

THE BUZZ



THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Walking Cricket Day at Dodworth in April with Angela Rippon and a full BBC TV crew was amazing. Bu3a 'ambassador extraordinaire' Mac McKechnie did us proud! For a full report, see page 10.

With [Simple Membership](#) (click the title to log on) now in place, it offers us the opportunity to have a livelier website and an efficient communication system for everyone. The Executive Committee's decision to reduce the size of The Buzz to 40 pages or less therefore takes effect from now. We are fortunate to have an almost complete set of 'The Buzz' which in its 100+ editions has grown from a tiny 4 to a massive 52 pages on occasion. Newspapers and magazines have now all gone digital as we strive to 'use less', 'waste less' and 'recycle more'. We are now going that way, too, although The Buzz has already been online for many years. We will be moving gently and slowly towards that goal and not be 'throwing the baby out with the bath water' any time soon.

April was our **Membership Renewal** month and our thanks go to Webmaster Robin Northcut, to the Membership team of Trudy Atkinson and Helen Dew for processing the BACS and cheque deposits via Simple Membership for the first time, and to Treasurer, Hilary Newton, for all their hard work in getting us to over the 1,100 renewals by the end of April. It is our first time using Simple Membership and some members have struggled with it, so we extended the renewal deadline until the May 15th Monthly Meeting.

The loss of members at renewal time each year makes us realise that some are no longer with us. The passing of our wonderful and loyal members makes us sad but thankful for their contribution to Bu3a's life. Our condolences go to their families and friends.

The **2023-24 Executive Committee Nominations** and the **Consultation Survey** are reported on elsewhere in this Buzz.

Treasurer, Hilary Newton, and Social Secretary, Margaret Saxton are now required to stand down according to our Constitution. Thanks go to both for their fantastic service to the Bu3a Executive Committee over the past six years.

DEREK BACON



ANGELA PLAYS A BLINDER FOR TEAM BARNSELEY u3a



The film will be featured on BBC's **THE ONE SHOW** on Friday 9th June from 7pm.

FROM THE EDITOR

This is the first edition of the 'new look' Buzz. Yes, the Buzz is slimming down in size. It's become a very large and glossy publication which, although popular with most members, has become unwieldy and expensive, financially and in resources, to produce. However, this does not mean that I will be accepting fewer articles or photographs. The Buzz will still reflect group activities, and members' interests and stories. The main changes are to layout and I'll be moving from a very 'light touch' in editing to being a bit more focused, thus keeping the variety of features a priority. Having said that we're slimming down, paradoxically, The Buzz is, in fact expanding. Throughout this edition, you'll be invited to 'click' links. In your paper copy this is impossible, but it's an invitation to go to the Web version and find out more. For example, on page 2, you can access the Eldon Street video straight from the webpage. This is a work in progress, and in the future web articles will contain more photographs, more artwork and more links to video and audio files. It's ambitious, but we can do it. **The important message is to keep your articles, features and photos coming.** I hope you enjoy this edition and try the Web version piloting all the extra features.

HELEN SIMMS

FRENCH CONVERSATION

HATS AGAINST HITLER

At a recent meeting, we learned how French women under Nazi occupation in World War II asserted their national identity. Stylish French women with their fondness for 'haute couture' subverted the Nazi vision of athletic, practical wives and mothers.

Three months into the occupation, resources in France were minimal, with massive restrictions on fuel and food. There were also strict regulations on fabric to bring French women in line with the Nazi ideal, forbidding extravagant styles and individuality.

In defiance of the restrictions, women added colour and style to their image by making extravagant turbans and headdresses. Needed to cover dirty hair, washing was avoided due to harsh soaps and lack of heat for drying, they used colourful scraps of fabric, old newspapers and farmyard feathers to construct lavish headwear. The hats became a clear act of defiance with bolder women using blue, red and white ribbons of the French tricolour.

The Nazis felt threatened by the hats, believing they sustained morale and symbolised dangerous and rebellious alliances.

Coordinator: GLORIA KING



ELDON ST, HIGH ST HERITAGE ACTION ZONE

Below is a link to a short video showing a digital reconstruction of Eldon Street in the 1960s, showing how the street has changed. Featuring views of the Victorian Arcade, Barnsley Market, the Civic and the Odeon cinema (now the Parkway); Created by Dextra Visual, working with Barnsley Museums and with support from Barnsley u3a. Additional thanks goes to the Tasker Trust for the use of their wonderful collection of historic images of Barnsley Streets.

[Eldon Street, Barnsley 1960s Model](#)

STORIES FOR PLEASURE

Come and try our group.

We all have a story to tell; a moment in our own history, a treasured memory or a flight of fancy. Whether you would like to write it down or just come along and tell your story, you will find a warm welcome and everyone has a worthwhile contribution to make.

Returning to meetings since the pandemic has been a bit of a struggle at times and numbers are currently quite low. We know it's not always easy to choose a group that's right for you, so come along and this just might be what you're looking for.

This is what one group member wanted to say to those who might be interested:

"Is there anyone out there in our u3a family that would like to come and join our exciting and interesting group? We are friendly and would love for you to tell us your stories. They say everybody has a book in them, that could be you ..."

For more information:

Coordinators: DOREEN MURDIN AND ERIC COOPER

GAMES GALORE

Recently, two of our members mentioned their encounter with a game called 'Mancala'. Regarded by many Africans as their national game, it's really a generic name for a suite of games, likened to cards or dominoes, each with its own rules. There may be as many as 200 variants of Mancala across the world. Some form of the game is known to have been played from c. 3,500 years ago. It spread rapidly across tropical and sub-tropical Asia and Africa. At an exhibition of African games in Chicago in 1893, it was claimed that for centuries half the world's population had enjoyed the pastime.

It's quite a simple game to understand, the name itself possibly derived from the Arabic word to move or takeaway, 'naqala'. A few small counters (beans, pebbles or seeds) are distributed evenly across a number of small 'pits', probably dents in sand originally, then carved into stone or wood boards. Through strategically picking up, dropping and capturing, the player that banks the most wins.

Get in touch via the Contact List if you fancy having a go.



Coordinator: MARTIN KING

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Our group continues to meet fortnightly, but has moved from Emmanuel Church to a member's home in Worsbrough. I've had no complaints yet, even after they tried my first attempt at an Osterlammkuchen (Easter lamb cake), a traditional German cake in the shape of a lamb.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Christine Bailey. She was one of the oldest in our group, and very enthusiastic. When it was her turn to speak in German she would often regale us with stories of her childhood on a Yorkshire farm. She will be much missed.

We have welcomed three new members, Val, Patrick and Linda, who are just starting out learning German, and making good progress.

Among other things we are working on is the challenge of having not just two genders for nouns as French does, but three – masculine, feminine and neuter. And the genders don't always seem logical. Why should Apfel (apple) be masculine and Ananas (pineapple) be feminine? Mann (man) is obviously masculine and Frau (woman) is feminine, but Mädchen (girl) is neuter. Actually that one is more-or-less logical: the ending -chen means little and nouns ending in -chen are always neuter.

