u3a Clitheroe NewsFlash

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The Newsletter of u3a Clitheroe November

Website: http://u3asites.org.uk/clitheroe

It's a Takeover



From 1st November, Ruth Mason will take over as membership secretary from David Grimes.

Email: membershipu3aclitheroe@outlook.com

We sincerely thank David for his dedication and hard work over the past decade. He will continue supporting the committee through his communications role.

At the same time, we will introduce the secure, web-based Simple Membership System to store member details and improve Clitheroe u3a's administration and support their contingency planning.

We will shortly be sending renewal e-mails for membership Fees please be aware this will be delivered from simple membership. Check in Spam/Junk folders.

DATE		Group Schedule for NOVEMBER		
	2	Monday	2pm	Music Appreciation
	3	Tuesday	10am	Singing for Pleasure
	4	Wednesday	2pm	Architecture
	4	Wednesday	10am	Circle Dancing
	5	Thursday	2pm	German
	5	Thursday	Noon	Lunch with Friends
	6	Friday	2pm	Garden
	6	Friday	10.30am	New Member's Meeting
	9	Monday	2pm	Photography
	10	Tuesday	1.30pm	MAIN MEETING
	11	Wednesday	2pm	Scottish Country Dancing
	11	Wednesday	2pm	Geology
	12	Thursday	1pm	Discussion
	13	Friday	2pm	Poetry
	13	Friday	9.30am	Mid-Month Meanders
	14	Saturday	7pm	Ceilidh
	17	Tuesday	10.15am	Plodders
	17	Tuesday	2pm	French conversation
	17	Tuesday	10am	Singing for Pleasure
	17	Tuesday	2pm	Canasta
	18	Wednesday	10am	Science & Scientific Enlightenment
	18	Wednesday	10am	Circle Dancing
	18	Wednesday	2pm	Board Games
		Thursday	3pm	Wine appreciation
	20	Friday	10.00am	Coffee Club
	23	Monday	10.45am	Strollers
	23	Monday	1.00pm	Play Reading
	24	Wednesday	2pm	Genealogy
	24	Tuesday	2pm	Art Appreciation
		Tuesday	2pm	Craft
	25	Wednesday	2pm	History
	26	Thursday	2pm	Book Discussion 1
	26	Thursday	1pm	Table Tennis
	26	Thursday	12.30pm	Food & Wine
	27	Friday	10.30am	Walking
	27	Friday	10.15am	Trekking into the past
		RED	**MEANS**	**NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

November Meetings

Activity Group	Date	Time	Group Convenor	Information	How often
Architecture	Nov 4th	2pm	Paul Fisher 07874 696374	Meet at Trinity Hub. Farm Buildings by Jonathan Pickup.	1st Wed
Art Appreciation	Nov 24th	2pm	Paul Fisher, interim Convenor 07874 696374 Group in need of a Convenor	Meet at WBVH. Philip Bradshaw presents The Landscape paintings of Rennie McIntosh.	4th Tues
Board Games	Nov 18th	2pm	Lesley Charnley 01200 538476 lwcharnley@gmail.com	Meet at Convenor's Home. 1 Meadowlands, Low Moor, Clitheroe BB7 2ND.	3rd Wed
Book Discussion 1	Oct 26th	2pm	Ann Yates ann.yates01@gmail.com Denise Hayton u3aclitheroe@icloud.com	Meet at Clitheroe Library. 'Still Life' by Sarah Winman. This Meeting is **FULL** as is December's.	4th Thurs
NEW Book Discssion 2 Historical Fiction	**Jan 28th 2027**	11.00 am	Elaine Sargeson Elaine.sargeson@ btinternet.com **Please contact Elaine to express your interest**	Meet at Clitheroe Library NEW Book. Discussion 2,	4th Thurs
Canasta	Nov 17th	2 pm	Christine Snape clitheroechristine@gmail.com	NEW… Meet at Barrow Village Hall. Please bring a drink. Scones provided	3rd Tues
Circle Dancing	Nov 4th/ 18th	10 am	Sally Maxwell 01772 379926	Meet at Pendleton Village Hall.	1st /3rd Wed
Craft		2pm	Sandra Marshall 07968 675419 sandra23marshall@gmail.com	No Meeting in November.	Usually 4th Tues
Discussion Group 1 Group 2	Nov 12th	1pm	Susan Duckworth susanduckworth47 @gmail.com John Wilson john.eardswick@yahoo.co.uk	Meet at Whalley Old Grammar School at 1pm during the Winter.	2nd Thurs
Food and Wine	Nov 26th	12.30 for 1pm	Gill Kilbey 07840 882775	Meet at The Lower Buck Waddington for our Christmas Lunch… FULL	4th Thurs
French Conversation	Nov 17th	2pm	Ann Connell 07568 172854 shudbtaylor@yahoo.co.uk	Meet at Whalley Methodist Church in the Pendle room. Entrance down the left side of the Church.	3rd Tues
Garden Group	Nov 6th	2pm	Jenny Grimes jennygrimes46@icloud.com	Meet at Trinity Hub.	1st Fri

