#### **HAXBY and WIGGINTON u3a**

#### **Monthly Meetings Programme 2024**

Meetings are held at

Haxby Sports Bar

64 North Lane

Haxby

YO32 3JP

Doors open at 13.15, start 14.00

Admission: Members £2.00

Visitors £3.00

(Admission includes tea or coffee)

Haxby Sports Bar is located in Haxby between North Lane and The Village (the main street)

Access is either from North Lane or by footpath from The Village between Aroma Coffee Shop and Age UK Charity Shop, near Haxby Memorial Hall.

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Friday	Speaker	Talk	Details
19 Jan	Roger Browne	The Great American Songbook	Roger is a professional raconteur, writer, director and pianist. He has performed internationally and accompanied some of the greats of jazz. The event is a wonderful selection of facts, fun and great music. He takes a light-heartedand, at times moving, look at the roots and output of the genre of popular American music that transformed entertainment between the wars.
16 Feb	Raymond Clarke	The North York Moors	Ray is a former volunteer park ranger and is passionate about the North York Moors and informing the wider public about its benefits. He is a council member of North York Moors Association.
15 Mar	Ken Robertshaw	6 Dogs, A Sled and ME! – A trip across the arctic regions of Europe by dog sled team.	Ken is a former Police Inspector who has a passion for travel, usually by means that most sane people would avoid. Kayaks, dog sleds, bicycles and motorcycles all feature in his travels and his illustrated talks will entertain and educate whilst assuring us he is not as mad you think!
19 Apr	Eric Jackson	Stand and Deliver: The Truth about Highwaymen	Eric is returning to talk to us about highwaymen and women such as our very own Dick Turpin, plus Claude Duval and others. Who were the highwaymen, what drove them to this unique form of robbery and why and when did their activities come to an abrupt end?
17 May	Steve and Carol Robson	Fool's Gold Performs	This will be the third appearance of Fool's Gold for our u3a. Fool's Gold are a talented duo of acoustic musicians who have a long track record of touring the UK with their songs and performances which combine music, stories and histories and mysteries all supported by projected visuals.

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21 June	Andy Wilson	The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Andy is engagement manager for Yorkshire Cancer Research and will be talking about Henrietta Lacks, an African-American woman who lived in poverty on a former Virginia tobacco plantation and helped to change world history. A mother of five, she died of cervical cancer, aged 31, never knowing that her cells harvested without her permission would be central of the study of the genome and the discovery of a polio vaccine.
12 July	Jeff Jacklin	The Complete Idiot's Guide to Yorkshire	Jeff returns yet again with his latest talk, bringing together interesting little-known facts about Yorkshire with his particular blend of northern humour. He mixes interactivity with video clips.
August	No talk		Summer break
20 Sept	Maria Bewers	History and behind the scenes at York Theatre Royal	York Theatre Royal is one of the oldest in the UK (1744) and contains architecture from the mediaeval, Georgian and Victorian periods. Maria lifts the curtain on its history and promises an interesting talk on a well-loved building.
Oct 18 with <b>AGM</b>	Jeffrey Topham	The Dambusters Raid	Jeff has had a lifelong interest in the RAF. Having joined a re-enactment group, he researched the Dambusters Raid over several years. The raid is well-known but many will want to revisit such an ingenious and daring feat. He also has a display to accompany his talk.
15 Nov	Mike Calvert	The Lunatic Express: a story from Kenya	The construction of the railway from Mombasa to Lake Victoria in 1900 says a great deal about colonialism and represents an amazing feat of engineering: 660 miles of track over treacherous terrain completed in 5 years-so much for HS2! This is also a tale of spirit, courage and endurance with some man-eating lions thrown in.

# Haxby and Wigginton u3a - Contact

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