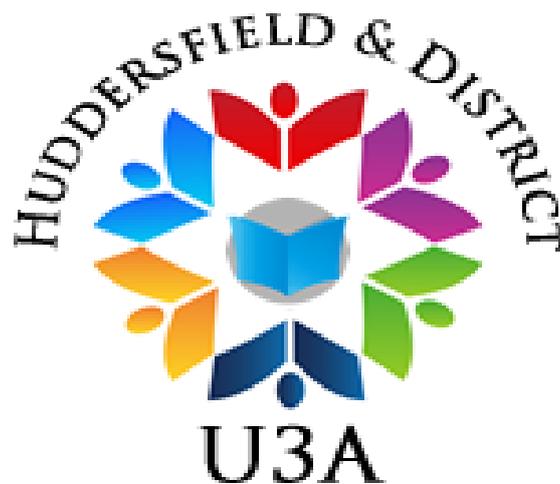


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Chair's letter      Spring 2018

As I write it is a sunny, frosty, very cold day in January, but it is also the start of the year, so let's hope 2018 is a kind one to Huddersfield and District U3A members, tutors and volunteers.

It is pleasing to report that there has been some movement on the volunteer front which hopefully means that in the longer term the office team, Alison, Christopher, Jenny and Alan can concentrate on the core administrative and financial tasks rather than fire fighting to keep the show on the road.

A sub-committee has been formed to draw up a grievance procedure after some difficulties in one U3A group. Ted Duggan told me he only knew of one similar case in 30 years. So let's remember that we are friends and volunteers and continue to be a beacon of goodwill.

Attendance at the AGM in November was encouraging. From the stage it was lovely to see so many bright, smiling faces and I value the occasion to put faces to names. For this spring there is the Arts and Crafts exhibition on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jubilee Centre – the sub-committee is busy organising that. We also look forward to participation on the day from a guitar group and a poetry group who will read their own work.

Tutors and volunteers will be looking forward to the Tutors' Lunch on 26<sup>th</sup> March. This is one small way the committee has of thanking them for their continued dedication and hard work.

I joined a new poetry group this year and would like to laud the dedication of the tutor and all the thought and preparation that goes into the class, but also acknowledge the fun of getting to know new people and learn more about people you thought you knew.

Enjoy the Spring Term!

Liz Robison

Chair

Please note the **subscription renewal** form near the end of this newsletter. Your subscription renewal triggers the sending of the 2018 – 2019 prospectus and your new membership card in late June when the new prospectus is ready.

At the end of the newsletter you will also find an enrolment form for **Summer Classes 2018** only. Details of these classes are on pages 23 and 24 of the current yellow prospectus with any changes listed in this newsletter.

Please **do not use** this form to try to book 2018 Autumn Classes, details of which are not finalised until they are published in the prospectus and uploaded to the web site in late June. We cannot process applications for Autumn classes until after the prospectus has been sent out and it just creates extra work for the admin staff in having to refund any money sent for these classes before this.

## **Up and Coming Dates to Note**

**The Tutors' Lunch**

**Monday 26 March 2018**

**Jubilee Centre**

All tutors, class leaders and co-ordinators, library and office staff are invited to come along to enjoy a light lunch as a token of appreciation for their voluntary participation. The lunch is always well attended with Jean Kirby doing a great job organising it. The catering is always excellent.

As last year we want to pick your brains to develop the discussion started in 2017 which focused on the strengths, weaknesses and possible improvements needed in our U3A. The chair will introduce the session by identifying the progress made on some of the suggestions you made and then open the discussion for you to take matters further.

Between now and then it might be an idea for students and participants of U3A groups to pass on any feelings they have about the institution to their tutors for possible inclusion in the discussion. We, the committee, like to think that our U3A is a forward looking organisation that will not become static. So please get thinking.

**Arts and Crafts Exhibition  
Jubilee Centre**

**Friday 9 March 2018  
11.00 – 3.00**

We're moving this showcase exhibition back to the Jubilee Centre this year by popular request. It's accessible by public transport and there is plenty of on street parking in the area.

We expect about 10 stalls of exhibits from photography to watercolours as well as two guitar groups and a poetry group reading their own work.

Add refreshments to that and you have a perfect entertainment opportunity. Come and join us! Bring lots of friends too so that they can see what our U3A can offer.