Our aim is to learn while having fun. Whatever your level of German (or none), we would love to see you. Come and join us from 4 to 6pm at my place on alternate Thursdays.

Coordinator's Assistant: RUTH MCTIGHE
Coordinator: SUE BUTTON



THE PLEASURE OF CLASSICAL MUSIC AND OPERA



The group alternates between classical music and opera. April focused on opera with the very emotional *Il Trovatore* by Verdi. The great baritone, Dmitri Hvorostovsky, played the part of Count de Luna to great effect. The next opera presentation in June will be the much lighter *Barber of Seville* by Rossini.

Members chose the classical music presentation for May, playing the usual wide range of choices followed by a programme of ballet music.

A thought. What is classic music? The Oxford English Dictionary has an entry, but I prefer 'good music which has stood the test of time' as an answer. Why not give it a try?

RALPH SALES

Coordinator: ROBERT SEAGER

JEWELLERY MAKING

Each of the Introduction to Jewellery Making Groups has produced some fine pieces. Participants have learned to use different tools and basic techniques and have designed their own jewellery. The 6 week courses will resume in the autumn. Contact Sue Stokes if you wish to attend.



Coordinator: SUE STOKES

GARDENERS GROUP

The Gardeners Group continue their work restoring the Union Jack Garden at Wentworth Castle. Member, Dorothy Grainger, has created an artist's impression of what the Bu3a garden will look like. They meet every second Wednesday afternoon at Wentworth Castle and welcome new members regardless of gardening ability. Contact the Coordinator for more details.



Coordinator: NIALL CLARKE

THE CYCLING GROUP CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

April, ten years ago, Dave Allaway and I cycled from Worsborough to Old Moor, starting the Bu3a Cycling Group. To celebrate this occasion, I was joined by eight current members to start, where we finished, at Old Moor. We cycled to Dixie's Café in Sprotborough for the usual, excellent lunch.

We have grown over the years, not only in number, but as friends too. The first year was a little sporadic, but a relaunch in the second year added thirty-five riders, (twenty-seven men and eight women) of all abilities.

Over time, group rides have increased from the monthly to a regular fortnightly schedule, although we often meet at short notice on other Tuesdays so that we're meeting almost every week. The cycling season has also expanded into the winter months, so we now meet all year round, weather permitting. Many of the rides are local, but we also go further afield; Selby, York, Derbyshire, Whitby and Scarborough. This can't be done without the considerable input from members of the group who come up with ideas for interesting rides.

Missing the bacon sandwich cut-off time or mistaking sugar for salt can be reported in the Buzz. There are many more stories, but I stick by the Cycling Group motto: 'Whatever happens on a bike ride, stays on a bike ride', so many can't be published, you'll have to ask a cyclist.

During these ten years, members have drifted away, then returned after a rest or break for illness, and we also have members who can't ride anymore due to health issues. Nevertheless, they remain part of our group and we do our best to keep in touch, sending them weekly emails. I know that Bu3a members enjoy reading about the group in the Buzz, long may it continue.

Coordinator: LES ROBERTS



Derbyshire



Howden - Old ruins next to more old ruins



Punctured!



Clumber Park



Old Moor then ...



... and now.



Sports Nutrition

Date Tuesday	Meeting Place	Ride to
6 th June	Kendal Green	TPT circular route
20 th June	York	Beningbrough
4 th July	Anglers Country Park	Castleford
18 th July	Clumber Park	Sherwood Forest
1 st Aug	Cusworth	Moss
15 th Aug	York	Stamford Bridge
29 th Aug	Finkle Street	Dunford Bridge
12 th Sept	Parsley Hay Cycle Hire Derbyshire	Tissington Trail
26 th Sept	Rother Valley	Chesterfield
10 th Oct	Brayton	York
24 th Oct	Stanley Ferry	Temple Newsam
7 th Nov	Kendal Green	Manvers Lake
Extra Rides	Other Tuesdays at short notice	Ask the coordinator for details

PENISTONE MOTO

In March, Gill Wolff arranged for the group to have a guided tour of the Tutankhamen exhibition at Experience Barnsley. The tour began at the Cooper Gallery where we were shown some of the Henry Moore exhibits and some of the more important paintings. The gallery has been extended in recent years and is well worth a visit. Next, we were shown the Archive Centre. Members of the public who are researching their family or past events are welcome to work here, with staff on hand to offer help and advice. After lunch in the cafe, we met with our guide to go to the Tutankhamun Exhibition. We learned all about the Barnsley connections to the discovery of the tomb. There were many artefacts to look at, including those of Tutankhamun's family. An interesting and informative visit.



Also in March, we went out for a fish and chip supper at the Waggon and Horses in Oxspring. We stayed on for their quiz and though we didn't win, we had a lot of fun. I'd certainly recommend the fish and chips.



Coordinator: HELEN DEW



Bu3a and Lytham u3a walkers

HISTORY GROUP

In April, Barnsley and Wakefield u3a History groups went to Burghley House in Stamford.

The house and gardens are magnificent, made even more special by the friendliness of the guides who were on hand to help us at every turn.

Many thanks to Maureen Butler who, with a member from the Wakefield group, organised the trip.



Coordinator: BETH RUDKIN

SEQUENCE DANCING

On Sunday 5th March 2023, Lynda Gensavage, Sequence Dancing Group Coordinator, organised a 3 night dancing holiday to Lytham St Annes. It involved a programme of tuition and social dancing with our 40 dancers joining a full group of 60. The workshops began on Monday morning and we learnt 3 new dances. Fortunately, we were able to remember them for the evening dance sessions.

On Tuesday we were allowed some free time and some members opted to visit the famous Tower Ballroom. Lynda had been in touch with Mike from the Lytham u3a walking groups and they were delighted to show us the hidden parts of St Annes. So, on a perfect sunny day, sixteen of us met up with the local walkers, the Red Rose and White Rose walking together. Historian, Sue, had information sheets for different points along the walk, which made it more interesting.

The five mile linear walk featured the bronze statue of Les Dawson, by Barnsley's Graham Ibbeson. We were told about the RNLI disaster in 1886, known as the Mexico Disaster. Twenty-seven lifeboat crew lost their lives rescuing the crew of the German barque, Mexico. At Fairhaven Lake, we saw a full-size model of a Spitfire, a memorial to RAF, Commonwealth and US Air Forces.

Our hosts had another surprise in store for us. They had reserved tables at the Railway pub for lunch, so the gossiping continued for another hour.

A big thank you to members of Lytham u3a and Lynda for organising a wonderful break. **JO KASPAREK**

NATUREQUEST

The group kept indoors over the winter. We watched some interesting films by Barnsley Local TV on Carlton Marsh and the regeneration of the Manvers colliery site. (Click on [BLTV](#) to take a look)

Our first walk scheduled in March was 'snowed off', so we started our year on 13th April, and a super walk it was too. Spring is a beautiful time of year as new growth and life make their entrance into the world. Led by Pauline Masheder, 8 of us, including new member Joyce Brown, set off to find items of interest in Silkstone Common. A slow, steady and patient walk rewarded us with 87 different species: a mix of trees, flowering plants, fungi, mosses, lichens, birds and insects. A bonus was seeing ewes with their new lambs. The weather was a typical April day, short showers, scudding clouds, sun and blue sky.

