



THE BUZZ

BARNSELEY u3a News, Information and Features

WINTER 2023



FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Coordinator: Pat Wassell

CELEBRATING TWENTY YEARS 2003-2023

With the encouragement of my husband Peter, I opened the first meeting in November 2003 with nine members. Membership has changed over the years as to be expected in the u3a. Presently we have thirteen enthusiastic members. From the beginning Gloria King has been my deputy. Her support throughout has been invaluable.

Over the years our knowledge of the French language and the French way of life all over the world has developed significantly. Everyone learns in different ways, so we use a study book, works by French authors and poets, C.Ds. D.V.Ds. films, games, magazine articles and personal experiences.

We are a lively group where everyone's contributions are valued.

Many thanks to all members both past and present for their loyalty, support and friendship without which the group could not exist. French Language and Culture is an important part of my life and I hope to be able to continue in the future.



THE RETURN OF THE CEILIDH – 10TH NOVEMBER

Dancing at a ceilidh obviously suits Bu3a members. Despite the weather, the hall at Worsbrough soon filled up. Once we got started there was no stopping members getting up to gallop, do-si-do, right and left-hand stars, oxos, weaving and the rest. You needed to be there to see it!

The Rhythm Chaps led by Chris Mc Shane played wonderfully and took us through a variety of dances from straightforward and easy, to hard and complex. We even managed the Sir Robert de Courcey dance – a favourite of King Charles III! If you see him, tell HRH we did a good job. Did mistakes matter? Not at all, in fact they were all part of the fun. It was as if we had been doing ceilidh dancing all our lives – possibly some of us had!



A substantial supper didn't stop the dancing feet as we were soon back on the floor for the second half. It was clear that only the passage of time was going to stop the proceedings.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening with good company, refreshments and an accomplished band and caller to guide us through. Thoughts have already gone to the next one, so it must have been a success!

PAULINE BUTTLING

EDITORIAL – HELEN SIMMS

The issue of copyright and the legality of what we do still rumbles on. A neighbouring u3a is being 'aggressively pursued' by a copyright enforcement company for the use of just ONE image and 'large sums of money' are now being claimed. It is a serious matter and the Bu3a Committee will continue to negotiate what is an extremely complex issue without it adversely affecting our ethos. We are grateful for the continued support from Coordinators and Members.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



FLICKR PRO

Maxine Hale, Paul Denton, Veronica Beevers, Kevin Beevers, John Jennings, Katrina Dalton, Julie Parkin, Kevin Ellam, Andy Hodgkinson, Benjamin Senior, Pearl Baker, Helen Anderson, Stephen Anderson, Elaine Doxey, Kathryn Levi, Allen Fletcher, Derek Thompson, Valentina Damkiene, Allan Scott, Stephanie Rainbow, William Rainbow, Beverley Bunniss, Don Kerr, Lynda Mallison, Rosemary Ecob, Martin Sadler, Christine Jenkins, Susan Thirlwell, Dianne Mansfield, Graham Mansfield, Trevor Mayne, Susan Monaghan, Arthur Tindall, Victoria Parr, Maureen Parkin, Doreen Hotchkiss, Janet Town.

John Shaw, Julian Purser, Marian Swift, Anne Hunter, Janice Hawkes, Sarah Whittle, Ian Whittle, Andrew Mellor, Christine Mellor, George Morris, Geraldine Walker, Bryan Lawrence, Cathrine Bennett, Pat Smith, Stephen Kirk, Frank Smith, Brian Lindsay, Margaret Nightingale, Joanne Cotton, Anne Horne, Marilyn Rowland, Pamela Danforth, John Shaw, Brian Senior, Sally Briggs, Mary Bradbury, Jane Kaye, Janine Moyes, Valerie Lea and Kevin Gaskell, Tony Whiting, Angela Findlow and Susan Taylor.

HELEN DEW

Bu3a MONTHLY MEETINGS JANUARY TO APRIL 2024

8th January **Magistrates in The Barnsley Community** with JPs George Spiteri and Alison Clark

The Bu3a Ceilidh Band

5th February **Singalong for Fun** with Peter Higginbottom

4th March **Woodhead Mountain Rescue** with Alan Knox on their work and rescues

8th April **Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes** –
The work of volunteers delivering blood and organs to hospitals.



Gerald Davison



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Indu Kumar, Group Development Officer, is showcasing a different Bu3a group each month. So far we've had Magic, Brushstrokes and the Explore Barnsley Research Groups and many more have volunteered for 2024.

DEREK BACON

You no doubt have heard that Derek Bacon has resigned as Chair. The Executive Committee wish to thank him for the significant effort he has put into Bu3a as a Group member and Coordinator, Buzz Editor, Vice Chair and most recently, Chair. We are sad to lose him as our Chair. We are certain we echo you all in expressing gratitude to Derek and our hope that he continues to be actively involved in our organisation. The Committee will appoint an interim Chairperson in due course.

We now have a number of vacancies on committee. As a large, thriving, u3a we need people willing to assist in the running of the organisation. Without a committee we cannot function practically or legally. If you are interested in working on or in support of the committee, please do speak to a current Committee member.

The Committee, Bu3a

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE SPRING BUZZ IS FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024

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GROUP NEWS

WALKING FOOTBALL Coordinator: John Mackinnon

On 26th September our team of eight players: Alan, Ernest, Trevor, Nicko, John H, Dave, Mike Nev and Glen did our group proud.



We lost the first game 2-0 to a Doncaster team who play together twice every week and settled more quickly, though we did have a penalty missed.

In the second game, Bu3a started brightly, and we were cruising after two great goals from Alan and an emphatic penalty from Ernest 'straight down the middle'. Doncaster got two back, courtesy of poor refereeing decisions, but in the end a very good away win for Bu3a.

