



**Annual Report to Annual General Meeting
Friday 8 September 2023**

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Chairman's Report AGM 2022/23

I cannot believe how quickly 9 years have gone since the Holme Valley u3a was first established.

Year on year we have managed to grow our membership, mainly by word of mouth which is good as we feel growing too quickly would cause us problems with venues and membership of our groups, some of which are reaching capacity.

We do rely on the superb enthusiasm and effort that our Group leaders put in, and as usual I am asking anyone who has an idea of a new group and/or can help to form a group please contact our Group Leader Coordinator.

Again, this year we have had a good selection of speakers for our Friday Meetings, with thanks to our Speaker Finder Peter Drake, unfortunately Peter is standing down this year, so can you help? Please contact any committee member if is something you would like to do, we do have quite a few lists of potential speakers to work from.

Thank you once again to all who have renewed their membership this year and I hope that your committee will continue to fulfil its responsibilities to you all so we can Learn, Laugh and Live together.

David Barnett

Dates for your Diary

Friday 8 September 2023

Annual General Meeting. Speaker Mrs G Hughes. Ceramic: restoration and Conservation.

Friday 13 October 2023

Speaker: D Hinchliff. Sudden and Violent Death; Memories of a Retired Coroner. David Hinchliff , a retired coroner, handled more than 100,000 reported deaths in his 30 year career.

From our Groups Co-ordinator:

As you will have seen elsewhere in this annual report, 2023 has been a busy year for Holme Valley u3a and our groups go from strength to strength. However, as our membership grows, so does the challenge of meeting the interests of our members. We currently have 37 groups, with subjects ranging from Art to Ukulele and Tai Chi to Russian History. All are led by people with a passion for their subject and a willingness to share that with others and we are very grateful to all our group leaders – we could not exist without you. But we do need more groups so, if you have an idea that you think might interest people or, better still, if you think you would like to start a group yourself, please do get in touch.

Rose Cuthbertson

(Groups Co-ordinator)

Reports from Our Groups.

Indoor Games

This Group has now been going nearly 10 years. More popular during the winter months, for obvious reasons. However, it most definitely should be on "Your Bucket List"! If you have not played Rummikubs, well come and give us a try, tea coffee and biscuits are included!

See you there - 1st and 3rd Tue of the month in the Methodist hall.

Jean McCulloch

Walking for all.

Now walk every Tuesday am. Some of the group walk on an adhoc basis on Thursday as well. Members whose abilities have "waned" occasionally do shorter separate walks on Wednesday or Friday. There are normally between 5 and 10 on the Tuesday walks. The walks usually last around 2 hours and are generally nothing particularly strenuous. We reinstated the picnic walk which we did this year on the Jubilee weekend. We also now try and do something special when we have a birthday in the group. We have welcomed some new members and are always happy to welcome more.

Denise McLindon

Walking with Coffee

Our small friendly group of at present 12 members, meets every Thursday morning. We walk all year round but adapt our routes to avoid wet or muddy paths. As well as keeping us fit, it's very sociable.

Our walks, which usually last around 2 hours, are not too strenuous covering up to 4 miles. We always finish the morning with a coffee and cake, and now have a list of some lovely cafe stops. We also do car share wherever possible. One of the great joys of the group is discovering places and paths we have been unaware of despite them being local and have enjoyed some fabulous views.



Our walks this year have included the Huddersfield Canal towpath, walks around the Holme Valley, Meltham, Kirkburton, New Mill, Penistone, Holme, High Flatts, various reservoir circuits, just to name a few. Occasionally we venture further afield. We very rarely repeat a walk, unless it has been requested by a member of the group. We have a long list of potential walks for the future, home and away.

We continue to welcome new members.

Janice Wood

Gentle Movement

After eight very happy and creative years Gentle Movement has come to an end. Ann Bettys and Robin Bowles have guided the group throughout, exploring different ways to move. We have been dancing, singing and laughing together, learning techniques for quiet meditation and mindfulness, making many kinds of music. During Covid it was literally a lifeline for many. Over the years deep friendships have been made and we will miss our weekly sessions very much.

