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laugh,
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Hello everyone and welcome to March

Hazel Adamson, Chair of Hornsea & District u3a

According to AI March is the third month of the Gregorian calendar, featuring 31 days and marking the meteorological start of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere. Named after Mars, the Roman god of war, it is characterised by changing weather, "March Madness", and observances like St. Patrick's Day. It is also a town in Cambridgeshire, England, and a verb for walking in a rhythmic, military-style fashion. Now you know!

March for me is the arrival of the colourful spring flowers, the clocks changing and hopefully brighter, warmer and longer days.

So onward and upward, we have endured some strong weather so far this year, although, I would say that nature has decided to remind us of the winters we used to get, when seasons were more defined.

And spring has definitely come to Beeford or specifically our home. Last year I wrote of hoping for a pond and maybe a water feature in the front garden. Lots of talk but nothing appeared and it was such a hot summer and the ground was so hard.....etc...

But lo and behold a pond has now appeared and I am sure that as the plants grow around it, it will become a wonderful feature. The gardener (my husband) is very good, but don't tell him I said that! Am I pushing my luck in hoping there might appear a water feature too?

Have you got a project waiting to begin this year? It's always good to get involved in something, whether you like the planning stage or getting stuck in. It keeps the mind occupied, the brain stimulated and even some actual physical as well. Which is also why u3a is so good for you; lots of different groups to be involved with, with an added bonus of socialising with people. Hearing other points of view and learning new things.

So let's get started with some of the exciting things that Hornsea & District u3a are planning for this year, and get energised. We are hoping to produce a members recipe book and for this we will need members recipes on the many and varied topics relating to food. More news as we progress. Other news.....

Outings:

Kath is organising a trip to Harrogate Spring Flower Show on Sunday 26 April 2026.

Pick up will be outside the Rose & Crown at 8.30am, with Acklams luxury coach. Cost including the entrance ticket is £55.00. A minimum 20 places are required and so far 16 place have been reserved.

Please contact Kath Conner if you are interested on 07419730809

News from Third Age Trust (TAT)

u3a Festival 26 booking now open!

u3a Festival is back – the biggest celebration of the curiosity, creativity and community spirit that makes u3a so special.

Join us for three days of hands-on workshops, musical performances, sports tournaments, fascinating talks and many more surprises.

Tickets are limited - so book now and avoid disappointment! 1-3 July 2026

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Tickets cost £18 for a day, or £50 for all three days

Focus on... This month it was thought we would bring your attention to groups which haven't, as yet, got off the ground, but interest has been shown.

Would you be interested in being part of any of these groups: walking group; photography group; signing (as in hard of hearing/ deaf).

Maybe your interest would be enough that you would be willing to lead it? This would mean becoming a u3a member, if not already. Our renewals month is April, but anyone can join at any time of the year.

A new speakers list will also be issued in April, with many interesting speakers including an interview with Alan Johnson the ex Labour MP, a talk on trees after the ice-age to Viking battles and a talk on how to limit pain, and much more in-between and with many laughs. Living up to the u3a motto; Live, Learn, Laugh.



What do you know about Hornsea? : Hornsea Museum

Situated on Newbegin, the main street of Hornsea, is Burns Farm. For nearly 300 years it was tenanted by the Burn family. It was originally a single-storey cobble building dating back to the late 16th century. A second storey, in hand-made brick, was added in about 1740.

The farmhouse has a country kitchen with an inglenook fire place, a parlour, bedroom, dairy and washhouse, all with Victorian furnishings. Three additional rooms are used for exhibitions and periodically changed.

Behind the farmhouse is a large garden, flanked by workshops with hand farm implements, joiners' and

wheelwrights' tools and a blacksmith's shop. In the 18th century barn are displays of farming through the seasons and the White Dale building traces the history of the Hull to Hornsea railway and Hornsea's fishing heritage. A Victorian schoolroom is in Swallow Cottage as well as the museum's function room. On display are old photographs of the town and surrounding villages, the Hull and Hornsea Railway, the brick and tile works, shipwrecks and lifeboats. At present the museum is closed but re-opens at Easter. Well worth a visit if you haven't been, and of course a place to learn some of the history in Hornsea.

Additionally Hornsea Museum is also the Tourist Information Centre, open daily.



Recap on February's speaker: Neil Hanson

gave us a whistle stop tour of his misspent youth and exploits when he and his wife ran the Tan Hill Pub - the highest pub in the England. He kept us smiling and laughing throughout his presentation and he will be back in 2027 .

March Speaker: Angela Beaumont

She will be presenting her talk Wheels off the Bus. She, and friends, have toured Europe, in fact most of the world, in her bus and I believe the wheels literally did fall off!



Quote of the month

"It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop." – Andy Warhol

Enjoy March and all that you plan and do, and hopefully the weather will improve!

Hazel

Visit our website: hornsea.u3asite.uk

The next meeting at the Floral Hall is on Tuesday 3rd March with Angela Beaumont talking about touring Europe in her bus! The doors open at 10am and we make a start at 10.30am.

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