



Monthly Meeting
1st June
Priory Campus, Lundwood
1.00pm - 3.00pm



**Please use the 30 minutes
before the start of the AGM to
browse the tables, book events,
travel and meals etc.**

**The AGM will start at 1.30pm as
per
previous years.**

After the AGM

Our June presentation will venture into the world of art with Fiona Clarke. Fiona's 'Looking at Art' group started at the end of last year and has proved to be a popular group.

Comments from group members include:

'My brain has been expanded' and ' Fiona has opened up a whole new world for me'. 'I understand so much more about art even after just a few months.'

Please come along to the MMM and find out more about a fascinating subject'.

No jigsaw or magazine swop at the June and July meeting. Save them for a later meeting.

There will be a help desk available from 1.00pm - 1.30pm for queries about Beacon, computers etc

COMMITTEE POSTS

Treasurer

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, we are almost within a year of not having a Treasurer for 2027. Having PayPal as a mechanism for joining and renewing membership has been positive and thanks go to those members who used that method.

The role involves the day to day management of the organisation: paying bills, checking our accounts, and keeping the financial records to be able to present them for examination by CVS for presentation at the AGM. It is a book keeping role, as financial decisions are made collectively by the Committee.

Having a person working alongside the current treasurer would give them insight into what the post involves. In an organisation with a large membership such as ours, there must be someone out there who could manage this role, possibly who has done it before. Please don't think that the committee will cope. Just get in touch.

Buzz Editor

There is another role coming up for grabs next year (June 2027). Our Buzz editor will have completed the term of office on committee and will be retiring from the post. This post requires the putting together of the quarterly online magazine, designing and organising the printing of banners, posters and flyers for Bu3a events and groups as requested.

If this appeals get in touch.

As we progress through the next few years committee posts will come up regularly. It needs to be remembered that most posts ask for a one year of service, but as all of the committee are volunteers, they can leave at any time, for whatever reason. Succession is an important part of the work of the committee and designed to ensure a seamless change of post holder.

Meeters and Greeters

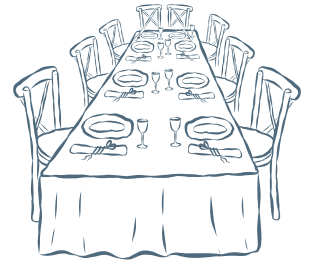
Our monthly meetings would benefit from a boost in numbers acting as meeters and greeters, guiding people, making sure everyone is settled with the new members welcomed and guided to someone who will chat to them. It involves being at the Monday meetings on the first Monday of the month for about 3 hours. Get in touch for more information.

Dining Out

**Chinese Night on 18th June at China Court -
Fully booked**

**Curry Night on 16th July at the Thaal in Darfield
- Alan will be taking bookings at the June MMM**

**Italian Night in July - still to be finalised, details
shortly.**



Yorkshire & Humber Network

**Bu3a is part of a Yorkshire and Humber Region u3a
network.**

**The team running this network run periodic workshops
for u3a members in the Yorkshire and Humber area.**

**All u3a members can attend. All workshops are held in
Leeds.**



There are three workshops in the pipeline which Bu3a members might find interesting. In particular the one in September aimed at potential trustees. If you have ever thought of joining the Bu3a committee (or indeed become a trustee of any charity) you might like to attend this one to find out what being a trustee is all about.

If you are interested in any of the workshops please let Niall Clarke know and he'll keep you informed of the details – niallclarke01@gmail.com

- July 15th 2026: Recruitment & Retention – how to recruit and retain members**
- September 22nd 2026: Trustees' workshop for potential and current trustees**
- November 23rd 2026: Running Outdoor activity groups: to include looking at grants, insurance, risk assessment and inter u3a competitions**
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EVENTS

Craven u3a are running two days of events on July 23rd and 24th offering a wide variety of talks and other activities – details on their website <https://cravenu3a.org/summer-programme-23rd-and-24th-july/>

Craven u3a Summer Programme
Ermysted's Grammar School,
Gargrave Road,
Skipton, BD23 1PL

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th July 2026
Morning sessions: 10:00 to 12:30
Afternoon sessions: 13:30 to 16:00

The Creative Writing Group
would like to invite members to
an afternoon of poetry, stories
and creativity.
30th July at Staincross Christian
Fellowship Church Hall
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Free event with free nearby
parking

Barnsley u3a
Creative Writing Group

u3a
learn, laugh, live

An Afternoon of
**Poetry, Stories
& Creativity**
with Guest Poet
Faye Marshall

FAYE MARSHALL

Faye Marshall is a poet and spoken word artist, founder of the Cloth and Coal poetry community in South Leeds. She has led workshops and performed across the UK and internationally, with work published in several anthologies.

Whether you write, read, or simply enjoy good words, you'll be very welcome.
No experience needed – just come and enjoy!

VENUE
Staincross Christian Fellowship Church Hall
21 Spark Lane,
Staincross S75 8AA

Free parking is available in the public car park next to the church hall.
If full, there's free parking at the Methodist Church car park just round the corner.

Thursday
30th July
2.00pm – 4.00pm

Free to attend –
open to all u3a members

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Garden Plant sale at July meeting.