The morning of the May walk on the 11th began in a very unpromising manner. It had rained 'stair rods' and there was still light rain at lunchtime. Four members braved the weather and set out for Jowett Royd Wood, also known as Ward Green Woods. Folk remembered playing there as young'uns. Due to the slippery conditions, a tentative foray into the woods was quickly abandoned in favour of a woodland margin walk around the perimeter of the football field. The diversity and number of species we saw in ninety minutes was startling. I'm sure the footballers give no thought to the sixty-one species on the edges of their pitch. A particular standout for me was an ancient willow, clearly a venerable tree. What must it have seen over the years it's been standing there?

A lovely afternoon in the company of like-minded people sharing the joys of connecting with the natural world just outside our front doors.

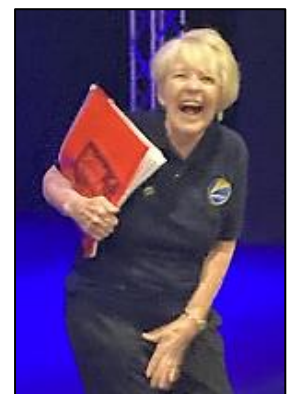
Coordinator: KAREN BARRAS



THEATRE

On 13th April the Theatre Group visited The Lamproom Theatre. We were met by Margaret Williams, one of the 'Friends of the Lamproom', who promptly joined our group. The opening question was, 'What links Wesleyan Methodism, canoes, snooker and Dick Whittington?' A question hinting at the building's diverse history. It began life as a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in 1794, with the first Sunday School opening in 1803. It was used as a Primitive Methodist venue until its closure in 1947. It became The Boy's Club from 1948 when extensive alterations were made to accommodate snooker and darts, a café was added at this time too. Girls were allowed to join in 1965. The Club closed in the 1990's. In 1998, John and Anne Kelly purchased the building with the objective of forming a charitable theatre trust. The first production was The Crucible by Arthur Miller and opened to a full house and rave reviews. The theatre has now put on hundreds of shows. An iconic venue in an iconic place.

Coordinator: JAYNE WELBURN



WALKING FOOTBALL

After an exciting eight a side match on 11th May, the group gathered in the Dodworth Miners' Welfare Club House for bacon butties and an 'FA Cup Final Quiz'. Thanks go to Neil Lunn for compiling an interesting and diverse series of questions.

This excellent group meets every Friday morning. We have a qualified referee doubling as Coordinator which ensures competitive instincts are kept under control and thus a great sense of camaraderie is evident within the group.

Coordinator: JOHN MCKINNON



Winners Alan Swann and Vernon Hayes flanked by John McKinnon and Neil Lunn

TRAVEL

**ALNWICK, LINDISFARNE AND SEAHOUSES
WEDNESDAY 13TH – THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER**

Why don't you join the travel group on the above outing? We will be staying at the 18th century coaching inn, The White Swan, in the centre of Alnwick. Dinner, bed and breakfast are included. Alnwick Castle, home of Harry Potter or Lady Edith Crawley and Alnwick Gardens are within 10 minutes' walk of the hotel. We'll also be visiting the holy island of Lindisfarne and the fishing village of Seahouses with its beach, cafés and pubs.

Twin or double rooms are available, price £149.

Booking at the Travel table at the next monthly meeting, or contact Chrissie White

Coordinator: CHRISSIE WHITE



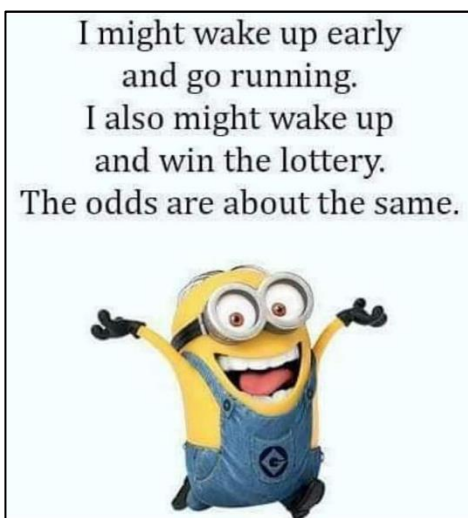
WARNERS AT ALVASTON HALL

In March members of the Travel Group enjoyed a lovely four night stay at Warners, Alvaston Hall. The theme of the excellent evening entertainment was 'Musicals'. Other activities at the hotel included quizzes and films. We also visited Chester, Jodrell Bank, the Wedgwood factory and called in at Bakewell on the way home.

AUDREY EYRE



HERE ARE THE JOKES, FOLKS



WALKING GROUPS

THURSDAY CHALLENGING WALKS PROGRAMME				Coordinator: BRIAN SMYTH
DATE	LEADER	MEETING PLACE	AREA	MILES
8 th June	Brian S	Marsden NT car park (mem. free) Grid Ref. SE 048 117 'w3w-///mimed.cabbages.continued'	Marden Moor Heritage Trail South Ascent – 1670 ft	9.5
13 th July	Ray W	Edale coach/car park Grid Ref. SK124 853 'w3w-///catching.goodbyes.fried'	Jacob's Ladder Ascent – 1890 ft	9.5
10 th Aug	Milo M	Windle Edge Road parking area Grid Ref. SE 142 006 'w3w-///slugs.prefect.pastime'	Barrow Challenge – the source of the Derwent Ascent – 2335 ft	13
14 th Sept	tba	Mortimer Rd layby nr Paintball Venue Grid Ref. SK 227 908 'w3w-///shots.bind.pool'	Derwent Edge and Musker Ascent – 1830 ft	11

THURSDAY LONGER WALKS PROGRAMME				Coordinator: Brian Smyth
22 nd June	Brian S	Shireoaks Village Hall Grid Ref. SK 554 809 'w3w-///boardroom.golf.boomers'	Shireoaks, C'Field Canal and Anston Stones Wood Ascent – 520 ft	8.5
27 th July	Mike H	Tivy Dale Grid Ref. SE 280 077 'w3w-///cone.landlords.merchant'	Cawthorne and Tivy Dale Circular Ascent – 1085 ft	8.5
24 th Aug	Brian S	Castleton car park Grid Ref. SK 149 829 'w3w-///intend.marshes.comforted'	Hope (cement works0, Bradwell, Brough Ascent – 970 ft	8
28 th Sept	Jean P	Roadside or Heatherdene car park Meet by res. Wall opp. Memorial Grid Ref. SK 201 854 'w3w-///report.prowling.artichoke'	Win Hill and Hope Cross Ascent – 1350 ft	8

Unless shown differently, all walks start at 10.00. For more details, contact the walk leader.
Any changes to walks are circulated by email.