Ann Bettys and Robin Bowles

French

We continue to meet once a month in member's houses to enjoy using the French language. We have had quite a bit of discussion recently about the day of the meeting as some members took on different commitments on a Thursday and it was not a convenient day for some prospective new members. It looks as though from September we shall be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month from 2pm -3.30. Useful really as it would appear, according to the website, that that is the day we meet anyway .

Shirley Boardman

Easy walking

So, another year has come and gone and the Easy Walking group continues to thrive, with several new members joining throughout the year. We are fortunate in that group members take it in turns to lead the walks and, as we all know different parts of our beautiful area, we are able to introduce each other to new routes. This year our walks have ranged from Slaithwaite to Scholes and Hepworth to Holme and from gentle canal towpaths to more challenging hills and valleys. While we may not be as young or as fit as we once were, we thoroughly enjoy our walks and the chance to socialise with others, and we certainly appreciate the glorious countryside that surrounds us all.



Rose Cuthbertson

Mosaic/Crafts Annual Report

The past year has seen an increase in the Group membership and we now have 20 active members. This has made it much easier to cover the cost of the Holmfirth Tech Art Room which is an ideal base for us. We meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 1.30-3.30pm. During the year we have undertaken a wide range of crafts including Air Clay, Lino-cuts, Stencils and Pebble painting. We have been pleased to welcome guest tutors from time to time and thoroughly enjoyed our workshops on Wreath-making and Wet Felting. Sincere thanks go to Jane Howroyd and fellow u3a member Sue Clay.





We are looking forward to sessions on Block Printing during the autumn term. Our sessions are very enjoyable with lots of laughter, chatter and mutual assistance and we would welcome new members.

Pat Whalley

French Language and Culture

The French group which meets on alternate Wednesday afternoons " French Language and Culture" has finished now for the summer and will start again on Wednesday 13 September. We continue to meet in each other's homes and there are still only 6 in the group.

We cover a mixture of French language, sometimes using programmes from YouTube, Linguistica and other sources, and any grammar/vocabulary items brought up by a member of the group, and varied subjects about France which we read or listen to in French. Recent topics have been Juliet Greco, Carnac, Amelie Mauresmo, films, cider producing in Quebec, the wine-harvest, and articles about Senegal, Martinique and other French-speaking

countries. We have also had quizzes, games and puzzles and songs in French.

We have recently been entertained by photos and narrative about Pat's visit to Paris with her grandchildren, together with an article about the Catacombs in Paris.

Andrea Hawes

Handicrafts

Meeting 1.30 to 3.30pm on the first and third Monday of the month in the Wesleyan Room, Holmfirth Methodist Church. We started the year with a change of faces as Penny Barker stepped down after over five years successful leadership. Janet Goodison and Sally Hedges now share responsibility for the running of the group.

We were very small at the start but have now welcomed new members and are willing to accept more.

We have attempted more patchwork, felting material knotting and Japanese darning amongst other projects and are now attempting macrame amid much giggling.

If anyone would like to join us for a taster session, they are more than welcome; just drop in.

Janet Goodison

Medium Walking Group

The Medium Walking Group has enjoyed another successful year and welcomed several new members into our ranks. Numbers participating in the walks have also increased and on a typical week, we'll get twelve to fifteen regular participants irrespective of weather conditions, while on a good day, a group of twenty walkers is not unknown.

While many of the walks are in and around the Holme Valley (New Mill Car Park as a starting point seems to feature quite regularly!), our more adventurous members take us further afield into areas such as Derbyshire & Greater Manchester for a change of scenery. For example, this summer, Hathersage, Castleton and Ashton-u-Lyne have all featured as locations for walks.

