

Hello, and Welcome.



February is here already, and the month is designed to put a spring in your step, and a smile on your face. February is the month of Valentine, therefore love. You might be saying “Oh no! Too old; not bothered etc etc”.

But I disagree. Love is about so much more than canoodling, kisses and the rest. It is about friendship, being kind to one another, talking, smiling, doing a good turn etc etc. We can take an example from nature, where spring is taking a peek and thinking that it is time to venture out and give us the pleasure of a variety of bulbs which are poking through the soil, giving a hopeful sign. We have snowdrops making a lovely display in the corner of our front garden, always able to put a smile on our faces as we look out of the window.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to speak a little about your u3a committee. Although this is the February edition, the committee met in January, first of the year for 2026. Your committee is very focussed, dedicated and proactive to the well-being of Hornsea & District u3a. Its members do a really good job within their given area, almost over and above the call of duty, and give considerable time to their task. They are a very progressive committee, gratified with how things are but not complacent that we can stand still. I say all this not so that you'll pat them on the back, but to assure our members that we run your u3a for your benefit. Should you have questions or suggestions, please let us know and we will give all due consideration in answering or implementing them.

And now news you can use.....

Accord u3a members have interest groups who are seeking support to boost their numbers. If you are interested please contact the details given.

Swanland u3a :

Writing for Fun meet 3rd Wednesday 10am-12noon. Contact Susan Shaw 01482 666113 or the website for more details

Singing for Fun meet 4th Wednesday 2.15-3.45pm. Contact Kate Woolley 07789 608 856

Caves u3a

Jazz Appreciation meet 2nd Wednesday. 2-4pm. Contact Mike Pinfold 01430 422059 for more details

Writing for Fun meet 2nd Thursday 2-4pm Contact Lesley Atkinson 01430 421171 for more details.

Outings information

Wakefield Rhubarb Festival Outing ; Saturday 21 February 2026

Pick up details **8.15 Rose & Crown**

There are still a few spaces available which can be booked with **Kath Connor 07419730809**. Or see her at the monthly meeting on 2nd February in the Floral Hall.

Harrogate Spring Flower Show ; Sunday 26 April 2026

Pick up Rose & Crown, time to be advised

Acklams luxury coach and entrance ticket **£55.00**

Please contact Kath Connor on 07419730809

Or see her at the monthly meeting on 2nd February in the Floral Hall.

Photos

You will have noticed Paula wandering around at the monthly meetings and at the Christmas lunch taking photographs. If you do not wish for your photo to appear in the Hornsea Community News or on the Hornsea u3a website, respectively, it is your responsibility to (nicely) decline. Because of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) we need your permission, known as Public Permission, although it is easier for us to assume you will be ok with it unless you say no.

And here are some photos of the Christmas lunch held at LongBeach Caravan Centre



Coop Funding

It appears that there has been difficulty in accessing details when shopping in the Coop store in Hornsea. A separate email has been sent by Ken Hooper explaining the technicalities and a link, but Adam and Angela will be staying after the meeting on Tuesday to help anyone with how to support your u3a in this way. It would be a shame to lose this opportunity to raise money for your u3a.

Groups

Potential new groups emerging at the moment are Domino & Darts which will begin on February 3rd. Also there is interest in starting a Quiz Team. Please see Rosemarie on the Interest table at the monthly meeting on Tuesday February 2nd.

Did you know.....

A double page article about u3a features in the February edition of *Prima*, out now. The piece shares the stories of four u3a members who have made big and small changes to their lives, thanks to u3a.

The *Sunday Times Home* section ran an article about the happiest and healthiest places to retire - listing u3a as a key factor in contributing to a positive later life.

Upcoming online events from Third Age trust (TAT)



Learn something new this year!

We've got a jam-packed programme of online learning events this January. Every month, we cover a huge range of topics - so please remind your members these are free and available to all.

Highlights this month include:

Exploring world faiths

Monday 12 January at 10am

Understanding online content and misinformation

Tuesday 13 January at 2pm

u3a Yorkshire and Humber Region Registered Charity Number 213388

Summer School

24th to 27th August 2026
The Hawkills, Easingwold, YO61 3EG

The aims of our Summer School
Provide members with new learning opportunities
Enable members to explore a topic their local u3a may not be able to offer
Enable delegates to share time out with other members from across the region and beyond

In 2025 we had delegates from ten of the twelve u3a regions and nations, with feedback such as
"An excellent summer school, as always!" "A wonderful venue – we were so well looked after."
"The courses, food, and company were all first-class"

The Hawkills is again the venue for our 2026 Summer School
You can read about this superb venue here <https://thehawkills.com/>

The courses to choose from

My Generation Britain through Literature, Art, Poetry and Speeches of the 1960s	Conversational Spanish
Crime Fiction from Sherlock to Vera	The Changing English Language
Drama – Intermediate Improvised Drama	Making Sense of Everyday Mathematics
Fungi and Lichens	Outdoor Painting and Sketching
An Introduction to Practical Geology	Stained Glass in English Churches Art, Science and Symbolism

Costs for our three-night residential Summer School:
Full Board Delegate £495pp
Day Delegate £256pp (inclusive of lunches and dinners)

For more information, including course details and the booking form, go to
<https://yahru3a.uk/summer-school/>

We look forward to seeing you



The world's most enchanting archipelagos: A voyage through the Scottish Hebrides

Wednesday 21 January at 3pm

Why snails might hold answers to age-related memory loss

Tuesday 27 January at 11am

YAHR Summer School

In the cold of a crisp February morning thoughts of summer and our Summer School may be very far away. However the arrangements for the school are made, the courses are agreed and booking is open.

We have ten courses on offer, covering a range of highly varied topics.

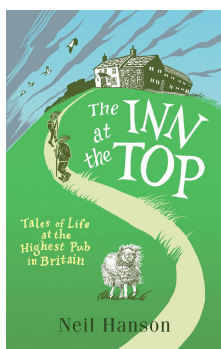
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The school runs 24th to 27th August 2026 at The Hawkills, Easingwold.

There are more details on the YAHR website <https://yahru3a.uk/summer-school/>

Reminder of Group Leaders Meeting in February

For all Group Leaders there is a Thank You morning at Hornsea Town Hall 10am



February Speaker

Neil Hanson is an author with 70 books to his name and is a ghostwriter for famous people. His talk 'Inn & Out at the Top' is a

laugh-a-minute tour of the quirks and foibles, highs and lows of his time running Britain's highest Inn back in the 1970s and 1980s.

Finally, I hope those who attended the Christmas Lunch in January enjoyed themselves. We are considering doing something a little different next year, so if you have ideas please let us know.

Whatever you choose to do this February I hope to see you at the monthly meeting on 3rd February'26. 10am for 10.30am

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