

Holme Valley

News for Holme Valley U3A members.

May 2016

Update from our AGM

We have had a good number of inspiring, interesting speakers at our monthly meetings now, and several that had us collapsing in fits of laughter. Our AGM was no exception. The room was about full to capacity again. We had the formal business first. Sue Steeples was confirmed as our new chair, swapping places with Barry Dale who becomes vice-chair. Dorothy Foster joins the committee and will be helping keep our meetings in order by producing the minutes. We are keen to ensure some of the busier committee members have people to shadow them, so do let us know if you are interested in learning more about how we work. All committee members will have to step down or swap roles in a few years' time and we don't want that all to happen at once.

The second part of our AGM started with an informative and entertaining update from Denise West, from Yorkshire and Humber region. As part of Sheffield U3A she could inspire us to grow; Sheffield currently has about ten times our membership, 195 groups, including 32 walking groups. Denise also gave us more background information on the regional showcase event taking place at Askham Bryan on Wednesday 3rd August. We are all encouraged to join in or go along to find out what other U3A's offer. There is more information about this on the regional website yahru3a.co.uk and below.

Joining in was something our audience was in the mood for as we reached the end of our AGM, with entertainment from our own ukulele group. It didn't take long for the humming and toe-tapping to start, with a few tunes we could all sing along to. Thanks to all those who put on a great performance.

I can't help thinking the entertainment at our next Friday meeting will also be inclined to set us off laughing again. Do come and find out. Details overleaf.

Ian McCulloch, Business Secretary,

On behalf of your committee

Forthcoming Friday meetings

All our monthly meetings take place at Holmfirth Methodist hall, usually on the second Friday of the month. We start at 10.00am with an opportunity to talk to the committee and other members over tea or coffee. If you are using the co-op car park, please allow for the meeting lasting until noon. We use the church hall entrance so we can register you in the foyer.

Below are the topics for the next few Fridays.

Fri May 13th **Speakers: R Jifford and R Kibbler**
'Half a Laugh, Half a Cry'

Fri Jun 10th **Speaker: John Wallis,**
The Golden Age of Music Hall and Variety

Fri Jul 8th **Speaker: Jason McCartney MP 'The workings of**
Parliament

Have you renewed your membership?

Our thanks to over 200 people who have renewed their membership for 2016. We are still gaining new members too, so we continue to grow. We do know some people have chosen not to renew their membership because they have moved away or for health reasons. Can you let us know if this applies to you. If you have simply forgotten to renew, do send the form to Jenny, or contact her on **07548992144** if you need a replacement, which can also be downloaded from our website. The latest committee meeting started to look at how we can best keep in touch with members who may be temporarily unable to attend groups; more of that next month.

hvu3a1@gmail.com if you need a new membership form

Now is a good time for group leaders to make sure all their members have renewed or joined. Please send an update list of the members of your group to Shirley once you have done so.

What sort of band could we have?

Inspired by our performing ukulele group, one member asked if we could get together a few people who played musical instruments to look at the possibility of playing together. So far we have a violin, a guitarist and a drummer. That has the makings of a little band of some sort, but there must be a few more people out there able to share a tune or two. Email us or introduce yourself at the Friday meeting if you are interested.

Anyone for bridge?

Our recent request found a number of people who are considering playing bridge together, but there is room for a few more. Contact Shirley if you are keen on joining in.

**Any other ideas about groups or queries to contact Shirley:
523717 or 07739460861**

Askham Bryan Agricultural College near York

Wednesday August 3rd, from 10 am to 4 pm.

On behalf of all our Yorkshire and Humber Region members and friends, we are offering you an open invitation to our 2016 Summer Showcase Event!

We anticipate it will be an amazing and inspiring event, and look forward to all of the 48 U3As in the Region taking part in some way.

What is on offer?

Displays, exhibitions and activities from U3A Groups across the region

'Have a go' form example at line dancing, croquet or even flower arranging, depending on groups taking part.

Competitions such as Art, Photography, Creative Writing or Bunting

Refreshments and plant sales, tours of the site.

Groups on offer

Ambling	Friday First Friday each month	Ambling (2)	Monday Third Monday each month
Art	Tuesday a.m. Fortnightly from 17th November	Art	Monday a.m. Fortnightly
Birdwatching	contact Shirley	Boules	Wednesday p.m. 1.30. weather permitting
Bowling	Monday p.m.	Creative Writing	Thursday p.m. 1-3
De-stressing your life	Monday p.m. Fortnightly 1.15-3.45	Digital Photography beginners	Wednesday p.m.
Digital Photography Group	Thursday p.m. Monthly, 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	Future courses possible	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	Indoor sports	Thursday p.m. 2pm each Monday and Thursday
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
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 (2 nd and 4 th)	Walking (moderate)	Thursday a.m. (1 st and 3 rd)
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