



u3a
Barnsley & District



Monthly Newsletter

This is a message for all members of Barnsley uu3a. Please pass this message onto those without email

Our next monthly meeting will be on **Friday 5th September** 1.30- 3.00pm at Priory Campus Lundwood

The Beautiful Island of Jersey.

Helen Rose

Many of us will have travelled to Jersey and have experienced the attraction of this Channel Island.

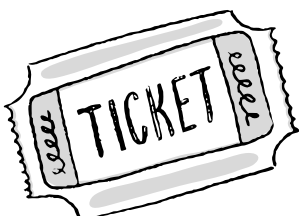
Bring back your memories and share this insight into the history, culture and beauty of the wonderful island of Jersey

Monthly Meeting Raffle

The raffle prizes are different this month.

3 prizes: 1st a £20 M&S voucher,

2nd and 3rd a £10 M&S voucher.



Buzz on Line

The Autumn edition of the Buzz will be on line early in September with loads of interesting reading.



Dining Out

The next Dining Out meal will be at the China Court restaurant in Mapplewell on Thursday 23rd October. Sue Hawley will be taking your names and bookings at the monthly meeting



Travel

The Travel team will be taking bookings for a Christmas lunch trip to Nidd Hall on Thursday 4th December, cost £48.00. We will have a short stop in Harrogate before going on to Nidd Hall, a Warners Hotel, for Christmas lunch. This will be followed by entertainment, before we return to Barnsley. Pick up in Penistone and Barnsley bus station. Cheques should be made payable to Yorkshire Rose Holidays.

Last few seats available for our trip to Black Country Museum on Sunday 14th September, cost £45.00. Pick up in Penistone and Barnsley bus station. Cash or cheque accepted.

Thank you!

Coordinators Celebration Event

20th September 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Lunch Provided with refreshments

Redfearn's Sports and Social Club

Parking available

This is an opportunity to discuss how things are going and meet other coordinators doing the same job. We will have time for sharing the good practice that is evident in our groups and discuss issues that are pertinent to all.

Our coordinators are superb at what they do. Their commitment, expertise and enthusiasm is clear in all our groups.

This celebration is to give you a voice and to say thank you on behalf of all of us.



Northern College

Our first ever computer course for beginners was rated a success by those who took part. So much enthusiasm for making a 3 dimensional box give up its secrets has stimulated a desire to explore further and the Next Steps course is planned for 11th - 12th October. A Beginners course in “Getting to know your Computer” is planned for 8th - 9th November. More information will be available shortly.

Bu3a Day

24th September 10.00am - 3.00pm

Barnsley Civic
wednesday

The National u3a week is from 20th - 28th September 2025. This is a national event to raise awareness of and celebrate all the activities that u3as around the country offer.

This year it we want to raise our profile and display the skills and abilities of our members. Several groups have offered to join in and show what can be achieved with demonstrations and exhibitions.

If your group would like to join in the day, or you would like to volunteer to help out, just let me know - there will be room for as many as we can squeeze in!

The two rooms facing Eldon Street at the Civic have been booked to give plenty of space to showcase the expertise of the members and to attract attention!

Come and say hello!

Pottery

There are some places left on the Art Pottery at Thurnscoe Group
From 10 am to 12 noon. 10 places each session.

Session 2: Oct 15th, Oct 22nd, Oct 29th, Nov 5th, Nov 12th

The venue is the Houghton Road Community Centre, Thurnscoe, S63 0JY. There is plenty of off-road parking available, and the venue is on a bus route.

The materials and tools will be supplied by Bu3a, to make at least two items of pottery, formed in clay, dried and fired and returned to you at the next meeting for decorating and glazing. Fired again and then ready to take home and enjoy!

The cost of the materials and kiln firing is £25 per member for each of the five-week sessions.

Paid in advance by bank transfer to Bu3a, or in cash at the first meeting. In addition, the usual Blue Box payments will apply to support the cost of the venue.

Please confirm your interest by return or use the email below to let us know that you are no longer interested.

Health and Safety: The making of pottery involves contact with wet clay, decorative paint-like materials, glazes and some dust. If you have any restrictions on using these materials, please let me know.

Email: Bu3asafety@gmail.com





Bu3a 30th Anniversary

1996 - 2026

Plans are already underway for various events throughout 2026 into 2027. Our theme is Pearl reflecting the stone that represents 30 years. This is our celebration of what BU3a has achieved over those 30 years. It is over to you to have your say in what you would like to happen over the 30th year.

Give us your ideas - be it a walk down memory lane, a litter pick, a tug of war or a session of flower arranging - most things may be possible!! Please get in touch with your thoughts and ideas and let's see if we can make it happen.

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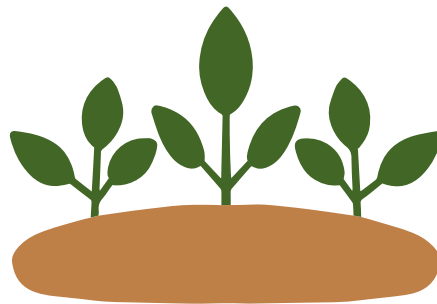


Heads Up

Fashion Show 25th November 7pm

To make this work we need 6 -8 ladies to model the clothes. No problems with size, shape, height etc: we are all beautiful. Get in touch with Helen Rose if you feel like volunteering.

More information next month



Allotment

An opportunity for one or more of our members to take over a secure allotment site which is located immediately adjacent to the Bowling Green at Ardsley.

The site, which is accessed through locked gates, includes a greenhouse, a number of raised beds and three cold frames. Mains water is available and there are plenty of gardening tools locked away on site.

Any member(s) interested should contact Alan Swann for further discussion and/or a site visit.

Ecofest 2025



This annual event will be on 27th September from 10.00am - 2.00pm at the Emmanuel Methodist Church, Huddersfield Road with this year's theme being Healthy Planet and Healthy You.

Our indoor and outdoor sports, exercise, and physical activity groups suit the varied abilities and interests of all our members and fit this agenda perfectly. Some of Bu3a's groups will be there to represent us.

The event attracts groups from all over Barnsley and wider afield, including Barnsley MBC, and is an opportunity to network with these groups, sharing ideas and opportunities as well as meeting members of the public to promote u3a.

Garden Gathering

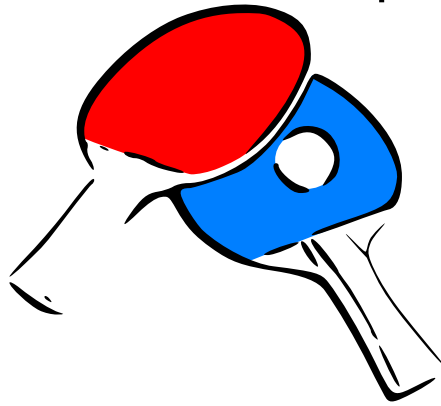
Mandela Gardens

7th September 11.00am - 2.00pm

You may remember that we were asked to be involved by the Civic to join in their food memories of life 80 years after the end of WW2. The result is the event above which asks for your participation - just go onto the Civic's website for more information

<https://barnsleycivic.co.uk/event/garden-gathering-community-picnic/>

Table Tennis update



A second Table Tennis group is proposed in addition to Micheal Swift's Wombwell group and will be at **Houghton Road Community Centre, Thurnscoe.** Session dates/times to be determined.

There is parking, a kitchen, seating, and smart folding TT tables.

To register your interest and for more information please contact
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