### **Subscription and Fees**

As was noted at the AGM in October 2017 our current income does not cover our costs. However, in 2018 – 2019 we are hoping to make savings particularly in the costs of venues, with greater use of email and thus a reduction in postage costs. We are fortunate to have Norma Maxwell joining the admin team to review and suggest improvements to our management of venues and their costs. **Kirklees has recently increased the cost of hiring the swimming pool considerably making it one of our most expensive current venues. Reluctantly the committee has decided to charge a £10 facilities fee each term for swimmers to help offset costs. There is also an equipment hire charge included in the croquet fee.**

Our annual subscription from April 2018 will remain at £15 and class fees will be £12 per term with the exceptions mentioned above and the cost for Monday Talks will remain at £1.50. Please will tutors check that everyone participating in a Pay on Entry activity and a Walking/Cycling group is a current member of Huddersfield and District U3A. Members are covered by our Third Party Public Liability Policy regardless of age but we do not cover members for personal accident. **Note: that to save postage we send one copy of the newsletter and prospectus to members with the same family name and address but include individual membership cards with the prospectus.**

**Items for the Autumn Newsletter**

**Closing date 27 August 2018**

Please send any items for inclusion in the Newsletter to the office no later than Monday 27 August 2018

## Proposed Term Dates 2018 - 2019

Kirklees	Beginning	Ending	Half Term
Autumn 2018	Monday 3 September	Friday 21 December	Oct 29 to Nov 2
Spring 2019	Monday 7 January	Friday 12 April	Feb 18 to February 22
Summer 2019	Monday 29 April	Monday 22 July	May 27 to May 31
<b>U3A</b>			
Autumn 2018	Monday 24 Sept	Friday 7 December	Oct 29 to Nov 2nd
Spring 2019	Monday 14 January	Friday 29 March	Feb 18 to February 22
Summer 2019	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July	May 27 to May 31

### Autumn considerations

Kirklees has organised its Autumn half term a week later than usual this year to fit in with other schools.

### Business Card Reminder

Please don't forget to pass on one of our promotional Business Cards to potential new members. Contact the office if you need additional cards.

### Appeal for new Classes and Tutors, Speakers for the Monday talks programme

As members know some classes get filled up very quickly when Autumn enrolment starts after the new prospectus goes out. These include Tai Chi, Qigong and Enquiring Minds. As an organisation, we will flourish if new ideas and new classes are introduced so let us know of any potential new tutors out there. New classes already in the pipeline for Autumn 2018 are Interior Design and a Heritage History Course; croquet has been added to our portfolio for this summer.

In addition we would welcome ideas for speakers at the Monday talks bearing in mind that all our speakers are volunteers who do not get paid.

## **Carol Service**

**Jean Kirby**

My thanks to all who attended the service, to the U3A Ladies' Choir who get better every year – wonderful, to all Readers, to Mr Marsden and Vintage Brass and the ladies who help with refreshments.

The collection raised £238.22 for White Knights Blood Bikes. I hope you all enjoyed the service and that we see you again in December 2018.

## **Monday Talks - The Curate's Egg**

As many regular attenders of the Monday talks will be aware we have been suffering the lack of a regular co-ordinator, host and speaker finder since Ted Duggan retired on health grounds almost two years ago. The Monday talks programme has been kept going by the goodwill of various committee members, regular helpers on the day and those volunteer speakers who speak for us almost on an annual basis. The equipment we use is also well past its 'sell by/use by date' and has let us down on more than one occasion this year.

Consequently, we are delighted that Janina Campbell has volunteered to be the Host Co-ordinator and will be working with others to put together and host the programme for 2018 – 2019.

On a less happy note we have learned that one of the regular technical team, Donald Sheard, is in hospital, possibly for a long time. We miss him a great deal and hope for his full recovery. Our other technical volunteer, Geoff Haigh, is retiring at the end of this year. So new volunteers who aren't afraid of machines are needed!

## **U3A Volunteers Needed**

### **Committee Minutes Secretary**

- Organise days and dates of committee meetings and the AGM
- Take Committee and AGM Minutes
- Prepare and send out Agendas and other papers for meetings

### **Technical Support for the Monday Talks**

- Set up and take down equipment required by speakers in preparation for and after their talk
- Work with the Monday talks Co-Ordinator/Host to assess equipment needs prior to talks

## **Appeal for Equipment**

As already noted in the Monday talks report our equipment for the Monday talks could almost be classed as antique although technically I know that that means more than 100 years old!

