HELLO EVERYONE



First things first:
We begin November with our AGM 2026, on Tuesday 3rd November, a necessary and important part of being Hornsea & District u3a.
The meeting will begin at **10.15am** for the business side of things, and then we will continue with our speaker for the month - Margaret Preece. So I do hope you will make the effort for the slightly earlier time. We need a quorum in order for the AGM to take place, so every member counts. Last year I said: *" The AGM is when we look back with accountability, and look forward with energy and eagerness to what might be on offer in the following year. We also take a look at the committee and decide if they are doing a wonderful job! Which of course they are."*
I do hope that you still agree with this statement!
We potentially have a slightly different committee this coming year, (26/27) but you'll have to be at the meeting to find out what and who!

And of course talking of November : **Where has the year gone?** I hope you have fond memories of the year, I'm still trying to remember what I did that made it go so fast! I will really have to make the most of December!

Christmas meal……. Tuesday 19th January 2027
We had thought to try something different this year but the carvery appears to suit most people. So it will be held at Hornsea Golf Club, £25pp, carvery with a choice of 4 puddings (on the day) and tea/coffee. Vegetarian / vegan option. Please state when booking. Including entertainment. Names and payments will be taken at the November monthly meeting in the Floral Hall.

THIRD AGE TRUST NEWS (TAT)



Board election results
Congratulations to **Neil Stevenson** who will be joining the Board of Trustees on 14 October.
Thank you to all three candidates who put themselves forward. The quality of candidates was very high, making this a very close result.



Run the TCS London Marathon with u3a

Could you, or someone you know, take on this iconic race? We have charity places for the *TCS London Marathon* on Sunday 25 April 2027.

Please share this with running groups at your u3a, on social media, as well as your family and friends.

More information and how to apply on the u3a website.

Running Outdoor Groups and Travel Activities

Monday November 23rd
St George's Centre Leeds
(60 Great George St, Leeds LS1 3DL)
10:00 for a 10:30 start until 15:00 (lunch included)

Outdoor activities and travel opportunities are an important part of a u3a. This workshop will look at both of these.

The morning session will look at the practical aspects of setting up outdoor activity groups including funding, health and safety and sources of practical advice. After lunch we will look at running travel events. This is an opportunity to obtain good advice; hear the lessons of others (both positive and negative) and share your own experiences (both positive and negative).

You can book a place via our website at https://yahru3a.uk/2026-11-yahr-workshop/

AND NOW FOR MORE NEWS……



Linda Sharp will once again be decorating our u3a Christmas Tree for the Festival of Trees in St Nicholas Church on 27th November'26. Thank you Linda.

Stewards are needed to help with the display on the Saturday (27th). If you can help please contact the Church

Message from the Chair of Jubilee Central u3a Hull…….

Its been 8 years since the D Day Darlings appeared on Britains Got Talent, but since then they have performed all over the country. We are looking forward to welcoming them to Jubilee Central Hull on Saturday 14th November for their final show of their victorious Tour.

Tickets £22 each, available from...

Further details below and on www.jubileecentral.org

www.jubileecentral.org/upcoming-events/

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2027 diaries available now

u3a diaries are available from the u3a Brand Shop. There is a special **25% discount** for packs of 10 - ideal for committees, groups or when getting the diaries for friends.

News from the Gardening Group……..WEEDS

Have you heard the one where there is a panel of gardeners answering questions from the floor, and someone asks the question, "I have ground elder, what should I do?", and back comes the reply, "Move!".