All our walks are listed on the website (u3asites.org.uk/holme-valley/page/112572) so if you fancy giving it a go, please come and join us at the appointed starting location as shown on the web page. There's no need to book, just turn up and you'll find a friendly bunch of people who just want to enjoy the beauty of the area in which we're so privileged to live. We look forward to seeing you.

Peter Schofield.

Tai Chi

Our Tai Chi classes have now been in operation since the Holme Valley U3A first started. Some of the students have been attending since then. As a result there are now 2 classes on Wednesday afternoon, advanced and beginners. New members are welcome into the beginners' class and as they advance they may be transferred to the Advanced if they wish.

Infinite Tai Chi is often described as Mindful, Moving meditation. everyone is helped to improve both physically and mentally without

adding pressure on individual's capabilities., it's all very lighthearted. New students are always welcome at the Wednesday afternoon beginner's class.



Some recent comments from my students in the advanced class.:

"I've learned such a lot not only the wonderful tai chi, the meditation, words of wisdom and kindness" A.

"The gentle. Movements are surprisingly energising. Leaving you 2" taller and very calm and at peace with the world" M

"It's the most relaxing fun hour of the week" P

"It is a most wonderful way to exercise and has kept me sane over the last few years, plus the laughter with the other ladies is priceless" F

"The overall experience is so grounding and peaceful. Time out from the rat race" W

"Just a beautiful hour of contentment" D

"Tai chi is a great hour of instruction, exercise, relaxing meditation and most of all fun and companionship. I always feel so much better at the end of the session." J

"You go into the class at 60 miles an hour but come out at 20. This relaxation leads to other benefits - that of reflection and time to make life changes whether large or small. Lynda's tuition is helpful in psychological as well as physical ways." A

Without me having to say much I feel that my students say it all beautifully.

Lynda Hull

Guitar Group



Richard Evans

Reading Group

Our friendly group of nine meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 1pm, usually in the Methodist Church Hall. The only cost is an occasional £5 to cover the room hire.

We read an agreed book (we decide on future reads when we meet) each month and then reflect on it at our next meeting. Anyone can suggest a



book or author and we keep costs down by waiting until the book is published in paperback or is available on Kindle.

We then share our thoughts on other books that we have read recently, plus any literary based TV and radio programmes.



The books that we have read in the past year have been very diverse, including classics,

science fiction, fantasy, historical novels, autobiographies, crime and modern literature, to give examples of the variety, the last few were: John Steinbeck/*Of Mice and Men*; Deborah Levy/*Things I Don't Want to Know*; RL Stevenson/*Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*; Thomas Hardy/*The Return of the Native*; Percival Everett/*The Trees*.

We also have a WhatsApp group where we can share book and meeting information, links to media articles of interest, photos and even occasional jokes.

We welcome new members and so please contact Ann Bettys if you would like to join us.

Ann Bettys

Boules (Petanque)

We have had a successful and enjoyable few weeks playing boules. Not many members, but the boules court we use is not huge and really is ideal for small groups.

We had a visit from some French friends who told us, quite frankly that we were not using the correct rules. Of course, we listened politely, thanked them very much and carried on playing our way. Frank Sinatra would have been proud of us!

Please see below photo of our group and our French visitors

Jackie Green.

Crown Green Bowls

Our outdoor crown Green Bowling has proved to be quite successful this year with an increase in group members of approximately 20%.

This by no way means that the skill of our game has increased by that much, I'm afraid!

In fact, as an explanation of our skill and class in the sport, one of our new members wanted to "check out" the calibre of opposition should he join. It only took him 5 minutes to realise that we were definitely mediocre!!!

And I'm afraid this is the reason there are no photos of our games. We like to keep some semblance of respectability within the U3A.

That saying we have so much fun and good-natured banter it is a real pleasure to be part of the group.

Obviously, this is only a "summer" sport and for the winter months we move indoors where we are equally inept at table tennis, pool, indoor bowls and curling. We have also introduced games e.g. cards, dominoes, for members who just enjoy company but are not particularly active.