TUESDAY WALKING PROGRAMME				Coordinators: ROBERT AND PAULINE ROWLAND
DATE	MEETING PLACE	AREA	LEADER/S	
13 th June	Earnshaw's Fencing Centre, Stocksmoor Rd Midgley, WF4 4JG	Midgley to West Bretton	Peter	
27 th June	The Travellers Inn, Oxspring, Jockey Rd, Four Lane Ends, S36 8YJ	Eastfield/Silkstone Common	Robert and Pauline	
11 th July	Rabbit Ings car park, Royston, S71 4BB	Rabbit Ings to Cold Hiendly Circular	Alan and Pat	
25 th July	Staincross Methodist Church carpark, Mapplewell, S75 6BP	Mapplewell area	Carol and Mavis	
8 th Aug	Bolton Brick Yard Ponds, Furlong Rd, Goldthorpe, S63 9EL	Brickyard Ponds and Parkland	John and Anne	
22 nd Aug	Thrybergh Country Park, Doncaster Rd, Thrybergh, Rotherham, S65 4NU	Thrybergh Country Park	Robina	
5 th Sept	The Travellers Inn, Oxspring, Jockey Rd, Four Lane Ends, S36 8YJ	Thurgoland Circular	Robert and Pauline	

Walkers meet at 09.45 for a 10.00 start and walks are approx. 4-6 miles, depending on the time of year. The walks vary in severity and number of stiles, so please check with the walk leader if you have any doubts regarding suitability. An email will be sent prior to each walk with further details. There is usually a pub/café nearby if members wish to socialise after the walk.

WALKING GROUPS contd

THURSDAY WALKERS		Coordinators: MICHAEL SWIFT AND DAVID LEADBEATER		
DATE	LEADER(S)	WALK AREA	MEETING PLACE	MILES
6 TH July	Andy and Margaret	Holm Blackpool Bridge	Holm Village HD9 2QG	5.5
20 th July	Michael Swift	Farnley Tyas	Parking on Butts Road adjacent to The Golden Cock pub HD4 6UD	6.2
3 rd August	Brian and Carol	Shelley Welly Walk	Shelley Village Hall SE 204 113 HD8 8HE	6.5
17 th August	Mike Hawley	Cawthorne	Tivy Dale Cawthorne	6.2
31 st August	Jean Potter	Anston Nature Reserve Chesterfield Canal	Anston recreation ground S25 4DN	Lunch Stop 7.2
7 th Sept	Mick and Denise	Robin of Loxley Walk	Loxley Common, car park on Long Lane SE 308 908 S35 0AF	
21 st Sept	Dave Hallas	Pilley	Pilley Community Centre S75 3AB	6

LITERATURE GROUPS

BOOK FORUM GROUP 1		Coordinator: JACQUELINE MCGEEVER
July	The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah	A story of two sisters in France and their struggle to survive under Nazi occupation during WWII.
August	The Radium Girls by Kate Moore	These women bore the consequences of releasing an untested substance into mass production, sustaining extreme pain, disability, and death from ingesting radium.
September	The Amateur Marriage by Ann Tyler	The plot concerns the marriage of Michael Anton and Pauline Barclay, who meet when he tends to her bloodied brow in his family's grocery store, located in a primarily Eastern European enclave in Baltimore, in December 1941.
We meet at Worsborough Library on the second Monday of each month from 12:00 to 13:00.		
BOOK FORUM GROUP 2		Coordinator: GLORIA KING
1 st Aug MEETING	Daughters of the Night by Laura Shepherd-Robinson	From the brothels and gin-shops of Covent Garden to the elegant townhouses of Mayfair, Caroline Corsham, seeks justice for a murdered woman whom London society would rather forget.
5 th Sept NO MEETING	A Cuckoo in the Nest by Fran Hill	It's the heatwave summer of 1976 and 14-year-old, would-be poet, Jackie Chadwick is newly fostered by the Wall family. Funny and poignant, and inspired by Fran Hill's own experience of being fostered.
3 rd Oct	Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus	This novel follows the story of chemist, Elizabeth Zott, forced to become a TV chef when she finds herself a young, single mother. Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters.
7 th Nov	Stepping Up by Sarah Turner	This is a story about digging deep for strength you never knew you had and finding magic in things that were there all along.
5 th Dec	Truly, Darkly, Deeply By Victoria Selman	A taut, breakout psychological serial killer thriller with a wicked twist. Matty Melgren is a convicted serial killer serving life without parole for the murders of several women in London in the 1980s. He's handsome, funny, respectable. Is he guilty?
PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE MEETING IN AUGUST, BUT NOT IN SEPTEMBER. TWO BOOKS TO DISCUSS IN OCTOBER		
We meet at Birdwell Community Centre on the first Monday of each month at 11:30.		

WALKING CRICKET

In the April Interim Buzz, I reported on the media sensation that is Walking Cricket. Invented in Bu3a by Mac Mckechnie, (old news, I know, but always worth repeating) and recently featured in the Guardian, Look North and Calendar. As a result, BBC's The One Show came to sunny Dodworth in the form of television royalty, Angela Rippon.



Angela enjoyed watching Barnsley u3a and Wakefield Warriors u3a team play a friendly match for filming purposes. The players enjoyed her visit and greatly appreciated her friendly interviewing style. Bu3a Honorary member Dickie Bird was also there to lend a hand.

The results will be broadcast on 9th June to coincide with the start of the Ashes Tour.



WALKING CRICKET – A PERSONAL STORY

My brother Duncan, 65 with learning difficulties, has always had a keen interest in cricket. Since leaving school, though, he's had very few opportunities to play the game. Interest has been maintained by going to matches, locally and further afield.

Last summer, at Higham Cricket Club, my sister heard about Yorkshire County Cricket's efforts to widen participation to all abilities regardless of age, gender or disability. It was suggested he try Walking Cricket as a relatively gentle re-introduction to the game and we were put in touch with Mac.

Duncan joined Walking Cricket in September 2022 and takes part every Thursday, it's become his highlight of the week. His enthusiasm is evident when he tells family and friends about how he plays in a cricket team.

His self-esteem, skills and confidence has grown. The team is welcoming and supportive and Duncan feels an accepted member of the team. It's made a significant difference to his life, being a player rather than a spectator.

VALERIE PARKIN

WE'VE MOVED

WALKING CRICKET HAS CHANGED VENUE.

Due to the popularity of the sport, the group has outgrown its current venue at Dodworth.

With immediate effect, Bu3a Walking Cricket is now based at **Shaw Lane Cricket Ground, S70 6HZ.**

The group meets every Thursday 10.00 – 12.00 with **FOUR** teams playing on two pitches.

We now have space for more members, why not give it a try? It's great fun, gentle exercise and a fantastic social element. All welcome.

Coordinator: MAC MCKECHNIE

NEW MEMBERS LINK

An enthusiastic 12 new members attended our April NML Meeting. They were impressed by the 120 different groups and activities available for them to choose from.

The team spent an enjoyable couple of hours getting to know their varied interests and advising them on how to join in. They shared plenty of ideas for us to follow up on.

A delightful meeting for all.

