

South Durham u3a

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March 10th 2026
Mary's Meals
An International charity

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIR

Welcome to our new members

Jane Ashton
Judith Ord

I would love to welcome our new members to our friendly u3a, I hope that you will be able to find groups, trips and activities that you are interested in. There is always someone around that will be able to answer your queries.

I feel incredibly humbled and grateful for the response of u3a members during my recent surgery and convalescence. The outpouring of messages of support, be it in text form, telephone, bunches of flowers and email has been incredible. Visitors to my home have been super appreciated and I am convinced helped me get back into the saddle of leading our amazing u3a – Thank you so much.

It is always a good sign that Winter is coming to an end when the carpet of crocuses appears in Southend Avenue and Stanhope Green. True to form these cheery little blooms have poked their heads into the sunshine over the past few weeks and are stunning. I think you will agree a marvellous feast of colour to welcome in the Spring.

An exciting opportunity came through from Regional this month which I am going to share with you. It is an offer for our u3a members who are thinking of taking a holiday in this country or further afield. Please look out for this offer towards the end of this newsletter.

Our new – “**Meet your committee**” section is proving popular and this month you can find out a little bit more about your Treasurer – Sue Clark.

Dot Hullah
Chair



LAST MONTH'S MEETING

My Life at Sea including Disasters by Russell Carnelley

RUSSELL CARNELLEY - MY LIFE AT SEA INCLUDING DISASTERS -
Tuesday February 10

Where hasn't this guy been? Russell span us a great sailor's yarn involving numerous merchant and service ships, cargoes and ports, but everything was true. Beginning as an apprentice on a banana boat with Cunard Brocklebank in the 1970s and ending as master mariner on Hull ferries in the 90s, he'd bumped into more historic events than I've had hot dinners including the Falklands War, the fall of Marcos and Piper Alpha. This talk was peppered with various inexplicable technical terms but no matter, we got the general idea. A running theme was the gradual modernisation/rationalisation of merchant shipping from sextants to satnav, accompanied by a drastic reduction in manpower. I can't wait for the next instalment. Note for grammar nerds: Google AI tells me the word "span" for the simple past tense is now archaic, but then so am I...



LINDA CHADD

OUR SPEAKER on Tuesday March 10 is Fran Lawson from Mary's Meals, an international charity. There will be an opportunity for you to donate by card or cash at the meeting.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our bank began imposing charges on Charity Bank Accounts in November 2025.

The Committee has decided that Members who wish to make payment by cheque must cover the processing fee. This will mean that each future cheque payment to South Durham u3a must be increased by 60p. This will apply to all cheque payments, such as Membership Fees, Christmas Lunch, Social trips etc.

To avoid such charges, I would encourage all members to make future payments by BACS, ensuring your name is quoted in the payment reference field. The payment can be from your own account or that of a friend or family member. If you have any concerns setting up online banking or making such a payment please contact our Treasurer, Sue Clark, she will be very happy to provide you with assistance over the telephone or by visiting you.

New Section for 2026 – Meet your Committee

Treasurer

Sue Clarke



I have been married for 47 years to Peter and have 2 daughters and 1 grandson and 4 granddaughters. I was born and bred in Darlington and live in Low Coniscliffe. I commenced my career working for an Insurance Company followed by several years in the County Court where I became very interested in Civil Law. I spent the last 36 years of my working career employed in Financial Services in a number of different roles advising on savings, General Insurance and Mortgages. I later acted as Branch Manager and Financial Adviser. In 2010 I reduced my hours to a part time basis to phase in my retirement and to look after my grandson. Towards the end of 2012 I retired and joined South Durham u3a and initially took advantage of the walking group. I gradually increased my participation to include many groups and social activities on offer. In 2021 I became a member of the Committee taking on the role of Treasurer for five years. During this time I have seen our Group go from strength to strength with an expanding membership and increasing activities on offer. Whilst acting as Treasurer I have registered our group as a Charity and have claimed back Gift Aid from HMRC for the total sum of £1945.32.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

COFFEE & CHAT

We shall be meeting in Binns Cafe between 10.30 and 12.30 on Wednesday 25th March. This will be our final meeting at this venue as Binns closes on 18th April. We are currently seeking a new venue for future meetings and further details will be provided in the next newsletter. In the meantime, do come along and join us for a final coffee before Binns finally disappears from our town centre.