The third match was a lot tighter with both teams contesting a 0-0 draw. In all it was a successful away trip to Doncaster which was enjoyed by everyone.

As we see week after week at Dodworth, Nicko was outstanding in goal for us, making some crucial saves as well as saving from a penalty kick.

A special positive note was the performance of John Harriott who was able to play after being signed off fully fit following his recent triple by-pass heart surgery.

CEILIDH BAND

Coordinator: Helen Simms

The Ceilidh Band celebrated its first anniversary in September and we're going from strength to strength. The diary is filling up with bookings, and audiences seem to like our mix of jigs, reels and hornpipes etc. even though we haven't played an actual ceilidh ... yet. I live in hope.



CREATIVE STITCHES

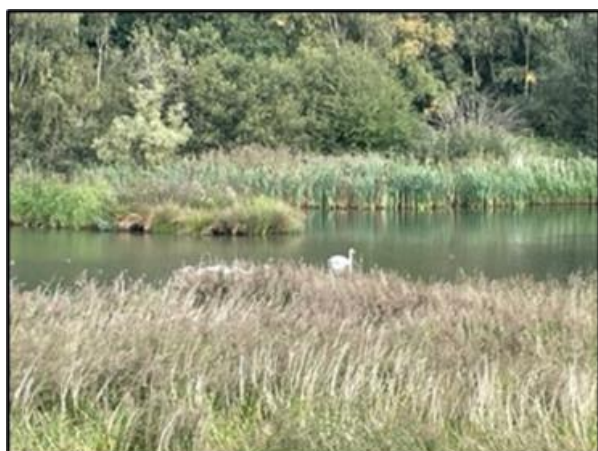
Coordinator: Suzanne Dinsdale

We have been making sample books at group meetings, which show a range of stitches, like Bayeux Stitch, Kantha, Crewel and Redwork. We also used Mola and Log Cabin. These books will help us choose stitches in future projects. Each member designed and decorated their front and back covers.



August: It was a hot day on the 10th for our NatureQuest ramble around Worsbrough Reservoir. It was a once in a generation event at the reservoir as the water had been drained. Work was needed to strengthen the retaining walls as weaknesses had been identified during an inspection last year. The last time the reservoir was drained was in the 1930s to build the current retaining dam wall.

The water had been drained for long enough for grasses and wildflowers to colonise the exposed mud flats. We saw a heron catching a fish in the small stream that feeds the reservoir.



September: This month's ramble was around the very special 18-hectare green space of Carlton Marsh Nature Reserve, situated on Weetshaw Lane between Cudworth and Carlton. Abutting the edge of the reserve is a scrapyard/breakers yard – from the sublime to the ridiculous. The marsh is fed by Cudworth Dyke, which in its past was notorious for being one of South Yorkshire's most polluted waterways. It's situated on the site of one of the region's coalmines and was registered as a nature reserve in 1976, and now is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest – a major achievement for the volunteers and partners. It's recently won its first Green Flag Award, a national award scheme for parks and green spaces.

The ramble on the 14th September was attended by five group members and, despite the poor weather forecast, we had clouds with sunny spells and it was lovely and warm in the sun. We meandered through woodland, meadow and by the edge of wetlands. We saw 73 different species, including, if you can believe it, a TURTLE. Presumably an abandoned pet.



October: This month's ramble was through the ancient woodland at Wombwell. This was a successful autumn walk on which we saw several plants and insects.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in the nature around you, contact Karen Barrass. Details in the Contact List.

WINE APPRECIATION

On the 'extra' Saturday in September, the Wine Appreciation group linked up with group member Phil Wood and his son, Matthew, in California.

The focus of the session was a red Zinfandel from Lodi, California. Matthew has been part of the wine industry for many years and gave us insights into wine production and processing.

Bold in colour, the 2021 Lodi Zinfandel has an elegant mouthfeel with intense red fruit flavours underlined by notes of raspberry and subtle spice.

SUE STOKES

CHOIR**Coordinator: Sue Rowley**

The Bu3a Choir has been rehearsing Christmas songs, old and new, since September.

Tickets for the Christmas Concert will be on sale at the December Monthly Meeting. They cost £6 each including light refreshments. They are also available by contacting Sue Rowley or Tony Jermy. Details in the Contact List.

The place: Wombwell Methodist Chapel
 Summer Lane
 Wombwell
 S73 8BQ

The date: 12th December 2023

The time: 1.30pm

**FEMINIST GROUP****Coordinator: Kate Mason**

On Monday 9th October, Barnsley u3a Feminists were privileged to welcome Dr Jack Daly from Leeds University Business School.



Jack agreed to come to discuss his ideas about Feminism and Equality.

After his cup of coffee, he explained why he was a feminist and what he saw feminism to be. He invited comments on all he said, and a lively debate ensued with members of the audience.

Unfortunately, Jack had to be back in Leeds for 1pm or I have no doubt we would still be there now!

Many thanks Jack! You've made some friends in Barnsley u3a!

Thanks must also go to Sue Stokes for the loan of the projector, and Jack's father, John Daly (a u3a member), for help in arranging the visit.

**IAN LODGE****COOKERY CORNER****CHRISTINE PALMER****Oven Baked Risotto – Serves 4**

- 250g smoked bacon (chopped into small pieces)
- 1 onion thinly sliced
- 25g butter
- 300g risotto rice
- Half glass white wine (optional)
- 150g pack cherry tomatoes
- 700ml hot chicken stock
- 50g parmesan cheese



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Heat the oven to 200°C.
 Fry the bacon pieces until golden and crisp. Add the onion and butter and fry until soft. Tip in the rice and mix well until coated. Pour over the wine, if using, and cook for 2 minutes until absorbed. Add the tomatoes and stock and stir well. Pour into an ovenproof dish, cover and bake for approximately 18 minutes. Leave to cool slightly, then stir in half the parmesan. Sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top before serving.

