

# Haxby and Wigginton u3a

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## News and Events Update - October 2023

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**571 Members**

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### 1. Monthly Meetings

Date	Talk	Speaker
20 October	<p><b>Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p>See page 5</p> <p>The AGM will be followed followed by a talk:- YORK in close up</p>	<p><u><b>Committee Members Needed</b></u></p> <p><b>1. Groups Coordinator</b></p> <p><b>2. Communications and News Sheet</b></p> <p><b>3. Publicity</b></p> <p>Catherine Southeran</p>
17 November	Retirement for Beginners	Jeff Jacklin
15 December	<p>Christmas Social</p> <p>See page 4</p>	MC John Clithero

All meetings are held at Haxby Sports Bar, 64 North Lane  
Doors Open at 13.15, start 14.00.

## 2. New Interest Groups

Interest Group	Meeting Dates and Times	Group Leader
Chapters Book Club 2	Starting 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Pat Nicholson

The group already has 10 members so the Group is full but if you are interested, please contact Pat or Wendy as someone may drop out. If there are enough members interested in joining we may start a third group.

For more details contact Pat or Wendy

## 3. The National u3a’s Festival 2024

The University of York will play host to u3a’s first ever festival next year – a chance for members from across the UK to gather and share the joy of the movement.

u3a festival 24, which takes place 17 – 19 July 2024, will include a wide range of activities, talks, workshops, exhibitions, sports tournaments and concerts that will showcase the vibrancy of u3a.

It is being put together by a small team, led by Margaret Fiddes, the Trustee for Yorkshire and Humber. She says: “The countdown to our u3a festival has begun and I am ridiculously excited. It is all about bringing members together to share the joy of u3a membership.”

“What can you expect from the fantastic space at University of York? The possibilities are endless. We have meeting rooms, exhibition space, auditoria, outside and inside space as well as fantastic sports facilities. We just need to fill them with all the wonderful things that u3a is about.”

“People are already coming up with ideas, even though we have only just announced the dates. We’d like to put a mixed and full programme together with activities, outings, music, speakers, sports, and have-a-go sessions so that we really can come together over those three days and have a great time.”

Once on site, there is a restaurant and cafeteria to choose from, along with a bar and tea and coffee available.

All updates will be shared in our News Sheet and on the on the TAT web page [u3a Festival 24 page](#).

#### **4. Social Events Update**

##### **Guys & Dolls at Joseph Rowntree Theatre**

Dorothy Croft is organising a trip to see Guys & Dolls at Joseph Rowntree Theatre in New Earswick on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £15. Please contact Dorothy if you wish to go.

##### **Christmas Lunches at the North Star, Flamborough Head, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be travelling with Glenn Coaches, leaving from Ethel Ward playing field, Calf Close, Haxby on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December **at 9.30am**, stopping off at Eastfield Garden Centre for tea/coffee (those of you who came on the trip to Burton Agnes will remember we stopped there for lunch on the way). The garden centre will be decorated for Christmas and there will be time for a little light shopping if required! We will arrive at the North Star around 12 noon for a 12.30 lunch, and should be back in Haxby by 4.00pm. Members on email should have had an email from me confirming that you are on the list for one of the days. Those not on email will I hope remember signing up but I will be in touch with you!

At time of writing I have a few spare places for the lunch on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, so if you would like to come please let me know as soon as possible. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December is full at the moment but there may well be places nearer the time, so let me know if you want to go on the waiting list.

**The cost of the Christmas lunch on each day will be £31 per person.** This includes a choice of main course, including a vegetarian option; dessert, and tea or coffee with a mince pie. It also includes coach travel, driver gratuity, and a 10% restaurant service charge. I need your main course menu choices and payment by **31<sup>st</sup> October please**, but these can be sent any time before then. A menu is attached below. Please email your menu choices to me if possible: [socialevents@hawu3a.org](mailto:socialevents@hawu3a.org). Members without email can phone me on 07965 227114.