Group	Date	Time	Group Convenor	Information	How often
Genealogy	Nov 24th		Marianne Wilson mrsmariannewilson@gmail.com	Meet at WBVH.	4th Tues
Geology	Nov 11th	2pm	Frank Taylor frankhtaylor@yahoo.co.uk 07952 720778	Meet at WBVH, Carboniferous. The South Wales Coalfields.	2nd Wed
German Conversation	Nov 5th	2pm	Denis Cassidy 01254 822345. David Grimes davidgrimes1@mac.com	Meet at the home of Ann Gretton. .	1st Thurs
History	Nov 25th	2pm	Hazel Best hazelbest@gmail.com 01200 426756	Meet at WBVH. Graham Kemp will talk on the Heros and Villains of Lancaster Castle.	4th Wed
Lunch with Friends	Nov 5th	Noon for 12.30pm	In Need of a Convenor.	The November venue is The Sparrow Hawk. 152 Wheatley Lane Fence BB12 9QG. **FULL**	1st Thurs
Mid-Month Meanders	Nov 13th	9.30am	Paul Fourie pfourie@hotmail.co.uk	Meet at The Higher Trap Hotel Simonstone BB12 7QW. See Page 7.	2nd Fri
Music Appreciation	Nov 2nd	2pm	Frank Robinson bb7u3amusic@btinternet.com	Meet at WBVH Baubles, Bangles and Beads. Popular music from classical themes with Frank Robinson.	1st Mon
Photography	Nov 9th	2pm	Francis Garner 07477 626772.	Meet at Barrow Village Hall. Night Pictures.	2nd Mon
Play Reading	Nov 23rd	1pm for 1.15pm	Kate Hamlin 07732 721963 Helen Coles 07835 920887	Meet at Whalley Old Grammar School.	4th Mon
Plodders	Nov 17th	10.15 am	Marjorie Taylor 07716192447 marjorietaylor@hotmail.co.uk	Meet at the car park at the back of the Co-op on Pickup St. Clayton-le-Moors BB5 5NS See Page 7.	3rd Tues
Poetry	Nov 13th	2pm	Roy Gonsalves rmgonsalves1953 @outlook.com	Meey at Trinity Hub. 'Food and Wine.'	2nd Fri
Science and Scientific Enlightenment	Nov 18th	!0am	David Grimes davidgrimes1@mac.com 01254 240707	Meet at Trinity Hub Paul Fisher, "Chernobyl 40 years later"	3rd Wed
Scottish Country Dancing	Nov 11th	2pm	Sandra Marshall 07968 675419	Meet at Pendleton Village Hall..	2nd Wed
Singing For Pleasure	Nov 3rd/ 17th	10am	Denise Hayton 07779 915392 u3aclitheroe@icloud.com	Meet at West Bradford Village Hall.	1st/3rd Tues
Strollers	Nov 23rd	10.30 for 10.45am	Mike Halliwell 07741413017	Meet at Aspinall Arms car park. See Page 8.	4th Mon

Main Meeting on Tuesday November 10th at The Old School Rooms and Assembly Hall Lowergate BB7 1AD

1.15pm onwards for Refreshments

''The Ghost-writer'' presented by Neil Hanson

Neil is a successful author who also works as a ghost-writer.

His presentation gives glimpses into the hidden worlds of his clients, including some famous names and ordinary people who have done extraordinary things.