WALKING GROUPS

THURSDAY CHALLENGING WALKS PROGRAMME Coordinator: BRIAN SMYTH

DATE	LEADER	AREA	MEETING PLACE	MILES
14 TH Dec	Mick Scarfe	Lose Hill and Edale Return along the valley Ascent – 2100 ft	Hope Car Park (fee payable) Grid Ref. SK 171 834 'w3w-///pricing.hack.embers	11
NO WALK				
11 th Jan	NO WALK			
8 TH Feb	John Hoyland	Standedge Trail, Pennine Way and Marsden Ascent – 1100 ft	Standedge Car Park (NT) Marsden Grid Ref. SE 049 118 'w3w-///deleting.volume.twinkling	8
14 th March	Ray Woodhams	Eyam Moor, Bretton, Great Hucklow and Follow Ascent – 1780 ft O/S Online - /9944728	Top Car Park opposite the museum in Eyam Grid Ref. SK 216 767 'w3w-///landscape.sweeper.bouncing	10

THURSDAY LONGER WALKS PROGRAMME Coordinator: BRIAN SMYTH

28 th Dec	Mike Hawley	Newmillerdam, Walton Circular Ascent – 540 ft	Newmillerdam Car Park (fee payable) Grid Ref. SE 331 157 'w3w-///removers.caressing.flipper	8.8
25 th Jan	David Leadbeater	Worsbrough Mill Country Park, Stainborough and Dove Valley Trail Ascent – 585 ft	Kendal Green (Barnsley) Car Park Grid Ref. SE 342 037 'w3w-///fake.risen.dining	8
22 nd Feb	Andy Atkinson	Cave Dale and Great Ridge Walk Ascent 1550 ft O/S Online - /2758929	Castleton Tourist Information Car Park (fee payable) Grid Ref. SK 148 832 'w3w-///papers.absent.meatballs	8
28 th March	Brian Smyth	Dove Valley Trail, Horse Carr Wood and TPT Ascent – 515 ft O/S Online - /19133543	Monk Bretton Priory Grid Ref. SE 372 064 'w3w-///fuzzy.invent.stress	8.5



Magpie Mine (Lead)

Gateposts on Eyam Moor
Photograph by NEIL THEASBY



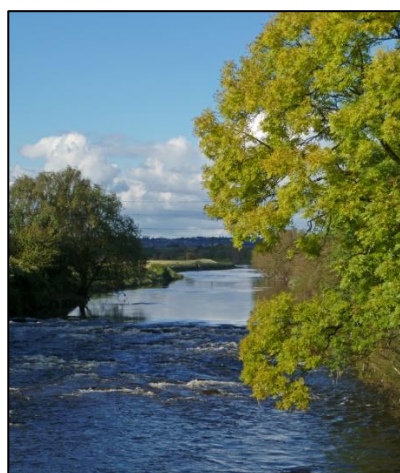
WALKING GROUPS - Contd

TUESDAY WALKING		Coordinators: ROBERT AND PAULINE ROWLAND	
DATE	LEADER	AREA	MEETING PLACE
9 th Jan	Anne, Margaret, Mavis and Carol	Elsecar/Wentworth	Elsecar Heritage Centre S74 8HJ
23 rd Jan	Helen and Syd	Rabbit Ings/Felkirk	Rabbit Ings Car Park, Royston S71 4BB
6 th Feb	Pam and Dot	Royston Canal	TBA
20 th Feb	Alan and Pat	The River Calder Walk	Broadcut Road by The Navigation PH WF4 3DS
5 th March	Anne, Margaret, Mavis and Carol	Heath Common	Heath Common Car Park, Wakefield WF1 5SW
19 th March	Robert and Pauline	Denby Dale	Dunkirk PH Car Park, Barnsley Road, Denby Dale HD8 8TX

Walkers meet at 09:45 for a 10:00 start and our walks are approximately 4 to 6 miles long 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 doubts about its suitability.

An email will be sent out prior to each walk giving further details. There is usually a nearby pub or café if members wish to socialise after the walk.



The River Calder
at Horbury
Bridge

(Wikimedia
Commons)



Photograph by DAVE PICKERSGILL

THURSDAY WALKERS		Coordinators: DAVID LEADBETTER AND MICHAEL SWIFT		
DATE	LEADER	AREA	MEETING PLACE	MILES
4 th Jan	Brian	Emley Circular	Emley Cross, Street Parking HD8 9RN	6
18 th Jan	Andy and Margaret	Holme, Blackpool Bridge	Holme Village Square HD9 2QG	6
1 st Feb	Mike Hawley	Cawthorne Area	Tivydale Parking	6
15 th Feb	Mick and Denise	Loxley Valley	Loxley Common Car Park S35 0AF	6
29 th Feb	Jean Potter	Wortley/Crane Moor	Wortley TPT Car Park S35 7DL	6
7 th March	Rae	Penistone/Hoylandswaine	Penistone Trail Car Park The car park is small, you may have to park in the surrounding area. S36 6DW	6
21 st March	Michael Swift	Anglers Country Park	Anglers Country Park Car Park WF4 2EE	6

CYCLING

Coordinator: Les Roberts

I can't quite believe that this year is almost over and we are now planning for 2024!

The Cycling Group goes from strength to strength, with our popular rides being repeated each year and new ones being introduced. At the request of one of our members we recently extended one of rides to find our way to the War Horse memorial at Featherstone and at the time of writing we were planning our Manvers Lake ride to include Barnsley Main Colliery. A bike ride which takes in our rich heritage is always a bonus.

