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Hyndburn U3A Newsletter - Issue 128 May 2026

The AGM May 8th 2026

The AGM will be held **after** the Speaker, The Agenda is as follows

AGENDA for Hyndburn u3a AGM May 8th

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising
3. Chair's Report
4. Finance Report to cover annual income, annual expenditure, year- end balance and details of assets and liabilities.
5. Approval of the accounts.
6. Secretary's Report and Correspondence.
7. Only one proposal for consideration. The only proposal so far is that the fees for next year be reduced to £10. As explained in the newsletter we have a surplus of funds and can afford to subsidise fees.
8. The Secretary of the Executive Committee (Joyce Newton) is standing down. There are 2 nominated candidates to be voted for – Chris Powell, Jean Ainsworth. Does any one else want to help on the Committee?
9. Voting for acceptance of nominees will be done by a show of hands at the meeting.
10. Any Other Business
11. Chair's closing remarks and Thank You's

Monthly Meeting May 8th

At Trinity 2.00pm

Our Speaker is Great Harwood,s very own Rawden Kerr, The Ghosts I have (almost) seen!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Creative Writing
4	5 French Ringing Strings	6 Family History Group	7 Spanish Uke3A 2.00 pm	8 AGM & Monthly Meeting
11	12 Ringing Strings Patchwork Quilting Astley Green Mining Museum Trip	13	14 Spanish Uke3A 2.00 pm	15 Book Club
18	19 Ringing Strings French Film Night	20 Let's Do Lunch	21 Spanish Uke3A 2.00 pm	22
25	26 Ringing Strings Patchwork Quilting	27	28 Spanish Uke3A 2.00 pm	29



Group News

Patchwork Quilting

The dates for the quilting and craft group are May 12th & 26th.

At our last meeting Debbie gave us a challenge to create a block of any design and embellishments to a set size, using the materials provided of a similar colourway. Blocks to be completed by a set date. Debbie is also going to take the collection of finished lap quilts to the charity shop at Blackburn hospital who will distribute them to relevant patients as well as offering them for sale in their hospital store.



French Conversation Group

We held only one meeting in April due to holidays and other commitments. We enjoyed a lively and very informative quiz on French towns. A chat about AI, which one of our group had used to do their homework, led to an impromptu AI generated poem about our afternoon! This was followed by some delicious cakes.



Our May meetings will be on 5th and 19th May.

Intermediate Spanish

In Spanish we have been learning about the weather, key phrases, seasons etc! We have also been looking at the weather in different parts of Spain and Central America. This led to learning comparisons, hotter, cooler, wetter, dryer, taller, shorter etc. A common theme was climate change and the effects of climate change.



Hopefully we will all be able to speak more confidently about the weather when we visit Spain!

Book Club

The April book club meeting produced the usual eclectic mix of titles both fiction and non-fiction. All gave us food for thought and generated interesting discussions. New members are very welcome to join us. There's no need to do a review at your first meeting just come along to see how the group works.



The next meeting is at 2pm on Friday May 15th 2026 at Great Harwood golf club.

Book club co-ordinator Katherine Bennett
07866028246

Film Night

The next film night is on Tuesday 19th May at 7.00 p.m. at Bank Mill House Open to all u3a Members.



The last film was very enjoyable even if it left one or two in tears!! The next film "Is This Thing On?" is loosely based on the life of British comedian John Bishop. It is a tale of a marriage going wrong, a divorce, and a rediscovery of a life style once lost! It doesn't sound funny, but I am assured it has a happy ending and laughs along the way!

Uke3A

Our weekly meetings have continued as usual, but attendance has been up and down due to holidays. We have a busy month ahead with four events on the calendar for May. We'd better get practising!



Ringing Strings Ukulele

Group.



Good attendances allowed us to work through our newly compiled Songbook. We already have favourites but some need a bit of work. We meet every Tuesday Morning at Churchfield House, Gt. Harwood.

Third Age Scribblers

We meet at our usual venue on Friday 1st May armed (in theory) with our latest efforts! This month we have to take the normal daily experience of making a cup of tea / coffee for someone / something.

The next step is then to ask ourselves the questions who ? what ? why? and write a fascinating piece as to how the story progresses.

Who says we don't have fun at our monthly meetings !

"Let's do Lunch Group"

Our April lunch at The Grey Mare was a great success, and what a beautiful location. There was such a variety of food on offer, and we were served quickly and efficiently. Main meals from the lunchtime menu were all priced at £11.95, so exceptional value for money. Thank you David for organising this for us.

Our May lunch which Pauline has kindly organised for us is scheduled to be at Egos Knowles Arms, Blackburn on 20th May. It has recently been refurbished, so if this alters in any way, Pauline will inform all members of the group.

U3A Family History Group

The Family History group will meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm at Great Harwood Library.

If you are interested please email jean.ainsworth@sky.com or put your name down at the next monthly meeting.

Architectural and Industrial

Heritage

Two interesting trips are organised for any U3A group members:

First is to ASTLEY GREEN MINING MUSEUM, Higher Green Lane Astley M26 7LB

Tuesday 12th May at 2pm

1 hour private tour costing £3 donation.

The museum has the last surviving headgear and winding house in Lancashire, plus many exhibits. It is a scheduled monument and listed building. Tour involves one set of stairs. It also has a café which is offering Cream scone and tea or coffee for £4 if prebooked.

The second trip is AMAZON MAN3 WAREHOUSE, Bridgewater Ave.

Bolton BL5 1EE

Wednesday 3rd June 1pm

A free tour of this huge computer robot run warehouse- comes recommended by two of our members.

For security reasons we have to submit email details of all who attend and bring photo ID.

Tour is fully accessible for all.

Please let me know if you wish to attend either or both and if you would like the Cream Tea.

AngelaOxley29@yahoo.com

Members subscriptions are due after the vote at the AGM has been decided .

Members can renew by paying cash or cheque (made payable to Hyndburn U3A)nor BACS.

The Bank details for BACS are:-

Account Name: Hyndburn U3A

Sort Code: 77-29-18

Account No: 40361160

Executive Committee of Hyndburn U3A.

Dave Roberts– Chair and

Membership Secretary

Email: dommie99@ntlworld.com

Sue Roberts -Treasurer

Anne Haworth- Minutes Secretary

Joyce Newton– Secretary (Retiring)

SheilaTaylor.– Social Secretary

The Committee would like to express the deepest sympathy on behalf of Hyndburn u3a to our minute secretary Anne whose husband has sadly passed away.

Our thoughts and prayers are with
you Anne

Do you want to learn something new?

Have you an idea for a new group?

The Committee are always looking for new ideas and input from our members.

If you have any suggestions and want to help please inform any member of the Committee.

Existing Group Co-ordinators

Book Group	Katherine Bennett	0786 602 8246
French Conversation	Kay Saddington	07960383018
Intermediate Spanish	Mary Wells	01254 888658
Let's do Lunch	Lynne McCrie	01254 605262
Quilting	Denise McLean	07855 699039
Creative Writing	Christine Cockett	01254 885949
Uke3a Ukulele	Frank Saddington	07729 185679
Ringing Strings Ukulele	David Holden/ Val Airey	01254 889357 / 01254 887259
Architectural and Industrial Heritage	Angela Oxley	07970 860926
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