



**u3a**  
Barnsley & District



# Monthly Newsletter

This is a message for all members of Barnsley u3a. Please pass this message onto those without email

Our next monthly meeting will be on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** 1.30- 3.00pm at Priory Campus Lundwood S71 5PN

## **1816, The Year Without a Summer** **JUDITH HEDLEY**

We often find our summers disappointing, but spare a thought for our ancestors, still reeling from the end of the Napoleonic wars and subjected in 1816 to constant icy rain, frosts in July, failed crops and waves of disease. They could have no idea of the true cause, an Indonesian volcano.

The fascinating though grim truth about The Year Without a Summer is balanced by the story of that year's astonishing creativity, from the creation of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein to Turner's dramatic sunsets.

How can you have a year without a summer? Come and listen and find out!

**This is the last Friday monthly meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Priory Campus Lundwood S71 5PN**  
**It will include a jigsaw swop**



## Fashion Show

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

7.00pm

Gilroyd Social Club

Saville Road, Gilroyd, Barnsley S75 3PX



*Tickets £5.00 to include a glass of prosecco or a soft drink and a raffle ticket*

*Clothes featured are from Monsoon, M&S, Joules, Next, White Stuff, Phase 8 and more. Plus bags and accessories, jewellery and Sunglasses*

*Tickets on sale at the Members Monthly Meetings from October*

We would love to see you there!

### **The BDR Waste Treatment Facility**

Want to know what happens to your grey bin waste?  
Places are still available for the private Bu3a tour of the facility on 22nd October 2025 at 2pm.

If you would like to book, please contact Jean Embury.  
Bu3asafety@gmail.com

# Bu3a Christmas Lunch



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Burntwood Court Hotel  
Common Road  
Brierley  
Barnsley S72 9ET



**12.00 for 12.30pm**

**Tickets £30.00 to include Lucky Raffle Draw  
3 course meal plus entertainment**

**Tickets available at Monthly meetings from 3<sup>rd</sup>  
October 2025**



## u3a week 2025

Bu3a was well represented at the Civic in Barnsley on 24<sup>th</sup> September. The skills and abilities of members were displayed, as well as entertainment provided by The Concert Party and the Thursday Jivers. Passers by were curious and Bu3a leaflets were handed out aplenty! Thanks go to all who contributed to the event to make it such a success. Photos are on the website!



## 30th Anniversary 2026 - 2027

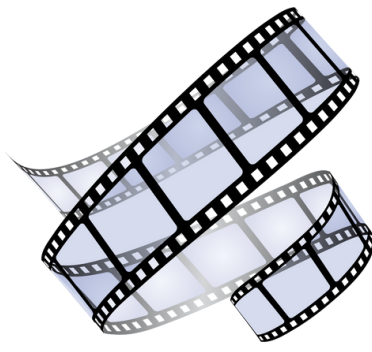
Preparations for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are being considered but we still need your input for ideas that you would want to happen during the year. How would you like to celebrate it? Please share your thoughts so the year can be made special.



### Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday is on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Would members like to lay a Bu3a wreath at the Town Hall ceremony? It is possible that many members may go to your local cenotaph to remember the fallen, so this may not apply to some.

If you would like to be the person who represents Bu3a and lays the wreath at the cenotaph outside the Town Hall, get in touch with [bu3a.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:bu3a.webmaster@gmail.com) by 31<sup>st</sup> October. The ceremony lasts for about 30 minutes with refreshments afterwards in the Town Hall. Names will be drawn out of a hat to select the person.



## SHORT NOTICE APPEAL

We have been contacted by the council's marketing team who support the promotion of the borough's museums sites. They are currently preparing for some filming next week at some of Barnsley's sites and are looking for volunteers aged 45+ to take part. Volunteers won't be expected to speak; it'll just be videos and photos of them browsing the sites to capture the experience of visiting during autumn.

The dates and times are at different locations, as well as the number of volunteers needed as a minimum:

**Tuesday 30 September: Worsbrough Mill - 1pm - 3pm  
(2 volunteers)**

**Wednesday 1 October Experience Barnsley - 10am - 12pm  
(2 volunteers)**

**Cooper Gallery- 1pm - 3pm  
(1 volunteer)**

Volunteers will be offered a £10 Barnsley gift card as a thank you for taking part. They have specifically asked us as they know our members would be keen to help.

If anyone is interested in taking part, please email  
[chloeslack@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:chloeslack@barnsley.gov.uk) ASAP