Coordinator: EV MIRFIN



CREATIVE WRITING

Faithful unto Death

The little boy and his best friend always played together
Two faithful friends, inseparable in any kind of weather
They would go for walks in fresh green fields, play ball games in the street
Wherever that little boy went the dog was at his feet.
One day the boy called his dog's name but came no answering bark
He searched relentlessly all day until the sky grew dark
Still, he carried on and on calling out his name
Not realising at the time, life would never be the same.
Then he saw a dark still form in a passing car headlamp
He knew before he reached it, it was his best friend Scamp
He touched the little body at last his best friend he had found
A motorist had killed him and had left him on the ground
He pleaded with him to get up calling out his name
"Oh please get up old Scamp" he cried "We'll have a little game"
His friend had never disobeyed but now in death he lay
The little boy knew then that no more games would Scamp play.
He thought boys should never cry but he remembered many happy years
As he struggled to lift that little dog he could not help the tears
He carried his lifelong friend back home as passers-by just stared
But he did not want their help to carry his friend whose life he'd shared.

PHYLLIS HAWKES

THE CHOIR

The Choir will be presenting two concerts at their new home, **Wombwell Methodist Church.**
27th June at 1.45

12th December at 1.30

Tickets will be available at Monthly Meetings.

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Monthly Meeting is **Monday July 3rd** with thriller writer Philip Caine.

"The audience was gripped from the first words he uttered. He was funny, interesting, totally engaging. He tells a tale packed with incident ranging from hotel cooking to North Sea rigs and Russian mafia. It's told at pace and with panache. The audience laughed and were enthralled from start to finish."

AUGUST – NO MEETING

We start our 2023-24 Monthly meetings programme in September.



FOOD MEMORIES

Barnsley u3a has a diverse membership with people who came to Barnsley from all over the country with very different upbringings. This diversity of experiences makes Bu3a the dynamic organisation we all know and love. Here are Mac's food memories.

Mac McKechnie

Mac had an upbringing that was very unconventional. His father, rejecting the ties of home ownership and a traditional lifestyle, brought him up in a caravan. For a time they lived in laybys in North Yorkshire. By the time Mac was 5, his father had moved the family to a small field at Birstall near Batley, which was gradually developed into a smallholding. There was no electricity or gas supply and water came from a spring. Cooking was by paraffin stove or outdoors on a coal fire. As a small child one of Mac's chores on Sunday was to collect coal from the nearby railway line fallen from passing steam trains.

His food memories are vivid as he was always hungry. A particular memory involves his mother cooking a freshly killed chicken in a galvanised bucket over an outdoor coal fire. Into the bucket also went potatoes and any other vegetables available, his mother had passion for chucking half a packet of lentils into any stew. Without a fridge, puddings were a rare treat. Orange segments with Carnation condensed milk, usually used for tea and coffee. By the age of 8, Mac was milking the 2 goats the family had acquired, the milk filtered through one of his mother's clean stockings. The bitter, strong taste of the milk is still a vivid memory.

Nearly everything he ate was produced from the smallholding. Mac remembers that aged 10 -14, he spent many hours shooting wild rabbits to be added to the pot. Chicken, potatoes and other common vegetables were also produced. Aged 15, Mac escaped this unconventional life and joined the army as a boy soldier. There, he found the food marvellous.

LYNN MALONEY

'THEIR FINEST HOUR' - SHARE YOUR FAMILY MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR II

Join this Heritage Lottery Funded nationwide campaign organised by the University of Oxford to collect the everyday stories and objects of World War II. It is vital to preserve artifacts and memories of experiences at home and at the front before they are lost.

How can you help?

1. Subscribe to the national email group: <https://forms.office.com/e/ctteu6v2c>
2. Attend the u3a Online Learning Event: tbc
3. Go to a Digital Collection Day being run at a host of museums and libraries across the UK
4. Run a collection in your group (perhaps genealogy, local history and other Bu3a groups)
5. Upload your war-related stories at: <https://theirfinesthour.english.ox.ac.uk>

"It's like 'Flog It' or 'Antiques Roadshow' without the valuation. From meet and greet to showing someone their husband's war record online, helping people understand their family history." Ally Edwards, u3a Evesham and District, 10/3/23



Click on the links for useful videos.

[Their Finest Hour: Introduction](#)

[Their Finest Hour: Volunteers](#)

HANNAH LUCAS

FAMILY PHOTOS AND FAMILY HISTORIES PILOT SESSION ON ZOOM WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE AT 10.30am

Photos are often the most common and sometimes the only record we have of our families' lives in the past. This pilot session will explore how to make the most of family photograph collections. Led by social historians Laura King (University of Leeds) and Jane Hamlett (Royal Holloway, University of London), the session will provide a toolkit for exploring the meanings of personal photo collections.

Download the flyer [here](#)

For further information contact Maggy Simms: slp@u3a.org

QUIZZOOMERS

Round 1

1. Which British political party was formed in 1900?
2. What are the red Monopoly properties/streets?
3. What is the name of the bell traditionally rung at Lloyds of London after a disaster at sea?
4. Who or what did Winston Churchill describe as: 'A riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma'?
5. Which Greek hero was the son of Peleus and Thetis?
6. In what year was the death penalty abolished in the UK?
7. Which country's name has never appeared on their postage stamps?
8. Who was the mother of 3 French kings - Francis II, Charles IX and Henry III?
9. Which British prime minister said "I am not prepared to stagger from compromise to compromise"?
10. In which abbey is Poets' Corner?

Round 2

1. What does the letter 'U' stand for in 'I.O.U'?
2. Which came first, the book or the phrase 'Catch 22'?
3. What is the maximum possible score in a game of ten pin bowling?
4. What does the musical term 'adagio' mean?
5. Who created Inspector Morse?
6. Whose motto is 'per ardua ad astra'? (through struggle to the stars)
7. Which of the two plants belong to the same plant family - potato, tobacco, turnip and onion?
8. Who composed the ballet, Swan Lake?
9. Which country's national symbol is a pomegranate?
10. Where does a novocastrian come from?

ANSWERS

Round 1

1 - The Labour Party
 2 - Strand, Trafalgar Square, Fleet Street.
 3 - The Lutine Bell
 4 - Russia
 5 - Achilles
 6 - 1965
 7 - Britain
 8 - Catherine di Medici
 9 - Margaret Thatcher
 10 - Westminster

Round 2

1 - Unto
 2 - The book
 3 300
 4 - Slowly
 5 - Colin Dexter
 6 - RAF
 7 - potato and tobacco - belong to the 'nightshade' family
 8 - Tchaikovsky
 9 - Spain
 10 - Newcastle

BRIAN AND JANET CROSSLAND

COOKERY CORNER

CORNED BEEF PASTY

- 1 Packet Puff Pastry
- 1 Tin Corned Beef/Sliced Corned Beef
- 1 Onion, finely chopped
- Grated cheese to taste
- Black Pepper



Roll out the pastry to ½ inch thick. Gently fry the onions until soft. Lay sliced corned beef on one half of the pastry square, cover with the onions and sprinkle grated cheese on the top, enough to cover the other ingredients. Add a pinch of pepper. Dampen the edges of the pastry and fold over the filling and seal by pinching the edges. Cut a few slits across the top of the pastry and brush with beaten egg or milk to glaze. Bake at 220° or gas mark 7 until risen and golden brown. Eat hot or cold.

