

Garforth, Kippax & District u3a Bulletin Plus

June 2026

Messages From Your Chair

As you will be well aware June is the time for our Annual General Meeting. As only current paid members are counted for the quorum figure, that allows us to continue, you may be asked to confirm your membership at the door and will be counted in. Any guests are still allowed to join us for the afternoon.

For those who requested a 2026-27 membership card, please collect from the membership desk after the meeting.

May we take a moment to remind all our members that the ethos of the u3a is that we are '**run by members for the members**'! Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary:

Members Meeting: Wednesday 3rd June 2026: Garforth Working Men's Club 1.00 for 1.30 Annual General meeting, followed by a talk on Wildlife Photography by Stephen Madgley. **Please respect both** our presenters of the AGM and speaker by not chatting unnecessarily during their talk, thank you.

The membership desk will open for any queries after the speaker but not **during** their presentation. Committee members will also be available – just look for their yellow name badges.

A general invite will be sent to all U3A members. Please attend with your membership card/number.

Members Meeting: Wednesday 1st July 2026: Garforth Working Men's Club 1.00 for 1.30 Monthly social meeting with our speaker being Alun Pugh with his talk: Dei goes to War...WW2 diaries of a bomber pilot at Pocklington.

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All guests or prospective new members to our monthly meetings will be required to sign our Guest Visitor Sheet.

Schedule of Group Activities

Group	When & Where	Convenor
Activities Group	Next activity: Casino in June, see below	Chrissy M
Art group	Tuesday fortnightly at 10:30am. The Elders, Great Preston	Jenny E
Art Appreciation	3rd Thurs at GWMC, 10.00 to 12 noon	Dave W
Bookworms	3rd Wed at 10.30am in members' homes, at capacity - waiting list for new members or 2nd group	Judith H
Chess	1st & 3rd Monday afternoons 2:00 pm-4:00pm, Garforth Library	Jenny T Genise G
Cinema Group	Tuesdays at The Odeon, The Springs for matinee film, followed by coffee discussion	Jane P
Classical Ensemble	Meet fortnightly in members' homes, actively looking for new members	Joe B
Conversational German	Thursdays 2:30 pm-4:00 pm, Garforth Library Café	Wendy B-E
Craft	2nd & 4th Mondays 2.00-4.00, Guide Hut, off Barleyhill Road	Janice G
Crochet & Knitting Group	2nd Wednesday 1.00 – 3.00, The Gaping Goose, Selby Road, Garforth	Heather M Penny B
Easy Cycling & Potterer's	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, see website for details Contact Convenor for details of Potterer's	Gary S
French	1.30 - 3.00pm, 2nd & 4th Monday, Garforth Library	Glenys M
Garden visits	Ad hoc visits, please see our website for details, and instructions	Susan I Judith R
History:	2nd Wednesday 1.00 - 3.00pm. Ad Hoc outdoor locations. See website for details	Carol W
Italian	2pm each Wednesday except 1st Wednesday at 3.00pm	Peter J
Italian For Beginners	Friday mornings 10:30 am-12:00 pm Garforth Library café	Wendy B-E
Keep Fit	Tuesdays between 10.00 & 11.30 am. Guides HQ, Barley Fields Close	Lynne H
Motor homes	On WhatsApp only	Sue La
Motoring	2.00pm 2nd Tuesday, The Gaping Goose, Selby Rd.	Nick H
Photography	Last Monday, 11.00 – 13.00 The Gaping Goose, Selby Road, Garforth	Graham I
Play Reading	3rd Thursday of month in members' homes, at capacity, waiting list for places/2nd group	Sue Lo

Quiz afternoon	Last Wednesday of the month, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Garforth Working Men's Club	Judith R
Saturday Lunch Club	Last Saturday each month, venue chosen by members at previous month meeting	Joan B Via landline
SciTech	Ad Hoc visits: but taking a break Contact convenor or see website for details	Carol J
Spanish	Each Mon, 10.30 – 12.00, Garforth Library Contact convenor for further details	Eric A
Strings & Swing	1st & 3rd Thurs, 1.30pm, Scout Hut and 2nd & 4th Tues, 1.30pm, Gaping Goose.	Les G
Strollers	1st Mon & 3rd Wed each month. Details posted on the website & our fb group.	Sue La
Tech it Easy	1st & 3rd Monday, 10am at Kippax Library See website for full details	Sue La Chrissie M
Theatre group	2nd Tuesday of the month 2.00pm The Commercial, Kippax High Street	Virginia W
Ukulele	Tuesday mornings, 10.30-12.30 Welfare Hall, Main Street, Garforth	Martin B
Walking Netball	Wednesdays 3pm – 4.00 pm Kippax Sports Centre	Group Co-ordinators
Walking over 5 miles	2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month	Wendy B-E
Walking Under 5 miles	Alternate Thursdays. Contact convenor for full details.	Diane McE
Wellbeing with Nature	Full details are available via the Group Convenor on website	Tina R

Groups Roundup and/or Next Visits

Activities Group

June: Casino, Thursday 4 June; 2 pm - 4 pm; Free entry, free tea and coffee

Venue: Victoria Gate Casino, Eastgate, Leeds, LS2 7JL

July: Visit to York; Thursday 9 July; Meet from 10.15 for 10.45 depart; pay your own way

Venue: The Milner Hotel reception room. Comfy sofas, teas and coffees to buy, nice loos. The Milner Hotel is the big hotel next door to York railway station. Activities for the day can be found on the website.