Pauline Noble

As both our Reading Groups are at capacity, a third reading group has been proposed, if you are interested in attending this new reading group, please contact Dave Cooke our Group Co-ordinator to register your interest.

DOT'S JUNGAGLOW CRAFTS



Crafting resumed this morning after a short break. This month we returned to an old favourite 5D Dimond Painting, this time we tackled compact cases. We had four new members this month who thoroughly enjoyed the session.

The next craft session is the 26th of March when we will be making Quilted Eggs.

Dot Hullah



CREATIVE WRITING



This morning, we welcomed a new member to our group. I hope Brian will return to work with us next month. We used picture prompts to write some flash fiction at the beginning of the session before moving onto this month's homework assignment which was The Bridesmaid.

Next Meeting is 15th April 2026 from 10 until 12 noon.

Dot Hullah

FRIDAY WALKING GROUP



20th February 2026. Nine walkers met at the start of the walk in the car park at Wynyard Woodland Park on a cloudy but mild day. Our path took us along the disused railway line from the Old Thorpe Thewles railway station three miles in a straight line up a slight incline until we reached the A689 road to Hartlepool.

In the years since the line was closed in 1966, vegetation has grown up along the line and wildlife has moved in. Several Victorian red brick bridges that cross the line are still in use for access to farms. Upon reaching the A689, we turned westwards for a short distance before taking our tea break on a convenient log that was big enough for us all to sit.

When we started walking again, we entered Tillery Wood which merged into Brierley Wood and eventually brought us back to the railway line where we retraced our steps, ending our walk in the Station House Tea

Rooms. The old railway line is open to walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Being a maintained path, at this time of the year the ground was wet but not as muddy as open countryside would have been.

Jane.

Thanks to Jane for leading that walk. Our next walk will be on Friday 20th March. It will be in the Durham area, through Flass Vale nature reserve, joining part of the Saints' trail, crossing the River Browney and then following the disused Lanchester railway, approximately 7 miles in total. As usual we will meet in Linden Avenue (the end of the road close Coniscliffe Road), for car sharing or parking, ready to leave together at 9 30 a.m..

Members should be confident they are fit to participate, wear suitable clothing and footwear. It is advisable to carry some refreshments as well as drinking water. While we try to visit a tea shop, this cannot be guaranteed. Please ensure that you carry information to be used in an emergency. Please check that you have your ICE card with you and that the details are up to date.

Judith

INTERMEDIATE WALKING GROUP

Walk on 2nd February



For this walk the starting point was the car park in Spennymoor. 11 of us set off to walk past various points that were inspiration for some of Norman Cornish's painting - the zebra crossing and the school. We then walked along the old railway line and tracks to our lunch stop at Byers Green. Fortunately, the area around the war memorial provided adequate seating. From here we followed Hagg Lane to reach Whitworth Park. There were plenty of deer to be seen through the trees and vegetation. After this we followed another lane back into Spennymoor and a welcome stop at the cafe.

Thanks to Liz for leading this walk. It may have been cold but at least there was very little mud!

Walk on 16th February

11 walkers completed a 5-mile circular. North Road, along the River Skerne to Haughton and back via Darlington golf club and Green Lane.

Starting in the car park at Morrisons, we enjoyed a mud-free route and the sun shone too. Following the path along the River Skerne, which was flowing well, but not up and over the top. On through a built-up area and along the quiet Green Lane by the Golf Course. We stopped for a break beside the row of 'Dutch houses' on Glebe Road (built after the Second World War). Emerging from the footpath onto North Road at Beaumont Hill. We joined Longfield Road, cutting through North Cemetery with its snowdrops (see photo). After crossing North Park, we enjoyed refreshments at King's Café on Whessoe Road. We then looped back to our start at Morrisons.



