

## Monthly Newsletter Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**1.00pm - 3.00pm at the Priory Campus  
Lundwood**

This month we are trying something different, based on your responses in the member's questionnaire. The afternoon will be more relaxed with displays, demonstrations, presentations, live music (Recorders) and live dancing (Jive). social and will allow members to shine and giving more time to do what bu3a members enjoy - socialising.



There will be:

**Group Displays**

Geology

**Demonstrations:**

Fingerprinting - Jon Bates

**Short Presentations:**

Becoming an Author

The Enjoyment of Gardening

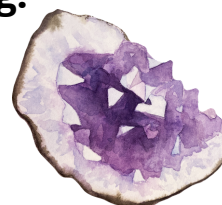
**Plus:**

Music to enjoy and Jive demonstration

Raffle with an original water colour as a prize

Jigsaw swop

Magazine swop



Buy your tickets for **Travel, Meals Out and Social events**

Come and enjoy. It is an event by members for members.

Future events like this depend on members presenting for 10 - 15 minutes on a topic of their choice - could be about your group, your experiences or your holidays!! Share it with us!

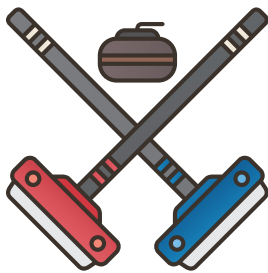


## Beacon Update

Please remember to register on Beacon.

A link has been emailed to those who need to register, that will take members directly to the Beacon application page, skipping the website and members portal.

### New Indoor Curling Group in Penistone



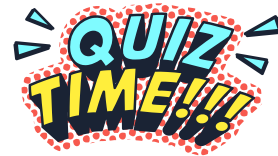
We are having an initial meeting on Thursday 26th February, 2pm at Scout Centre on Wentworth Road in Penistone. We will discuss days and times etc. If you are interested please come along. The equipment has been funded by Better Barnsley Bond and will be available to see.

If you can't attend the meeting but would like more details please contact Helen Dew

### Quizzoomers

#### New Members Welcome!

Our online quiz group, Quizzoomers, is looking for new members. We meet on Zoom on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 6.30pm. It's a light-hearted, friendly session where we work in teams, and every quiz is different. Members take turns setting the quizzes, so there's always something fresh and fun. If you'd like to join in, just email Vanda at [artist.me22@gmail.com](mailto:artist.me22@gmail.com).



### Francophiles



Our Francophiles group has room for new members. This is not a beginners French group so you will need some knowledge of French. The groups runs each Tuesday, 11.30 am till 12.30 pm apart from the first Tuesday each month. If interested contact Pat Wassell at [pm.wassell@btinternet.com](mailto:pm.wassell@btinternet.com).

On behalf of the Mayor, Cllr David James Leech, you are warmly invited to a short Covid-19 Service of Reflection taking place at the Reverence Sculpture in the Glassworks Square, Barnsley Town Centre on Sunday, 8 March 2026, at 11:00am.

This event which coincides with the National Covid-19 Day of Reflection, will include a one-minute silence and the laying of a floral tributes, in heartfelt acknowledgement of the lives lost during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Together, we will commemorate all those who tragically lost their lives, those who grieve loved ones, whilst also paying tribute to the key workers and unsung heroes whose courage and compassion sustained our communities during those challenging times.

Everyone is most welcome as we come together in remembrance and gratitude.

If you cannot attend, you can find other ways to take part here:  
<https://dayofreflection.campaign.gov.uk/events/>

**\*\*\*\*\*Support Treasurer\*\*\*\*\***

Bu3a needs a support treasurer to future proof us when the current treasurer retires in 2027. The role has been made simpler now that we have outsourced the accounts and introduced Paypal as a method of joining. What remains is internet banking and periodically updating spreadsheets as well as attending monthly committee meetings.