We really need a laptop that is under four years old and a projector to be able to facilitate Power point presentations. Attendance at the Monday talks, whilst covering the current cost of the room used, does not support buying such equipment but many of those who attend could not commit to a regular class so they really value the dip in and dip out nature of the talks.

Can anybody out there help with ideas or suggestions or even equipment?

## **Notes from the Front**

### **Obituary Neil Simpson 12 November 2017**

Woodcarver at St. Philips Community Centre. Birchenclyffe. On 12 Nov 2017, with much sadness, we heard of Neil's passing. Neil had been hospitalised at HRI during all of the 2017 Autumn term classes.

Family, refereeing, carving friends and colleagues attended a gathering for Neil on Thursday, 23 November 2017.

Neil was a close friend of my late father Vernon Secker, tutor at St. Philips. To allow the class to survive, Neil took over the running and admin of the class in 2012. Under Neil's guidance the class was allowed to become a "self help group" and has prospered where "All are treated as equal".

He was most interested in relief carving. Amongst his favoured subjects carved whilst using reclaimed oak were examples of wooden galleons and Yorkshire roses. He also has his works displayed on large multi-carver panels at Overgate and Kirkwood Hospice.

Neil was well known for his humorous anecdotes. He could recall the occasions when along with his friend and neighbour Bill Shankly he arranged "kick-about" for the boys of Lindley. He could also recollect the times he had refereeing in the top flight with players such as Billy Bremner and Bobby Moore. "It's not like that anymore" he would say.

Our best wishes go to his wife Margo and family at this very sad time

Alan Secker

### **Poetry for Pleasure**

**Linda Kurowski**

It was suggested to me by other members of the Poetry for Pleasure class, led by Anne Ingleby, that I forward the poem I wrote and send it to the office to include in the Spring newsletter. It was included in a Thank you card given to Anne at the end of term.

Poetry for Pleasure is a very well attended class and not without good reason. Anne works very hard to bring a wonderful variety of poetry to the group each week. From Shakespeare, Donne and John Clare through to modern performance poets like Holly McNish and Tony Walsh she presents an interesting new voice every week.

The group has been meeting for many years now (I am a relative 'newcomer' - only being in the group for 3 years!) and it is very much to Anne's credit that she manages to bring something new and fresh to each session and always takes into account the tastes of the various members.

I am a keen poetry reader and writer and I have certainly learned a lot from attending the group.

### **THANK YOU**

You bring us wonderful words each week  
from poets old and new.  
It's 'Poetry for Pleasure'  
but it's an education too!

We like the old favourites  
but new voices we also share,  
giving vent to a gamut of feelings  
from joy to deep despair.

Poets who paint pictures  
with words instead of brushes.  
Their colour may be blue sometimes,  
you don't spare our blushes!

The common currency is language  
in all its wide variety,  
showing us a common thread  
of empathy and shared humanity.

You bring us wonderful words each week  
from poets old and new  
and for this we send a heartfelt 'thank you'  
for all the work you do!

### ***Editor's Note***

*As Linda notes Anne's class is always well attended and often oversubscribed. Last year Dr Michael Hill offered to run a second poetry course on a Monday afternoon. From reports received it too is going well this year and is proving very popular.*

## First Aid Course

Feedback comments sent to the office from the First Aid course have been extremely positive – a few quick clips just to give you a flavour include:

- very welcome addition to the U3A Prospectus
- excellent balance of theory and practical work
- informative and well run
- the book included in the course was very useful and clear
- five sessions was about right

We shall be encouraging Susan and Peter to repeat the course next year. With comments like these we expect a flood of members to enrol.



## U3A Proposed Coach Trips Spring/Summer 2018

It is proposed to run a coach trip in May and one in June this year if there is enough interest from members.

Please renew your membership before booking! If you plan to go on both trips please send a separate SAE for each.

### TRIP ONE

#### TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL, LIVERPOOL– SUNDAY 27 MAY

See the world's most beautiful sailing ships tied up on Liverpool's quay side. With the various activities going off alongside the ships plus plenty of sightseeing and attractions there is lots to do.