**Between 1- 1.30pm
Bring plants and buy plants
Bring bags to take your goodies home**

The price of the plants should reflect your costs and if there is a surplus then that is for the benefit of Bu3a groups and their resources.



Charity Commission and Bu3a requirements do not permit donations to other Charities.

Additional Spanish Session



We are considering beginning a new pre intermediate Spanish language group to complement our existing offerings. The proposed new group would be a "pre-intermediate" Spanish Group for those who feel they're somewhere in between beginners and intermediate regarding skill. The Spanish Introduction group will continue as before with Joanie and the Intermediate Spanish group will continue with Mike. The proposed venue is Alder Close in Mapplewell. Fortnightly from 10.00am - 12 noon.

If interested please use the development officer link on our contacts page on the website and we will contact you in due course

Blue Boxes

The blue boxes are there to supplement the cost of venue hire. Anyone attending a session (as a member, coordinator or a possible new member taking a Taster session) where there is a blue box, should pay the £1.50 donation.

Armed Forces Day
Barnsley celebrates Armed Forces Day with a military parade, family activities, and community events on Saturday, 14th June 2026.



Barnsley's Armed Forces Family Day is a free, town-centre event celebrating serving personnel, veterans, cadets, and their families. The day begins with a VIP breakfast for veterans, reservists, cadets, and serving personnel at the Market Kitchen, followed by a military parade led by a local veteran. The parade starts at 10:25am from New Street, proceeds along Cheapside, and concludes at Glass Works Square

Drop In sessions

Drop ins are normally held at the library in the town centre from 12 noon to 2.00pm and at the Ibis Hotel Dodworth from 10.00 - 12 noon.



Come and join us for a chat, coffee or to find out more. The drop in sessions for June will be on Wednesday 17th June from 12 noon - 2.00pm at the library in Barnsley town centre and at the Ibis Hotel at the Dodworth roundabout on 20th June from 10.00am - 12noon.

There will be a drop in session at the Houghton Road Community Centre S63 OJY, Houghton Road Thurnscoe, on June 18th from 10 00. - 12 noon. Plenty of parking.

Please feel free to drop in at any time between those hours and it will be good to see you.

Refreshments will be available.

We understand that sometimes new members have queries or comments and are very welcome to come along to have them answered. It would be great to meet and get to know new members more and share their thoughts and ideas

If you are wanting to start a new group and not sure what to do, or you just want to chat about any u3a business, this is the opportunity to come and talk to other members to find out more about us.

There will be committee representation and help is usually available for those with ipads or tablets who have IT or web problems. Help is also available with online membership renewal.

We look forward to seeing you.

Barnsley Community Transport

Some members have mentioned that they have difficulty accessing monthly meetings or getting to groups. Dial a ride seems like an answer and Door 2 Door bus services (also known as Community Transport) are for people who have difficulty using the mainstream public transport network, without the need to get to a bus stop.

There are three types of service available:

1. **ShopperBus** – services run on a predetermined day and take people to and from a shopping location for a flat return fare of £3.00.
2. **Dial-a-Ride** – services run to a destination of choice and fares depend on distance:

0-2 miles - £2.80 2.01-4 miles - £3.40 4.01 - 6 miles - £3.90.
Additional miles, priced per mile at £1.00

3. **Group Travel** – journeys booked by eligible groups, using their own or a Community Transport driver, can consist of a whole eligible group going on a trip, or individuals picked up separately to go to one destination e.g. a lunch club. Fares depend on distance or type of hire i.e. with or without the group's own driver.

Why use Door-2-Door?

- It's really simple to use, just phone up to book and is cheaper than a taxi and no walking to a bus stop. Picks you up where you want and takes you where you want.
- Fully accessible.

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What's on Offer – June 2026

1 June 1pm. MMM & AGM. Priory

NEW: 17th June 12 noon – 2pm Drop-in session. Barnsley Library

**NEW: 18th June 10.00am - 12 noon Drop in session Houghton Road Community Centre, Houghton Road, Thurnscoe S63 0JY
Parking available**

18 June 6.30pm Chinese Night at China Court, Mapplewell

**NEW: 20th June 10.00 – 12 noon Drop in session Ibis Hotel
Dodworth**

1-3 July u3a festival at York University Booking required

**3 July 7pm Summer Anniversary Bash. Bluebell Suite, Hotel
Nineteen, Dodworth. £25. Strangers in Trainers. Booking at MMM**

6 July 1pm MMM. Priory

**NEW: 10th July Walking Football Match Dodworth Miners Welfare
10am start**

16 July Curry Night. Thaal. Darfield. Booking at June MMM

**21 July 1-3.30pm Choir Concert. Wombwell Methodist Church.
Book at MMM**

3 August 1pm MMM. Priory

24 – 27 August YAHR Summer School. York. Booking required

7 September 1pm MMM Priory

**7th - 11 September Warner's Gunton Hall £445 Speak to Travel
Group**

19– 27 September National u3a week. Details to be announced 5

October 1pm MMM Priory

2 November 1pm MMM Priory

14-17 Nov. Longleat, Bath and more. Booking at 11 May MMM

7 December 1pm MMM Priory. Old Blowers

**8 December 1pm Choir Christmas Concert. Wombwell Methodist
Church. Book at MMM**

**10 December Christmas lunch at Burntwood Court Hotel. Booking
required**

More details on Travel and Social Events to follow.