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Table Tennis	Nov 26th	1-3pm	Janet Elliott 01254 248106 Jkelliott108@gmail.com'	Meet at Trinity Hub No Meeting in December.	4th Thurs
Trekking into the Past	Nov 27th	10.15am	Ron Loebell 01200 374094	Meet at The Platform Gallery, Clitheroe BB7 2JT. Page 7.	Last Friday
Walking Group	Nov 20th	11am	Terri Fisk 07791 686967 Tafisk29@gmail.com	Meet at Barley, Bridleway marked Blacko and Black Moss Reservoir. Clitheroe bus 10.18 – 10.55. See Page 6.	Usually Last Friday
Wine Appreciation		3pm	Christine Snape clitheroechristine@gmail.com	Meet at Christine's Home. No Wine Appreciation in November.	3rd Thurs

Committee Meeting, Guests and Coffee Club

Clitheroe u3a Committee Meeting

Thursday 12th November

10.00am Clitheroe Golf Club

Members are warmly invited to attend as **observers**. If you'd like to come along, please let **Janet Rees, Secretary**, know so she can send you the meeting papers. (secretaryu3aclitheroe@outlook.com)
We already know that **April 2027** will bring several vacancies on the Committee. Please take a moment to consider whether **you** could get involved and help run our thriving u3a.

Your support makes all the difference.

CAN A MEMBER BRING A GUEST TO CLITHEROE U3A EVENTS?

Yes – in some cases. It depends on the event.

✓ **Coffee Club & Recruitment Events** - Open to anyone who wants to find out more about our u3a.

✓ **Interest Groups, Main Meetings & Interactive Sessions** Anyone may attend **up to two sessions** before deciding whether to join.

BUT

❌ **Ticketed or Paid Events are for members only.** These are events where you have to buy a ticket or pay an additional cost to attend such as the Christmas Lunch, a History Coach Trip or a time-limited courses with a joining fee.

Clitheroe u3a Coffee Club

Next meeting: Friday 20th November
Time: 10.00 – 12.00
Venue: Barrow Village Hall,
Old Row, Whalley Road,
Barrow BB7 9AZ

Drop in and say hello
Everyone welcome
Perfect for new members and anyone curious about our u3a

Walking Group

Meet 20 November at 11:00 to start at Barley bridleway marked Blacko and Black Moss Reservoir near start of village. Bus 67 leaves Clitheroe Interchange 10:18 and arrives Barley 10:55. Otherwise car park at other end of village. Walk is 4.5 miles skirting the reservoirs and climbing the sculpture trail and continuing on a circular walk back to the start. May be some muddy patches. Meal in the Barley Mow afterwards.

Group Convenor: Terri Fisk – 07791 686967. tafisk29@gmail.com

Mid-Month Meanders

Meet 9.30am Friday Nov 13th at The Higher Trap Hotel Simonstone BB12 7QW. (park in the lower car park, entrance keep left)
About 5 miles, long steady climb to Sabden and back. A circular walk.
Next walk Dec 11th. Probably a Christmas walk around Clitheroe.
Group Convenor: Paul Fourie - pfourie@hotmail.co.uk

Plodders Group

Date and time: Tuesday 17th November at 10.15am for an 10.30am start.
Meeting Place – Car Park at the back of the Co-op on Pickup Street BB5 5NS
The walk starts on the Car Park at the back of the Pickup Street Co-op Clayton-le-Moors and proceeds to the Leeds - Liverpool canal and back along a woodland path..
The walk may be muddy so please wear substantial footwear. The walk will take about one hour.
Please note that Pickup Street is right off Whalley Road (A671) just past a Pelican crossing on the way towards Accrington.

Group Convenor: Marjorie Taylor – 07716 192447.
marjorietaylor@hotmail.co.uk

Trekking into the Past

Clitheroe Countryside Walk

Meet November 27th at The Old Railway Station/Platform Gallery, Clitheroe.
Start at 10.15 for 10.30. Best to allow 3hrs parking or use the bus services.
A circular walk around Back Common, Waddington Road, Moorland, Pimlico Road and Church Street. History galore, hidden countryside etc. Nice walk of 1 1/2 hrs.
For more information..... Group Convenor: Ron Loebell – 01200 374094

Strollers Group.

Meet 10.30 for 10.45 at the Aspinall Arms Mitton BB7 9PQ. A circular walk of about 2.5 miles returning along the river bank. Good footwear and clothing should be worn as it could be muddy.
Group Convenor: Mike Haliwell. 07741 413017

A warm welcome to New Members

Helen Hopkin, Glen Hopkin, Susan Scott, Jennifer Hendry, Alastair Hendry Peter Mulholland, Mary Franks, David Franks, Anne Parsons. Angela Nelson. Vance Johnson, John Hale, Margaret Duckworth, John Duckworth, Kathryn Townsley, Sheila Fish, Ian Johnson, Norma Cronshaw, Armas Best and Jill Ivison.

