



THE BULLETIN BOARD!

The Important Notices from Dronfield and District u3a

January 2026

EDITORIAL

Hello and Happy New Year! I hope you are all well and managed to avoid the seasonal illnesses that tend to do the rounds at Christmas. You will realise that this is not The Cryer. That will appear in a few days time. This is the 'Bulletin Board', a new idea through which The Exec can pass important information directly to you. We wanted to separate the Committee's 'business articles' and notices from The Cryer as they sometimes seem to get a bit lost amongst the longer articles. This may be the answer. We hope that it will be an effective way of passing on important information. What do you think? Does this work for you as a reader/member? Your feedback would be appreciated. Many thanks. [Julia Harris](#) (Chair)

HOSPITALITY TEAM

We would appreciate a couple more people joining the Welcome Team rota. We need 4 volunteers each month, to welcome members and visitors, it's a lovely role and not onerous. If enough people offer, your turn may only come up 2 or maybe 3 times a year. Please contact [Julia Harris](#) if this is something you feel you can do or phone 01246 900201 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Thank you.

EVENTS TEAM

Are you an ideas person and enjoy working together with others to see those ideas come to fruition? If so, the Events Team would love to hear from you. We're meeting at 2.30pm on Tuesday 13th January at the Blue Stoops in an upstairs room to discuss ideas for our non-Speaker Meetings as well as any extra events we might put on for the benefit of our members. Please contact [Julia Harris](#) if you'd like to join us or phone 01246 900201 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Thank you.

GOOD NEWS

We are pleased to say that DDU3a has experienced a significant increase in membership over the last year and our current finances are healthy. It is our policy to keep the Membership fee as low as possible to ensure maximum benefit for all members. **To this end we will be reducing the basic Membership Fee for 2025/26 to £10 (from £12 this year).** If you subscribe to u3a Matters, the national magazine your membership will go up just 20p to cover increased delivery charges to £14.20. NB. Although this is good news for next year, our finances are under constant review and fees may need to go back up at some point.

FIRST AIDERS NEEDED

Dronfield & District u3a is looking for volunteers to act as first aiders at our Civic Hall meetings. No experience is necessary - free training will be provided. Accidents and emergencies are rare, but when they happen, having someone trained and ready to respond can make all the difference. As a first aider, you'll provide reassurance and support to your fellow members, ensuring our meetings remain safe and enjoyable for everyone. You don't need to be a medical expert - just willing to learn. We'll arrange free training to equip you with the skills and confidence to handle basic first aid situations.

You may never be called upon, but your presence will help ensure everyone's safety and peace of mind. If you can spare a little time to help, please get in touch.

Contact: Andy Baldwin, trustee - andy.baldwin@dronfieldu3a.org.uk

COFFEE MORNINGS

The Coffee Mornings are a chance for New and Prospective Members to meet and learn more about the u3a and to socialise. Any relatively new or prospective members are welcome to pop in to the [The Barn](#) on Dronfield's High Street, on Wednesday 7th January 10 -11.00, to meet other new members, and members of the committee and find out more about us.

MONTHLY MEETINGS - FEBRUARY

Don't forget that details of all the monthly meetings are available on our website.
To reach it click on the link below or type it into a search engine.

<https://dronfield.u3asite.uk/events/>

MEETING - 14th JANUARY (10 - 12)

The meeting will be in the Civic Hall.

The speaker will be

Martin Rowley

on

“Does our criminal justice system really work?”

Is the Criminal Justice System fit for purpose? The truth behind the present crime wave and how the punishment may, or may not suit the crime, Martin Rowley's behind the scenes view may comfort or - disturb you.

Afterwards there will be time for a coffee, biscuit and a chat.

MEETING - 11th FEBRUARY (10 - 12)

The meeting will be in the Civic Hall.

The speaker will be

Jim Williams

on

“Great Forgers.”

The boundary between a forgery and an honest copy is not always obvious and some of the great artists have turned their hands to forgery in order to pay the bills. Jim Williams' talk focuses on great 20th century forgeries. The centrepiece of his talk is an explanation of his personal role in the great Hitler Diaries forgery .

Afterwards there will be time for a coffee, biscuit and a chat.

All members and visitors are welcome.

TRIPS AND VISITS.

The Trips and Visits team have been busy and we have a list of the prospective trips for 2026. They will run from April to December. The costs have been carefully calculated to cover expenses and they vary according to the trip destination. Entrance tickets to venues are included where necessary.

All the trips are subject to final confirmation. Full details will be available as the trips come up.

Before booking any trip please make sure you read our Booking and Arrangements and our Terms and conditions.

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
1	Tuesday 14 th April	Halifax	£16
2	Thursday 14 th May	Stratford upon Avon	£20
3	Tuesday 16 th June	Port Sunlight	£24
4	Wednesday 15 th July	Whitby	£20
5	Monday 14 th September	National Memorial Arboretum and Lichfield	£16.50
6	Thursday 15 th October	Newark and the National Holocaust Museum	£20
7	Wednesday 16 th December	Chester Christmas Market.	£18