We can't operate without a Treasurer as some financial jobs will need to be done monthly, so without one, the organisation will effectively grind to a halt.

Ideally, a support treasurer would come on board from this AGM and have a year to ease into the role. It isn't a difficult role. It involves internet banking and periodically updating spreadsheets.



If interested please speak to any of the committee for further information.

**u3a**  
Barnsley & District



Bowling green looking good after first cut of year by Les and Mike using their own mowers as ground too wet for club heavy mower so hoping to see lots of existing and some new bowlers when season starts in mid-March



**Bu3a bowl at Ardsley Park and welcome new and beginner players. See Alan Swann and Mike Pease for more details  
Mike Pease 64mushyp@gmail.com**

### **Social events**

Ceilidh with The Rhythm Chaps

Saturday 7 March 7.00pm - 10.30pm at Gilroyd Social Club  
Gilroyd S75 3PX



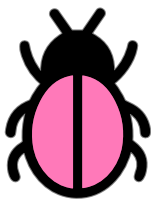
£15 to include pie and pea supper & raffle

Tickets from Margaret Saxton 07919830623 and at March monthly meeting

### **Beetle Drive**

May 15 at Gilroyd Social Club.

Tickets £5.00 to include raffle. Tickets on sale at monthly meetings and from Margaret Saxton 07919830623 or Helen Rose 079893868254



### **30th Anniversary Summer Anniversary Bash**

3rd July

Hotel 19 (Previously The Fairway)

Hot Buffet

Entertainment: Strangers In Trainers 7.00pm  
for 7.30pm

Tickets £25 On sale now at monthly meeting

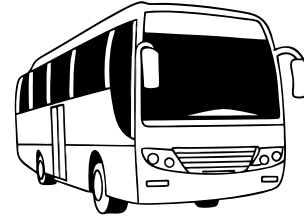
## Travel

There are a few remaining seats for the trip to Lincoln on March 24th at £23.

There are also seats for our trip to Saltaire on the 7th May at £23.

At the March monthly meeting we are taking a deposit of £50 ( cheques made payable to Yorkshire Rose Holidays please) for the trip to Warner's Gunton Hall on Monday 7th September to Friday 11th September.

The balance for this trip has to be paid at the monthly meeting in June. It is £445 per person for a twin/double room. Single rooms are very limited. B3a have also been allocated 5 premier twin/ double at an additional supplement of £30 per person.



There will be 2 day trips to be confirmed at a later date.  
There will be a home pick up for this trip.  
(Yorkshire Rose supporters discount is £24.75 for this trip.)

## **New Legislation regarding Dogs and Livestock**

New legislation comes into effect on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 regarding dogs and livestock.

It is an offence to allow dogs to worry livestock as per the current law introduced in 1953.

The government has updated it and bringing in new changes to protect livestock while people enjoy the countryside.

To be safe ensure that your dog is on the lead when near livestock. Chasing or attacking livestock leading to injury or injury could result in fines.



<https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/2025/12/18/law-changes-strengthen-protection-for-livestock/>

## **York Festival 2026**

The festival starts at 11:00 on Wednesday 1st July and ends at 15:00 on Friday 3rd July.

Join us for u3a Festival 26, taking place at the University of York between 1-3 July, for a three-day celebration of fun, learning and the community that makes u3a so special.

Explore an existing interest or take the leap and try something completely new in member-led workshops and sessions. Surrounded by other members, you will have opportunities to move your body, be creative and explore new ideas.

The Festival 26 team have developed a programme that covers sport tournaments, artistic workshops, musical performances and talks on a wide range of subjects. It will be everything members do at u3a on a daily basis - only on a larger scale and in one place.

The University of York has a beautiful campus with green spaces and a lake, fantastic sports facilities, lecture halls, and workshop rooms – the perfect backdrop for three days of inspiration and learning. There's on-site accommodation available too so you can go straight from breakfast to your first workshop.

