

OLDHAM DISTRICT

“Groups at a glance”



If you are interested in joining any of the groups, add your name to the membership list at the monthly meeting; or phone, email or contact the group leader via the Groups page of the website. u3asites.org.uk/oldham

Please don't just turn up to a meeting; contact the group leader first. The group may have become full, or the time or venue may have changed since this list was produced.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PERSONAL ACCIDENTS OR LOSSES ARE NOT COVERED BY U3A INSURANCE FOR ANY ACTIVITIES OR PERSONAL BELONGINGS

ACOUSTIC GUITAR

Barrie Thompson 07579 034022
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Most Mondays, except Bank Holidays, from 1.15 to 3.15 pm
Sholver Community Hub, Sholver Lane, Moorside, Oldham, OL4 4NT

ANYTHING GOES – SPECIAL EVENTS GROUP

Vera Rigby 01457 873560 / 07949 714267
verarigby44@gmail.com

Meets by arrangement

Details of events are posted on the Oldham & District u3a website and on information notices displayed at the monthly general meetings. Book at the monthly meeting or by email or phone call to the group leader. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

ART APPRECIATION

Carol Needham 07585 954555
carolneedham-u3a-AAG@outlook.com

Usually the 3rd Thursday of each month

ART STUDY

Rita Taylor 0161 624 0150
Ritatay01@yahoo.co.uk

Sally Berry 01457 875049

1st Friday of each month from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

The Pennine Mencap Building, Rhodes Bank Chambers, 184 - 188 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1EN

BIRDWATCHING

Jane Lawton 07706 099304
jane.lawton@hotmail.co.uk

Liz Cragg 07732 856244
lizcragg@hotmail.com

1st Monday of each month, unless there is a Bank Holiday then it's the next Monday.

BOARD GAMES

Mary Hewson 07943 005108
mary.hewson69@btinternet.com

2nd Tuesday of each month from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, and 4th Thursday of each month from 3.00 to 5.00 pm

Lees Library, 9 Thomas St, Lees, Oldham OL4 5DA

BOWLING - INDOOR

David Wright 07939 149320
brackenclose@hotmail.com

Every Friday from October to March

Oldham Leisure Centre, Middleton Rd, Oldham OL9 6AF

This group is currently closed to new members and has a waiting list.

BOWLING - OUTDOOR

David Wright 07939 149320
brackenclose@hotmail.com

Every Monday throughout the year and every Friday from April to September from 10.00 to 11.30 am

Alexandra Park, Kings Road, Oldham OL8 1LT

BRITISH HISTORY

John Rigby 01457 873093
jnrigby@hotmail.co.uk

3rd Tuesday of each month, from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

The March meeting will be on the 2nd Tuesday

Oldham Baptist Church, Chaucer Street, Oldham, OL1 1BA

CREATE AND CHAT

Susan Tickle 07983 421203
satickle@live.co.uk

2nd Thursday of each month. There are two sessions: from 10.00 am to 12 noon & from 12.30 to 2.30 pm

North Chadderton Social & Bowling Club, Burnley Lane, Broadway, Chadderton, OL9 0EL

CREATIVE WRITING

Fiona Bannister 07974 657572
fionau3a@hotmail.com

Two Mondays in each month from 10.00 am to 12 noon

Dates vary so please contact the group leader for details

Lees Library, 9 Thomas St, Lees, Oldham OL4 5DA

CRIMINOLOGY

Ruth Postle 01457 238210
ruth.postle@gmail.com

3rd Friday of each month from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

The Honeywell Centre, Ashton Road, Hathershaw, Oldham OL8 3BP

New members are welcome: just come along to a meeting.

DANCE

Val Thomas 07419 777643
auntyval@talktalk.net

Every Thursday from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

The Honeywell Centre, Ashton Road, Hathershaw, Oldham OL8 3BP

DISCUSSION

John Crispin 07870 485770
jc.pleasantview@gmail.com

3rd Tuesday of each month from 1.30 to 3.30 pm

Lees Library, 9 Thomas St, Lees, Oldham OL4 5DA

DRAWING AND PAINTING

Charu Boswell 07801 365021
charu.boswell@yahoo.co.uk

Fortnightly on Fridays from 10.00 am to 12 noon

Daisy Nook Garden Centre, Stannybrook Rd, Failsworth M35 9WJ

EXPLORING CRAFT

Marlene Laing 0161 7854416
marlenelaing2008@btinternet.com

4th Thursday of each month from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm with a break for lunch at the bistro at Sienna Court.