Again, this year we plan to keep on cycling throughout the winter months, weather permitting. During winter we meet at 9.30am instead of the usual 10am.

The schedule of rides coming up are:



War Horse Memorial Featherstone

Tuesday	Meeting Place	Ride to
Dec 5th	Kendal Green	Wentworth/Harley
Dec 12th	Rabbit Ings	Worsborough & Mapplewell
Jan 9th	Wentworth	Rotherham
Jan 16th	Kendal Green	Barnsley Main & Manvers Lake
Jan 23rd	Finkle Street	Dunford Bridge
Jan 30th	Stanley Ferry	Temple Newsam/Leeds
Feb 6th	Kendal Green	Rabbit Ings
Feb 13th	Kendal Green	Wentworth/Harley
Feb 20th	TBA	
Feb 27th	Rabbit Ings	Wakefield Wheel & Nostell
Mar 5th	TBA	



Down by the river at Bishopthorpe, York



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MONDAY WALKERS

Coordinators: Alan Swann, Derek Bacon, Sheila Metcalfe

The Monday Walkers are exceptionally photogenic! Here they are smiling away on the newly created path that runs along the Staincross to Royston railway line (just like HS2 Birmingham to Manchester!) The Monday Walkers also specialise in post-perambulation coffee and naughty-little-cake consumption in numerous bars and eateries! It's a 4 to 5-mile stroll on good paths and the ideal way to start your week in good company. There are normally about 20 of us so there's loads of room for more of you! Why not contact Coordinator, Alan Swann, and get signed up!



BOOK FORUM 1 Coordinator: Jacqueline McGeever

Here are a few of our selections for the coming months. The choice of book is dependent upon availability in Worsbrough Library.

On Beauty – Zadie Smith

Loosely based on Howards End by E. M. Forster. The story follows the lives of a mixed race British/American family living in the United States.

Seven Husbands – Taylor Jenkins Reid

Riveting, heart-wrenching and full of Old Hollywood.

Miss Benson’s Beetle – Rachel Joyce

Incredibly well-researched and entertaining.

Mrs Dalloway – Virginia Wolf

Published on 14th May 1925, it details a day in the life of Clarissa Dalloway, a fictional upper-class woman in post-First World War

Joy Luck Club – Amy Ton

An ambitious saga that’s impossible to read without wanting to call your mum’s stylist.

If you’re interested in joining this group, then contact Coordinator, Jacqueline. Details in the Contact List

BOOK FORUM 2**Coordinator: Gloria King****2nd Jan: Little Wing – Freya North**

This is a powerful and emotional story of two families over three generations. It will take you to London, suburban Essex and the Outer Hebrides.

5th March: Love Untold – Ruth Jones (Co-creator of Gavin and Stacey)

Grace is about to become 90 years old but she doesn’t want a big party, she just wants to heal a rift within her family that has been going on for more than 30 years.

6th Feb: Night Train to Marrakesh – Dinah Jefferies

This story is set in the 1960s and tells of the travels of a young woman on an innocent quest for knowledge.

2nd April: Essex Dogs – Dan Jones

The Essex Dogs are ten men who land on the shores of Normandy in July 1346 and who will fight in a battle that will shape nations and history.

We meet at Birdwell on the first Tuesday of the month. We get our books from libraries, charity shops and the internet. Further details from Gloria via the Contact List.

USER FRIENDLY IT DEVICES**Coordinator: Graham Mansfield**

In September, our Chairman made an appeal for any volunteers to help provide technical and practical support for members facing problems with their laptops, tablets and other devices.

Three weeks later, the new group held its first drop-in session with eight members attending with a shortlist of seemingly insoluble difficulties with using their tech.

It takes some courage to admit you can’t fix something yourself, even with help from Google, and you can’t find a 12-year-old nearby to sort out the problem for you. On the other hand, we don’t like being beaten and would rather work it out ourselves and learn something useful. This is the purpose of this group.

We’re challenged, then discover easy solutions. Those who come to the group have gone home knowing a lot

more about how their gadgets work, how to make them behave and having learned time saving shortcuts along the way.

Some of the queries have so far included; lost passwords, updating systems and software, running out of data storage for photos, documents and spreadsheets, embedding tables in documents and getting access to websites that have restricted use due to log in errors. I could go on.

From December this drop-in group will run from my home on Wednesday mornings. In the first instance, please get in touch via the Contact List and let me know what issue is giving you problems, or if you have any questions about any device you use, and we’ll go on from there.

BLUE BOX ADVENTURES WITH CHRIS AND KEN AUDIN

Ken and I have been blue box officers since May 2022

People often ask what it is we do, so here's the explanation. We attend the monthly meetings to exchange the blue boxes for the coordinators or their representatives. At home, over the next few days, we open each box and carefully examine the contents for foreign coins and no longer legal tender coins. We count and document every coin in each box and calculate the totals for each group. All is bagged up ready for the bank. The odd domestic dispute ensues when one of us starts counting out loud and putting the other off.

Then it's the big add up. If we are lucky the blue box amount matches the amount we have bagged up for the bank. If not, more checking and double checking of the maths ensues and if we are really unfortunate, the bags themselves. Good for our brains, I'm sure!

Finally, when all is correct, we venture to the bank. I drop Ken outside the door like a bank robber getaway driver only in reverse. The money is paid in and we reward our efforts with a nice coffee in town and the occasional lunch. I then sharpen up my IT skills and send all the information to Niall, the treasurer.

When Ken has nothing better to do, he picks all the labels off the old boxes and relabels them.... I can't do that... Might break a nail!

