



## **Prudhoe & District Notices, July 2026:**

Part 1: Information about up-and-coming meetings, events and new groups

Part 2: Recent reports from some groups

# Your Committee

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| <b>Chair:</b>                | <b>Janice Scott</b>                             |
| <b>Vice Chair</b>            | <b>Gill Davies</b>                              |
| <b>Business Secretary:</b>   | <b>Les Mitchell</b>                             |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>            | <b>Barbara Pescod</b>                           |
| <b>Membership Secretary:</b> | <b>Pauline Williams</b>                         |
| <b>Groups' Coordinator:</b>  | <b>Sharon Neal</b>                              |
| <b>Social Secretary:</b>     | <b>Janice Wilson</b>                            |
| <b>Members:</b>              | <b>Joan Crass, Carol Carden, Ian Warburton.</b> |

# Information about u3a

**For all information about Local, Regional and National events and activities, have a look at our Website.**

**Website: [prudhoe.u3asite.uk/](http://prudhoe.u3asite.uk/)  
Facebook: search 'Prudhoe u3a'**



**If you would like some help, ask someone on the Committee or your Group or family, to show you how. It is so easy to access.**

# There are currently vacancies in the following groups

**Walking**

**Gardening**

**Singing**

**German for Beginners**

**Canasta for Beginners**

**Strollers**

**Bridge for Beginners**

**Dance as if No one is Watching**

**Classical Music**

**The Craft Group**

**Nature Watch**

**Book Club**

# Regular P&D u3a meetings

## **Meeting with speaker:**

This meeting is held in the Parish Hall at 10am on the last Monday of the month.



## **Coffee Plus:**

A coffee morning with extras like IT advice, book swap, Scrabble etc.

This meeting is held upstairs in the Spetchells Centre from 10am on the second Tuesday of the month.



# P&D u3a Monthly Meetings with Speaker

| Date                              | Event or speaker                                      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July      | Northumberland CC Team:<br>Climate Change Action Plan |
| August                            | No Meeting: <b>Bank holiday</b>                       |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September | Martin Wilding:<br>Fire from Below                    |

## Other P&D u3a Meetings

| Date                            | Event or speaker                                                                                                                           |
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| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August   | Quiz in the Parish Hall. 6:30pm to 9:30pm                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August | Coffee morning in the Spetchells Centre,<br>10:00am to 12:00am.<br>Digital skills and scams roadshow with<br>advisors to answer questions. |
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# Walking group

The July walk saw the Walking Group tackle the Housesteads North route. Ten of us started at Steel Rigg and walked across open meadows North of Hadrian's Wall. It offered commanding views of the Wall and Whinsill Crag. We crossed over the Wall where the Pennine Way breaks away and we made our way back to Steel Rigg via the Military Way- a grassy path through the fields. We encountered a lot more walkers on our return journey. We stopped at The Sycamore Gap and saw the evidence of the tree sprouting from the remains of the stump.





# Naturewatch at Bishop Middleham Quarry

This enormous quarry (9 hectares/22 acres) in the Durham Magnesian Limestone formation was closed in 1934 and is now one of England's most important quarry habitats. The thin, nutrient poor soils support an extremely colourful array of plants including many orchid species with a 3,000+ population of the nationally scarce Dark Red Helleborine which we saw in abundance, as well as Bee Orchids, Common Spotted Orchids, Fragrant Orchids, Pyramidal Orchids as well as Twayblade. We saw a large number of other interesting plant and butterfly species.





# Strollers

**Lovely stroll down from Ovington led by Kathy. Great to be joined by three new members to the group. We then all enjoyed refreshments at the Riverside Café. A very pleasant outing.**

