

To u3a Members, Wooler.

Now that the days are becoming longer, we are venturing out more so we thought that we had better mention what is happening locally and regionally.

Our u3a depends on the goodwill and energy of all members and, especially, our Committee members. Gloria Connelly has decided to retire as Membership Secretary this year so we need someone to fulfil that role as soon as possible to allow a handover period. If you have the time to help out please contact Judith Oughton, our Secretary. We also seek new Committee members so if you seek a more limited role, also please contact us.

Below is a list of speakers until September. Our general meetings are held on the second Monday of every month, alternating between Speaker and non-Speaker meetings. Tea and coffee is available at both, free of charge from 10-45 am and usually earlier, with meetings starting at 11 am.

The poster for our next Speaker meeting on the 11th March is attached. One can argue that once one is dead one will not care what happens to one's assets but equally, there is no obligation to pay more tax than is necessary to reduce what one's beneficiaries will get, including charities. We have already had one entertaining talk on finances from the Newcastle Building Society and this will also be interesting. A full list of speakers for the rest of 2024 is set out below.

11/3/24 Co-op Estate Planning - Tax, Care and Toy Boys To cover - Protecting your family's nest egg, inheritance tax, stopping 'sideways disinheritance and Lasting Power of Attorney. *{We do not yet know the name of the speaker}*.

13/5/24 Bob Pullen - 'Awake, Sleep and Dreams.' An interactive talk explaining how our brains make us awake and make us sleep and dream.

8/7/24 Darren Harper - A Philosopher's Guide to Happiness. To cover - 'What is happiness? Is it nothing more than feeling good, which underpins the philosophy of utilitarianism? Or is it to fully flourish; to live the best life we can live?'

9th September Graham Ambrose – Wood turning. Graham will bring his lathe and turn some items.

Non speaker meetings are being held on 8th April, 10th June, 12th August, 14th October, and 9th December.

Regional events which may be of interest are: a trip to the Naval Museum at Hartlepool which, having visited, I can confirm is fascinating; and a Celebration of Music. Jan and I went on the Ad Gefrin Distillery tour which the regional u3a organised and thoroughly enjoyed it. Posters attached - please note the deadlines.

We have been notified of a Berwick Rotary fun day for the disabled, so the poster is attached for anyone you may know who may be interested.

Best wishes.

Peter W. Davies. Chair.