

Ian Munday

Chair



I am a retired electrical engineer who came to live and work in Harrogate during the 1970s and never left! This is my second 'stint' on the committee looking after the website and the Beacon system. The first stint was as membership secretary some years ago. It is good fun on the committee and there is never a dull moment. I currently lead the Reading for Pleasure Group which has given me an opportunity to read and enjoy a variety of books that I would not necessarily have chosen for myself.

Treasurer

Jeff Jones

Retired chartered accountant and director of several organisations (various capacities) from differing sectors.) I was co-opted onto the Committee in July 2022 and became treasurer in October 2022 to manage and direct finance matters. I take advantage of some of the many interesting activities offered by Harrogate u3a and I enjoy contributing to its healthy management.



Nicola Kendall

Secretary

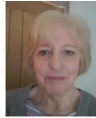


I joined the committee in February 2023 and still feel a new member while I learn the ropes. I have enjoyed attending U3A groups in Italian and History of Art and saw the request for a committee secretary. Having some experience of serving committees in previous work and some spare time I put my name forward, and was elected in December 2022. I realise now how important U3A is to the large number of members in Harrogate and how much work goes on behind the scenes

Membership Secretary

Lorraine Lawson

I joined the Committee in October 2019 because I was interested in making new members feel welcome. I have been the Membership Secretary for the last two years and do enjoy this roll. I am also involved in several groups and Cheryl and I are trying to organise various social events which are open to all members. Getting involved is a good way of making friends and is fun!



Group Coordinator

Phil Johnston

I have been a member of several u3as for a total of 23 years and have been on this committee for three years. I lead the "Wine Appreciation" and the "Boys who Breakfast" Groups in addition to being the Group Coordinator, encouraging new groups to start and helping those already operating.



Cheryl Johnston

Social Activities



This is the third u3a to which I have belonged but the first in which I have ventured to take on a committee role! I joined the committee two years ago and am Chair of the Social group as I feel that, apart from group activities, there is a need for all members to get together over a cup of tea, or a glass of wine and meet other u3a members apart from those in their groups. I run the Discovering Yorkshire's Heritage Group and the Modern Literature Group and co-lead the Theatre Group.

Vice Chair & Speaker Finder

Stephen Hutchison

Retired Consultant Cardiologist. Moved to Harrogate to be close to our daughter. We had always planned to join U3A : having seen the effort needed to keep it all working I have been keen to help.



Beulah Chatten

Committee member Internal Communications



I have been a member of u3a since I moved to Harrogate seven years ago. I'd moved from East Anglia and having left all my friends behind I found joining u3a groups a great way to meet new people and become involved in interesting activities. For the last couple of years, I have co-led Reading group 3 which was how I came to attend the planning meeting last September. Having heard so many good ideas for developing Harrogate u3a further at that meeting, I decided to join the committee to help. There is certainly plenty to do, but plenty to enjoy in doing it too.

Committee member Governance

Stella Barclay

I was co-opted onto the Committee in January 2019 having been approached enthusiastically by the then Secretary. How could I say no? I saw joining the Committee as a learning opportunity where I might contribute to the wider u3a movement. I was elected as Secretary at the AGM in October 2019 and stood down three years later at the AGM in December 2022. I was then elected as a non-officer committee member and currently have responsibility for governance. Being on the Committee allows me to make use of my skills and talents. These include writing, editing, proofreading, financial, computing, legal matters, research governance. Do consider joining the Committee. You will be supported well. What better way to know what's going on and be in a position to influence policy and action.