There is more information and the booking form

<https://mailchi.mp/u3a/u3a-festival-26-ticket-release?e=3286ede626>

## **The Yorkshire Society Yorkshire Heritage Summit 2026**

Barnsley & District u3a have been asked to stand at this event at Barnsley Civic from 1.00pm - 4.00pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

This is after the Heritage symposium that The Yorkshire Society are holding at the Civic Hall. The morning offers talks regarding Our Yorkshire Heritage and our Yorkshire Future.

One of the speakers is Tegwen Roberts who worked on the Heritage Action Zones in Barnsley with the regeneration of Eldon Street. The morning event is ticketed and costs £8.83 (10.00am - 12 noon: 3 speakers).

The afternoon exhibition is free.

<https://theyorkshiresociety.org/event/yorkshire-heritage-summit-2026/>

### **Update on the YAHR u3a Summer School**

There is good and not so good news about our summer school in August. The good news is that bookings have been very strong which means the not so good news is if you haven't already booked you may be unlucky and not get the course you most want!

There are a couple of full residential places left. In addition, six of our ten courses are almost full with remaining vacancies in low single numbers.

If you are hoping to attend, do get booking. The school runs 24th to 27th August 2026 at The Hawkhill, Easingwold.

Details of the courses and booking details are on our website <https://yahru3a.uk/2026-summer-school/>

Thank you  
Niall Clarke  
Secretary, YAHR u3a

### **u3a**

Did you know that the national u3a offer on line talks, workshops and courses through your membership?

Most sessions are on zoom and led by fellow members, sharing their expertise, with additional talks from notable speakers and organisations.

Please ensure you can attend when booking and cancel if you're unable to make it so others can participate.

## BARNSELEY & DISTRICT u3a

### What's on Offer. From March 2026.

#### Date/time Event.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1pm start MMM with a new start time. Priory Campus. Displays, demonstrations, presentations, jigsaw/magazine swop, music, dance and more.
- 7<sup>th</sup> March 7pm start Ceilidh at Gilroyd Social Club. Pie & peas. £15.  
Book at MMM
- 9<sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm Old Blowers at Darton Derby & Joan Club
- 18<sup>th</sup> March Leeds. Yorks & Humber Region u3a. AGM. Leeds
- 19<sup>th</sup> March Curry Night. Royal Spice. Darton. £20 book/deposit Feb MMM
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March 8.30am Day trip to Lincoln plus optional Aviation Centre. £23 +  
Book Feb MMM
- 28<sup>th</sup> March 10-12 Old Blowers. St John's Community Centre Penistone
- 13<sup>th</sup> April 1pm MMM. Priory YRM Theatre production. Behind Closed Doors
- 7<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am Day trip to Saltaire. £23 Booking at MMM
- 11<sup>th</sup> May 1pm start MMM. Priory Campus
- 15<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Beetle Drive. Gilroyd Social Club. £5 Book at MMM
- 1<sup>st</sup> June 1pm. MMM & AGM. Priory
- 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> July U3a festival at York Uni. Booking required
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July 7pm Summer Anniversary Bash. Bluebell Suite Hotel 19 Dodworth.  
£25. Booking at MMM
- 6<sup>th</sup> July 1pm MMM. Priory Campus
- 21<sup>st</sup> July 1-3.30pm Choir Concert. Wombwell Methodist Church.  
Book at MMM
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 1pm MMM. Priory Campus
- 24<sup>th</sup> Aug – 27<sup>th</sup> Aug Summer School. Booking required
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 1pm MMM Priory Campus
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 8.30am Day Trip. Scarborough. £23. Book at MMM.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sept – 27 Sept National u3a week. Details to be announced
- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm MMM Priory Campus
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1pm MMM Priory Campus
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm MMM Priory Campus
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm Choir Concert. Wombwell Methodist Church. Book at MMM
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Xmas lunch at Burntwood Court Hotel. Booking required