---New Members 2026 Meeting

A meeting will be held on November 6th 10.30 at West Bradford Village Hall.
It's an opportunity for all new members to come and meet our Convenors and learn about the many Clitheroe u3a Groups.

Our October Quiz



Our Clitheroe u3a Quiz Night was a great success, but what could we do to make the scoring fair? We had tables of 3,4 and 6, so this time we divided the final scores by the number of people on a table…..of course this was't fair either…. Any thoughts?

The theme of the quiz was our u3a groups, so we had a geology round, an architecture round a French round etc. as well as a music round and a picture round.

We had a hot supper half way through with tea/coffee to finish.

The triumphant winners were presented with their prizes by Christine our Treasurer.

The Wigeon - Anas Penelope





Thousands of Wigeon will be arriving in large flocks now it is Autumn. They will join the smaller number of resident breeding pairs on the marshes, reservoirs, reedbeds and estuaries where they graze on short grass and dabble in the water for aquatic plants and roots.

They are quite a presence as they whirl overhead and come in to land. Wigeon are colourful ducks. The males have a distinctive chestnut head with a yellow forehead and crown and a short, pale grey bill with a black tip. They have a pink breast, pale grey back and black and white tail. The females are more coppery brown. You may well hear the characteristic loud, musical whistle of the male.

Wigeon nest in Northern Europe and in the north of the UK in long vegetation near water, laying 8 or 9 eggs. They have one brood which they raise from April to July. A lot of work is being carried out to ensure the diverse habitat that they need. Wigeon can live up to 15 years and they are doing well at present. They are such an attractive duck, adding to the lively watery scene.

Gill Cameron

Wedding Bells



Congratulations Brian and Kath

Brian Eastham and Kath Grooby, members of our Clitheroe u3a community, who met through the luncheon group, were married on September 25th. Here's a photograph of the happy couple on their wedding day.

Convenor Wanted: Art Appreciation



We are seeking an enthusiastic and organised convenor to lead our Art Appreciation group. This is an opportunity to bring people together to explore, discuss and enjoy art in a friendly and engaging setting.

The role is supported by **David Grimes, Jonathan Pickup and Paul Fisher**, who will be on hand to offer encouragement and assistance.

If you have an interest in art and would enjoy helping to shape an engaging programme for fellow enthusiasts, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Interested? Please get in touch to find out more about the role with Paul Fisher Interim Convenor

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2026

Foxfields Country House Hotel
Whalley Road, BILLINGTON BB7 9HY
Tuesday 8th December
12 noon for 12.30.



Please ensure that you receive a ticket and retain it as proof of payment.

Name ----------

Address ----------

Contact number ----------

Please pay at the October or November Main Event by Card. Forms must be returned by **November 27th, after which cancellations will be non-refundable.**

Marjorie Taylor 07716192447.
6 Durham Drive,
Wilpshire. BB1 9NX

Pay by BACS
Lloyds Bank
Account Name. **Clitheroe u3a Third Age Trust**
Sort Code **30-90-89**
Account Number **40457160**
Ref: **Xmas Lunch + Surname + Initials**

Please indicate choices by putting a cross for a main course and a dessert.
Please inform us of any special dietary requirements (e.g. gluten free).

MAIN COURSES

Roast Turkey Roast potatoes and all the trimmings (GF on request) ☐

Braised Blade of Beef Pomme purée spiced red cabbage, glazed carrot, red wine jus. (GF) ☐

Fillet of Salmon Spinach, crushed new potatoes, tenderstem broccoli, lemon and caper sauce. ☐

Butternut & Lentil Wellington Roast new potatoes, panache of vegetables (GF VE). ☐

DESSERTS

Christmas Pudding Brandy sauce, red currants. (GF on request} ☐

Sticky Toffee Pudding Butterscotch sauce, vanilla ice cream (GF on request) ☐

Chocolate & Orange Tart Cherry compote, orange sorbet (GF, VE) ☐

Lemon Meringue Cheesecake Raspberry coulis, fresh raspberries ☐

Followed by Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies

Our Ceilidh 2026



Come and join all your friends
for a Ceilidh evening on
Sat November 14th 7pm
at Pendleton Village Hall.



Bring your own Drinks.
7pm-10pm.
Tickets **£10** including Supper.
Phone Marjorie 07716 192447
----- Can't Dance!! Not a problem
Just come to enjoy the music and food.

Clitheroe u3a Officers and Committee 2026/27

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