



News Update May 2023

From our Chairman

David Barnett

We are celebrating our 10th year next April and before we get there, we will be having our AGM where you can nominate and vote in some new and more Committee members. Some of us have been on the committee throughout the last nine years and I can say without hesitation that we have enjoyed and can continue to enjoy doing our little bit for our u3a. But our constitution says that we should change the committee members at least after 3 years' service to get fresh ideas and give a break to existing committee members.

Over the last 5 years we have asked for help but have not had much response, if you ask any of the committee members, they will say how enjoyable and not onerous it can be. We have all retired from

our full-time work and some probably feel that joining a committee takes one back to work. What we want to do is encourage 3-4 members to join the committee as Co-opted Committee members to serve for a year and then voted to full Committee Member and Trustee of the Holme Valley u3a. We particularly are wanting someone to shadow and learn how our membership secretary works, and our IT specialist needs cover for when he is not available, without cover we are vulnerable at holidays and sickness absence.

Out of our membership of 500+ I feel that there must be someone who has reasonable computer knowledge and could help.

The committee meets once per month and as always, any member can attend and learn what we do and see how rewarding it is.

Even before the AGM if it may be of interest to you please contact any of the existing committee to learn more.

u3a Short Story Competition

The u3a Short Story Competition is back for it's fourth year. The theme is 'Decision(s)' and the deadline is Monday 26 June. The full competition rules can be seen on [the u3a learning pages](#).

We want to hear from as many members as possible - so please share this with your u3a's creative writing groups and members.

See all the current learning initiatives on [the u3a website](#).

Our Almoners

HVU3A's care for the lives of its members, extends to supporting them in times of bereavement and serious illness. On such occasions we wish to offer messages of support or condolence as appropriate. Whenever any member is in such a situation, please contact Barry Dale (01484 683669), or in his absence Keith Wilberforce (07708666788). Thank you."

Coronation Champions

The King and Queen have crowned 500 incredible volunteers Coronation Champions. The awards were organised by the Royal Voluntary Service. We are delighted to congratulate our member Roy Biggs for being one of these Champions. Roy volunteers for Ability Net providing free tech support and information for disabled and older people. Roy also helps out at the monthly Holmfirth Repair café. Roy maintains our u3a website and is our Beacon database administrator. He also ensures that our IT technology is up to date and working correctly.

Our picture shows Roy wearing his badge and holding his certificate, signed by the King and Queen.



AGM 2023

Director/Trustee Elections

*To Chairs, Secretaries and Treasurers of u3as in
the North East, Yorkshire & the Humber, Northern Ireland*

We are providing you with information regarding Director/Trustee elections. This mailing also contains details of how to ensure your u3a is registered to vote.

The outcome of the Director/Trustee elections will be announced at the Trust AGM. As a reminder, the AGM will take place on **18 October 2023**.

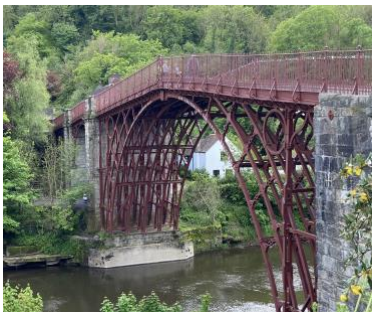
Thank you for taking the time to read this important information and for taking part in the Director/Trustee election process.

Weekend to Shropshire

Over 40 Holme Valley u3a members boarded the coach early on Friday morning. Our driver is also a u3a member.

We arrived at the JCB factory near Uttoxeter and enjoyed a tour of the Backhoe Loader factory, followed by a delicious lunch.

Onwards then to Ironbridge; the weather was glorious and our knowledgeable guides told us all about the first iron bridge and the tollhouse. After a visit to the Coalport China museum we drove to our hotel.