Trace

The walk on 16th March is from Eppleby to Caldwell. Approximately 5 miles along lanes, roads, fields and stiles. No doubt it will still be muddy.

There will be **no walk on 6th April** as it's Easter Monday.

Members should be confident they are fit to participate and wear suitable clothing and footwear. They should also be carrying information to be used in an emergency. (ICE cards)

Could you please check that the ICE card is up to date with all details.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP



KIM HARDING on RICHARD III: BENEVOLENT MONARCH or MURDEROUS TYRANT?

Whenever I see a title like this I'm tempted to answer, "Both and neither". However, Kim did a pretty good job of rehabilitating this short-lived king, the recipient of such calumny from Shakespeare and the Tudors. I remember swallowing it hook, line and sinker after seeing Laurence Olivier's film version in 1955 - I was only eight! I have no intention here of replicating the complex political intrigue with which we were regaled but urge you towards the Richard III Society and publications by Darlington's own Philippa Langley who played a big part in the discovery of his body. To book for the Society's study day in Barney on April 25. This event is open to all, not just members.

LINDA CHADD

Feb 17	Kim Harding	Richard III "Benevolent Monarch or Murderous Tyrant"
March 17	Ruth Beckett	Gertrude Bell - Her Life and Legacy in North East England
April 21	David Butler	'Guests' of Queen Victoria 1851 in Durham The census for that year reveals 226 prison inhabitants - we shall look at the justice system and their crimes.
May 19	Kevin Beckett	The Impact & Significance of Ladybird Books
June 16	Chris Lloyd	Of Fish & Actors - History of Darlington Hippodrome

On a sunny warm Wednesday in February (that can't be right?) the second group of members visited **St Andrew's Church in Haughton**. This 900 year old church, the oldest in Darlington, was built in 1125 and modified significantly by the Victorians in 1895. At that time the transepts were created, glass windows added and the roof raised.

The most significant features in the church (apart from the Frosterley marble font) are the many pieces of Cosin's Woodwork which date from 1660s when John Cosins was Bishop of Durham. The wooden pews in the Nave, with their hinged doors, and those in the Chancel are all hand carved and decorated with Poppyheads (from the French word 'poupee') at the end of the pews. These pews are the reason for the Grade 1 Listed Status of this church.



Our thanks go to Alan Wright who guided us around the building and Muriel Jones (helped by Alan's wife) who provided the refreshments.

Ruth Beckett

NEW MEMBERS (and not so new members) COFFEE MORNING



This will take place the fourth Tuesday of each month- in Café Zest Binns 10.30- 12.00



Our aim is to allow new members to get to know each other in a less busy setting than the monthly Bowen Road meetings. There will be committee members present should you have any questions to ask. We hope that this will help you make new friends and meet with our recently joined members in a relaxed environment. No need to book, just turn up.

Jenny & Brenda

GARDENING GROUP



Our February gardening group meeting saw a good turnout. Roy MacDougall, a member of Elm Ridge Methodist Church, gave a fascinating talk about the church gardens and wetlands nature area. We were shown several videos featuring different animals and birds spotted throughout the grounds and wetlands, including deer, badgers, foxes, stoats, and bats. Who would believe we would see deer in Darlington!

Sue Colley, another member of the church, brought along a collection of lovely photos showing the area and took us on a walk around the gardens, where we saw signs of spring all around us. Roy then guided two groups down a nature trail through the wetlands, which finished at a viewing platform constructed by volunteers. He described the work that was proposed for the area. The second group were even lucky enough to spot a deer being chased through the wetlands!

The next meeting of the gardening group is on Thursday, 19 March at 10am at Elm Ridge Methodist Church. During this session, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in practical activities.

Ann Robinson

FRENCH CONVERSATION



Our French group are a fabulous team and we all really enjoy chatting and learning together! We have covered a real range of topics from politics to poetry, walking to wild-life, geography to general knowledge quizzes! This term we have started by reading about and discussing the tradition of Epiphany and next session will be sharing some recipes! Please contact if you are reasonably fluent in French and want to not forget 😊!