CHRISTINE PALMER

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lynn Balls, **David Balls**, Carolyn Thorpe, **Valerie Hirst**, Martin Lowe, **Mary Gregson**, Julie Hoyland, **John Hoyland**, Colin Newton, **James Davies**, Barry Potter, **Timothy Matthews**, Brian Souter, **Ann Walker**, Clive Langman, **Val Plaistow**, Charles Plaistow, **Mary Holt**, Brenda Jones, **Rita Bentley**, Janet Crossland, **Malcolm Fisher**, John Briggs, **Kathryn Ellis**, Brian Dolan, **Ralph Swindells**, Patricia Law, **Neil Spillane**, John Walker, **David Burnett**, Doreen Dunwell, **Diane Atkinson**, Patrick Smith, **Linda Marsh**, Jennifer Green, **Rosemary Roberts**, Alan Walshaw, **Jane Hinchmore**, Hilda Coy, **Lewis Smith**, John Highton, **William Cobb**, Peter Clarkson, **Ann Crummack**, Vivienne Parkinson and **Donald Parkinson**.



HELEN DEW

Flix is on the first and third Fridays of the month at 6pm at Staincross Christian Fellowship. We have fish and chips for those who want it. The costs are the £1.50 blue box fee and 20p towards the cost of the films and whatever you order from the chippy. We are not charging for refreshments just now.

<p>16th June</p> 	<p>MOTHERING SUNDAY</p>
	<p>Cast: Odessa Young, Josh O'Connor, Glenda Jackson, Olivia Coleman, Colin Firth</p> <p>On a warm spring day in 1924, house maid and foundling Jane Fairchild finds herself alone on Mother's Day. Her employers, Mr & Mrs Niven, are out and she has the rare chance to spend quality time with her secret lover Paul. But events that neither can foresee will change the course of Jane's life forever.</p> <p>Genre: Romance, Drama</p>
<p>7th July</p> 	<p>BLACKLIGHT</p>
	<p>Cast: Liam Neeson, Tim Draxl, Aidan Quinn, Taylor John Smith, Emma Raver-Lampman</p> <p>In this tense action thriller, LIAM NEESON stars as Travis Block, a freelance government operative living on the fringes and coming to terms with his shadowy past. When he discovers an undercover team that's targeting U.S. citizens, Block finds himself in the crosshairs of the FBI director he once helped protect. But as Block attempts redemption by enlisting a journalist to get the truth out, his daughter and granddaughter are threatened — and a danger that has existed on the margins.</p> <p>Genre: Action, Thriller</p>
<p>21st July</p> 	<p>THE LOST CITY</p>
	<p>Cast: Brad Pitt, Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum, Daniel Radcliffe</p> <p>Brilliant, but reclusive author Loretta Sage (Sandra Bullock) has spent her career writing about exotic places in her popular romance-adventure novels featuring handsome cover model Alan (Channing Tatum), who has dedicated his life to embodying the hero character, "Dash." While on tour promoting her new book with Alan, Loretta is kidnapped by an eccentric billionaire (Daniel Radcliffe) who hopes that she can lead him to the ancient lost city's treasure from her latest story. Wanting to prove that he can be a hero in real life and not just on the pages of her books, Alan sets off to rescue her. Thrust into an epic jungle adventure, the unlikely pair will need to work together to survive the elements and find the ancient treasure before it's lost forever.</p> <p>Genre: Action, Comedy</p>
<p>4th August</p> 	<p>DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA</p>
	<p>Cast: Simon Curtis, Julian Fellowes, Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville, Michelle Dockery</p> <p>The Crawley family goes on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa.</p> <p>Genre: Drama, Sequel</p>
<p>18th August</p> 	<p>DEATH ON THE NILE</p>
	<p>Cast: Kenneth Branagh, Gal Gadot, Annette Bening, Sophie Okonedo, Jennifer Saunders</p> <p>Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot's Egyptian vacation aboard a glamorous river steamer turns into a terrifying search for a murderer when a picture-perfect couple's idyllic honeymoon is tragically cut short. Set against an epic landscape of sweeping desert vistas and the majestic Giza pyramids, this tale of unbridled passion and incapacitating jealousy features a cosmopolitan group of impeccably dressed travellers, and enough wicked twists and turns to leave audiences guessing until the final, shocking denouement.</p> <p>Genre: Drama, Adaptation, Sequel</p>
<p>1st September</p> 	<p>RESISTANCE 1942</p>
	<p>Cast: Matthew Modine, Judd Hirsch, Jonah Hirsch, Landon Johnson, Cary Elwes</p> <p>France is under Nazi control. The Allies have been pushed off the continent and their defeat in North Africa seems likely. Under this dark shadow, a man named Jacques uses a radio to broadcast a message of hope. He hides in an attic with his daughter, Juliet and a small group of fellow survivors, playing a deadly game of cat and mouse with the German occupiers. The world becomes too dangerous when the Gestapo send Captain Klaus Jager to catch Jacques. As Klaus closes in, Jacques and his small group make a desperate bid to escape their pursuer, trusting themselves to the help of enigmatic Andre, a Swiss banker. In the end, that trust may turn out to be the very thing that leads the hunter to his prey.</p> <p>Genre: Drama, Historical, War</p>

It has been another strong year for Barnsley u3a; with some 1,200 members, an impressive 125 Activity groups and a full Executive Committee of 14 people already in place for 2023-24, it was not surprising to be told at the regional AGM in May that “we look to Barnsley to see how it’s done”. Recruitment and retention of members and of Committee members is a major u3a issue but Barnsley is doing so well. Our fine 26-year history rests on the shoulders of countless outstanding, long-term, selfless volunteers who have set the example that we are trying hard to follow and match.

The single, most memorable day of the year was, perhaps, the visit in April of the BBC’s ‘The One Show’ to report on Bu3a ‘ambassador extraordinaire’ Mac McKechnie’s Walking Cricket fame. A Community Award for Mac from Radio Leeds led to clips on Look North and Calendar, a full article in The Guardian and then Angela Rippon with full TV crew at Dodworth for a ‘One Show’ report that will go out on the **9th June** to coincide with the Summer’s Test Matches. The 5-minute slot is excellent and will create hundreds of membership requests to join u3as throughout the country.

We try hard to let people know who we are but still remain hampered by our mysterious ‘u3a’ name. U3a Day in September was a great success in town with Flutes Galore, The Stringalongs and The Old Blowers supporting Bu3a groups in the Library and members who distributed our 2023 publicity leaflets in the Town Square. Wanting to spend less on hiring gazebos for such events, we decided to purchase our own blue and yellow 6m x 3m gazebo which has our name emblazoned on it. Its first outing was at Monk Bretton Methodist Church in October when the Mayor planted a rowan tree to commemorate our 25th anniversary, u3a’s 40th anniversary and The Queen’s Canopy project. The Mayor, a Bu3a fan, subsequently invited 20 members of Bu3a to an excellent Town Hall visit.