Pick up will be at Thornhill road, Edgerton at 9.30

Depart Liverpool at 5.30 pm

Price per person: £14.00

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Please return the form below with your cheque for £14 per person made out to **Huddersfield and District U3A** with your membership number on the reverse before **24 APRIL**. Please enclose a **separate SAE and cheque** for each trip

Huddersfield and District U3A Trip to Liverpool on Sunday 27 May 2018		
Name	Mem No.	Cheque Amount

## Trip Two

### HULL AND FORT PAULL, HULL – SUNDAY 17 JUNE 2018

This trip is being run jointly with the Huddersfield & District U3A and the Huddersfield Military History Society. First drop off at Hull for anyone not wanting to go to Fort Paull; second drop off Fort Paull which is about 10 minutes drive from the ferry terminal.

Hull, the 2017 City of Culture, has a rich historical tapestry of Edwardian and Georgian architecture and fantastic museums and plenty of eateries.

Fort Paull, on the banks of the Humber has five hundred years of history. There are many exhibit rooms, artillery pieces and vehicles, plus the only remaining Blackburn Beverley Transport Aircraft. There is a bar and café for lunch. Pay on entry to Fort Paull approx. £6

#### Proposed Itinerary

Pick up will be at Thornhill Road, Edgerton at 9.30am.

Initial drop off at central Hull. Second drop off for those progressing to Fort Paull.

Pick up from there will be at 3.00pm. Second drop off in Hull.

Departure from Hull at 5.30 for all participants

Price per person: £14.00

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Huddersfield & District U3A Trip to Hull/Fort Paull on Sunday 17 June 2018		
Name	Mem No.	Cheque Amount

## **Other Volunteering Opportunities**

My name is Vicki and I work for a children's cancer charity called Ruddi's Retreat. Our office is based in Linthwaite where we have a vintage tea room that sits beneath. We had a space outside that we have transformed into an outdoor classroom and community garden area. The space is lovely. We have done quite a bit of work to get it to the stage where it is at but we still have work to do.

We are desperately looking for a few volunteers to give up a little bit of their time each week to help us do some basic gardening work e.g. weeding, raking, sweeping, etc.

U3A do you have any people that you think may be interested in this opportunity. We pay in tea/coffee and cake and lots of company.

Please let me know if this is something that may be of interest by contacting me on the email address below.

Kind Regards,

Vicki Green  
Business Development Manager  
Ruddi's Retreat/Gwennie's Getaways  
Email: ruddisvicki@gmail.com

## **SUMMER ACTIVITIES - 2018**

Membership renewal is required before you can enroll on a Summer class. You will find a renewal form for 2018 -2019 and a Summer Class enrolment form at the end of this newsletter.

The start date for most Summer Activities will be in the week beginning 23 April 2018 with half term in the week beginning 28 May 2018. Please see special dates for the Summer Swimming, Croquet and the French Boules courses.

All bowling classes comprise **two** 10-week sessions. Please remember that flat shoes must be worn for all bowling classes.

**SU51 Tuesday Bowling** **Jean Kirby**  
**Canalside Sports Complex** **Tuesday 10.00 - 12.00**

**SU52 Wednesday Bowling** **David & Margaret Barraclough**  
**Canalside Sports Complex** **Wednesday 10.00 - 12.00**

**SU53 Thongsbridge Bowling** **Phillip Schofield**  
**Thongsbridge Bowling Club** **Wednesday 10.00 - 12.00**

Participants will need to provide two crown green bowling woods each.

**SU55 Milnsbridge Bowling** **Peter Preston**  
**Milnsbridge Bowling Club** **Monday 10:00 - 12:00**

Beginners are welcome and there are sets of woods available if required.

**SU56 Summer Swimming** **Stanley Drewery**  
**John Smith's Stadium** **Monday 2.00 - 4.00**

Members must be able to swim 25 metres. Summer sessions will be on : 23 April, 30 April, 14 May, 21 May – making 4 sessions before half term which will be 28 May; 4 June, 11 June, 18 June, 25 June, 2 July, 9 July – making 6 sessions after half term. New members should telephone Stanley on 423980 before enrolling. As noted earlier in the Newsletter the cost for the Summer swimming will be £22 for 10 sessions.

**SU57 An Introduction to Croquet** **Anna Giraud**  
**Huddersfield Croquet Club, Greenhead Park** **Wednesday 10.15 – 12.15**  
**Start date; 4 April running for 8 weeks until 23 May 2018**

An introduction to croquet; coaching on how to play the game and its rules. Equipment will be provided. Cost will be £25 for 8 sessions which includes the hiring of the equipment.

