



# Tadcaster & Villages u3a

## Autumn Newsletter 2025

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter.



As predicted, we have had a very hot, dry Summer. Who would have predicted a hosepipe ban. If your garden is anything like mine, the lawn hasn't yet recovered, and the bedding plants have suffered and only really began to show once the Sun disappeared and the rain came.

Although several groups did not meet over the hottest months, many activities have met and continued to give enjoyment to their members.

It is pleasing to announce that Samuel Smith's

Brewery has given us permission to use no 15 High Street (this was the Ink Shop). The window display is now complete. This new shopfront is a great improvement to the old one. It is a much cleaner property, and we have much more window space. Why not make a point of having a look the next time you are in the area.



### News of The National u3a Festival 2026

The National u3a Festival 2026 is returning to York University next year from Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd July. If you are interesting in helping out, offering a workshop or talk, or attending

you can find out more on the u3a website <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/festival2026> You can also sign up for the Festival newsletter so you get updates on when the programme of events has been arranged and booking opens. If you aren't sure what the u3a Festival involves there is a short video from the 2024 Festival on the u3a website

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYK\\_8AtmmH8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYK_8AtmmH8). Watch out for people you may know!

*With thanks to Selby u3a for the article*

## **Good News - No change to Membership Fees**

Glenda Smith - our hard working Membership Secretary would like to remind you that subscription fees are now due.

We are able to hold our Membership Fees at the same level for the coming year. For 2025 / 26 they remain at **£15** for Individual Membership, **£25** for Joint Membership, & **£8** for Associate Membership if you are currently a member of another u3a.

You can pay your subscription to Glenda at the Monthly meetings which are held on the third Monday of each month starting at 2pm at the Old Boys Sunday School. Doors open at 1.30pm for people to register their arrival at the reception desk (this is a legal requirement for the purposes of fire regulations and Insurance).

Wheelchair access and a WC for the disabled are available. If any visitor needs assistance there are always members willing to help.

## **Monthly Members Meeting**

We are fortunate to have **guest speakers** come along and provide a variety of interesting talks for our members. In September we heard a very good presentation by Chris Berry on his career as a Writer.

The Speakers until the end of the year are:

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| Oct 20th             | Shipshape - ships and where to see them in the UK | Roy Cressey |
| Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> | Topic to be confirmed                             | Mary Smith  |
| Dec 15th             | Nidderdale - the Glistening Dale                  | Rowena Moir |

## Interest Groups

One of the main benefits of joining the u3a is the opportunity to participate in our groups. We have ten established groups. Subjects are varied and range from physical activities such as Walking and Table Tennis while others are practical such as Craft and Woodwork.

Groups are an integral part of the u3a ethos and members meet together on a regular basis to pursue subjects of mutual interest. The prime motive is enjoyment. The aim is to satisfy as wide a range of activities and interests as possible, but this relies on members who volunteer to lead or help start new groups.

Our groups meet at various venues, locations and times. We take the safety of our members seriously and all groups are required to take care to avoid risks and when accidents occur to make a report. Safety is a responsibility of all members.



### Our Groups are

- Basic Digital Photography Active      2:00-4:00 PM  
The 2nd Monday of each month
- Book Group      2:00-4:00 PM  
2nd Wednesday of each month
- Craft Group      2:00-4:00 PM  
The 3rd Thursday of each month
- Drawing and painting      1:30-3:30 PM  
The 1st Tuesday of each month
- Eating Out  
Monthly on Thursday afternoons  
Last Thursday of the Month

- Nature/Wildlife 10:00 AM  
The 4th Tuesday of each month
- Saturday Walking 10:00 AM  
Every 1st Saturday of each month.
- Social & Quiz 10:30 AM  
2nd Monday of each month
- Table Tennis 2:30-4:00 PM  
On Friday afternoons Every two weeks
- Theatre Group  
Afternoons
- Woodwork 1:00 PM  
Meet the 2nd Monday each month

Further details of our Groups are available on our website :

*[www.tadcasterandvillages. u3asite.u](http://www.tadcasterandvillages.u3asite.u)*

Don't see an activity you want ?

Tadcaster and Villages is part of a network of local u3as called CYGNet which offer a very wide range of Activities at no extra cost to our members.

If you are looking for an activity, why not contact the Membership Secretary to enquire or better still , WHY NOT LEAD YOUR OWN GROUP? We will help you.

**Please note**

**At our next AGM in March two of your committee members will be stepping down and the following vacancies will have to be filled:**

**Chairman**

**Treasurer**

**Business Secretary**

**If you would like to step in to a vacancy we would be very pleased to hear from you.**

**Our Committee**

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|---------------------------------|--|
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