



Prudhoe & District

Notices, March 2024



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Prudhoe and District u3a is registered charity no. 1179503

Your Committee

Felicity Pullen (Chair, website)

Janice Scott (Secretary)

Pat Taylor (Treasurer)

Kathy Clegg (Vice chair)

Jean Thomas (Groups Coordinator)

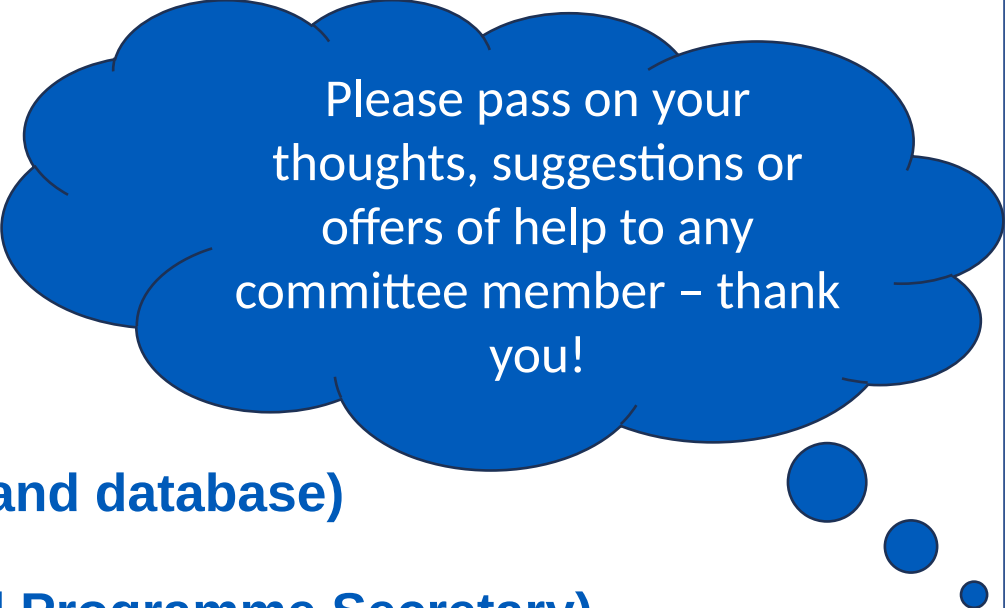
Janet Porter (Membership secretary and database)

Les Mitchell (technology)

Denise Durham (co-opted, Social and Programme Secretary)

Julie Beck (co-opted member)

Our Honorary President is **Pat Gornall** (not a committee member)



Please pass on your thoughts, suggestions or offers of help to any committee member – thank you!

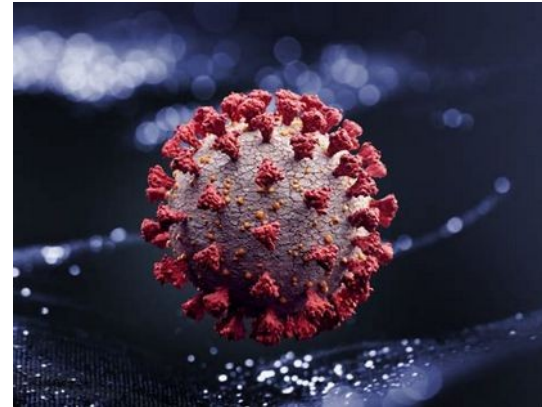
Our central monthly meetings will be as usual this year: a coffee morning with extras (IT advice, book swap, Scrabble, etc) upstairs in the Spetchells Centre from 10am on the second Tuesday of the month.

Also a talk with a speaker in the Parish Hall at 10am on the last Monday of each month (except August and December). As usual, you can access that meeting either in person by coming to the Parish Hall, or via Zoom. The Zoom link will be the same as usual if you have saved that, but also emailed to you a couple of days before the meeting. If you're coming in person, please arrive well before 10 o'clock to beat the refreshments queue!



Last Monthly Meeting

At our last **Monday meeting** we heard a talk from Paul Nash entitled **‘The Power of Plagues’**. From Roman times to the present day, Paul explored not only how various plagues had spread and had devastated communities, but also the resulting changes in society, from farming practices in the Middle Ages to changes in our own lives after Covid. Online shopping, Zoom meetings... what's changed for you?



