



Committee News August 2026

Yorkshire Day

Yorkshire Day falls on 1st August 2026, when civic leaders and communities across the county will come together to celebrate all that makes Yorkshire such a special place.

With a membership of more than 1,200, Harrogate u3a is a wonderfully diverse organisation. Our members come from every corner of the UK and beyond, but we all now call Yorkshire home. As residents of England's largest county, we can all take pride in the rich heritage, beautiful landscapes and strong sense of community that make Yorkshire unique.

I'm not suggesting that everyone celebrates with roast beef and Yorkshire pudding on 1st August, but I do hope you all have a very happy and enjoyable Yorkshire Day.

Harrogate is ideally placed for exploring the county's many attractions. Yorkshire is home to three national parks, and we have beautiful countryside right on our doorstep, providing endless opportunities for organised walks. Over the years, Harrogate u3a groups have visited the industrial heritage of the West Riding, magnificent churches, country houses, public gardens and nature reserves throughout the county.

None of these visits would have been possible without the enthusiasm and dedication of our group leaders and their volunteers. My sincere thanks go to them for helping our members discover and appreciate the many treasures of Yorkshire, and for keeping the spirit of Yorkshire Day alive throughout the year.

Ian Munday
Chair

“Drop-in”

at The Place at the Crown Hotel

on Saturday 8th August 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*

Mobile Phone and Internet

Peter Riden

The plan is to introduce some courses for anyone who has any problems using their iOS devices. This could be anything from an application issue on an iPad or iPhone to safety or technical issues that make your product difficult to use as you would like.

The first round of courses will start in September and early applications are invited in order to gauge numbers and group users with similar issues together.

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The Italian Conversation Class is stopping for the Summer



but will be resumed on Wednesday 23rd September.

However this will be the only lesson until October because the following week the group is jetting off for a short Class holiday in Italy. They will be basing themselves in Verona and then going on trips to Brescia, Venice and Padova. One of the days will be a "free day" when the Class members can decide how to spend the day. Lots of opportunities to practice phrases learned in Class as well as increasing vocabulary by listening to everyday Italian!

Mike Streeton

U3a Recorder Group - New Members Welcome!!!

Have you ever played the recorder, or would you like to try to learn in a friendly and supportive group?

The U3A Recorder Group meets on the **2nd and 4th Thursday** of each month at **Community House, Harrogate**, and **we are always delighted to welcome new members.**

Whether you are an experienced player or a complete beginner, you'll find a warm and encouraging atmosphere where you can enjoy making music with others. We play a varied selection of music, and most importantly, have fun together while developing our skills.

Why not come along and see what we're about?

Beginners very welcome!

If you'd like to make music, meet new people, and discover the **joy** of playing the recorder, we'd love to hear from you.

Don't worry if you haven't got a recorder, as we can provide one.

Contact: https://harrogate.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/recorder-playing/

Film Group

Alison Thomas

This group held its inaugural meeting earlier in the month, and the first screening will take place in late September. If you would like to be kept up to date with the Film group's activities please sign up at https://harrogate.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/film-group/

Do you enjoy Live Music?

A new group has been set up to explore the wide range of music concerts and gigs that take place in the Harrogate area - any genre as long as it is live! If you are interested you can contact the group here: https://harrogate.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/live-music-group/

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

Reflections

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to be published in September

**Deadline for
contributions
now extended to
July 31st!**

Many thanks to those who have already sent in articles!

Work on our annual magazine is about to start so we would like to remind you that our deadline for contributions is approaching.

We are still hoping for more words from our members though. We would love to hear your thoughts about any u3a experiences from the past year, whether it is about your group activities, Members' Talks, or any of the more social events.

What is it about being a member of Hu3a that you have particularly enjoyed?

What would you say to someone who is wondering whether to join or not?

Your contribution does not have to be overly long,

just one or two sentences (or three even!) would be fine.

Please send your contribution to news@harrogateu3a.org.uk

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Monday 17th – Saturday 22nd August

Harrogate U3A Photography Group

Photography Exhibition 2026

**St. Peter's Church,
Cambridge Street,
Harrogate**

OPEN 10am - 4pm



Membership renewal dates this August

Tuesday 11th

2pm to 4pm

Monday 17th

10am to 12 midday

at
The WesleyCentre

Members' Talk

entry with members' card

at St Mark's Church, Leeds Road

buses 36, X52 & A2 stop outside

on Friday 25th September 11am (doors open 10.30am)

Paul Jennings

"Harrogate Hotels in the Spa Era"

Dr Paul Jennings is a prominent social historian,

retired University of Bradford lecturer

and author who has researched

the workforce, hotels and daily life of

Harrogate during its spa heyday.

Hu3a website

By visiting our website - Harrogate.u3asite.uk you can find out more about groups, which ones have spaces and which are currently full. You will also be able to find there information about all our policies, procedures and lots more.

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>

National u3a week is an annual celebration of the learning, fun and laughter within the u3a movement. Our national body will be delivering several on line events that week as well as investigating lots of media opportunities to highlight the great things the u3a does all around the UK.

Locally we will be joining in with this celebration by mounting an exhibition of our many and varied activities which take place in Harrogate u3a. The exhibition will be in St Peter's Church glass foyer on Cambridge Street from 10am to 4pm on 21 to 25 September.

Many thanks,

Jean Tennant, Publicity Officer,

email: fbpublicity@harrogateu3a.org.uk

We would really love some members to help with this event, so if anyone would be willing to be at the exhibition, just for a couple of hours on one of the days that week, we'd love to hear from you.

While at the exhibition you would help by chatting to people about your experiences of the u3a movement, and what it has to offer.

Also, if any groups would like to use the exhibition to publicise their group, then again please do get in touch ASAP