On a more serious note, please can everyone carefully check the money they put into the blue box to make sure they are not using foreign or no longer in circulation coins. This would be extremely helpful to us. In the last year there have been 6 euros, 5 X £1 coins that were no longer legal and a couple of American coins which could not be banked. This reduces the amount of money available to pay for the rooms.

Finally, just to say we are happy to exchange blue boxes at other times outside of the meeting. Just give us a ring (number on the contact list) and we will make arrangements.



ARTISTIC SUCCESS FOR TWO Bu3a MEMBERS

Two of our u3a members have had artworks accepted for a prestigious art exhibition in Barnsley. The Cooper Prize is an open art exhibition for artists of all ages in the South Yorkshire area.

This year there were record number of entries and judges had to make a shortlist from over 400 artworks. it is a great achievement for **Nina Brown** and **Judy Barnsley** to have been chosen to have their work displayed in this exhibition.

Judy has created a fabulous colourful full-length coat made with a combination of crochet, knitting and other interwoven textiles. She has crocheted for decades but has never learnt to read crochet patterns. This piece of work began as a chain stitch down the centre back and grew out from there, inventing stitches and shapes in the process. The end result is an amazing one-off creation.

Nina's artwork is a detailed zentangle style pen and ink drawing of a Jaguar. The piece was originally done for the Inktober challenge, whereby she had to produce an original ink drawing every single day in the month of October in 2022. A print of the original artwork will be displayed in the Cooper exhibition and can be purchased at the gallery. Any additional prints will be available by contacting Nina



The free exhibition takes place at the Cooper Gallery on Church Street, Barnsley and runs from Saturday 28th October until 6th April 2024. Opening hours Monday – Saturday 10am-4pm

Bu3a at BARNSELY ECO-FEST!

Barnsley held its inaugural ECO-FEST Day on 2nd September 2023 and Bu3a were invited to participate. This was the second attempt after the original date in March was called off due to snow. The day was instigated and superbly organised by the Barnsley Methodist Circuit and took place at Emmanuel Church in Barnsley.

The event was opened by the Mayor and Mayoress, and Dan Jarvis (MP for Barnsley Central) also attended.

Three of our groups were represented; Barnsley Rocks (the geology group), NatureQuest, (the nature ramble group) and the Jewellery Group.

Each coordinator assembled displays and was on hand to answer questions from the public. Barnsley Rocks presented a display on the geology of Barnsley which was informative and interesting. Geology is a major factor in the colonisation of flora and fauna and NatureQuest had their display next to Barnsley Rocks showing the connection between the two.

Sue Stokes demonstrated how recycled broken and unwanted jewellery can be transformed into beautiful new designs and Christmas decorations.

The day had a real buzz of positive energy with members of the public engaging with stallholders, but also the different groups creating links with each other. According to the event organisers it was a chance to 'celebrate and learn what Barnsley groups are doing to help save our planet' and to demonstrate how individuals can live more sustainably and care for the species with whom we share our beautiful blue planet.



KAREN BARRASS

FLIX@6

Welcome to our new Flix@6 section. It's not very welcome, though.

According to the terms of the licence that allows us to screen films, we are not allowed to advertise them to a general audience. Honestly! Here's the link with the details. [Once I have an MPLC Public Performance Licence, can I advertise a movie or program that I want to show? - MPLC](#)

I can tell you that the films will be a mixture of drama, comedy, science fiction, action and classics. I have an idea of a new quiz for the Buzz, 'Guess the Film from the Following Clues'. I wonder if that's allowed.

Seriously, if you would like details of the program, please contact the Coordinators, Linda Stewart or Diane Atkinson.

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 only costs are the £1.50 blue box fee, 25p for refreshments and 20p towards the cost of the films and whatever you order from the chippy. Thank goodness for fish and chips.

HELEN SIMMS



Save the date: 18 to 20 July 2024*

Plans are already underway for u3a Festival '24 which will take place in July 2024 in the beautiful city of York.

The festival will run over 3 days and will be held at the University of York based around their exhibition centre:

<https://yorkconferences.com/venues/exhibition-centre/>

and sports centre:

<https://www.york-sport.com/centre/>

We will be running a wide variety of activities – talks, sporting events, musical entertainment and workshops which will make this first u3a national festival something to remember.

We're keen to strengthen our musical offering so if your u3a has singers or musicians who would like to come please get in touch by emailing festival@u3a.org.uk.



Festival ticket prices

Tickets are not yet available to buy but the cost of the attending festival will be as follows:

- Day 1, Thursday 18 July – £25 including buffet supper
- Day 2, Friday 19 July – £10 for the full day
- Day 3, Saturday 20 July – £5 for a half day
- Full festival to include all 3 days and a buffet supper on Day 1 – £35

Accommodation

Rooms on campus

Rooms on campus will be £54 pp for bed and breakfast. They are all ensuite single rooms with tea and coffee making. There are no larger rooms available on site. Some are accessible on the ground floor.

Other accommodation options

For those who wish to book for more than one person we are compiling a list of local self catering, B&B, campsites and hotels. They will be as close to the campus as possible and although we cannot recommend them, they will all be from the York Tourist Information list.

Festival updates

Stay updated by following us on our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and subscribe to the u3a national newsletter.

For more information now, and to offer your skills and support, contact us on festival@u3a.org.uk

* Please note, this date was previously 17-19 July and has had to be moved by one day.

National u3a sent out the above flyer about the u3a Festival that is taking place at the University of York on 18th-20th July 2024.