Open Day - 12th March

This was a successful morning due to the help and support of the committee and many volunteers - too many to list all the names. Thank You everyone. Lots of interest was shown by new and existing members across many groups.



Open Day continued...



Today's Speaker - Monday 25th

Liz Finch will talk on:
The Rise and Fall and
Rise again of Seaton
Delaval Hall.



Up and coming meetings

Mon April 29th 10am: Our next monthly meeting with Chris Tipple speaking on Tchaikovsky – A life in Torment

Mon May 27th: No meeting – bank holiday – replaced by:

Mon June 3rd: AGM followed by a talk from Les Mitchell on Consumer Rights

A Date for the Diary



Miners' Lamp Community Hub is celebrating the Centenary of Eastwoods Park on the weekend of April 13th- 14th. Our Digital Photography Group will be taking photos and we will possibly have a painting pebbles stall and our u3a banner. There will be lots of fun things to do, e.g a Picnic, a History Tunnel, a mini 'pitch and put', bands, the Fusiliers, WW2 vehicles and people in costume and vintage toys for the children to try out. Anyone who has any personal documents or photos that relate to the history of the area, and is prepared to lend material, please contact Jean Thomas on 07910 578399.

Social Events

COFFEE PLUS! Held in the upstairs room in the Spetchells Centre, Prudhoe, from 10am to noon on the second Tuesday of each month. As well as IT help at our coffee morning, we now host a book swap.

Next Coffee Plus will be on the 9th April , 2024



Northumbria Region u3a

CELEBRATION of Music

Venue: Sunnyside Club, Sunnyside Rd, NE16 5NA

Date: Thursday June 6th 2024: 3pm to 9pm

Please come along and support your fellow u3a members who will entertain us with a day of music.

Entrance fee: £5 Optional Buffet £7

For more information please contact your chair, Felicity

Boost your Greek skills!

Tynedale U3A is exploring a group for
Modern Greek Language and Culture.

This is to include all levels of ability and learning
objectives, and to find native Greek speakers.

They have reached out to neighbouring groups to swell
the numbers.

Contact Dr Gavin Thoms, 07798 640456,
gavin@gavinthoms.com,

Men's Group

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th March at 11.00

LOCATION: The Manors Retirement Housing Complex,
Adderlane Road, Prudhoe, NE42 5ET.

AGENDA: To discuss 3 Desert Island Discs, where each disc has a significant story or profound memory to tell followed by an open discussion on any other subject.

Arley Hall And Gardens Visit



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST:

TRIP TO ARLEY HALL AND GARDENS
Nr TATTON,
AND BRIDGEMERE GARDEN CENTRE
NANTWICH CHESHIRE.

Friday 5th July, returning Sat 6th

Staying at DeVere Hotel Grange Estate, Crewe. Dinner Bed and Breakfast.

For more details contact KATHLEEN MARLOR. 0191 413 3527

As soon as possible please.

Or email john.kathleen@sky.com

Walking Group



We had a pleasant 6½ mile walk in spring sunshine, starting from Blaydon and following the River Derwent to where it joins the Tyne, then returning along the other side of the river and through the scenic Derwenthaugh Country Park.

Gardening Group



Gardening group: Our seed swap was useful as always, and we're all trying something new, as well as having offloaded surplus seeds to others who can use them. Next month we have an outing to the Durham University Botanical Gardens, always worth a visit!

Lunch Group

We are looking for someone to Lead the new Lunch Group, meeting on the first Wednesday of the Month. Two people can share this exciting opportunity and full support will be given to set it up and make it happen.

Digital Photography Group

We at Digital Photography are moving into our summer programme and shall be going out together monthly from April to September.

We meet on the third Monday of the month

For more details contact Moira Wooldridge

Ad Gefrin Visit

Celebrate the Golden Age of Northumbria!
Join us on a visit to Ad Gefrin, an Anglo Saxon Museum and
Whisky Distillery in Wooler.

Enjoy the Great Hall and Museum Experience and a tour of the distillery
including a visit to the unique tasting room

Bus leaves the Parish Hall on Friday, 10 May at 10am
Cost £41 approximately depending on numbers. £10 deposit. Full payment
by Monday, 29th April.

Contact Denise Durham for more details