March 2, 16 and 30
and then Easter hols 😊

Celia Howarth

NEW DIY GROUP

Members have requested a DIY group be established to provide guidance on those simple tasks which can be undertaken at home. It is hoped the knowledge gained will provide members with the confidence to conduct simple repairs themselves thereby avoiding the potentially expensive charges incurred by tradesmen.

The sessions will explore the range of basic tools required, the types of general repairs and maintenance which can be tackled and also guidance on DIY projects. Members will have the opportunity to raise specific tasks to be addressed at future meetings.

There are still some spaces available - anyone interested should contact the Group Leader: Sue Clark to register their interest as numbers are limited.

The next meeting will be held above the Newcastle Building Society in Houndgate, Darlington from 10 am until noon on Wednesday 11th March 2026.

Sue Clark

PLAY READING



Continuing with the reading of Francis Durbridge's 'Deadly Nightcap', Act 2 finds us with a body in the swimming pool but whodunnit? The body belonged to Jack Radford, master of the house and director of the family business belonging to his wife and her brother. Jack's funny financial property dealings in Spain have caused a rift between husband and wife and we discover later that it was Sarah, the wife, who should have been face down in the pool. In the end the investigating officer works out what probably happened but nevertheless has become attached to Sarah and they disappear into the sunset, off to New York, despite what he has discovered of the incident. Complicated, wasn't it?

Our next read-through will be a comedy by William Douglas Home - 'After the Ball is Over'. A change of venue takes us to Kay's on Tuesday, 17th March at 2pm.

Muriel Jones

READING GROUP 2



Our February choice was 'A Perfectly Good Man' by Patrick Gale. We enjoyed the book very much, following the life of Father Barnaby Johnson. It was well written, a book about faith, morality and what it takes to live a good life which for Barnaby were all tested. It was a heartfelt and emotional novel with interesting characters. The book left us concluding that Barnaby was overall a 'good man.'

Next meetings

13 th March. 'The Silence in Between' by Josie Ferguson.

10 th April. 'Frankie & Stankie' by Barbara Trapido

Gill

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT & NATTER

We met on Wednesday February 25th in Newcastle Building Society.

There was crocheting, card making, embroidery, knitting & decorating a photo frame. If you have a craft & like to chat, come & join us on the last Wednesday of the month. Unfortunately, there is no meeting in March so back in April.

Carol Boyd

Contact Christine Walker

LUNCHEON GROUP



February's get-together was at the Bay Horse, Middridge when 16 members attended. More were expected but illness & major traffic problems getting out of Darlington on the day intervened. For some members it was their first time sampling the food at Middridge & I received a lot of positive feedback.

PLEASE NOTE

Our March get-together, which marks 4 years since the Lunch Group was created, will take place on THURSDAY 26th March at 1pm at Tre Amici in Skinnergate, Darlington. Please let me know at the main meeting if you wish to come as I only need numbers. We order our meals when we arrive & we pay individually as we leave.

Important information about our April meeting - date for your diaries

Due to a clash with another u3a event, we will meet on the last THURSDAY of the month i.e. 30th April - venue to be confirmed next month.

I'm sorry for any inconvenience caused by these unavoidable date changes.

Stella Barnes

SCRABBLE GROUP



This is a fairly new group, and we need some new members. We are a mixed ability group so whatever your level you're sure to fit in. Held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month in The Travellers Rest, in Cockerton - Interested? Contact Brenda Ellidge

READING GROUP 1



Our choice for February was **Still Life by Sarah Winman**.

The main character, Ulysses Temper, was a driver with the British Army, who were making their way North in Italy and had almost reached Florence. He made his way into the city and whilst there managed to talk a local down from a roof in the main square.

The story then moves to the east end of London and Ulysses' home. We meet and get to know a diverse collection of locals. But then Ulysses receives a visit from a lawyer, who thanks to his unusual Christian name, has finally managed to track him down. The Italian man whom he befriended and talked out of committing suicide, has died and left him everything he owned in Florence.

