

May 2026

At the meeting held on 22 May 2026, the following announcements were made:

Volunteers Needed

We really need some volunteers to help put out chairs in the hall for our monthly meetings. If you are able to help, please come a bit earlier on meeting days to help with setting up. This would be greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday Blyth u3a

Just a reminder that the 5th birthday party for Blyth u3a will be held in place of our September monthly meeting on Friday 25th September. Not 26th September as stated in last month's newsletter.

IT Drop in Sessions

IT drop-in sessions at BRIC continue on Fridays 10am-12 noon. Open to all our members, pop along if you have any issues with your laptop, phone, or tablet. Speak to Linda Wintersgill if you need more information.

Day Trips

Windermere & Ambleside 16th September – please give names and £5 deposit to Vanessa or Linda asap so that the bus can be booked – there are still some available places.

Berwick by train from Newsham – 20th August – more details to follow, no deposit required but add your name to the list.

Local History and Art Appreciation Trips

Hard copies of the itineraries for these trips are available from Marie or Vanessa

St Mary's Church Hall Lighting

The proposed donation of £250 to help cover the shortfall in the cost of replacement lighting has not gone ahead due to Charity Commission rules which prohibit charity to charity donations. This would also contravene national u3a rules.

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Website: <https://blyth-and-district.u3asite.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Blythu3a>

Contact: Vanessa Storey

Chair: John Gordon

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New Sunday Lunch Group

At the request of members, this new group will be established and will occur on the 3rd Sunday each month. The first one will be held on 21st June and will be going to Sambuca's in Blyth. Contact Linda Wintersgill if you require more information or want to add your name to the list.

New Chairperson needed

Members will have received an email from John Gordon stating that he will be stepping down as Chair at the AGM in September. Should anyone be interested in applying for this role, please speak to member of the committee. This would be better done sooner rather than later so that John can assist with handover.

Leicester Research Programme into Falls

You should have received an email copying a request from Leicester University for participants in a research programme into the psychological effects of falls. While this is nothing to do with the u3a, the request has been made to many u3as across the country, and gives an opportunity to contribute to national policy – one of the key aims of the u3a nationally.

Links to the short questionnaire were included in the message, but please speak to a member of the committee if you need any assistance in accessing.

Theatre Group

Maureen Turnbull is collecting names for a screening of Riverdance at the Phoenix.

This is a 25th Anniversary production and includes a short history of the show and behind the scenes information. Tickets are £15.50. Speak to Maureen for more information.