The biggest and hopefully the best innovation of the 2022-23 year has been our move to **Simple Membership** for our website and our internal management system. Its predecessors, Sitebuilder and Beacon, were creaking and the Sitebuilder website actually failed in November 2022 but it still took a bit of a leap of faith to abandon them. Simple Membership had been adopted by some strong u3as and would cost the same £1 per member per year so we went for it.

Bu3a Web Manager, Robin Northcut, and Membership Secretary, Trudy Atkinson, took the lead in a three-month trial in January to learn the new system so that we could use it for our April ‘23 renewals and then start to build a brand-new website. It has been a fast learning curve for them and they deserve our sincere gratitude. It is a great example of how the Committee works behind the scenes to keep our u3a moving ahead. The website is already popular and it will develop fast under the talented team of Robin Northcut, Janet Elvy and Helen Simms.

Our search for the perfect venue for **Monthly Meetings** continues although The Metrodome has, in general, served us well; the Rigby Suite has been full for every meeting. Some of the meetings have been very good indeed; perhaps the most memorable moment was the Yorkshire Air Ambulance speaker showing a video of **himself** being rescued by the helicopter crew after suffering a cardiac arrest on the pitch before a Barnsley FC match. Ian McMillan, the ‘Bard of Barnsley’ was a real ‘hit’ and he accepted our offer to become an Honorary Bu3a Member. Alison Spencer from Barnsley Hospital’s ‘The Well’ for cancer survivors was very impressive. Alan Swann’s comedy show was hilarious. Milly Johnson was predictably ‘down-to-earth’ and funny. It has been a varied, happy and worthwhile programme that has brought us together on a regular basis.

Of course, our main business is helping retirees to have a meaningful, happy, retirement. Our 125 groups are wide-ranging and offer so much friendship and enjoyment. Our **Buzz** magazine that enables these groups to showcase their ‘work’ remains pretty unique; with a new flexible website and moving with the times, the **paper Buzz** will now contract in size and more Bu3a information and photos will go into the website’s Buzz section. Our huge thanks to Helen Simms for her forward-looking and committed work on the Buzz; it’s a massive task that she is driving ahead superbly.

Our most sincere thanks to Committee members Hilary Newton and Margaret Saxton who stand down as Treasurer and Social Secretary after their maximum six years on Committee.

Finally, enormous thanks to every single Coordinator, to their assistants and to the multitude of members who help out in any way at all to make Bu3a such a vibrant and successful organisation. Here’s to 2023-24!

DEREK BACON (CHAIRMAN)

Bu3a EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2023-24

Twelve Committee Nomination Forms for 2023-24 were received by the closing date of 3rd May 2023.

Two members of Committee, Chairman, **Derek Bacon**, and Vice-Chairman, **Helen Simms**, were appointed for two years so did not need to submit a form.

That gives us **EXACTLY** the fourteen people allowed on Committee. Twelve appointed and two co-opted by Committee itself.

Hilary Newton and Margaret Saxton are standing down after their six years' maximum (and outstanding) service.

Seven members of the 2022-23 Committee, **Janet Elvy**, **Niall Clarke**, **Trudy Atkinson**, **Jo Kasperek**, **Indu Kumar**, **Robin Northcut** and **Sue Stokes** applied to continue.

Pauline Buttling applied to be Social Secretary

Jean Embury applied to be Risk Assessment & Compliance Officer.

Helen Dew, a former member of Committee, **Fred Brookes** and **Carmel Seston** applied to be Committee members.

Therefore, the new Committee could look like this: final decisions on roles will take place when the new Committee meets for the first time.

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| 1. Derek Bacon | Chairman |
| 2. Helen Simms | Vice-Chairman/The Buzz |
| 3. Janet Elvy | Business Secretary/Simple Membership Administrator |
| 4. Niall Clarke | Treasurer/Room Bookings Officer |
| 5. Trudy Atkinson | Membership Secretary |
| 6. Fred Brookes | Committee member (co-opted) |
| 7. Pauline Buttling | Social Secretary |
| 8. Helen Dew | Penistone Manager/New Members Secretary/Membership Administrator |
| 9. Jean Embury | Risk Assessment & Compliance Officer |
| 10. Jo Kasperek | Publicity Officer |
| 11. Indu Kumar | Groups Development Officer |
| 12. Robin Northcut | Webmaster/Simple Membership Manager |
| 13. Carmel Seston | Committee member (co-opted) |
| 14. Sue Stokes | Events Officer |

BOPPA GRANTS

Barnsley Older People Physical Activity are offering up to £1000 to help set up new activity programmes. The grants could be used to purchase any equipment needed for the activity. Any proposal would need to be developed and delivered between May and September of this year. Obviously, activities could continue after this time.

If you have an idea, then contact LYNN MALONEY and she'll investigate further.

CORONATION FESTIVITIES



Theatre Group



Sequence Dancing 2

INCOME	2022/23	2021/22	EXPENDITURE	2022/23	2021/22
Advertising Revenue	£0.00	£396.00	Affiliation Fees	£4,932.00	£4,000.50
Blue Box Contributions	£33,091.60	£11,726.76	Beacon Access Fee	£1,360.16	£1,170.00
Buzz Posting Contributions	£1,652.50	£28.00	Buzz Posting	£1,445.21	£1,381.22
Donations	£104.08	£237.40	Buzz Printing	£5,699.00	£6,042.00
Easy Fundraising/Smile Amazon	£131.35	£88.93	Capital Purchases	£1,614.16	£588.98
From CCLA	£0.00	£2,675.88	Choir Accompanist	£390.00	£0.00
Gift Aid	£2,083.98	£2,477.91	Committee Expenses	£33.49	£0.00
Membership Subs (renewals)	£12,826.60	£3,478.00	Events	£204.41	£0.00
Miscellaneous Gains	£209.66	£30.00	General Postage	£1,199.16	£940.70
Monthly Raffle	£851.87	£315.00	General Printing	£969.88	£489.66
New Member Subs	£3,009.70	£2,262.00	General Purchases	£816.94	£585.77
Ringfenced for Groups	£1,857.50	£1,714.50	Licence Fees	£85.89	£139.99
Third Age Magazine	£298.16	£351.20	Miscellaneous Costs	£252.19	£190.23
U3A Day	£150.00	£0.00	Mobile Top-up	£0.00	£0.00
U3A Sales	£101.50	£131.25	New Members Link Petty Cash	£55.23	£0.00
			RINGFENCED TOTAL	£2,100.19	£1,106.90
			Room Hire	£36,101.80	£12,420.05
			Speaker Fees	£421.00	£50.00
			Spring School 2019/20	£0.00	£0.00
			Stationery	£865.21	£1,211.20
			Storage Unit	£2,135.98	£0.00
			Third Age Purchases	£433.31	£485.17
			U3A Day Costs	£295.95	£178.34
			Web Domain	£2.40	£0.00
			Zoom	£318.98	£499.11
General Income Total	£56,368.50	£25,912.83	General Expense Total	£61,732.54	£31,479.82
40s Night	£1,293.00	£0.00	40s Night	£558.00	£0.00
60s Night	£0.00	£0.00	60s Night	£0.00	£0.00
Burns Night 2020	£0.00	£0.00	Burns Night 2020	£0.00	£0.00
Anniversary Dinner	£0.00	£3,400.00	Anniversary Dinner	£772.09	£3,631.25
Christmas Lunch	£2,156.00	£2,310.00	Christmas Lunch	£2,191.58	£2,297.27
Race Night	£0.00	£0.00	Social Committee Float	£0.00	£43.00
			Social Committee Meetings	£0.00	£0.00
			Dec Meeting	£0.00	£35.50
Social Income Totals	£3,449.00	£5,710.00	Social Expense Total	£3,521.67	£6,007.02
			Less Unpresented Cheques	£0.00	£0.00
INCOME - FINAL TOTAL	£59,817.50	£31,622.83	EXPENSES - FINAL TOTAL	£65,254.21	£37,486.84
CASH & RESERVES					
Current Account C/F	£1,817.27	£4,253.98			
Less Unpresented Cheques	£0.00	£0.00			
Savings Account	£17,055.39	£20,000.00			
Stamps Value	£1,120.36	£0.00			
Choir Account	£1,986.90	£1,655.53			
Choir Cash in Hand	£392.41	£222.90			
TOTAL	£22,372.33	£26,132.41			