As you can see the organisers are keen to encourage u3a music groups to attend. I would love to show off some of our Bu3a groups, but it is a bit of a logistical and financial challenge to get there, sing or play for 30-40 minutes then spend the day watching other groups. However, Flutes Galore went to the one-day MusicFest in York earlier this year and it was a great day out. It was interesting to see and hear music groups from other u3as and rewarding to play but also to support other performers.

It's definitely worth a discussion with your music group. If you want to know more contact festival@u3a.org.uk

DEREK BACON



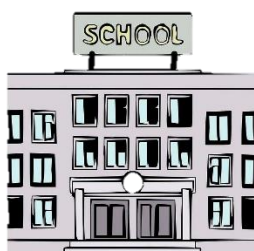
ROB AND BRENDA UNWIN'S VERY, VERY RANDOM QUIZ

Round One – All About Dancing

1. Who didn't like dancing in 2006?
2. Who played the male and female leads in Last Tango in Paris?
3. Who sang the original (1962) version of Loco-Motion?
4. Who was the first winner of Strictly Come Dancing?
5. Who sang 'You make me feel like dancing'?
6. Which Beatles album included Twist and Shout?
7. Which group bombed a dance hall in 1973?
8. What was particularly spectacular about the 'Flying down to Rio' dance sequence in the Astaire and Rogers film of that name?
9. Who danced the night away in 1998?
10. Name the four Latin dances in International Competition?

Round Two – Teachers

1. Sidney Poitier played the teacher in To Sir with Love, but who played the blond pupil he danced with at the party?
2. Who played Bernard Hedges in Please Sir?
3. Who played Douglas Hector in the History Boys?
4. Who plays the Head Teacher in the latest series of Waterloo Road?
5. What was the name of Tom Jones' tutor in the film and who played him?
6. Who was the head of Dotheboys Hall in Nicholas Nickleby?
7. Which food addict was Mr Quelch's worst pupil?
8. Which moustachioed comic played the head teacher in 'Whack O!'
9. Who is often described in the press as 'Britain's Strictest Head'?
10. Who was Alexander the Great's famous tutor?



Round Three – The Green Round

1. What made the green Victorian wallpaper dangerous?
2. Who played Claude Greengrass in Heartbeat?
3. Which body of water surrounds Greenland?
4. Which original flagship of Greenpeace sank in 1985?
5. Who played the Green Fairy in the film version of 'Moulin Rouge'?
6. Which Batman villains are dressed in green?
7. Cape Verde islands gained independence from which country in 1975?
8. Which metal corrodes to leave a green patina?
9. When would you see the green flag in Formula 1?
10. For which month is emerald the gemstone?



Round Four – What type of creature ...?

1. Sussex, Legbar, Orpington?
2. Shropshire, Wensleydale, Jacob?
3. South Devon, Simmental, Red Angus?
4. Magpie, Peppered, Privet Hawk?
5. Russian Blue, Oriental Longhair, Sphynx?
6. Tiger, Ground, Thresher?
7. Uakari, Vervet, Red-faced Spider?
8. Grey Long-eared, Natterer's, Common Pipistrelle?
9. Berkshire, Oxford Sand and Black, KuneKune?
10. Passenger, Dodo, Wood?

Answers on page 23

Health and Safety Policy for Barnsley & District u3a

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 only applies to paid workers, although volunteers must still be protected from risks. The u3a should ensure that reasonable care has been taken to avoid harming others and that participants are aware of the risks.

Policy

Barnsley & District u3a aims to provide and maintain safe and healthy conditions and environments for all members including during the meeting of u3a groups, monthly meetings and at events, performances, promotions, outdoor activities, and travel.

Insurance

Barnsley and District u3a is covered by the insurance provided by The Third Age Trust. Further details about the insurance cover can be accessed on the u3a website www.u3a.org.uk/advice. If any activities are being considered that Barnsley and District u3a is unsure if they are covered, they will contact the u3a Office for further advice. The Third Age Trust provides third party liability insurance however extreme sports and high hazard activities may not be covered. Please check before running an activity.

Activity Safety Checks/Risk Assessments

Barnsley and District u3a will ensure the Committee, Group Coordinators or those responsible for a meeting or event complete an Activity Safety Check. These will be used to identify any risks and explore how they could be mitigated. Barnsley & District u3a is aware that some venues used for meetings/events may already have their own risk assessment. These should be reviewed and where mitigations are identified, ensure they are actioned. E.g., a venue may state that no more than 5 chairs should be stacked together and or nothing placed in the way of fire escape or that portable electrical equipment must be tested. Where relevant, clear instructions and guidance should be provided to anyone who requires it. Further information, guidance and templates about risk assessments can be downloaded from the National u3a website: www.u3a.org.uk/advice These template/checklists are used to produce the Bu3a Activity Safety Check Forms which can be downloaded from the Safety Section at www.bu3a.org.uk

Responding to accidents/incidents and dealing with emergencies

In the event of an incident/accident the Chairman and Vice Chair of Barnsley and District u3a should be informed as soon as appropriate. Where a u3a member is involved in an accident or incident whilst taking part in a u3a event, Barnsley and District u3a will ensure those who witnessed the event and were involved complete an incident report (Incident Report Form available to download from the Bu3a website) and share the form with those who need to have access to it, including the Committee Chair and a copy kept on file. It will also need to be shared with the insurers in the event of an insurance claim.

Lone volunteering

There may be occasions where u3a members may be carrying out activities for Barnsley and District u3a on their own. For example, opening a venue for a meeting, setting up for a meeting etc. Where this occurs the u3a member should ensure someone else knows



where they are and when they should be expected back. The u3a member should also know who to contact in the event of an incident or accident and ensure they have, for example, their mobile phone with them and avoid activities at height e.g., using a ladder.

