



Prudhoe & District Notices, August 2026:

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

Part 2: Recent reports from some groups

Your Committee

Chair:	Janice Scott
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Groups' Coordinator:	Sharon Neal
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Members:	Joan Crass, Carol Carden, Ian Warburton.

Information about u3a

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

**Website: 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.

August Bank Holiday – no meeting

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.

In September we have Fiona Wardlaw coming to talk to us about health, wellbeing and sleep.



P&D u3a Monthly Meetings with Speaker

Date	Event or speaker
Monday 31 st August	No Meeting: Bank holiday
Monday 28 th September	Martin Wilding: Fire from Below
Monday 26 th October	Ben Haddon: Let's Gan Alang to see the Blaydon Races

Kathy has visited Richard and Ivy

I had the opportunity to call on Richard and Ivy Birch. They've settled well into the care village in the south, just a few miles from their elder son, who calls frequently and keeps an eye on them. They've have joined the local u3a, where they enjoy the monthly meetings and the multi-talented Richard has joined the petanque group. He proudly showed me a card from the King congratulating them on 60 years of marriage, and a copy of Richard's reply to His Majesty in praise of mixed marriages! They send greetings and love to all their many friends in Prudhoe and District u3a.

- Kathy Clegg



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.



Digital Photography Group

The Digital Photographers could have been mistaken for the Gardening group when we visited Linda and Fiona's wonderful gardens at Blackhall Mill.

Conditions were perfect for flower photography, flat light and still air. A lot of people assume that you need bright sun for flowers - but it's the most difficult lighting!



Walking group

Thirteen of us set out on a mizzly morning high up from Fourstones. A circular walk passing Frankham Fell Kennels through fields past Pruhamstone House, making our way in this varied landscape with beautiful views to Newbrough. We had a break here, sitting beside the War Memorial now in brilliant sunshine. We continued our walk alongside the Tyne back to Fourstones, pausing to view and tour an amazing garden, before a steady uphill climb to our cars.



Naturewatch at Blanchland – some photographs



Naturewatch at Ovington Trees Project

Seventeen members met at Ovington Club to walk up the "drover's path" to Overdene and look at the work done by this project, which has planted over 4000 trees since 2020, including 29 different native species. Anticipating that some existing trees along the route will die within the next 20 to 30 years, new saplings have been planted so that they will be ready to fill the gaps. See www.ovingtontrees.co.uk for full details.

We identified some veteran trees, some with signs of stress and disease. Deer damage was seen on some of the saplings. We also found a confused mole!