In accordance with instructions we have examined the books and records maintained by the treasurer.
The accounts give a fair and true view of the state of affairs.

Name: MICHAEL PEARSE

Name: STEPHEN HYNER

Signature: 

Signature: 

Date: 19/4/2023

Date: 19th April 2023

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT U3A - JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2023

The most up to date details are on our website www.bu3a.org.uk

WEDNESDAY		Start Time		June			July			August			September							
Group	Frequency	Venue	Start Time	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27
Art for Beginners	Fortnightly	St Thomas's Community Centre	10.00		X	X		X	X		X		X	X		X		X	X	
Ceilidh Band	Fortnightly	Darby & Joan Club, Darton	14.00	X	X			X	X			X	X				X	X		
Chinese Night	Contact coordinator	China Court Maplewell																		
Creative Writing**	Fortnightly	Birdwell Community Centre	18:00	X	X			X	X			X	X				X	X		
Crown Green Bowling	Weekly (Mar-Oct)	Ardley	10.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Current Affairs	Fortnightly	Mapplewell & Staincross V Hall	10.00	X	X			X	X			X	X				X	X		
French Conversation*	Fortnightly	Birdwell Community Centre	14.00	X	X			X	X			X	X				X	X		
Games Galore	Weekly	Birdwell Community Centre	14.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gardeners Group	Fortnightly	Wentworth Castle Estate	13:30	X	X			X	X			X	X				X	X		
Genealogy	Fortnightly	Dodworth Miners Welfare	see note	X	X			X	X			X	X				X	X		
Literature	Fortnightly	Monk Bretton Methodist	14.00	X	X			X	X			X	X				X	X		
Modern Jive Dance	Weekly (except 2nd week)	Staincross Christian Fellowship	18:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Solo Club	2nd Week	Staincross Christian Fellowship	18.30					X				X								
Stringalongs (Ukulele)*	Fortnightly	Darby & Joan Club, Darton	14.15		X			X				X					X			
Wednesday Ramblers	Weekly	As announced	10.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

*Indicates a group is full on this particular day

Genealogy

Meets fortnightly for two*two-hour sessions at 10:00 and 12:00; from Sept will meet for two 90min sessions starting at 10:30 and 12:00

Members can come to both sessions if they so wish.

Please check with coordinator as calendar may vary

**Creative Writing

VENUES AND BUS INFORMATION

VENUE	BUS	STAND
AGE UK BARNSELY, 36a Queens Road, Barnsley S71 1AR		
ALDER CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE: Off Longsight Road, Mapplewell S75 6JA	1	10
ARDSLEY BOWLING CLUB: Coronation Terrace, Off Doncaster Rd, Ardsley S715BE	219	21
ARDSLEY OAKS WMC: 680 Doncaster Rd, Ardsley, Barnsley S71 5EF	219	21
BARNSELY BOWL: Carlton Road, Barnsley S71 2AZ	12	8
BIRDWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE: Rockingham Street, Birdwell S70 5TQ	2 / 66 / 67	1
BURTON GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE: Wike Road, Lundwood S71 5LT	32	16
DARTON PARISH HALL: Church St, Darton, Barnsley S75 5HF	93	5
DODWORTH LIBRARY: High Street, Dodworth, Barnsley, S75 3RF	22	4
DODWORTH MINERS WELFARE CLUB: High Street, Dodworth, Barnsley S75 3RF	22	4
EMMANUEL CHURCH: Huddersfield Road, Barnsley S75 1DT	95	5
KING STREET FLATS: Waltham Street, Barnsley, S70 1JU	22X / 6	18 / 17
MANOR COURT COMMUNITY CENTRE: Westend Ave, Royston, Barnsley S71 4LN	57	13
MAPPLEWELL AND STAINCROSS VILLAGE HALL: Darton Lane, Barnsley S75 6AL	1	10
MONK BRETTON METHODIST CHURCH: High St, Monk Bretton, Barnsley S71 2EG	57/59	13
PENISTONE BOWLING CLUB: Back Lane, Penistone S36 6DW	20/21	5
PENISTONE LEISURE CENTRE S36 9EF	20/21	5
PENISTONE SCOUT HUT S36 6ET	20/21	5
POLLYFOX COMMUNITY CENTRE, Pollyfox Way, Dodworth S75 3QR	22	4
REDFEARN'S SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB: Burton Road, Monk Bretton, S71 2JS	57/59	13
STAINCROSS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 21 Spark Lane, Mapplewell, S75 6AA	1	10
ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE: Church St, Penistone S36 6AR	22	4
ST THOMAS'S COMMUNITY CENTRE: Church St, Gawber, Barnsley S75 2RJ	92 / 93	4
STOCKSBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE: Moorland Drive, Stocksbridge, S36 1EG	23	5
STAIRFOOT CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB: 466 Doncaster Road, Barnsley S70 3PW	222/226/X19	18 / 19
TESCO: Wombwell Lane, Stairfoot, Barnsley S70 3NS	22X	18
VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE: Manor Road, Cudworth, Barnsley S72 8DG	27	15
WOMBWELL METHODIST CHURCH: Summer Lane, Wombwell, Barnsley S73 8HE	22	18
WORSBROUGH BRIDGE SOCIAL CLUB: Sheffield Rd, Worsbrough Bridge S70 5EJ	66	2
WORSBROUGH LIBRARY: Elm House Estate, Queensway, Worsbrough S70 5EN.	66	2

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Deadline is 11th August