He makes his way to Florence, accompanied by a friend from home, and a parrot.

We are then introduced gradually to the many locals who become friends, and to that beautiful city and its many treasures.

The book is well written, the descriptions of natural scenery and buildings superb, and the characters very varied being everything from un-educated to professional to self taught, and so real.

Our next meeting is on **March 11th**, at Ann's, when we will be talking about **Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton**.

Ann

ITALIAN CONVERSATION

Ciao tutti! Our Italian group continues to meet and have great fun while steadily improving our knowledge and grasp of the Italian language. While many are now becoming Improvers, there is always space for beginners, and we constantly look back at what we have previously covered to refresh

memories! This term we are looking at describing and buying clothes and will do short dialogues saying what we want in different shops. Please contact if you fancy giving it a try!

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Celia Howarth

BRIDGE CLUB

Starting up again after their summer break is the Bridge Club. They meet in the Travellers Rest in Cockerton at 1.30 on the 1st Monday of the month.

FAMILY HISTORY

The Family History Group meeting will be at 2.00 pm the next meeting of will be on the second Friday of the month in the Local Studies Centre of the Library Room at the Public Library in Crown Street. If you are interested in tracing your ancestors and wish to join our group, please contact me in advance If you do not have a valid library membership card, please contact the library before the meeting to obtain this.

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CREATIVE CORNER

THE BRIDESMAID

The sigh of the wind through the trees nearly bare;
Rooks, jackdaws and crows rent the chill in the air;
The churchyard long empty; nobody is there;
Save the girl in white lace.

She wanders alone through moss, lichen and grass.
She loved him too well but it then came to pass:
He left her alone, his fortune to amass,
With a fair, richer face.

He prospered, she withered, their bridesmaid of yore.
Unborn, her child suffered the fate of the poor
As sadly life ended when lost on the moor
She fell hard from grace.

Silent, she wanders. Her lover long gone
Moved on, lived his life with his new chosen one
While their bridesmaid seeks solace, yet still she finds
none
In that cold, lonely place.



Vivian Clear

PROGRAMME OF UPCOMING VISITS/OUTINGS FOR MEMBERS

Sorry members no coach trips from me this year unless I book in with Lee's. I do have outings organised.

Friday May 22nd Glasshouse Gateshead was the Sage. 10am guided tour. 1hr/1& half hr. Making own travel arrangements. Cost £15

Friday May 22nd Trinity House home of Maritime education, artifacts, etc. Group tour 2pm between 1hr to 1& three-quarters hrs. Cost £8. Plus, tea coffee for £3 person. Unfortunately, very steep steps to entrance & steps inside.

Thursday June 11th Guided tour Sion Hall then Tennants Auction House for Lunch, Guided tour & coffee & scone before departing. Awaiting final details.

Wednesday July 15th Teeside Princess Afternoon tea £24-95.
Sail from Stockton Quayside Boarding from 1-30 to sail at 2pm returning at 5-30 pm.

Thursday August 20th Harrison & Harrison organ repairs 10 am Meadowfield Industrial Estate. Car Share. Tour 1 HR to 1-30mins. A donation at the end goes to their chosen charity .

October Amazon Gateshead waiting confirmation.

November Lee's Coaches are going to Hardwood House at Christmas. Not Castle Howard. Details later.

Carol Boyd

REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS



Northumbria Region u3a Events Team
Redhills Durham Miners Hall, Flass St,
Durham, DH1 4BE

A second chance to book this tour has been arranged for u3a members. Another chance to attend a guided tour of Durham Miners Association, known as Redhills Durham Miners Hall. The Grade II listed building was opened in 1915 and has recently reopened after an extensive £14 million refurbishment. Explore the extraordinary history of Redhills – a place where working-class

community power helped shape Britain. Alongside its proud past, discover how Redhills is being reimagined as a centre for culture, learning and social action.

Date: 14th April 2026 Tour: 10.30 - 12 noon.