Jackie Green

Wine Appreciation

The group remains at full strength with a membership of twenty-Four and a waiting list of one.

Highlights of the tasting schedule include English Wines from Yorkshire Vineyard, Laurel Vines as well as Half Penny Green Wine Estate in the West Midlands. As last summer approached, we tasted lighter wines from Germany, then Pinot Noirs of the World, roses and Beaujolais. Nine of our group made the trip to Tuscany where we learned a lot about wines of the region and brought back sufficient to furnish the February 2023 tasting. Other highlights include the group Christmas party (photo). Teams of three competed in the Christmas Quiz. The contest winners were, Jane, Sue and Chris.



The group marked the Coronation with a special event in Holmfirth Tech which included cardboard replicas of the new King and Queen (photo). The wines all had a royal connotation

starting with Fortnum and Mason English Blanc de Blancs, 2016, ideal for the toast. This was followed by wines under the Highgrove label, although French in origin. New Zealand wines under the “King” label fitted the bill as well as an English wine from Leicestershire, King Richard white, so called because the ill-fated Monarch passed by the vineyard on his way to meet his end at Bosworth.



Dr Alan Calder

Ukulele Group

The Group are now in their 9th year and membership is holding at 24. We meet fortnightly at St John's Church Upperthong and are getting regular attendances in the upper teens.

We play for 1 hour and then stay for coffee and several of the ladies kindly provide cakes / buns.

This year we sadly lost a stalwart member following a long illness, and his widow asked if we could put a group together to sing at the Crematorium.

It was a quite stressful performance but appreciated by the family.

In May we again performed at the Festival of Folk and played with a number of other groups in Holmfirth Memorial Garden.

We have very recently performed at an Open Garden Event in Flockton which was a local fundraiser, our 3rd visit, and an enjoyable afternoon in beautiful surroundings.

We are now in Summer Recess for August and will reconvene in September.

John Senior

Gardening

We resumed meetings in March when we visited Wentworth Gardens and garden centre.

In April we visited the Bridgewood Trust nursery in Edgerton, we learnt about the work of the trust and opportunities for those interested in gardening.

In May we went to Sheffield Botanical Gardens and a N.G.S garden.

June saw us visiting another N.G.S garden on a hot day in Glossop.

In July we went to Breezy Knees perennial nursery near York followed by a pub lunch.

Our next trip is to a members garden and an N.G.S. hosta specialist .

We plan to visit Arley Hall and Gardens, another members garden and have a seed / plant swap , a talk from the Woodland Trust and finish the year with a Christmas meal at Totties.



Rosemary Norbury

Digital Photography

The Digital Photography Group has held monthly meetings throughout the year. Members submit photos in advance of each meeting to a set theme, e.g. “Monochrome” “On the Street” and these are discussed at the meeting. They have had outings to Yorkshire Sculpture Park and Wentworth Castle Gardens. The Group was invited by the Holmfirth Arts Festival Director to organize an exhibition of their photographs on the theme of Holme Valley Heritage, this is currently on display in Holmfirth Co-op café.



Vince Cunningham

Tuesday Book Group

The Tuesday Book Group has met on the second Tuesday of the month since April 2015. There have been changes in personnel over the years, the group now numbers around 11.

The venue used is the Thongsbridge Tennis and Fitness Club. The club kindly provides us with a meeting space for our discussions (& free parking) for the cost of a drink from the excellent cafe.

Each member of the group takes a turn to bring 3 books for the group to select the one we will discuss at the next month's meeting. In the last year we have discussed a range of fiction and non-fiction including *Lady In Waiting* by Anne Glenconner, *A Man Called One* by Fredrik Backman and *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

In December we do not choose a book, we enjoy a Christmas meal together.



Tricia Hemming

Latin

We are a small self-taught group who meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the upstairs room of the Holmfirth Methodist church.