**SU61 French Boules - The Huddersfield Way  
Tutor's Home**

**David Talboys  
Wednesday 1.00 - 3.00**

You will have the opportunity to play French Boules - a simple game with simple rules and easy to play - you just need 10% skill and 90% luck. (Sometimes the 10% skill is not that important!). Please 'phone David on 665843 for directions to his house in Netherton. NB If you were considering using the bus, there is a 15 min walk from the bus stop. **The course will run for 6 weeks, starting on 4 July 2018.**

**SU62 Gardening Group  
Methodist Mission**

**Liz Cussans**

The gardening group meets every second and fourth Tuesday throughout the summer starting after Easter and finishing just before the new September term starts. We mainly visit gardens nearby including members' own gardens, local authority nurseries, local 'Yellow book' private gardens that take group visits and some public gardens but we're open to suggestions for any kind of related garden activity. We start on at 10.30 on 10 April with a meeting at the Methodist Mission to gather ideas from the group and plan the programme together. We end with a 'Gardener's Question Time' session cum end of term party in the Mission at 10.30 on 11 September. We try to keep costs to a minimum by car sharing and avoiding expensive entry fees. Normal class enrolment fee of £12 applies. Contact Liz Cussans on 07557984686 or email [e.cussans@gmail.com](mailto:e.cussans@gmail.com).

**SU63 Painting and Drawing Workshop  
Meltham Carlile Institute**

**Jane Barff  
Monday 10.30 - 3.00**

A self-help group for those interested in painting and drawing.

**SU65 Chess  
Stanley Court**

**Norman Battye  
Thursday 10.00 - 12 noon**

All are welcome but a basic knowledge of chess is required. We play and discuss laws, openings and tactics etc. Come and enjoy Chess

## Membership Renewal 2018 – 2019

### Points to note

- Membership subscription is £15 per person
- Membership payment is required to take part in any Pay on Entry Activities and Walking and Cycling groups
- Renewal triggers the sending of your prospectus in June
- Your membership card will be sent out with the prospectus
- If you are a UK Taxpayer, please help U3A by ticking the Gift Aid box
- Gift Aiding your subscription to U3A does not prevent you from Gift Aiding to other charities
- **NEW MEMBERS should complete a full application form available on the website, from the library or the office**

### Methods of Payment

- *By Cheque:* Send in the completed form with your cheque made payable to **Huddersfield and District U3A**
- *By Bank Transfer:* The reference must be your U3A Membership number, followed by your surname so that we can identify your payment on our bank statement.  
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**Sort code: 40 – 25 – 10,**  
**Account No: 34017021**

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Huddersfield, HD2 1UT

Tel: 01484 308482

## U3A Membership Renewal 2018 – 2019

Members are reminded that they will receive the 2018 - 2019 Prospectus in late June **only after** renewing their membership. At that point they will also receive their membership cards.

**2018 -2019 Subscription: £15 each member**

### First Member

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mem No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to my subscription to U3A being treated as Gift Aid:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Second Member (if appropriate)

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mem No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to my subscription to U3A being treated as Gift Aid:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by – Cheque enclosed:  **OR** by Bank transfer:

## Summer Class Enrolment 2018

### Points to Note:

- You must renew your membership before you can enrol on any summer activities
- This form should **only** be used to enrol for classes listed on page 24 to 25 of the current yellow prospectus
- Check the Spring Newsletter for any special instructions
- Once entered on the system you will receive a receipt for the classes in the usual way
- An enrolment form for **Autumn and Spring classes** will be included in the 2018 – 2019 prospectus which will be sent out in June

### Methods of Payment

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## Summer Class Enrolment 2017

*Use for classes listed on pages 24 to 25 of the current yellow prospectus only. Special instructions for some classes are detailed in this Newsletter. Bowling groups run for TWO TERMS at a cost of £24, swimming charge £22 for 10 sessions and Croquet £25 for 8 sessions*

### First Member

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

	Ref Numb	Class Name	1 or 2 terms
1			
2			
3			

### Second Member (if applicable)

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

	Ref Numb	Class Name	1 or 2 terms
1			
2			
3			

### Payment: SUMMER CLASS ENROLMENT ONLY

One term £12, 2 terms bowling £24, swimming £22, croquet £25. £ \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by – Cheque enclosed  OR Bank Transfer

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_