**Ref: Lunch7 or Lunch 8 (depending on which day you are going!)**

**by cheque, payable to Haxby & Wigginton U3A, and send to Peter Murray.**

**Please put your name(s), and Lunch7 or Lunch8 on the back of the cheque so that the Treasurer knows which day you are going and can cross you off the list as having paid.**

**The North Star Hotel & Restaurant, Flamborough**  
**Christmas Lunch Menu**

Poached Fillet of Salmon with Prawn Sauce  
Braised Chicken Breast with Red Wine & Mushroom Sauce  
Roast Breast of Norfolk Turkey Served with Yorkshire Pudding & all the trimmings  
Homemade Steak Pie  
Vegetarian Lasagne  
Cold York Ham, Cheese & Pineapple Salad

All the above served with a selection of vegetables & potatoes

Christmas Pudding with Rum Sauce  
or Dessert from the Trolley

Tea or Coffee with Mince Pies

**Christmas Social at the Sports Bar, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Arrangements are well in hand for the Christmas Social. This is a members only event and entry will be by pre-paid ticket. Tickets are £5, which includes entry to a prize draw, a glass of wine or soft drink on arrival, a light snack (sausage roll, packet of crisps, and a slice of fruit cake), and tea or coffee.. We will be entertained by our ukelele band, led by John Dowell, and there will be chance to join in with some well known songs. There will be also be a quiz, organised by Wendy Mitchell, with a prize for the winning team.

Tickets for the Social will soon be available from group leaders, at the monthly meetings on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> November, or from committee members. Payment in cash is preferred. Numbers are limited to 100. Please contact me, Anne Hysted, if you need further information, by email: [socialevents@hawu3a.org](mailto:socialevents@hawu3a.org), or on the social events phone, 07965 227114.

Anne Hysted  
Co-ordinator

## **5. The Annual General Meeting – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 2.00pm**

### **Update:**

We have received Nominations for four posts on the Committee.

Chair: Chris Jaques  
Proposed by Gordon Moore, Seconded by Dorothy Croft

Treasurer: Peter Murray  
Proposed by Peter Gibbons, Seconded by Yvonne Brabbs

Secretary: Margaret Edwards  
Proposed by Yvonne Brabbs, Seconded by Anne Hysted

Membership Secretary: Maxine Kutler  
Proposed by Dorothy Croft, Seconded by Wendy Mitchell

We still need volunteers for the following posts:

Groups Coordinator  
Contact Wendy Mitchell for details

Communications  
Contact Peter Gibbons or Gordon Moore for details

Publicity  
Contact Peter Gibbons or Dorothy Croft for details

We can't operate properly without these posts being filled and we cannot expect other committee members to do these jobs as well as their own. Please help if you can.

The amount of time needed is entirely up to you but every little helps.

As we have said before the Committee are a friendly bunch, there is no hassle with any post and the result of organising our u3a is not only enjoyable but also very rewarding.

If you can help and would like to help, please put your names forward to join the Committee.

## 6. Farewell...

...but not goodbye. At the end of the AGM my term as Chairman will come to a close. This will complete 3 years in the post which I have thoroughly enjoyed. Together we have kept our u3a active and fun for all our members. I thank all members, those on and off the Committee, who have helped and supported our efforts in this period. I shall certainly miss the involvement with everything and everyone, but I feel it is the right time for a new Committee to move our u3a forward. However, I shall still be a member and plan to keep participating in our activities.

Regarding the News Sheet, I hope to hand over to a new Communications representative before the AGM. However, as we get closer to the AGM, we are still waiting for someone, boy or girl, to come forward. As I am sure you appreciate, for the u3a to be successful it is essential that everyone knows what is going on, when and where. The time required to prepare the News Sheet is not great, as one month's news follows on from the previous month, and other members contribute. Temporarily, our Vice Chairman Gordon Moore, has offered to continue with the publication.

My final plea is to please help if you can.

Finally, I wish my successor, the new Committee, and all members of the u3a good luck, good health, and lots of fun.

## 7. PS

**Group Leaders:** If you have any item that you would like included in the monthly News Sheet, please write in Word, and email it to [vicechairman@hawu3a.org](mailto:vicechairman@hawu3a.org)

**General Queries:** please contact our Secretary, at 07434 887209.

**Our Website:** [www.hawu3a.org](http://www.hawu3a.org) Check it out for u3a information.

Best wishes,

Peter Gibbons,  
Chairman

## Haxby and Wigginton u3a Team

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