As we have no tutor, we decided to follow the Cambridge Latin course for which we have all the books so no cost is involved If you join, we will supply you with the books

We are a group of mixed abilities varying from people with O level and/or A level to those with no prior knowledge of Latin.

As we have been running for a while, we are now on book 3 so an absolute beginner will struggle However if you have a background in Latin or languages in general you should be able to cope so do get in touch.

If you are interested but don't have the background, please still feel free to contact me and depending on the response we can look into what can be done to accommodate you.

We resume after the summer break on Thursday 7th September 2.30 to 3.30pm

Fiona Platt

Maths is Fun

We are a small group who meet alternate Tuesdays between 11am and 12 noon in an upstairs room In Holmfirth Methodist Church
We are currently closed for summer break but will resume on Tuesday September 26th.

Our subscriptions are sufficient to cover the hire of the room.

You don't need any prior knowledge although a reasonable understanding of your multiplication tables is useful.

We cover anything the group wants to look at and in the past, this has covered topics such as the use of scientific calculators and how young children are taught maths in school.

Last term we spent a lot of time playing with maths games on iPads and phones.

If there are no suggestions, I will always come up with something. Last term when this occurred, we looked at Venn diagrams which some had heard of but didn't know what they were about.

The members of the group all agree the class helps to keep their brains active.

Please feel free to contact me and drop in for a free trial session

Hopefully you will be pleasantly surprised to discover maths can be fun!

Fiona Platt

Tennis

The U3A tennis group has now been running at Holmfirth Tennis Club for over 6yrs. In the last year a few people have left the group, but new people have also joined, and we currently have 37 members.

The age of the group ranges from mid-50s to mid-80s, and includes a very mixed range of physical agility and tennis playing experience and skills. Most of the group are now also members of the Tennis Club.

Non-Club members pay a £5 visitor fee per session.

We play on Monday and Thursday mornings, when we have the use of all three outdoor all-weather courts from 9am until 12. Monday morning is the U3A group session and Thursday morning a joint U3A/Club social tennis session. We play all year round, weather permitting, organised as one-hour doubles games, which are pre-arranged via WhatsApp. Some people play frequently and some only when they can fit it into their busy schedule. We also have regular mid-morning socials at the Clubhouse, when we enjoy a chat over coffee and a Danish pastry in between playing tennis.

Last winter there was a serious problem with drainage on the courts, so we were not able to play consistently. These issues have now been

resolved by the Club, and the group is delighted to be playing regularly again.



New members are welcome, but the group can't absorb new members into our sessions who are completely new to tennis, or who haven't played for a very long time. Luckily some members are willing to have a practice session or two with new people, and there are coaches at the Club who offer individual sessions for both novices and those wanting to return to tennis.

Coaching: Club coach Gill Kilner has run a very popular and enjoyable group coaching session for about 5yrs now (1hr on Friday mornings), which is mainly U3A, but open to all. Many of the group also have regular or occasional individual sessions with Gill. This coaching group would be available to new group members.

Integration with Holmfirth Tennis Club

Holmfirth Tennis Club is a small club, affiliated to the LTA, run by and for members, and relies on the voluntary input of members for management and maintenance etc. U3A group members now make up around 20% of the total membership, and get involved in Tennis Club activities, including:

- Club social tennis events
- Playing in the Club's league teams
- Club maintenance and cleaning tasks (see photo of U3A group cleaning the Clubhouse!)
- Membership of the Club Committee
- Involvement with resolving court drainage issues

This year some members of the U3A sponsored Club membership for some young people .

Linda Hollingworth and Sue Hobley

Theatre Group

This year has seen the Theatre Group return to pre-Covid activity with an increasing membership and 205 currently receiving regular updates about planned trips on offer.

The following productions were attended, and we hope that they offered a good mix including drama, opera and ballet, but consistently our most popular offerings continue to be musicals. We invite all members to let us know the types of shows they would like to see and suggest any specific shows which they see advertised.

