

How is it organised?

- 90+ Interest Groups meet weekly, fortnightly, monthly or bi-monthly
- Interest Groups meet in hired or free premises, or outdoors
- Annually there are 3/4 social events and 4-6 travel outings and holidays

Members, through sharing their knowledge, skills and experiences, learn from each other.

Current Interest groups include:

ART: Art Appreciation, Art for Beginners, Brushstrokes, Drawing, Painting for Pleasure.

CRAFT: Card Making, Crafty Chat, Jewellery Making, Quilting Bee, Stitches

ENTERTAINMENT: Flix (films), Gelotology (humour), Just the Ticket, Magic, Theatre, Quizmasters, Out and About, Social.

FOOD: Bread making, Cooking for One, Curry Nights, Italian Nights, Chinese Nights, Posh Puds.

GAMES: Board games/Chess, Bridge, Canasta, Whist.

HISTORY: Classical Studies, Dodworth WWI Project, Family History, Plantaganets, Local History.

LANGUAGES: French, German, Spanish.
MOVEMENT: Country Dancing, Movement to Music, Sequence Dancing, Tai Chi, Tap and Line dancing

MUSIC: Choir, Classical Music/Opera, Folketry, Guitar, Music for Pleasure, Old Blowers (Brass), Recorders, Ukuleles.

OUTDOORS: Bird watching, Walking, Campervans and Caravans, Motorcycling, NatureQuest, Gardeners, Out and About, Travel

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY: Photoshop, Cosmology, Video & Media Creation, Photography

SPORT: Badminton, Crown Green Bowling, Ten Pin Bowling, Racketball, Snooker, Golf, Table tennis, Cycling.

WORDS: Barnsley Voices (Poetry), Book Forums, Discussion, Facebook, Philosophy, Writing for Pleasure, Creative Writing



What is expected of members?

- Contribute to group activities
- Offer to help the organisation continue to develop
- Enjoy themselves!!

INTERESTED?

For further information call

01226 891130

Or go to

www.u3asites.org.uk/barnsley



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT

A Self-Help Organisation for those no longer in full-time employment, offering a wide variety of leisure, educational and recreational activities.



Learn, Live, Laugh

U3A: University of the Third Age

What is it?

The University of the Third Age is not...

- A university
- A place requiring joining qualifications
- A place requiring skills
- A place to gain qualifications

The University of the Third Age is.....

- A place to learn
- A place to develop new skills
- A place for leisure
- A place to socialise and make new friends
- A place to have FUN!!



Barnsley U3A began in 1996 with less than 50 members; twenty years later there are over 900 members - a real success story!

Barnsley U3A is a member of the Yorkshire and Humberside region as well as the national Third Age Trust.

There are over 1000 independent U3As in the UK. U3As can be found all over the world.



Who can join?

- Adults who are no longer in full-time employment, usually those aged 50+
- Adults interested in learning, being creative, improving leisure time and widening their circle of friends.

Anyone interested in joining can initially

- attend a Monthly Meeting (1.30pm on the first Monday of each month at Priory Campus, Lundwood, S75 5PN) or
- go to one meeting of an Interest Group, free of charge.



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What does it cost?

- Currently, annual membership is £12, April-March.
- There is a one-off £5 administration fee for new members.
- Members donate £1 when attending each Interest Group meeting.



What do members get in return?

- Attendance to each monthly meeting. This is used to keep members informed of developments and changes, occasionally with guest speakers and fun activities.
- The opportunity to attend 80+ interest groups
- A quarterly magazine containing schedules of group sessions, reports of activities, articles of interest, notices and a list of Interest Group Coordinators' contact details.
- Access to local, regional and national information and events including on-line and residential courses