Sienna Court, Chadderton, OL9 0QE

FAMILY HISTORY

Linda Howarth 01457 876568
lindalydgate@btinternet.com

3rd Wednesday of each month from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Lees Library, 9 Thomas St, Lees, Oldham OL4 5DA

The group is currently closed and has a waiting list

FLAT WALKING

Kay Bowman 07951 083513
kaybowman52@yahoo.co.uk

Patricia Worrall 07796 830573
pworrall614@gmail.com

1st Tuesday of each month, at 10.20 am for 10.30 am start.

The group is closed to new members for the time being.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Genia Polowyj 0161 284 2609
geniapolowyj@virginmedia.com

The last Wednesday of each month, except December, from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Daisy Nook Garden Centre, Stannybrook Rd, Failsworth M35 9WJ

FRENCH CONVERSATION

Ce Costello 07730 378746
cecostello7@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon

Lees Library, 9 Thomas St, Lees, Oldham OL4 5DA

GARDENING

Pam Alase 01457 872204
Liz Fowden 0161 626 1388

1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 to 11.00 am

Daisy Nook Garden Centre, Stannybrook Rd, Failsworth M35 9WJ .

In the summer we arrange visits to various gardens.

GERMAN

Derek Francis 07732 623895
dvfrancis@hotmail.com

Every Tuesday from 3.00 to 5.00 pm on Zoom

Currently the group is full and there is a waiting list.

ITALIAN

John Rigby 01457 873093
jnrigby@hotmail.co.uk

Every Tuesday from 2.00 to 4.00 pm

Meetings are held at the Group Leader's home

JIGSAW EXCHANGE

Fiona Bannister 07974 657572
fionau3a@hotmail.com

Usually at the U3A monthly Tuesday meeting



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KEEP FIT

Norma Robson 01457 875744
robson_i@sky.com

Every Monday from 10.30 to 11.30 am

Strive Culture, Unit 2, Crompton St, Chadderton, OL9 9ET

LEARNING PIANO

Mike Ford 07876 616110
mikeford10@icloud.com

Members of the Learning Piano groups choose the dates of their next meetings, which vary.

Meetings are held in members' homes

LOCAL HISTORY & ARCHIVES

Michele Reid 07846 977971
michelereid.u3a@gmail.com

The group is temporarily suspended due to the closure of the Local Studies Centre while major construction work is undertaken.

MINDFULNESS

Mike Canaway 01457 878990
mikecanaway@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm

Meeting Room 2, Oldham Central Library, Greaves St, Oldham OL1 1AL

Some training may be required before joining this group. Please contact Mike Canaway in the first place .

MONTHLY LUNCHEON CLUB

Pauline Royales 0161 652 3161

Last Sunday of each month for lunch at an agreed pub/ restaurant

MOTOS - MEMBERS ON THEIR OWN

Ruth Postle 01457 238210
ruth.postle@gmail.com

The group meets by arrangement for trips, events and holidays, please visit the website for further details.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Mike Ford 07876 616110
mikeford10@icloud.com

1st Tuesday of each month from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Lees Library, 9 Thomas St, Lees, Oldham OL4 5DA

PHOTOGRAPHY

Ian Hughes 01457 613576
ianmostynhughes@me.com

3rd Thursday of each month from 10.00 am to 12 noon

The Honeywell Centre, Ashton Road, Hathershaw, Oldham OL8 3BP

The group also meets on the 1st Thursday of each month to visit and take photographs of places of interest.

The meeting times and venues for these "walkouts" vary.

POETRY APPRECIATION

Kathleen Handrick 0161 213 9233
kmhandrick@hotmail.com

4th Tuesday of each month from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Lees Library, 9 Thomas St, Lees, Oldham OL4 5DA

QUIZ

Ruth Postle 01457 238210
ruth.postle@gmail.com

3rd Friday of each month from 1.30 to 3.30 pm

The Honeywell Centre, Ashton Road, Hathershaw, Oldham OL8 3BP

New members are welcome to just come along to a meeting.

Teams are formed by lot on arrival, so do not worry about coming alone.