Date	Show	Genre	Venue	No.	Organiser	Transport
Nov 2022	The Commitments	Musical	Bradford Alhambra	32	Linda	Minibus (x2)
Nov 2022	Sherlock Holmes	Play	Halifax Viaduct	17	Pat	Minibus/car
Dec 2022	Lion King	Musical	Manchester Palace	30	Roger	Minibus (x2)
Jan 2023	Betty - a Kind of Musical	Musical	Royal Exchange	42	Pat	Coach
Jan 2023	Standing at the Sky's Edge	Musical	Sheffield Crucible	28	Roger	Minibus (x2)
Feb 2023	Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	Musical	Leeds Playhouse	25	Andrea	Minibus/car/train
Feb 2023	Sleeping Beauty (Matthew Bourne)	Ballet	Bradford Alhambra	17	Pat	Minibus
Mar 2023	Puccini's Tosca	Opera	Leeds Grand	13	Linda	Minibus
Mar 2023	The Good Person of Szechwan	Play	Sheffield Crucible	12	Roger	Minibus
Mar 2023	Strictly Ballroom	Musical	Bradford Alhambra	18	Linda	Minibus
May 2023	An Inspector Calls	Play	Sheffield Lyceum	4	Pat	Car
May 2023	An Inspector Calls	Play	Bradford Alhambra	15	Linda	Minibus
May 2023	The Ocean at the End of the Lane	Play	Sheffield Lyceum	15	Roger	Minibus
July 2023	Quality Street	Play	Halifax Victoria	17	Andrea	Minibus
Aug 2023	The Pirates of Penzance	Opera	Buxton Opera House	42	Linda	Coach

2 of the above shows had enough members on the trip to warrant hiring a coach. We know that members appreciate the comfort of coach travel and are pleased that we have already been able to reserve coaches for at least 3 of the trips lined up for the coming season. The increased membership may result in this happening more often.

The following trips are already lined up for our next season:

	Time	Show	Venue	Who
18th Oct 2023 (Wednesday)	2.30pm	42nd Street	Manchester Opera House	Andrea
25 Nov 2023 (Wednesday)	2pm	POSSIBLE ONLY <i>Opera – Falstaff - Verdi</i>	Leeds Grand	Linda
26 Oct 2023 Thursday	7pm	POSSIBLE ONLY <i>Opera – La Rondine - Puccini</i>	Leeds Grand	Linda
18 Nov 2023 (Saturday)	8pm	The Importance of Being... Earnest?	Victoria Theatre, Halifax	Pat
15 Dec 2023 (Friday)	7.30pm	White Christmas	Sheffield Crucible	Andrea
13 Jan 2024 (Saturday)	2.30pm	Brief Encounter	Royal Exchange, Manchester	Roger
7th Feb 2024 (Wednesday)	2.30pm	Hamilton	Palace Theatre Manchester	Pat
21 Feb 24 (Wednesday)	7pm	POSSIBLE ONLY <i>Così fan tutte - Mozart</i>	Leeds Grand	Linda

Members are reminded that they can get regular updates of Theatre Group trips on offer by requesting to be added to the Theatre Group e-mail Mailing list, either at the monthly meeting or via the U3A website. To join one of our trips we do need you to sign up to the Theatre Group Terms and Conditions.

The Theatre team consists of Andrea Goodall, Linda Hollingworth, Roger Lancaster and Pat Whalley and we each take on specific shows and deal with all the bookings and correspondence. Linda sends out the regular updates and deals with membership and Andrea has recently taken over the financial aspects from Pat.

Theatre Team email address: hvu3atheatre@gmail.com



The photograph below shows some of the 42 people who were on the trip to Buxton recently to see *The Pirates of Penzance*, during the Annual Gilbert and Sullivan Festival at Buxton Opera House.

Pat Whalley

Local History Group.

