

## Our monthly meetings

A reminder that our next monthly meeting takes place on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**, 10.00am at Holmfirth Methodist hall.

Our speaker this month is **David Cockman**, with a talk entitled 'Globalish, English as a global language.'

We look forward to seeing you all there. We are happy for you to bring a friend who would qualify as a U3A member so they can see how we work and talk to committee members or groups about what is on offer. Visitors will be asked to join after a couple of visits. As usual we will start with a cup of tea, but may adjust our programme slightly this month to ensure we commemorate the Armistice.

There will be no meeting in December, but see details of our Christmas get-together below.

We are starting to plan another interesting series of speakers for 2017.

**13/01/2017** We have a film presentation from Trevor and Joan Spencer entitled '**Scenes in Greenhead Park from the past**'.

**10/02/2017** Our speaker is Roger Parkinson, who will talk about **The Woodlands Trust**, its origins and aims.

We know many of you out there are experts in a wide range of topics. If you do want to share your knowledge with our lively Friday audience, or want to suggest another speaker, do get in touch with any member of the committee.

**Alan Ainley**, is our speaker finder. Alan is one of the elected committee members, who each have specific tasks. Alan identifies a varied programme for us, trying to plan about three months ahead at a time. He not only books the speakers, but also makes sure they know all the practical arrangements including getting any equipment in the building.

- If you need transport to the Christmas get-together do let us know.

<b>Christmas get-together</b> <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm</b>	<b>This will be at Meltham Sports and Social club. Cost is £12 per head which needs to be paid to Jenny by 1<sup>st</sup> December. 100 spaces available so book soon. Booking form available on web-site or at Friday's meeting.</b>
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## Our groups

There have been very few changes to our groups this month. As we mentioned previously, Jackie Green is now assisting Shirley with organising groups. Jackie can be contacted via the usual [hvu3a1@gmail.com](mailto:hvu3a1@gmail.com) email address or by phoning 684107 and is the best person to contact (other than your group leader) if you have any queries about groups during November.

- Please remember, if you are unable to attend a group you have registered for, you should let the group leader know. This is to ensure alternative arrangements can be made if not enough people attend to cover costs.
- The **ambling group** is moving to a winter programme now the clocks have changed. The 1st Friday am continues as usual over the winter, with the occasional 3rd Thursday am. Monday pm will resume in March. A full programme for the ambling group is available on the web-site or by contacting the group leader.
- The **textile crafts** group will be meeting in the home of the organiser rather than at the Methodist hall. If you are a current member you should have details. If you want to join this group do let us know or contact the leader direct.
- There are no **Tai Chi** classes in November. Anyone interested in joining this group should get in touch for details of December dates.
- The new **Bridge groups** are working well but can take new members. Beginners are welcome as are more experienced players. They are both based at Wooldale Community centre, Wednesday 2-4pm and Thursday 7-9pm.
- Some of our groups have space for new members. '**De-stressing your life**' group is amongst those who are able to take more. If a group is full, we may consider setting up a second one. Do ask the group leader before turning up to something new, but we do like to encourage a little variety.

Finally, your December newsletter will be a bumper quarterly issue. It will be sent along with details of days out in 2017. It is a useful time to reflect on our activities, so feel free to send a few lines about activities you take part in, your thoughts generally about the U3A movement generally, details of what your group has been up to or plans for 2017. Contributions to reach [hvu3a1@gmail.com](mailto:hvu3a1@gmail.com) or 34 Cliff Rd, Holmfirth by 1<sup>st</sup> December.