

June already: Midsummer practically on the doorstep, sunshine and heat warnings, and it only seems a couple of weeks ago that we were dogged by grey skies, cold winds and rain... oh no, hang on, it *was* only a couple of weeks ago! And now there's been more summery weather than we could cope with. Still, it's only seven months till December, so I expect we'll see mince pies and tinsel on the supermarket shelves any day now.

Come and join us at Burnby Hall for our June Drop-in, at 10.00 a.m. on **Thursday, June 4th**; there will be tea, coffee, and a friendly welcome.

At the May Drop-in we combined the usual social morning with our AGM, and many thanks go to all who came along to support the event. It was agreed to be a successful experiment, which we shall repeat next year. For 2026-27 our Chair will be Les Smith, the Vice-Chair Neil Barrett and our new treasurer Richard Antcliff. We also welcomed Simon Graham as a new member of the committee. Some plans for the coming year were outlined; we hope to get more involved with the local community, and spread the word about the u3a to others who may not know about us. We also plan to hold more social events open to all members, like the successful discos, the Midwinter Music event and the Outdoor Games morning a week ago which was enjoyed by all who came. Plans are already made for an Indoor Games morning in the autumn – more details later!

If you have ideas for an event we could run, do please get in touch with any of the Committee – all our contact details are on the website. One possibility which has been suggested is a tea dance – do you fancy donning your dancing shoes for a quickstep or a waltz? Or would you enjoy do-si-do-ing at a barn dance? Get in touch and share your ideas!

You may have heard our Instrumental Ensemble Group performing at Midwinter Music; if so, you'll already be aware what a joyful and professional-sounding group they are! They are displaying their talents at Melbourne Chapel on June 26th, for an evening of "A Journey through Time, and 'Musical' Favourites". Tickets are £10, which includes a supper. For further information, please contact Jenny Hastings at midgehastings@gmail.com.

Another group, the Pétanque Group, will be showing off their skills at the National u3a Festival in York – a P&D team of five will be playing in the national tournament. We wish them good luck (I won't say 'break a leg'!). The Festival, at the beginning of July, has been on our website for a while; tickets to attend are all sold out now, but there are several interesting online events available to join.

The Practical Art Group has changed the venue for meetings to Burnby Community Hall and so with a larger meeting space, the group is now able to welcome new members. If you're interested, please contact Mandy Levitt at mandy.levitt1@outlook.com or call her at 07887 802268

And if you enjoy the arts, but perhaps don't want to go to an event alone, do you know about the 'Amigos' scheme? Pocklington Arts Centre is delighted to collaborate with the u3a

to provide allocated seating for selected screenings and live events. You can buy your ticket in advance, as usual, and on the day you can meet new friends (or possibly mingle with familiar faces) at a reserved table in the bar before the performance begins, and enjoy the entertainment together. To find out more about the scheme, contact Rosemarie Kennedy at secretarypockdu3a@gmail.com. You can also find it advertised inside the current Arts Centre booklet.

We have the summer solstice coming later this month, of course, and I believe there is also some kind of football event happening... You can exert yourself on World Bike Day on the 3rd, then indulge yourself on World Sausage Roll Day on the 5th as a reward. Let your imagination run free on the 24th, as it is Writing Day and also International Fairy Day. And the 25th will be World Beatle Day, chosen to mark the anniversary of their appearance singing All You Need Is Love on the BBC in 1967. Remember that? I do! How can it be so long ago?

So Here Comes the Sun for a Good Day Sunshine, and enjoy the month with a little help from your friends!