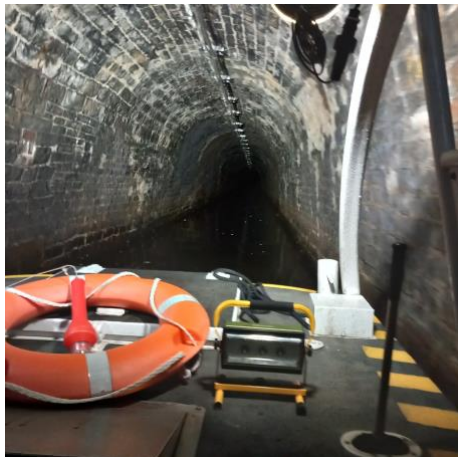
The local history group is now well into its second year and numbers are growing all the time with close to 40 members registered however a low twenties attendance is our best.

Meetings vary from visits to different places of interest to meetings in the Methodist church in Holmfirth where we have had a range of varied and interesting speakers.

We began this year in January with a visit from Susan Whitwam who spoke on how the Colne Valley museum was financed and came to be a museum, Susan was a very interesting and humorous speaker.

February, we had an open meeting for discussion and to ensure we were all wanting the same things out of the group. This proved to be a successful meeting and several adjustments were made to the smooth running of the group.

In March Local Historian and good friend of the group David Cockman spoke to us about the Hope Bank pleasure grounds giving us once again the pleasure of his vast knowledge in Local history of the Holme Valley. Previous talks from David have included the railways history of it being built into the Holmfirth landscape and the decline and end of the line in 1960 when Thomas Beeching laid the funeral rites for the railways throughout the country. David has also spoken to us about the blue plaques of Holmfirth and will speak again in October about Baroness Martha Stocks and her association with Holmfirth.





In May a visit to the Tolson Museum was arranged and was our first site visit of 2023, the staff at the museum made us very welcome for a very interesting and enjoyable visit. This visit was followed by a visit to Tunnel End Marsden when we were treated to a really interesting, informative and enjoyable morning with a 30-minute trip inside the tunnel a film show in the visitor centre with questions and answers over a cup of coffee to finish.

Gerald Parr.

Discussion Group

Our Monday morning discussion group meets twice a month, with a break in the summer and in December. Members choose to either pay £1.50 a session or pay in advance for a six-week term at the reduced cost of £6. Every other session has a topic identified in advance, with those in between dedicated to random items we find in the weekend newspapers or other matters highly topical. The 'set topics' give members the opportunity to read up on a subject in advance. Topics we have tackled recently include legalising drugs and the school curriculum, as well as a lighter look at the best labour-saving devices. There are

currently around 20 members on the mailing list, with an average attendance of around fourteen. This makes for lively debate with a wide range of views, but with everyone going home firm friends.

Anne Baldwin

Matters Digital

Holme Valley u3a has a website <https://u3asites.org.uk/holme-valley/home>
This is the place to go if you want to find out details of our next monthly meeting. Just click on events.

Click on the newsletters page for our latest newsletters and updates.

The committee page gives details of the Committee members and their responsibilities.

Groups: some of the groups have their own page on the website. They include the local history group, digital photography, maths is fun, walking (ambling), walking easy, walking moderate, coffee walkers, tennis, and textile crafts.

Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/434128977300240>

Our Facebook page is only open to paid up members of Holme Valley u3a. When your application to join the page is accepted you will be asked to accept the Group Rules.

Rena Souten

Dates for Your Diary

- 13 October** Sudden and violent death, Memories off a Retired Coroner. D Hinchliff.
- 10 November** The Role of a Parish Councillor. A Wilson.
- 1 December** Christmas Party
- 8 December** Holmfirth Methodist Church
- 2024**
- 12 January** Travellers Tails. Peter Drake.
- 9 February** Metal Detecting. Martin Tyrell.
- 8 March** An introduction to the holocaust. Ms H Randall.