



CLECKHEATON U3A

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. We hope you all had a good festive season with family and friends and whatever your plans for 2026 we wish you a very Healthy New Year. As we know the strength of any U3A depends on its membership and interest groups so a big thank you to all our Tutors for their imagination and hard work in organising all the various interest groups. We hope you are all able to attend as many as possible.

Come along to learn new skills and meet new friends

Christmas Social 2025



Gomersal Public Hall

All classes are held at:-

Gomersal Public Hall, Oxford Rd,
Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4JP.

Free car parking. Bus stop just outside - 255 & 254 and a limited 253 service.

Notice Board

TOWN HALL

There is a meeting planned with Kirklees Council on the 26th February to discuss when work will begin on the refurbishment and when the likely date will be for completion.

We'll give you an update via the website and Facebook as well as the next Newsletter.

VACANCIES

As you know we are always looking for new classes to hold, so if you have any ideas or would like to organise a small interest group then do feel free to contact us and we'll do the rest.



There was a real Festive Spirit at Cleckheaton Sports Club, as over ninety members enjoyed our ever-popular Christmas Social. Members of the committee abandoned their spreadsheets and Financial Reports to serve tea/coffee and cakes, prepare and distribute raffle prizes and tackle the mountain of washing up. A Christmas-themed Quiz ended with a tense tie-break question. We were entertained by our superb choir (led by Maureen Boocock) and talented Ukulele Group (led by Tony Bannister). The committee is indebted once again to those members who donated the many and varied raffle prizes. Since the closure of Cleckheaton Town Hall and our move to Gomersal Public Hall, the venue for our Christmas Social has been Cleckheaton Sports Club, which offers a good sized, comfortable room and extensive facilities.

Member News



We mentioned in the last newsletter that one of the members of our Ukulele class, **Gillian Caine**, was awarded the MBE last year for:-

Services to Scouting, Dewsbury Young Diabetics and to the community in Kirklees.

Here she is being presented the award by Princess Anne at Buckingham Palace.

Unfortunately, the Ukulele Group were unavailable to play.

Cancellation of Classes

Sometimes classes need to be cancelled. Could you therefore ensure your tutor has both your email and phone number so they can contact you in the event the class is cancelled.

Please could you also go to the website and press the link:-

[Follow Cleckheaton U3A](#)

You will then get all U3A alerts including any cancellation of classes.

Cancellations will also be posted on Facebook.

Tutor & Class News

We've introduced a number of new tutors and classes this term as well as saying goodbyes to others:-

Hello to:-

Psychology Classes will start again in October with **Julia Marshall**.

Interior Design with **Les Brook**

Sadly Goodbye to:-

Caroline Duff - who ran the **French Circle**. However, **Loretta Gibbons** will continue with the class starting in October.

John & Margaret Harpin who ran **Bridge Improvers & Beginners**.

PLEASE VISIT THE U3A WEBSITE FOR DETAILS ON ALL THIS YEARS SUMMER CLASSES.

Dates for your diary

Spring Coffee Morning

Friday 20th March 10:00-12:00

Come and join us for a pleasant, relaxing morning and for a catch-up with friends with refreshing tea/coffee and biscuits. Enjoy meeting other U3A members. There's also opportunity to admire the wide range of class activities as well as being entertained by a number of our musical groups.

AGM & Coffee Morning

Tuesday 16th June 10:30 - 12:00pm.

Following this event, which is open to members only, begins with coffee and tea as well as a quick quiz. All members are encouraged to attend to get an overall view of past and future events/plans. We're particularly interested to hear members' thoughts and views of how we can improve the U3A experience. So please come along and meet the committee.

Information Day

Thursday 10th September 2:00 to 4:00pm

Open to all. An opportunity for both existing and potentially new members to find more about the whole raft of classes available at U3A as well as having the opportunity to speak with the tutors themselves. Refreshments will be available.

BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE FOR A RELAXING AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

For further information please visit our website: www.cleckheatonu3a.com.

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