



September Newsletter 2022

Dear friends,

Here is my first attempt to fill the beautiful glittery shoes of Sue who has been producing your newsletters for the last 3 years. I will aim to send these at the beginning of each month. I welcome feedback and suggestions so don't hesitate to get in touch.

I'm going to keep it simple for this one whilst I get used to using the template. So here you will find:

1. News and important announcements
2. Upcoming monthly meetings and speakers
3. Outings and other activities
4. News from the groups
5. I just know there will be something else...

1. U3A Day in Littleborough.

On Saturday September 17th from 1 til 4pm we will be joining U3As across the country and celebrating all things U3A in Littleborough. This is a drop-in event in Littleborough Coach House for all our members, your friends and family (who have been wondering what you are getting up to in that Philosophy group...) and for anybody who wants to find out what the U3A is about. There will be performances from the choir and the ukulele band and a chance to meet, chat and find out what groups have been doing and maybe spark your interest to join. Free admission and free refreshments. We also hope to attract some new members so do please spread the word. We will be hanging out the bunting for this

event so please do come along and support your U3A.



In other news, the U3A AGM took place in June and the following people are your committee for the year ahead:

Chair:	Bob Coley
Vice Chair:	Sue Temperley
Treasurer:	Mark Pearson
Secretary:	Liz Walker
Groups Coordinator:	Gillian Pearson
Membership and Beacon site:	Lynn Wild
Speaker Coordinator:	Marilyn Aldred
Communications and website:	Barrie Whitehead
	Sandra Kokocki
	Jo Wiggans.

There is room on our committee for one more member and we can co-opt you to join us so please let us know if you are interested. We continue to meet on the 4th Monday each month and all committee members can be reached via

the website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/littleborough> The phone number for U3A enquiries is: 07517 434368.

2. Monthly Meetings

Our next meeting will be on Monday September 12th at 2pm in the Coach House when we are to be entertained by the Touchstones Writers presenting a piece called Steampunk. It sounds like they are fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe festival And as a bonus some of our own members are in the group.

Future Meeting dates and speakers

Monday 10 th October	2pm	Brian Topping: My Time as a Customs Officer at Heathrow Airport
Monday 14 th November	2pm	Roger Crossley: The Spanish Ways; the Camino de Santiago
Monday 12 th December	2pm	U3A Christmas party with entertainment from members.

3. Outings and other activities

Tuesday September 6th: Walking Group 1 meet at the car park behind the Summit Inn for a walk of about 4.5 miles (7km) over Reddyshore Scout and back via the Calderbrook Heritage Trail. Walking shoes/boots and clothing to suit the weather. Back by lunchtime. Full details are on the website. New members very welcome - please contact Barrie Whitehead

Thursday September 8th: Foodies group will be dining out at Riva Italian Lakebank. Contact Sandra if you are not already signed up for this: sandrakokocki12@gmail.com; 07828297991

Thursday September 15th: Walking Group 2 meet at Walsden Post Office at 10am for a circular walk of less than 5 miles. New members please contact Barrie (above).

Saturday September 17th: Littleborough U3A Day!! Hang out the bunting... I already told you about this but just in case you have already forgotten.

Unfortunately the planned outing to Blackpool Illuminations had to be cancelled because there were not enough secure numbers to make the trip viable. All monies are being refunded to members.

Please note: if you want to join a trip we will ask you for a deposit and this can usually only be refunded if we or you can find somebody to replace you on the trip. The trouble is that the coach at least has to be paid for once booked.

Basic IT skills

Further to the request for basic IT skills training we have arranged a couple of drop in sessions as a starter.

The first will be after the monthly meeting at the Coach House on Monday September 12th.

Mark Pearson and other members of the Tech Buddies have offered, during the refreshment break, and after the meeting, one-to-one or small group sessions.

The second session will be towards the end of the u3a day at the Coach House on Saturday September 17th in the same format.

Please bring along your tablets or phones or whatever portable equipment you use. A lap top will be available for demonstration purposes.

You may attend both sessions.

For those of a more Intermediate level you may wish to discuss your requirements further at either of the sessions.

4. News from the groups

Many groups have taken a short break during the summer and all groups are, we hope, working together to produce a small poster or display of the things they do for our U3A event on September 17th. I have not asked for contributions to this newsletter but I do want to make a feature every month of the work of our groups so I will welcome contributions for the October newsletter.

And, finally....

I hope the sunshine lasts a little longer for us all and I look forward to seeing you at the monthly meeting and at our event on Saturday September 17th. Very best wishes to you all,

Jo Wiggans

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