

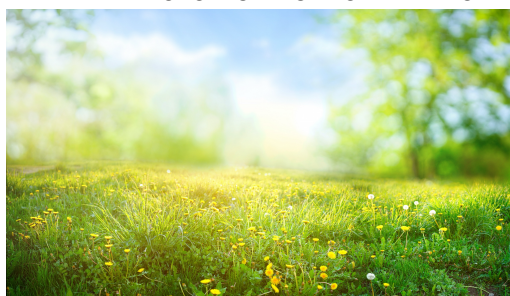


Littleborough u3a Newsletter June 2026

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Dear u3a Friends,

Happy summer shorts and dresses, sandals and sunscreen! I hope you are enjoying the new wardrobe. Here is your monthly newsletter to keep you from despair if the weather reverts to normal or you are anxious about climate change. We have plenty of special events this month. The first two of these are already fully booked so please sign up asap



if you want to be part of upcoming events. There is also the AGM (Annual General Meeting) to look forward to along with the entertainment that will follow.

If you are going away on holiday this month, I hope that the sun shines for you. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you at a u3a event.

My thanks, as usual, to Alan Wade, for the photographs. And the jokes are back – I can hear you groaning....

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Why did the Maths book look sad? Because it had so many problems.

At-a-glance: Littleborough u3a June Calendar

Thursday June 4th	Littleborough u3a Walking Treasure Hunt	1.30pm Hare Hill House
Monday June 8th	U3a Monthly Meeting and u3a Annual General Meeting, and musical entertainment.	Members Only at the AGM. Free admission for members but please sign in on the door.
Saturday June 13 th	Littleborough u3a cycle ride	9am start. A guided ride locally with a coffee at the end. Details below

Thursday June 18 th	"My Experience as a Magistrate". Stories from member Rosalind Harrison	2pm Hare Hill House. See booking details below.
Remember that these are only the social events open to all members. All our groups also continue to meet throughout June – please check the website for their latest activities or contact group convenors via the website above.		



Rattery Head Lighthouse – our photographer was in reflective mood.

1. Monthly Meetings

Littleborough u3a Annual General Meeting

The AGM takes place at the monthly meeting on **Monday June 8th at 2pm in Littleborough Coach House**. This meeting is free entry for all members – and the AGM is open only to members. You will have received the agenda and papers, including the list of nominees for the committee, either by email or post. The agenda and key papers will also be on

screen at the meeting.



Following the formal meeting, there will be **musical entertainment from our guitar and ukulele bands and the u3a choir**.

There will also be the usual refreshments – please remember to bring a cup – and the usual information and sign-up sheets for events and new groups.

Why do cows have hooves instead of feet? Because they lactose!

2. Outings



Thursday July 9th. A Day Out in Whitby. £33

Here you can visit Whitby Abbey, the church of St.Mary which inspired Bram Stoker's Dracula, the Captain Cook Memorial Museum or the

many shops and restaurants.

Please sign up at the AGM and then pay directly to Ellen Smith, telephone 01706 64812

This is a u3a member trip picking up in Littleborough and Rochdale. The cost of the coach is £33. You can sign up for the trip at the monthly meeting in June but please book directly with Ellen Smith's Coaches – this avoids us taking in the money then transferring it to them. Please call them on 01706 648126 and tell them you are booking the u3a trip to Whitby.



Whitby Abbey Reflections

Further outings are proposed for **the National Arboretum, The Manchester Ship Canal and Glow at RHS Bridgewater**. Details will be available at the June meeting and in the next newsletter.

Thank you to members who suggested these trips. If you have any feedback or other suggestions, please let Janet know at the Monday meeting or via email – go to the Outings page on the website.

Why was the Computer feeling chilly? It left its Windows open.

3. Social Events

Here is the programme of upcoming social events. We expect these to be popular so please sign up soon. Please see the information about individual events below the table.

We have had a lot of brilliant ideas for future events, both from the May coffee morning and from groups convenors and members. We are meeting soon with volunteers to plan a programme from September. Judging from the attendance, you have enjoyed the additional opportunities, but we are keen to hear your views and will be sending a short feedback form.

