

Holme Valley



News for Holme Valley U3A members. Monthly update February 2016

More Friday entertainment

We had a full room at our January monthly meeting and hope to do so again next week, when our regional U3A chairman comes to entertain us. Please note the monthly meetings are timed for two hours, 10.00am until noon, so if you are arriving a little early you might want to put an extra 20p in the parking meter. The entrance is now at the side of the building, the main church entrance. This is to make sure there is more room for you to sign in and speak to our committee members, without queueing out in the cold. Our committee have agreed a few minor changes to the programme to ensure we manage to share U3A business before the noon deadline. We will still start with a cup of tea so you can talk to each other.

There is more about our committee added to the website. This is in preparation for our April Annual General Meeting. If you want to propose any changes to the way we work, or want to nominate committee members you will need to do so **by Friday 11th March**. We are particularly looking for someone to take minutes at committee meetings and at our Friday monthly meetings. Please email us if you are interested.

Friday 12th February

Laughter is the Best Medicine by Alan Swann (Yorkshire Regional Chairman U3A)

Friday 11th March

The Social & Political Satire of Gilbert & Sullivan by Bernard Sullivan

Friday 8th April

Our Annual General Meeting with special entertainment.

All at Holmfirth Methodist rooms (church entrance), 10.00am – noon.

Keeping in touch

We keep trying to improve the way you can keep in touch.

07548992144

Is the best number to call about membership and general enquiries. It will usually be answered by Jenny.

If you have already joined groups ask the group leader for their contact details. That way you can check direct if you are not sure about a time or date to meet.

Shirley keeps details of all groups and group leaders. She can be contacted on **523717** or **07739460861 (but not in the next couple of weeks)**.

If you don't get a reply on any of those numbers then try

07519349281

You can email us straight from the website, so keep a link in your bookmarks and you won't need to remember our email address!

Days out.

Some time ago we asked if you might be interested in days out and we had volunteers willing to help organise them. The organisers would like to know a little more about what type of day out might work best.

If you are interested in this activity would you please answer on line by 19th February. You can also download the questions and email back to us. However if you will be at the meeting on 12th February there is no need to do either as there will be an opportunity for you to register your opinion then. If all else fails we can provide a paper copy – phone if needed. You don't have to leave a name on your response, at this stage we just want to know which ideas are most popular.

Digital Photography Beginners' Course

If you own a digital camera and would you like to know more about how to use it, then the Digital Photography Group's "An Introduction to Digital Photography - a beginners' course", may be of interest to you.

We hope to repeat our 6 session course at Holmfirth Methodist Church on the second and fourth Wednesdays of March, April and May 2016. The sessions will run from 10:00 – 12:00.

There is more information about the course on our webpage at

<http://u3asites.org.uk/code/u3asite.php?site=740&page=53700>

Places on the course are limited to enable individual help and support. Priority will be given to those on our "waiting list" (who are asked to email to confirm that they still would like a place on these dates). If you would like to book a place or require more information please email Carl's U3A contact email address at carl.u3a.contact@wanderbirds.co.uk. If you would like me to telephone you please include your number.

Gardening Group Change of Meeting Date

Totties are unable to talk to the group on 15th February as arranged. The meeting will now be on 22nd February at Totties starting at 2.30. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Science group

We are still taking expressions of interest in a science group. Some names were collected at the end of the January talk and others expressed interest back in November last year. It looks like there might be just about enough names for a group, so we will soon be asking you for a little more information. If any member is interested in helping start these do let us know.

Current Groups

Please ask the group leader before joining a group. Do phone or email if you don't have their contact details. We don't share many telephone numbers on the website.

Ambling	Friday First Friday each month	Art	Tuesday a.m. Fortnightly
Art	Monday a.m. Fortnightly	Birdwatching	contact Shirley
Boules	Wednesday p.m. 1.30. weather permitting	Bowling	Monday p.m. closed for winter
Creative Writing	Thursday p.m. 1-3	De-stressing your life	Monday p.m. Fortnightly 1.15-3.45
Digital Photography beginners	2nd & 4th Wednesday PM, Six sessions from 9th March	Digital PhotographyGroup	Thursday p.m. Fourth Thursday each month, 1.30-3.30,
Discussion group	Monday a.m. Alternate Mondays	Drama	Wednesday p.m. currently on hold
Early Bird Dining	Meals once a month	Family History	
Film and Theatre club		Folk Dancing	Thursday 1st & 3rd Thurs from Sept
French	Thursday p.m. 2nd Thurs each month 2-4	Games group	Tuesday p.m. monthly
Gardening	Monday Contact 07519349281	Gentle movement	Tuesday p.m. https://www.facebook.com/gentl
H Valley Sustainability	New course from January	Indoor sports	Thursday p.m. weekly starting 19th Nov
Jewellery	Monday p.m. Monday fortnightly, from 22nd	Latin	Thursday p.m. 1st & 3rd Thurs 2.30-4.
Maths is Fun	Tuesday a.m. Weekly from 11-12	Music Appreciation	Tuesday p.m. Monthly 24th Nov then Jan 26th
Reading Group 1	Wednesday p.m. 1st Wed each month	Reading Group 2	Tuesday p.m. 2nd Tuesday 1.45-3.15
Singing	Thursday a.m. Weekly 11.00	Spanish	Wednesday a.m. 1st Wed each month
Tai Chi	Wednesday p.m. Weekly 2-3	Textile Crafts	Wednesday p.m. 2nd & 4th Wed 2-4
Theatre trips	Various times and open to all	Ukulele	Friday a.m. fortnightly Fri 10.30
Walking (easy)	Thursday 2nd and 4th Thurs	Walking (moderate)	Thursday a.m. 1st and 3rd Thurs
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