Manual handling

All u3a members should think about manual handling in advance to avoid injury to themselves and others. Members should not carry out any manual handling tasks if they are not able to manage them and should ask for help from other u3a members.

Venues

Where Barnsley and District u3a uses external venues who have their own policies and procedures and risk assessments, Barnsley and District u3a will ensure these are followed. This will include making sure all u3a members in attendance are aware of what to do in the event of a fire alarm/evacuation. If Barnsley and District u3a is hosting an open day this will also include ensuring those who are not u3a members are also informed.

Barnsley and District u3a will ensure this policy is kept up to date and reviewed annually.

u3a	Template Health and Safety Policy for u3as	The Third Age Trust
Version	Description of changes	Date
1.0	Development of new document	16/06/2023
	Adapted for Barnsley u3a by JE August 2023 and submitted to the committee	
	Edited by SS & JE and resubmitted to the committee for consideration for adoption at the next executive committee meeting	28/08/2023
Oct 23	Adopted at the Executive Committee Meeting for Upload to the Website	20.10.2023
Nov 23	Modified to account for the use of Activity Safety Checks for Risk Assessments and adding a link to the Bu3a website. And inserting the Bu3a Charity registration number in the footer.	01.11.2023

TRAVEL

The Travel Team have planned a five day holiday to Studley Castle, a Warner hotel in the heart of rural Warwickshire. The holiday will include:

- : A home pick up and return executive coach travel with Yorkshire Rose
- : A visit to the national Arboretum on the outward journey
- : Visits to Stratford on Avon and the Cathedral City of Worcester.
- : Visit to the Blue Diamond Garden Centre on the way home.
- : Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Studley Castle hotel with full use of its many facilities and entertainment each evening.

The holiday will be Monday 25th March to Friday 29th March and the cost will be £475 per person staying in a twin or double room.

Single rooms are available at a supplement of £67 (limited).

Bookings will be taken at the December Meeting and at other times via Chrissie White or Helen Dew in Penistone. A deposit of £75 will be required when booking and the final payment to be made at the February Meeting. (Cheques made payable to Yorkshire Rose Holidays.)

[Studley Castle in Warwickshire | Warner Hotels \(warnerleisurehotels.co.uk\)](https://www.warnerleisurehotels.co.uk)

BARNESLEY u3a EVENTS CALENDAR, 2023 (as at 07.11.23)							
	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	
MONTHLY MTGS	4th	8th	5th	4th	8TH	13th	The Concert Party
CONTENT	Old Blowers	Magistrates in the Community	Music	Mountain Rescue	Tai Chi		
	Christmas Jumpers. Posh Pud.	Jewellery/Ceilidh Band	Stitches	BOPPA. Geology	19th	17th	
EXEC MTGS	15th	19th	16th	15th	4th	2nd	
PENISTONE DROP-IN	7TH	NO MEETING	1st	7th			
NEW MEMBERS MITG	1.1th						
COORDINATORS MITG						10th	
Bu3a EVENTS	9th Old Blowers, Masonic Hall					3rd	
BUZZ DEADLINE			9th		19th		
BUZZ DISTRIBUTION	4th						
INTERIM BUZZ		19th					
CHOIR EVENTS	1.2th Christmas Concert						
SOCIAL EVENTS	1.4th Annual Dinner				20th Age Well Mtg		
TRAVEL EVENTS					25th Studley Castle		
PARTNERSHIP EVENTS		10th BVCSE Strategy Mtg					
		24th Age Well Mtg					
YAHR EVENTS							
u3a UK EVENTS							
MONTHLY MTGS	3rd AGM	1st	5th	2nd	7th	4th	
CONTENT	Ceilidh Band						
EXEC MTGS	2.1st	19th	16th	20th	18th	15th	
PENISTONE DROP IN	6th	4th	1st	5th	3rd	7th	
NEW MEMBERS							
Bu3a EVENTS							
BUZZ DEADLINE			9th			8th	
BUZZ DISTRIBUTION							
INTERIM BUZZ		19th			18th		
CHOIR EVENTS							
SOCIAL EVENTS							
TRAVEL EVENTS							
PARTNERSHIP EVENTS							
YAHR EVENTS		22nd-25th Summer School					
u3a UK EVENTS		18th-20th u3a Festival, York					

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Group	Frequency	Venue	Start Time	December				January				February				March			
				4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	4	11	18
Bird Watching	2nd week	As announced	09.30	X				X											X
Board Games Penistone	1st & 3rd week	St John's Comm Ctr Penistone	19.00	X				X											X
Book Forum (Group 1)	2nd week	Worsbrough Library	12.00	X				X											X
Concert Party	Weekly	Staincross Christian Fellowship	11:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cosmology	Fortnightly	Tesco Community Room Stairfoot	19.00	X				X											X
Crown Green Bowling	Weekly (Mar-Oct)	Ardsley	10.00																X
Family History*	1st & 3rd week	Priory Campus	09.30	X						X								X	X
Feminist Group	2nd and 4th week	Pollyfox Centre, Dodworth	10:00					X		X								X	X
Guitar Beginners	Weekly	Staincross Christian Fellowship	14:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
History	Fortnightly	Monk Bretton Methodist	10.00	X				X										X	X
Italian for beginners	2nd and 4th week	St Thomas's Church	13.30					X		X								X	X
Maths - 'Then and Now'	Please contact coordinator	ZOOM Group run periodically																	X
Monday Walkers	Weekly except the first Monday	As announced	10.00					X		X								X	X
Monthly Meeting	1st week except bank holidays	Priory Campus	13.30	X						X								X	
New Members' Link	Every second month dates tbc	Monk Bretton Methodist	14:00																
Recorder Group	Monday mornings	Contact coordinator	10.30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Soundbath 1	Fortnightly	Monk Bretton Methodist	10:30					X		X								X	X
Snooker	Weekly	Stairfoot Constitutional Club	12:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spanish introduction**	Weekly	Birdwell Community Centre	10.30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tai Chi	Weekly	St Thomas's Community Ctr	16.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ten Pin Bowling	Weekly	Barnsley Bowl	10.00	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