We set off early on Saturday morning for Shrewsbury. A walking tour of the town was followed by a visit to Shrewsbury prison. Post lunch, two hours of leisure followed and we foregathered at the river for a cruise . The Sabrina took us along the Severn to the English bridge and back.



We returned to our hotel and enjoyed a delicious dinner. Sunday morning saw us suitcases packed and on our coach for a drive to the Anderton Boat lift.

A fish and chip lunch preceded the trip along the river the river Weaver. When we returned to the visitor centre our boat was lifted up to the canal by the boat lift. An amazing experience!

Our final stop was the Lion Salt works a short drive from the Boat lift. Here we learnt all about salt production and export, mainly to Nigeria.

Back on the bus and safe return to Holmfirth for 6.30pm. All the guides at every venue were incredibly knowledgeable and we certainly did learn, laugh and live. Thank you to the Day's Out Group for all their hard work and meticulous arrangements.

Rena Souten

Yorkshire and Humber Region

Music Festival, June 13th

Plans are well advanced and we have a full programme, with over 130 performers in the various music groups from around the county, which include choirs, ukulele groups, acoustic bands, and instrumental groups featuring guitars, flutes and recorders.

A flyer is attached which gives full information - please try and encourage non-performers to come and boost the audiences, it should be an enjoyable day out, with musical entertainment and refreshments.

There are two important changes since the last update; the event will now finish at 4.30pm instead of 6.30pm, and the registration deadline has been extended from April 29th to May 21st, so there is plenty of time for your members to register.

If you have any questions please contact Trevor Barrowcliffe on twbarrowcliffe@yahoo.co.uk 01947 600963.



YORKSHIRE & HUMBER u3a
YAHR

u3a
learn, laugh, live

Don't miss this great opportunity for a music-filled day out!

All u3a members across the Yorkshire and Humber region are invited to come along to delight in our u3a groups making music - across a wide variety of genres. We will have a full programme and an audience of non-performers will be more than welcome.

MUSICFEST

York St John's University
Tuesday 13th June 2023

It will be an all day event from 10.30 – about 4.30 and we chose this venue as it has excellent transport links for the county plus a lovely campus and performance spaces and really helpful staff.

Information about registering is on the YAHR website <https://yahru3a.uk>

The cost is £15.00 per head, to cover the venue hire charge and refreshments. We will have a voucher system for teas/coffees etc throughout the day and a buffet lunch is included.

Both audience and performers are asked to register and pay to cover these costs.

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THE PRACTICAL STUFF.

Date: Tuesday 13th June 2023

Time: 10.30 – c 4.30pm (Registration and coffees from 9.45)

Location: York St John's University. See <https://www.yorksja.ac.uk>

(NB This is the University near the city centre, NOT the larger University on the outskirts of York, at Heslington)

Access: Once on the campus, there is level access throughout.

Refreshments: there will be a voucher system to identify MusicFest attendees, with a number of drinks stations around the venue. A buffet lunch is included in your registration fee – voucher to be used. There is a cafeteria for your lunch and outdoor space to picnic, if fine.

Stewards: we hope to have a number of stewards on site to help you navigate the two performance spaces and lunch venue. It is only a small, level campus – you won't get lost.

Transport: For Google maps use YO31 7EX. It is just outside the city walls to the North of the city centre, by the junction of Gillygate, Haxby Road (B1363) and the Lord Mayor's Walk.

We advise you to use public transport as much as possible, as York city centre parking is limited and/or expensive.

It is about 10/15 minutes walk from the train station. There are local buses between the station and St John's.

Parking: Information re Park & Ride is here

<https://www.itravelyork.info/park-ride-maps> Information on car parking is here <https://www.York.gov.uk/CarParams> (Union Terrace car park is just opposite the venue. Coaches should reserve a place, as York gets full of visitors in summer).

What You Can Expect: we will have a full programme from many u3as, including choirs and instrumental groups with a very wide range of musical styles.; with two performance halls, you can move from one to another to follow your own interests

Committee 2023

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