Art Group

Topics for June

9th June: Your Eyes

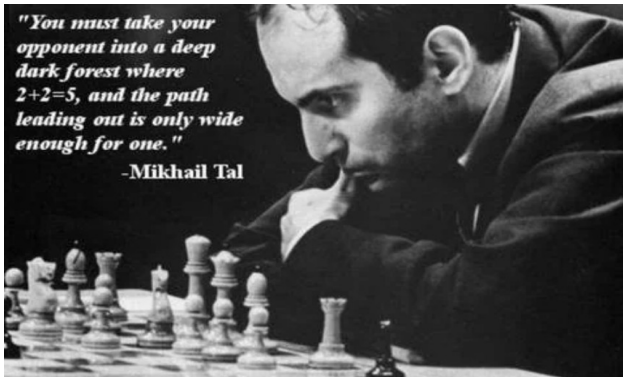
23rd June: A View with a Bridge

Art Appreciation

11th June: Zoom Illustrated Talk: Roberta Faccio; Art and Women

16th July: Visit: TBA, please contact convenor Dave for details

Chess Group



We can't offer you a deep, dark forest although we do sometimes feel like we are in one! We usually find a nice, quiet spot in Garforth Library. The u3a chess group meets 2-4pm, on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month, downstairs in Garforth Library. New members always welcome.

Garden Visits

Our first garden visit of the year took place on 30th April for the tulip festival at Burnby Hall Gardens Pocklington. We all met at the Lily Pad café for our customary coffee before we ventured off around the water lily lake and marvelled at the beautiful array of tulips. The weather was sunny and the tulips were spectacular. Well worth the visit. After our stroll around the gardens, we had lunch and ended our day with an ice cream. Perfect!

Our next visit is planned for the 4th June, when we're planning on going to the Himalayan Gardens near Ripon.

If any new members would like to join us, please get in touch with Judith Robinson either by text: 07944 863 422 or by email: jhrobinson55@yahoo.co.uk



Quiz Group

Our June quiz will be held on Wednesday 24th June, at our regular venue in the lounge at GWMC. Please do not forget to join us on Wednesday 27th May, if this notice reaches you in time.

The winners of our April quiz had to correctly answer a tie break question to take the top spot. Well done to '2J's & A V'!

Saturday Lunch Group

The April meeting at the Three Horseshoes, Oulton went well. There were eight of us and as usual we had a lot of lively conversation. Unfortunately, no photo – we were going to take one and then got distracted.

May's lunch is on Saturday 30 May at the New Masons Farrar Lane Oulton. If you would like to join us, please contact Joan on 0780 6713 061. New members are always welcome.

Walking over five miles

The 22nd of April saw 10 of us congregating at the edge of Bramham for a 9.2-mile walk led by Pete and Val. We enjoyed some lovely sunshine and decent temperatures as we headed away from Bramham and eventually in around and through Bramham Park on this lovely circular walk.



On the 13th May we started our slightly shorter walk of the month from Woodlesford Lock. Despite some good sunshine, 9 of us experiences all seasons in a day. We headed up to Temple Newsam, enjoyed the vibrant collection of rhododendrons and a relaxing drink in the sun in the courtyard when the heavens broke. Thankfully, we were able to shelter from the hailstorm and ensuing torrential rain before heading back via Skelton Lake. As luck would have it, we made it back to our cars before the next onslaught of hail.

New members are always welcome, please contact Convenor Wendy via the website.

Wellness Through Nature

Visit to 'Incredible Edible Garforth's Wildlife Garden, on 14th May:



We were lucky with the weather in the wildlife garden. The weather forecast made out it was going to be a washout, but the sun shone for the nine members of the group. After an introduction by Tina, most of the group had a go at making botanical prints with Gelli plates. Others investigated the garden, identifying a variety of species using the iSeek App.

After the activities we enjoyed some chat and refreshments. We had Melting Moments made by Catherine and Marmalade tea loaf by Tina. Many thanks to Incredible Edible Leeds and Garforth for their continuing support allowing us to use their site. We are looking forward to being back soon.



CYGNET:

CYGNET links:

Selby: www.selby.u3asite.uk

Sherburn: www.sherburnu3a.org

Tadcaster: www.tadcasterandvillages.u3asite.uk

Leeds: www.u3aleeds.com

If you wish to visit, or join, any interest groups under CYGNET, please remember to make contact via our CYGNET Liaison, Carol Lucas, in the first instance, via the website or to cygnet@garforthkippaxu3a.org.uk; **please do not just turn up!**

CYGNET News from Selby & District: Carnivorous Plants Group



This group has been started by two members of Selby, both of whom are keen carnivorous plant growers. Their 1st meeting was held in January 2026. Of 15 members who had expressed an interest 8 attended. A variety of plants were demonstrated as well as literature and discussion of their care. The group agreed that the best way forward is to go to nurseries and shows etc 2-3 times a year where plants are displayed and can be bought.

The next event is likely to be hosted by the Carnivorous Plant Society later in the summer – exact date is yet to be confirmed.

An autumn event will be held at Selby Bowling Club on Saturday 24th October 2026

If interested Contact: John Richadson rich.johnh@hotmail.com or Pauline Witton peewit490@gmail.com

If your group wishes to be passed onto our CYGNET member u3a, then please let our CYGNET Liaison, Carol Lucas know via the email: cygnet@garforthkippaxu3a.org.uk

Keeping up to Date

Keep checking our website for news updates:

<https://garforthkippaxdistrict.u3asite.uk>

Check out our Facebook Group/Page:

Facebook members group: Garforth, Kippax & District U3A

<https://www.facebook.com/garforthkippaxu3a>

Facebook open page: We are Garforth Kippax & District u3a

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61562379895610>

From u3a's National Learning Programme

Further information on the following free talks is available on

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes>

If you check the above website, you'll see there are also many other ideas, themes and topics you can apply to join in with. Please note events which require members to book are at

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

Thank you for reading,

Posted on behalf of Garforth, Kippax & District u3a:

Run by our members for our members!