Town Hall and the Museum. Go explore and enjoy.

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**Woodland Trust Newsletter 21.6.23** [woodlandtrust@newsletters.woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:woodlandtrust@newsletters.woodlandtrust.org.uk)

The July edition of **Northumbria u3a's Messenger** is available now from the Northumbria u3a website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/northumbria/page/107889>

**National u3a Newsletter** <https://www.u3a.org.uk/latest-news>

**National u3a online Learning and Talks** - fascinating and interesting online events. Learn and explore the world from home: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

**The Newssheet will be on holiday in August. The next edition will be in September.**

Deadline for the next Newssheet is 1/9/23. Contact Pam [prayment7@gmail.com](mailto:prayment7@gmail.com), 07752 558079.