

Our Meetings

January Meeting

The meeting at Owley Wood Club, Weaverham, on Wednesday 15 January, will be our membership renewal/joining meeting. Interest group leaders will also be present. *(Please remember that there is no meeting at Owley Wood Club in December.)*

November Meeting

Northwich u3a celebrated its 25 years this month, with a wonderful display of memories from 1999 to 2024. There were nostalgic photographs, handwritten minutes, descriptions of interesting activities and much more, all enjoyed with the anniversary cake and tea or coffee.

The cake was cut by some of our very first members: John Sykes, Eleanor Styles, Barbara



Fallows, Sue waters and Cynthia Milne.

It was then time for our speaker Andrew Rowe who asked the question, “*Are we burning the wrong Guy?*” He was, of course, talking about Guy Fawkes. So, where did the events which led to November 5th begin? Andrew suggests that it started with Henry VIII leaving the Catholic church.

To learn more about the events leading to Bonfire Night read Susan Humphreys report on our website

Northwich u3a

Your Executive Committee for 2025

Following the election of committee members at October’s AGM, officers were elected at our November committee meeting. Rosie Smith stood down as Group Co-ordinator (a role she had shared with Heather McDermott, who resigned from the committee at the AGM), their places taken by new members Chris Shiel and Krystyna Kowalska who will be contacting Group Leaders to introduce themselves. The list of committee members and, where applicable, their rôles, is now as follows:

Mike Anderson

Marian Atkinson Catering

Bob Beale

Rob Brown Treasurer

Anne Hales

Sue Humphreys Website Co-ordinator

Janice Jackson Chair/Speaker Secretary

Krystyna Kowalska Joint Group Co-ordinator

Wendy Milborrow Secretary

Chris Shiel Joint Group Co-ordinator

Rosie Smith

Geoff Wales Membership Secretary

Memberships

Fees have been held at £10 for members and £7 for Associate members for 2025. Members can pay their subscriptions by online banking at any time before the end of January, or by cash, cheque or credit/debit card at the January meeting. The Membership Secretary will email you directly about subscription payments, and the Treasurer will contact you about Gift Aid; please watch your Inbox for this message.

Whilst there will be multiple payment points at the January meeting, each transaction takes time; ideally, payments are made by bank transfer, reducing the number of payments to be dealt with on 15 January.

u3a online

Our new website

Please take a look at our new website which has taken a lot of hard work both at national level and by our Website co-ordinator Susan Humphreys. You will see that it is much easier to contact committee members and group leaders. All group activities are listed there. The calendar produced each month will update these activities.

<https://northwich.u3asite.uk/>

National u3a

May we recommend that you take a look at the national website? In particular, go to the online learning or events pages.

u3a members can access a wide range of free online talks, workshops, and courses through their membership. Most sessions are led by fellow members, sharing their expertise, with additional talks from notable speakers and organizations.

As they take the form of Zoom meetings, they could be of particular interest to members without transport or mobility issues. There is no charge to participate.

Among the topics covered in December are AI, Herbal Medicine, Mindfulness and Meditation.

[https:// www.u3a.org.uk/](https://www.u3a.org.uk/)

Group News

Play Reading

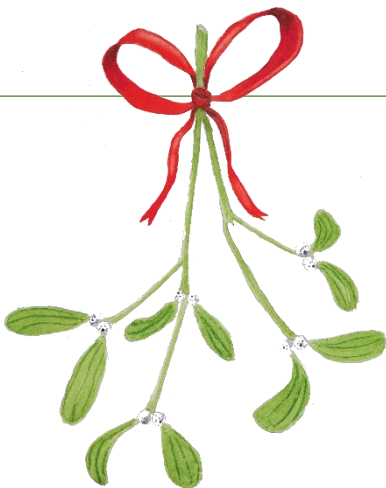
Deborah is still looking to sign up new members. The meetings are on Wednesday at her home. She hopes to be at the January meeting where you can find out more about the group's activities.

If you are interested, please make contact with Deborah Banks: 'phone 07711 575104.

Stamps

If you are interested in stamp collecting then Barbara Fallows would like to start a group.

If you are interested, please make contact with Chris Shiel or Krys Kowalska.



