



Committee News June 2026

Communication! How well are we doing?

Our committee has recently been reviewing the systems we have for communicating with you all, as well as how you can communicate with us. Firstly, here are all the things we do to keep members informed about what is going on in Hu3a.

Our website <https://harrogate.u3asite.uk/welcome/> This is your “Go-To” place where you will find nearly everything you need to keep in touch – if you haven’t explored it recently, then do have a look. *Our Webmaster Alison works hard to keep it up to date!*

Our newsletter This will arrive in your inbox on the Monday before each of our Members’ Talks, or the last Monday of the months when there is no Talk. You will find information about Hu3a activities for all, as well as groups current and new. The deadline for submitting articles is the preceding Monday. You won’t find any information not directly related to the u3a here. *A copy will also be found on the website.*

Our Facebook page Where you will also find information about Hu3a activities, events as well as related notices.

Our annual magazine This was called “Stray News”, but from this year its name will be “**Reflections**”, as that is a more accurate description of its current content. It will be published in September, all members will receive an electronic copy, and it will also be on the website. Our editors will be asking for articles for this year’s edition very soon!!

A small number of hard copies of these publications are available for those who cannot access the email versions. You can pick them up at any of our general meetings.

How can members communicate with us?

Via email to any member of the Communication Team
news@harrogateu3a.org.uk

via the **Contacts Page**
on the website
to our Chair or Secretary

by talking to any committee member at our regular
“Drop-ins” at the Crown
or other events

by speaking to your **group leaders**,
to raise at **Group Leaders’ meetings**

You will also find a **suggestion box at our Talks** so you can write a message which will be dealt with by
lan our Chair

Are our systems working???

Please let us know your thoughts.
We are always looking for ways we can improve.

“Drop-in”

at The Place at the Crown

on **Saturday 13th June** from **10.30am** to **midday**

members and their friends can call in to meet and chat with committee members

raise questions or issues, make suggestions

or just find out about groups and events

Members' Talks

entry with members' card

at St Mark's Church, Leeds Road

buses 36, X52 & A2 stop

on **Friday 29th May 11am (doors open 10.30am)**

Paul Whittaker OBE

“Deaf Musician”

Paul is an inspirational speaker and musician who works with groups and in schools to promote deaf awareness - his website is paulwhittaker.org.uk

on **Friday 26th June 11am (doors open 10.30am)**

Philip Ashe

“The English Reformation: the first Brexit”

Philip Ashe, a historian with 41 years teaching experience and now retired from his post at Leeds Grammar School, will be talking to us about the effect of the English Reformation on the relationship between the United Kingdom and continental Europe.



Treasure Hunt

Tuesday 30th June

2.00 to 4.30pm

in

Knaresborough



Please register to join via
specialevent@harrogateu3a.org.uk



This year's Treasure Hunt

is based in Knaresborough

where 12% of membership live.

We hope to welcome participants from the whole membership to explore this historic town, meet friends old and new and complete a fun quiz trail.

We will keep the trail to the top of the town starting and finishing in Gracious Street church. The trail will explore the grounds of the ancient castle and courthouse, meander through the market square and a few other surprises.

Please help us plan for this event by registering your interest on

specialevent@harrogateu3a.org.uk

Knaresborough is well served by public transport, both by rail and bus.

*Jean Tennant
Publicity Officer Harrogate u3a*

Proposed Syrian meal

We are very sorry to have to tell you that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Syrian meal we were organising has had to be cancelled; **but look out for an alternative event which we will be advertising soon.**

Group News

to find out more about groups click here:

harrogate.u3asite.uk/

We are looking to start up a new MAHJONG group.

To clarify, Mahjong is a game for four players, using tiles, requiring not only skill and strategy but also a degree of luck!

The group is open to all levels, from those wishing to learn to those familiar with the game. Ideally we would like to attract some more experienced players who would be willing and able to teach others, as well as to play with each other. **We already have a couple of sets of tiles**, but if you want to join and have a set to bring then that would be great. Depending on demand, our funds can stretch to purchasing more of these if necessary.

If you are interested then please contact https://harrogate.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/mahjong/

Open Air Swimming

Chris Nixon

Last year we formed a sub group of the 'Anything But Grey' group to go to outdoor swimming venues - in the summer (only). We went a few times to two venues - Ilkley Lido and to Pool Bridge Farm, south of York, where they have open lakes. Neither are heated. **If anyone who is not in the 'Anything' group would also like to give it a try, please contact me via the website.**

Please note

If you sign up to a group and then find you are unable to attend meetings, you should communicate with your Group Leader, especially if you are not intending to continue being in the group.

This will make it easier for Group Leaders to allow those on waiting lists to join more readily

And don't forget ...

As a member of Harrogate u3a you also have access to further u3a learning opportunities — free online learning talks, workshops and courses. Click here to find out more -

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/what-we-do/events/educational-events>

Hu3a website

By visiting our website - Harrogate.u3asite.uk you can find out more about groups, which ones

Editors - Beulah and Catherine Contact news@harrogateu3a.org.uk

**This is an open event, not officially or exclusively Hu3a
therefore non-members will also be welcome!**

Songs for a Summer's Day

Harrogate U3A

Singing for Pleasure Choir

Starbeck Methodist Church Hall

Saturday 27th June

2:30pm

Tickets £8 (cash only) in aid of

St. Michael's Hospice