Moving generally is not going to be an option, so, what to do? I have heard of someone getting rid of ground elder, by using chemicals. I also came across a piece where a garden was being created and ground elder was removed - I imagine by some industrial equipment such as diggers. I have gardened with ground elder, and I garden organically.
So, what to do in such a situation?
Various areas were well dug at times and everything that remotely looked like ground elder (white roots, runners, as well as top growth) removed. This worked for a time but, the ground elder eventually came back. Sometimes, for speed, I would remove top growth - no plant likes continually have leaves removed, and it can weaken the plant. I also had any flowers it managed to produce off pretty quickly so it didn't seed. However, one year, due to two operations and not being able to garden, the ground elder took over and flowered. I then learnt two things: one, it was very pretty and looked just like the English countryside; two, the pollinators loved it - the flower heads were covered with them. I then decided it earned a place in the garden ...if only one could restrict it to a certain area ...unfortunately not possible!
Another annoying weed is bindweed. There is a chemical method of getting rid of this but, as an organic gardener, I'll not relate it here, but let you look it up on line if you want to know. I was speaking to someone a little while ago who has bindweed, but also gardens organically; she was living with it rather than using chemicals.
Anybody got celandine in their garden? If the name is new to you, it flowers springtime - small yellow, quite pretty flowers. I remember reading an article years ago about "learning to love celandine". Hmmm, I've tried, but it can be trying. It spreads rapidly and can be difficult to eradicate as it produces nodules, and it is a terrible job getting every part of it if you are trying to get rid of it. However, after a while, it completely disappears, and you may even forget about it ..... until the following spring.
Some other common weeds.....creeping buttercup, I use my weed tool (mentioned last month) to tackle this; same method for many other weeds, such as dandelion....yes, down on hands and knees the easiest way for many of these. Other weeds can often be controlled by hoeing, depending what else you have planted in the vicinity.

Try not to introduce weeds inadvertently; buying a plant from anywhere, or kindly being given one by a friend, make sure there are not additions to your new acquisition that you do not want!
Remember, a weed is only a plant in the wrong place!
Written by Lynda Lee

UPDATE FROM ANGELA Re COOKERY COURSE

We are pleased to announce that once again we have been chosen by the Co-op as one of their charities to support for the year Oct 2026 to Nov 2027.
If you are not already a member, please download the app and sign up. You will not only receive membership benefits but also can vote for us each time you shop. Or you can ask a member of staff in the store to help you to do so.

This year they have given us just over £2,000 for our organisation

This is why we are able to offer a cookery course of 6 weekly sessions to anyone who may be interested, be you male, female, single or partners everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun whilst perhaps learning something about cooking that you didn't already know. We will have room for 10 people per 6 weeks session.

Amy, the qualified Tutor will cover such things as pastry, using leftovers, batch cooking and much more. Everything you need for each lesson will be provided. All we ask is that you pay a one off cost of £10 towards our costs. The venue will be the St. Nicholas parish hall and it is anticipated that the lessons will start in the New Year. email to hornseau3a.grants@gmail.com

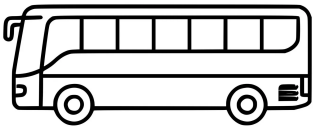
Potential new groups….

Signing sheets are available on the Group Table at the monthly meeting:
Signing (for the Deaf); Embroidery/ Cross Stitch; Beach Combing;

Outings Information

Theatre/Outings/Bus Pass

Several trips have been organised for the above 3 groups for 2027 and the sign up sheets will be at the meeting on **Tuesday 1st December 2026.**



Theatre: For the people who have booked the Peter Pan Theatre outing on 15 December, Kath will be collecting the money on Tuesday 3 November, the tickets are now only £15pp.
Please note that extra tickets have been obtained, so there's no need to be disappointed. "O yes we have!"
Bus Pass The next trip using the buses is on Tuesday 17 November to York. Please sign up at the meeting on 3 November for details.

Enquires to Kath regarding any of these at the next meeting on 3 November or at Hornseau3a.outings@gmail.com or 07419730809

HELP…..

We really do need someone for the role of Publicity. It could be one person or several. Please give it some thought and help your u3a to advertise its wares.

Finally there will be a **plant stall/ table** at the meeting on 3rd November in the Floral Hall. Donations welcome.

And that's all folks, so see you on Tuesday 3rd November 10.15am for the AGM followed at 10.30 (ish) by our speaker Margaret Preece on the Waterways around Hornsea.

December is entertainment month and is also 'Bring a friend for free"

As always Guests - normally £3pp/ New Members welcome.

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****Hold the Date! u3a Summer Event 2027****

Remember the Summer Event will be held on Tuesday 8th June '27, where we will take over several units at the Hornsea Village and have a variety of speakers, well-being; crafts and cookery demonstrations. Please put the date in your diaries.