Cost: £6.50 per person includes tour and refreshments.

Please contact Cecilia Coulson to register who will advise if there is a space available and then payment is to be made to The Region's bank account – details will be given on confirmation of a registered place.

A Northumbria Region u3a Golf Event



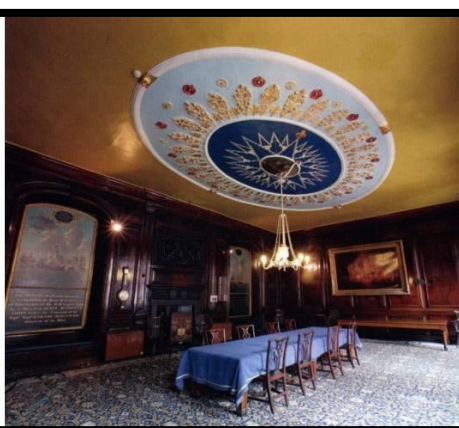
is to be held at this golf club for both ladies and men on Friday 10th July 2026.

On offer would be either:

- a) a round of golf over 18 holes with buffet - cost £40. Tee off arranged 12 noon – 2 pm
- b) a taster session on the 28 bay driving range with buffet – cost £24. Any time.
- c) a bit of fun on the 18 hole mini (crazy) golf course with buffet - cost £20. Anytime

Equipment and balls are supplied for crazy golf. Members would have to bring equipment for the golf course and driving range. Buggy hire (limited) would also be available. The buffet is available from 6.30 pm Please contact Mike Wallace: for any further information and/or if you are interested in this u3a Golf Event and following your commitment a registration form will be sent to you.

A Visit to Trinity House, Newcastle Northumbria



Region Events Team have arranged a tour of Trinity House, Broad Chare, Newcastle on Monday 30 March 2026 at 10:30am.

The construction of

Trinity House began in 1505 and has, since that date, housed the headquarters of a unique maritime organisation, The Corporation of the Newcastle upon Tyne Trinity House, which has been dedicated to the welfare of seafarers on the North-East coast since the Charter of Incorporation granted by King Henry VIII in 1536. The buildings include the 1505 private Brethren's Chapel, the 1800 Entrance Hall, the 1721 Banqueting Hall and Board Room, all built around a secluded courtyard. Paintings, models, a library and other memorabilia reflect centuries of England's maritime traditions and heritage, which are maintained here by the Brethren in a unique setting.

Cost is £11 per person (inclusive of tea and coffee)

Please note that the listed buildings do include steps which may present difficulties to less mobile visitors and there is no dedicated access for wheelchairs or those who use mobility walkers

To book a place contact Moira Stokoe – Meet at 10:20am in the courtyard of Trinity House, Broad Chare, Newcastle NE1 3DQ



I am organising a coach trip to the theatre by the lake to see a matinee of Calendar Girls. Date Saturday 8th August. Leaving Cockerton library. Time to be advised but probably 9am. Cost dependent upon numbers.

I have run this trip for several years and it is always well received. We get a group discount from the theatre. There will be time for lunch before the performance.

If you are interested, please contact me
Joan Sadler

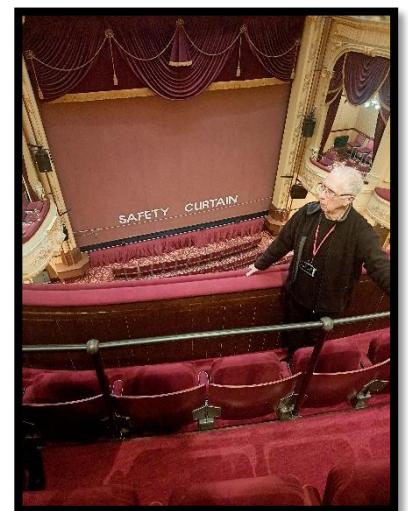
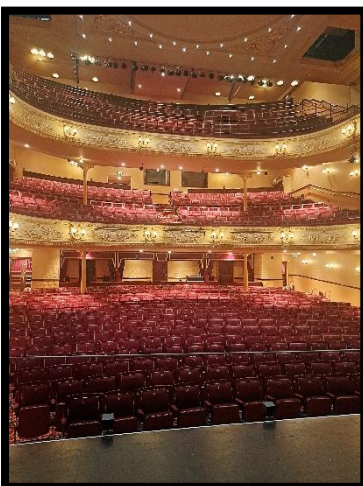
U3a Guinea pigs have a great day

Visit to the Hippodrome.

