

HOWDEN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 30th July, 10:30am
The Shire Hall, Market Place, Howden DN14 7BJ
Gardening in a Changing Climate
By Roger Burnett

Roger has been gardening all his life working for Scarborough Council in the Parks and Gardens Divisions. He is a specialist in pelargoniums (Geraniums) and is a multi-award winner at shows.

Roger will be talking to us about how we must adapt our gardening practices to cope with the changing climate, it touches on the use of suitable plants and a little about the use of peat free compost as well as creating habitats for wildlife and the use of good plants for pollination.

Roger will be accompanied by a colleague, Sheila Johnson. Sheila is a lifetime Horticulturist working at Kew Gardens, Bodnant Botanic Gardens as well as municipal private gardens up and down the Country

Please note that now the summer holidays have started there will be no Monthly Meeting in August. Monthly meetings will recommence on Thursday 24th September with a “u3a” Club.

MOTO group

The MOTO group continues to have monthly meetings at 11.00am on the third Friday of the month at Goole Library, followed by lunch somewhere locally. Upcoming in the next months are the following: a day trip to Breezy Knees, the Goole Bicentennial flotilla, the film Reflections on Goole at Junction, the waterlilies at Burnby Hall Gardens and Yorkshire Day at the Bands in the Park concert.

For further information contact Catherine using the enquiry LINK on:
https://howden.u3asite.uk/u3a-contact-form/?contact_id=5838

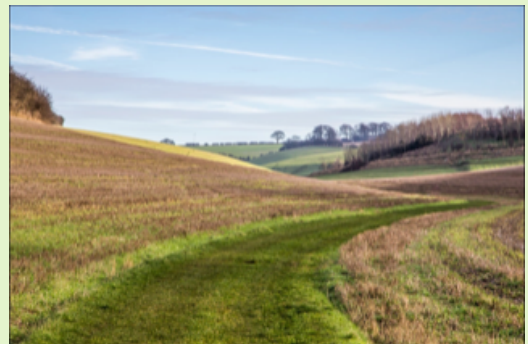
Strollers – 5th August, 10:30am, Howden

The next stroll on 5th August at 10.30am is from The Ashes car park, to Knedlington and along the river back to Howden and will be led by Ged. Lunch venue to be confirmed.

For further information contact Catherine using the enquiry LINK on:
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Walkers 13th August, 10:00am, North Newbald

The walk planned for Thursday 13th August is at North Newbald, YO43 4SA. It will be a 6 mile, clockwise, circular walk with an elevation gain of 120m. Leaving North Newbald by Beverley Road the route passes through Swin Dale following part of the Wolds Way to Littlewood Road and Whin Lane, returning to Newbald via Trundle Gate, hopefully giving good views over the Vale of York.



Assemble for a 10:00am start; those stopping for optional lunch can park at the Gnu Inn. Those not stopping for lunch please park on the streets around The Green or on Eastgate as the car park is not that large and room needs to be left for any other customers.

Names please to Jeff using the contact form on:

https://howden.u3asite.uk/u3a-contact-form/?contact_id=636

Practical Gardeners

We have been continuing with our visits to NGS gardens and next up is a visit to Howden Open Allotment Day on the 25th July.

For further information contact Catherine using the enquiry LINK on:

https://howden.u3asite.uk/u3a-contact-form/?contact_id=6083

Bird Watching Group

Our next trip on 31st July is to RSPB Bempton Cliffs. £8.00 for non-members. 10.00a.m. start although some of the photographers in the group plan to go a bit earlier.

Please let Catherine know if you want to come on any of these outings by using the contact link below.

https://howden.u3asite.uk/u3a-contact-form/?contact_id=2449

Monday Boules Group

We meet every Monday at The Ashes Pétanque Court in Howden. We always have fiercely contested games, but with a whole lot of laughter too. A lovely time to relax and have a chat whilst playing outdoors in all sorts of weather.

Contact Rose using the enquiry LINK if you would like to join the group.

https://howden.u3asite.uk/u3a-contact-form/?contact_id=6084

Craft Group

At the Group's last meeting, we met for a "botanical afternoon". We used ink pads to print designs onto card using foliage and flowers from our gardens. After a break for lemon cake, we then learnt the art of tataki zome or flower pounding, and produced prints using the natural colours of the flowers-with surprisingly unpredictable results.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 16th when we will be making harvest wreaths.



Art and Sketchbook Group

Whatever your style, the Art and Sketchbook group is an enthusiastic bunch and we'll be welcoming new members in September. Every week we try our hand at a new subject. So, if you are a complete beginner or just want to try something different, get in touch to find out more. We meet 2pm the first Tuesday afternoon of the month in Rawcliffe village hall.



Transport & Industry History Group

The refurbishment of the **Hull Maritime Museum** is finally finished, and it is re-opening to the public on Saturday 8th August.

We have provisionally booked the maximum of 9 places for **10:30 a.m.** on our next meeting date of **Monday 17th August**.

It is free entry, but they are recommending booking a time slot to guarantee entry.

If we have more than 9 people express an interest, we can book some more places.

Group transport will not be arranged, but travel from the Priory Park & Ride makes private travel very easy and members may be able to oblige.

Please let Mark know, if you would like to attend the event.

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History Group's Summer outing

On 13th July the History group enjoyed a summer outing to Hull Docks & lunch at the historic Minerva pub. With the aid of old photographs group member Graham showed how the building of the dock system transformed Hull into a booming gateway for trade and fishing.

The photo below shows the group by "The Crossing" a statute symbolising the 2.2million transmigrants from northern Europe who passed through Hull on their way to America.



Do you have anything to put to your Committee?

A reminder that our committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month and we welcome ideas, suggestions and questions from members. Please send emails to arrive seven days before the meeting - any late submissions will be held over to the following month's meeting.

Annual Treasure Hunt – 1st July, Rawcliffe

The annual Howden and District u3a Treasure Hunt 2026 was a moderate success with several factors conspiring against the organisers.

Firstly, when the organisers planned the event, dates for the Football World Cup were not available no one could have predicted that England would be playing on the night of the Treasure Hunt. As the pub being used as the starting point for the Treasure Hunt was showing the England game live, this meant that parking and seating in the pub was difficult to come by.

This situation, however, was alleviated to some degree when Rawcliffe village suffered a power cut partway through the first half of England's game. This lasted almost 2 hours resulting in a mass evacuation of football fans, who went searching for alternative venues that still had power, freeing up the parking. Unfortunately, the power cut also meant that no hot food was available from the pub. People consoled themselves with Biscotti Cheesecake and cream.

Many "would be" Treasure Hunters were also clearly avid football fans because only 5 teams started instead of the expected 10+ teams (based on the number of people who registered). All teams completed the course showing grit and determination in the face of a light drizzle that began 20 minutes after the start of the event.

The winners were Tony, Jane, Ivy Smith and Jean, who have agreed to do next year's Treasure Hunt.

CONTACT DETAILS

Use the Contact button on the Website <https://howden.u3asite.uk>

For those without Internet access please make contact via your Group Coordinator.

Letters for the committee can be addressed to: Howden and District U3A Committee, c/o Howden Shire Hall, 11 Market Place, Howden, DN14 7BJ