READING

Valerie Kavanagh 01457 875627
kavanaghs@dobcrossvillage.co.uk

1st Friday of each month from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Meeting room 2, Oldham Central Library, Greaves St, Oldham OL1 1AL

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Nancy Hobson 0161 665 2821
nancy.hobson@btinternet.com

4th Monday of each month from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Lees Library, 9 Thomas St, Lees, Oldham OL4 5DA

SINGING FOR FUN

Alan Forster 0161 652 2355
forster2510@gmail.com

Group meets by arrangement

SPANISH CONVERSATION 1

Lydia Price 07752 871838
lydiaprice@btinternet.com

Every Monday from 2.30 to 4.30 pm

Lees Library, 9 Thomas St, Lees, Oldham OL4 5DA

SPANISH CONVERSATION 2

Bernadette Glover 07768 781393
b.glover77@ntlworld.com

Every Friday from 10.30 am to 12 noon

Failsworth Library, Oldham Road, Oldham, M35 0JF

SPANISH IMPROVERS

George Shaw 0161 652 5181 / 07944 361637
s10ecd@gmail.com

Dave Aspin 0161 633 4363

Every Wednesday from 4.30 to 6.00 pm

Community Hub, Lees Library, 9 Thomas St, Lees, Oldham OL4 5DA

STRIDERS

Miriam Robinson 07891 301034 / 0161 678 2515
oldhamfamilyrobinson@btoopenworld.com

10.15 am for a 10.30 am start.

Walks are monthly on weekdays, which vary according to the preferences of the walk leaders.

Details of the meeting place and walk are emailed to group members before the walk.

STROLLERS

Liz Kelly 01706 845157 / 07944 365380
lizkelly70@gmail.com

4th Tuesday of every month.

There are no walks in December and January.

Full details are emailed to group members prior to each walk.

TABLE TENNIS 1

David Wright 07939 149320
brackenclouse@hotmail.com

1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 1.30 to 3.30 pm

Denshaw Community Centre, Ripponden Rd, Denshaw, Oldham OL3 5SY

TABLE TENNIS 2

Sharon Hodges 07925 095827
sharon.sharkey1@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Tuesday each month from 1.30 to 3.30 pm

Denshaw Community Centre, Ripponden Rd, Denshaw, Oldham OL3 5SY

THEATRE

Vera Rigby 01457 873560 / 07949 714267
verarigby44@gmail.com

The group meets by arrangement

Information will be displayed at the monthly u3a meetings and on the Theatre Group page of the Oldham and District U3A web site. Tickets are allocated on a first come basis. They can also be booked by phoning the group leader.

TRANSPORT & INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

Kevin Ainsworth 0161 633 5295
ivorbuspass@outlook.com

Usually the 3rd Friday of the month

Details are emailed to group members

Charity No 1164357

UKULELE

Chris Drabble 01706 845157
chrisdrb@gmail.com

Every Monday, except Bank Holidays, from 4.00 to 5.00 pm

Moorside Cricket & Bowling Club, Turf Pit Lane, Moorside OL4 2ND

USING COMPUTERS, PHONES & NOTEBOOKS

George Shaw 0161 652 5181
ecd120@hotmail.co.uk

1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 10.00 to 11.45 am

Oldham Central Library, Greaves St, Oldham OL1 1AL upstairs in the Reference area

WALKING

Josie Morris
j.morris258@btinternet.com

1st Wednesday & 3rd Monday of each month 10.15 am for a 10.30 am start.

Details of walks are sent out to group members about a week before each walk.

WALKING CRICKET

Mike Whitbread 01457 837831 / 07712 8285570
m.whitbread@sky.com

2nd Wednesday of each month from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm

April to September at Saddleworth Cricket Club, Calf Lane, Greenfield OL3 7HY

October - March indoors at the Mahdlo Centre, Egerton Street, Oldham OL1 3SE

MONTHLY MEETINGS

We meet together on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10.00 am at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham. The monthly meeting includes refreshments, a guest speaker and information on the various activities you may enjoy. The cost is currently £3.00 each for all attending.

New members will be able to talk to the committee and Group Leaders. When you arrive at the entrance foyer, look out for our team of Welcomers with sashes who are there to help you, answer questions, and show you around. You do not need to join u3a immediately, if you wish you can attend up to three group sessions to make sure it is right for you, before joining.

Oldham & District u3a is a participating member of the Greater Manchester u3a network, which is a network of mutually supportive u3a groups from the Greater Manchester Region. We also receive information from the NW regional group regarding events such as summer schools and festivals

For further information and event details please see the website: Oldham & District u3a Home

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