4 June 2026	Walking Treasure Hunt Fully Booked	1.30 to 4pm	Hare Hill House	£1.00 on the door
13 th June 2026	Cycle Ride – s few places left.	9am to 11.30	Start at the bike shop on Canal Street	No charge
18 June 2026	Rosalind Harrison's talk: My Experience as a Magistrate. Refreshments. Sign up at the June meeting or book your place via Sue Temperley – see below for contact details.	2 to 4pm	Hare Hill House	£1.00 on the door
30 July 2026	Listen Up! Stories, poems, funny or sad AND Cake! Sign up at the June meeting or contact Sue Temperley (see below)	2 to 4pm	Coach House	£1.00 on the door

Thursday June 4th:



A Walking Treasure Hunt, starting and finishing at Hare Hill House, Littleborough.

Members who have signed up to join the Treasure Hunt please come to Hare Hill House for 1.30pm.

You'll be given a set of directions to follow. It will take about 60 minutes. Please be sure to wear suitable clothing for the weather and be aware of the traffic on your route.

There will be a prize for the team who complete the hunt in the shortest time.

You'll need to bring £1 (in change please) for this event.

Refreshments will be available at Hare Hill House after the hunt.



Saturday June 13th. Littleborough u3a BIKE RIDE!

Howard Gott, experienced cyclist and cycle ride leader will be leading the ride which will start at 9am from the Coffee Stop and bike shop on Canal Street, beside the railway arches in Littleborough. The ride will finish at around 10.30 at Gladwins Café where a table has been reserved. There are just a few places left. |



Thursday June 18th

My Experiences as a Magistrate: A talk from member Rosalind Harrison about her experiences as a magistrate in Rochdale.

Rosalind will tell us about the people who worked in the court and recount some of the things that happened, revealing no identities, for this is a setting in which things are bound to happen, both comical and tragic. Numbers are restricted in Hare Hill House so please sign up at the June monthly meeting or contact Sue Temperley via the website



Thursday July 30th: **LISTEN UP! With CAKE!**

2pm in Littleborough Coach House

Whilst you are sitting in the garden, the Poetry Group, the Play Readers and the Creative Writing Group have been busy rehearsing.... We are looking forward to performing **Listen Up** on Thursday 30th July 2pm at the Coach House - with cake. You will be treated to a selection of poems, stories and one short play. Entertainment guaranteed in an afternoon of culture and laughter. With cakes and tea and coffee. All for £1 payable on the door. Sign up at the monthly meeting or contact Sue Temperley (see link above)



Rough seas

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put it down.

4. Groups

Group News: Thank you very much to the group convenors below who sent me some pictures and group news. I am always happy to hear from groups who have something to share.



Beginners' Bridge

Chris Veevers, Convenor, says:

Hello all u3a members. This is a photo of the Littleborough beginners bridge group celebrating their 1st year's success in learning how to play bridge from a complete novice's perspective in a relaxed atmosphere. If

anybody wishes to try their hand at bridge anytime this year they will be most welcome. We start at 10 o'clock every Friday morning until noon at Littleborough bowling club behind Harehill park. Yours Sincerely Chris V the convenor.

Mahjong



The Mahjong Group now has eight members. Five in the original group and three in a second group. There is space for one more in the newer group, which currently meets every other Tuesday in a member's house at Smithy Bridge. If anyone is interested please contact me via the link on the website. Mahjong is a traditional Chinese game played with tiles, and the u3a has kindly bought us a complete set of tiles and racks which has enabled us to have a set at each venue. The attached photos show group one getting into the mood on St Patrick's Day and group two setting up with the newly purchased tile set.

To contact the group convenor, go to the website (address at the top of the page) and find the Mahjong group. Here there is a direct email link to the group convenor.

Upcoming Group Meetings

Thursday June 18th: 2pm: **Quiz Group**. Red Lion pub on Halifax Road in Littleborough.

Thursday June 11th: **Craft Group** – Gift Bags

Monday June 22nd: **Craft Group** – Dream Catchers for use in Hare Hill. Cost only £1 as items will be used in the park on July 25th. Craft Group meetings are in Hare Hill House.

New Groups

This u3a does not stand still! Following the coffee morning, some more new groups have been proposed. Please let us know if you are interested in any of the following:

German Conversation

Tai Chi

Gaelic Conversation

Cinema Club



The river in Healey Dell

I hope you find plenty of interest here.

Very best wishes to you all.

Jo Wiggans

Littleborough u3a Newsletter editor.

Why does your cat sit on the computer? Because it wants to keep an eye on the mouse.