Bank Holiday

Please check arrangements with coordinator

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WEDNESDAY	Group	Frequency	Venue	Start Time	December			January			February			March					
					6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	6	13
	Art for Beginners	Fortnightly	St Thomas's Community Centre	10.00	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X
	Ceilidh Band	Fortnightly	Darby & Joan Club, Darton	14:00	X				X		X		X		X		X		X
	Chinese Night	Contact coordinator	China Court Maplewell																
	Crown Green Bowling	Weekly (Mar-Oct)	Ardley	10.00															
	Current Affairs	Fortnightly	Mapplewell & Staincross V Hall	10.00	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
	Gardeners Group	Weekly	Wentworth Castle Estate	13:30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Genealogy	Fortnightly	Dodworth Miners Welfare	see note	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
	Solo Club	2nd Week	Staincross Christian Fellowship	18.30			X				X				X				X
	Stringalongs (Ukulele)*	Fortnightly	Darby & Joan Club, Darton	14.15			X				X				X				X
	User Friendly IT devices	Weekly	At the Coordinators home**	10:00			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

*indicates a group is full on this particular day
 Genealogy
 Meets for two 90min sessions starting at 10:30 and 12:00
 Members can come to both sessions if they wish.

**User Friendly IT devices
 Appointments must be prebooked with the Coordinator and the session runs from 10:00 to 12:00

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FRIDAY Group	Frequency	Venue	Start Time	December					January					February					March				
				1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	1	8	15	22	29		
Art Appreciation	1st Week	Contact coordinator	13.30	X					X					X					X				
Art Group - Penistone	Weekly	Penistone Scout Hut	13.00	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Badminton	Weekly	Dorothy Hyman Stadium	10.00	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bridge Group Penistone	Weekly	Penistone Bowling Club	14:00	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barnsley Rocks (Geology)	4th Week	ZOOM or visits as advised	10.00				X																
Computers - Word & Excel	Please contact coordinator	ZOOM Group run periodically																					
Classical Studies	Weekly	Emmanuel Church	10.00	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Crafty Chat - Penistone	Fortnightly	Penistone Scout Hut	14.00	X					X					X					X				
Crown Green Bowling	Weekly (Mar-Oct)	Ardley	10.30																				
Executive Committee	3rd Week	Storefirst, Hoyland	10.00				X					X					X					X	
Flix@6	First and 3rd weeks	Staincross Christian Fellowship	18.00	X					X					X					X				
Jewellery Making	None scheduled																						
Life Before Us	Fortnightly	Monk Bretton Methodist	14:00				X					X					X					X	
Movement to Music	Fortnightly	StPauls, Old Town	13.00	X					X					X					X				
MOTO Penistone *	As shown	Penistone Scout Hut	13.30	X					X					X					X				
Photography and Image Manipulation	Fortnightly	Polyfox Community Centre	14.00	X			X		X			X		X			X		X			X	
Photoshop	Fortnightly	Alder Close Community Centre	14.00	X			X		X			X		X			X		X			X	
Quiz Zoomers	2nd & 4th weeks	ZOOM Group	18.30	X					X					X					X				
Sequence Dancing *	Weekly	Monk Bretton Methodist	19.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sing 'n' Strum*	Weekly	Staincross Christian Fellowship	11.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Creative Stitches	Weekly	Emmanuel Church	10.00	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
The Pleasure of Classical Music and Opera	2nd & 4th weeks	Monk Bretton Methodist	14.00	X			X		X			X		X			X		X			X	
Walking Football	Weekly	Dodworth Miners Welfare	10.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

SATURDAY Group	Frequency	Venue	Start Time	December					January					February					March				
				2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		
Crown Green Taster	As indicated	Ardley																					
Wine Appreciation	First and 3rd weeks	Zoom	19.00	X					X					X					X				

SUNDAY Group	Frequency	Venue	Start Time	December					January					February					March				
				3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		
Sunday Strollers	Fortnightly	As announced	10.00	X					X					X					X				

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Easter

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QUIZZOOMERS – THE ANSWERS

Round One – All About Dancing

1. Scissor Sisters
2. Marlon Brando, Marie Schneider
3. Little Eva
4. Natasha Kaplinsky
5. Leo Sayer
6. Please Please Me
7. The Sweet (Ballroom Blitz)
8. The dancers were wing walking
9. The Mavericks
10. Cha Cha Cha, Pasa Doble, Rumba, Samba
NOT TANGO.

Round Two – Teachers

1. Judy Geeson
2. John Alderton
3. Richard Griffith
4. Angela Griffin
5. Mr Thwackum
6. Wackford Squeers
7. Billy Bunter
8. Jimmy Edwards
9. Katharine Burbal Singh
10. Aristotle

Round Three – The Green Round

1. It used arsenic based ink
2. Bill Maynard
3. North Atlantic Ocean
4. Rainbow Warrior
5. Kylie Minogue
6. The Riddler and Poison Ivy
7. Portugal
8. Copper
9. At the start, or after stoppages
10. May

Round Four – What type of creature ...?

1. Chickens
2. Sheep
3. Cattle
4. Moths
5. Cats
6. Sharks
7. Monkeys
8. Bats
9. Pigs
10. Pigeons

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
PRIORY CAMPUS: Pontefract Road, Lundwood, S71 5PH	32/27/27b	12
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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