**With all good wishes from
the Committee for Christmas
and the New Year**

						Sunday 1
Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7	Sunday 8
10:00 WG1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 1 P 11:00 German H	10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll 14:30 French 2 H	10:30 WG6 Walking 14:00 Play Reading H 14:30 Art Appreciation DM 14:30 Family History OWC	10:15 Art LL 10:30 WG4 Walkers 10:30 WG5 Strollers 11:15 Tai Chi HM 13:30 Mahjong HV 14:00 Knitting H	10:00 Badminton WCC 13:30 Bowls WCC 13:30 Bridge HM		12:00 Singles Lunch
Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14	Sunday 15
10:00 WG1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 2 P 14:00 Scrabble HV	10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll 14:00 French 1 H	10:30 Dog Walking 2 10:30 WG6 Walking 14:00 Play Reading H 14:30 French 3 H	Cards and Things Lunch 10:30 WG4 Walkers 10:30 WG5 Strollers 11:15 Ukuleles HM	10:00 Badminton WCC 13:30 Bowls WCC 13:30 Bridge HM		
Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21	Sunday 22
10:00 WG1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 1 P 13:30 Canasta HV	10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll	10:30 WG6 Walking 13:00 Christmas Lunch Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club	10:30 WG4 Walkers 10:30 WG5 Strollers 14:00 Knitting H	10:00 British History H 13:30 Bridge HM		
Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28	Sunday 29
10:00 WG1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 2 P	Christmas Eve 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll	Christmas Day	Boxing Day 10:00 Dog Walking 1 10:30 WG5 Strollers	13:30 Bridge HM 14:00 Reading SL		
Monday 30	Tuesday 31					
10:00 WG1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 2 P	New Year's Eve 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll					

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Key to venues: AMS Apple Market Square; BM Barnton Memorial Hall; CB Contact Bob Beale for information on venue bob.beale@talk21.com; CSVH Cuddington Sandiway Village Hall; DM Davenham Methodist Hall; H Home Group; HM Hartford Methodist Church Hall; HV Hartford Village Hall; KC Kanya Café; LL Little Leigh Village Hall; NL Northwich Library; OWC Owley Wood Recreation Club (Barrymore Road, Weaverham); P: Paradox; SL: Sandiway Library; WCC Weaverham Community Centre; WG Walking group; WGC Winnington Garden Centre; WPR Winnington Park Recreation Club

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Monthly meeting; the members' check-in desk is a legal requirement for health and safety reasons.

		Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4	Sunday 5
		New Year's Day	10:30 WG4 Walkers 10:30 WG5 Strollers 13:30 Mahjong HV	13:30 Bowls WCC 13:30 Bridge HM		
Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11	Sunday 12
10:00 WG1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 1 P 11:00 German H 14:00 Latin H	10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll 14:00 French 1 CSVH 14:30 French 2 H	10:30 Dog Walking 2 10:30 WG6 Walking 14:00 Play Reading H 14:30 French 3 H 14:30 Art Appreciation DM 14:30 Family History OWC	10:00 Cards and Things K 10:15 Art LL 10:30 WG4 Walkers 10:30 WG5 Strollers 11:15 Ukuleles HM 13:00 Current Affairs HM 14:00 Knitting H	10:00 Badminton WCC 13:30 Bowls WCC 13:30 Bridge HM 14:00 French 1 CSVH		
Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18	Sunday 19
10:00 WG1 Striders + Lunch 10:30 Spanish 2 P 14:00 Scrabble HV 14:00 Latin H	10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll 14:30 Wine Appreciation H	10:30 WG6 Walking 10:30 Archaeology OWC 14:00 Monthly Meeting OWC Registration	10:15 Art LL 10:30 WG4 Walkers 10:30 WG5 Strollers 11:15 Tai Chi HM 13:00 Local Social History HV 14:00 Knitting H	10:00 British History H 13:30 Bowls WCC 13:30 Bridge HM		
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10:00 WG1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 1 P 14:00 Latin H 13:30 Canasta HV	10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll 14:00 French 1 CSVH 14:30 French 2 H	10:30 WG6 Walking 14:00 Play Reading H 14:30 French 3 H 15:30 Geology HV	10:00 Dog walking 1 10:15 Art LL 10:30 WG4 Walkers 10:30 WG5 Strollers 11:15 Ukuleles HM	10:00 Badminton WCC 13:30 Bowls WCC 13:30 Bridge HM	14:00 Tea and Plants	12:00 Singles Lunch
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10:00 Wg1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 2 P	10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll	10:30 WG6 Walking	10:00 Dog Walking 1 10:30 WG5 Strollers 13:30 Tea & Quiz HV	13:30 Bridge HM 14:00 Reading SL		

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