Thanks to Peter Key, a member of u3a & a Cultural Volunteer for organising this. He wanted some members of the u3a Current Affairs group (& friends) to act as "guinea pigs" for his first conducted tour of our iconic local theatre.

As a regular attendee of the Hippodrome, I found the visit fascinating, especially the view from the stage. We all agreed that Peter was an excellent host even concluding the visit with treating us to teas/coffees. Thanks again, Peter.

Stella Barnes.



Monthly Meeting Speakers - 2026

Mar 10	MARY'S MEALS Presentation by a global charity
Apr 14	THE FORESTRY COMMISSION SPEAKS
May 12	MORE COURTROOM MEMORIES FROM DAVID JAFFA
June 9	"THE PEARL OF AFRICA" REVISITED Visions of Uganda from Sarah Cartwright
July 14	A HISTORY OF CINEMA, DENIS FOX
Aug 11	BROTHER KHADIM FROM NEWCASTLE CENTRAL MOSQUE A Geordie convert speaks
Sept 8	LOOKING AND SEEING Dave Phillips on aspects of art
Oct 13	GARY BANKHEAD ON HIS TIME AS A FIREMAN
Nov 10	SADDAM HUSSEIN, MY PART IN HIS DOWNFALL By our very own John Sloss
Dec 8	tba, hopefully musical

Groups on Offer

Bridge – David Dixon	Travellers Rest	1.30 -4pm every other Tuesday from 10th December
Current Affairs – Gill Turnbull	Members' homes	10am-12 noon on the 3rd Monday of the month
Coffee & Chat - Pauline Noble	Binns cafe	10.30-12.30am last Wednesday of each month
Creative Writing – Dot Hullah	Leader's home	10-12am first Wednesday of each month
Own Craft and Chat	Newcastle building Society Community Room	9.30 until 11.30 – last Wednesday of the month
DIY Club	Newcastle Building Society Community Room	Variable check with leader
Family History – Jane Laninga	Crown Street Library	2-4 2 nd Friday of the month
French, Advanced Celia Howarth	Above Newcastle Building Society, Market Place	11.15 on 1 st & 3rd Monday of each month
Friday Walking Judith Bryant	Park cars in Linden Ave (nearest Coniscliffe Rd end)	9.30am on the 3rd Friday of each month
Gardening Group Ann Robinson	Harroway Room – Elm Ridge Methodist Church	October to April 3 rd Thursday of the month – 10 - 12
Intermediate Walking Susan –	Cockerton car park	10am on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month
Italian for beginners Celia Howarth	Above Newcastle Building Society	10-11am on 1 st & 3rd Monday of each month

Jungalow Crafts – Dot Hullah	Above Newcastle Building Society, Market Place	10am-12pm Last Thursday of the month
Local History – Ruth Beckett/Linda Chadd	Willow Road Community Centre	1.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
Luncheon Group - Stella Barnes	Pubs/restaurants	1.00pm on the last Friday of each month
New Members (and old) coffee morning Jenny Hurt	Binns café	10.30-12 on 4th Tuesday of each month
Play Reading – Muriel Jones	Members' homes	2pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
Reading Group 1 – Toni Carr	Members' homes	2nd Wednesday of each month
Reading Group 2 – Judith Bryant.	Members' homes	10.30am on 2nd Friday of each month
Rummikub – Liz Kay	Members' homes	10am-12 noon on the 1st Friday of each month
Scrabble Brenda Ellidge	Travellers Rest Cockerton	2pm on 2nd & 4th Monday of each month