

Craven u3a 2026 – 27 Programme

Welcome to the Craven u3a Programme. Craven u3a provides opportunities for people who are retired or semi-retired in Skipton, and the surrounding area. We have over eighty different group activities for our members to enjoy.

The Programme details can be found on our website, at <https://cravenu3a.org>.

Membership

Full member fee	£20.00
Full member fee + TAM	£24.20
Group Leader fee	£10.00
Group Leader fee + TAM	£14.20
Associate member (Full member of another u3a)	£15.00

Please note for those wishing to receive Third Age Matters (TAM) magazine (5-copies per year) there is an additional charge of £4.20 pa.

In addition to the membership fee, there is a group fee which will range between £5 and £15 for each group attending, depending on venue and size of group. This is payable in cash to the Group Leader. These charges are subject to review in the light of any increased venue costs.

The membership year runs from 1st September to 31st August. Membership for 2026/27 year can be taken out or renewed from July 1st by visiting the Craven u3a website home page. For existing members, click on the “Members’ Login” icon; new members should select the “Joining as a new member” icon and follow the links.

For those members who require assistance to renew membership, take out new membership or join groups, support sessions will be held from 1st July 2026.

AD HOC WALKING GROUP

Group Leader - Mike Valiant

All year, 1/9/2026 to 31/8/2027

There is no programme; walks are proposed by group members at short notice taking advantage of good weather. Any group member can propose a walk anytime, anywhere, any length. The proposer can set the maximum group size. Groups are usually small (historically a maximum: 18, average: 6). On joining the group, you will be sent the latest guidelines.

Venue surcharge £0.

ADAPTIVE TENNIS – SUMMER 2027

Group Leader - Anne MacDonald

Weekly Wednesday - 1 - 3 pm

5/5/27 - 10/7/27. 10 sessions in total

Skipton Tennis Club

Adaptive Tennis is suitable for anyone but especially members who have mobility issues or lack full muscle strength. It is played on a shorter court with a lighter ball. The serving technique can be flexible. All equipment is provided.

Venue surcharge - £10

ADVENTURES INTO CLASSICAL MUSIC

Group Leader - Chris Skidmore

Weekly Thursday 2.00 - 4.00 pm

14/1/2027 to 18/3/2027

St Andrew's Church primary room

Do you enjoy listening to classical music but wish you knew more of it and more about it? This group aims to cater for you - we shall listen to all sorts of music - often starting from something familiar and then exploring pieces that relate to it, always accompanied by some explanation or story which sheds new light or asks an intriguing question. There will also be a strand of discovery in each meeting - in this presentation we shall be looking at French music through the ages.

Venue Surcharge - £10.

AEROBIC FITNESS TRAINING

Group Leader - John Dixon

Weekly Wednesday 2 - 3 pm

Autumn 7/10/26 - 9/12/26. Spring 6/1/27 - 10/3/27.

Sandylands Gym

The course is aimed at improving overall body fitness levels. Activities include some upper body strength training, as well as the generally accepted aerobic workouts, resistance training, incorporating light weights and use of gym equipment. Numbers are limited so members should be prepared to do press-ups, squats, lunges and be able to sustain some high intensity aerobic exercise (HIIT). Suitable clothing essential. Please bring water and check with your doctor that HIIT is OK for you, as heart rates will be elevated.

Venue Surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

ALLOTMENT

Group Leader - Helena Tudhope
Weekly Sunday 9.30am - 12.00pm
1/9/26 to 31/8/27
Broughton Road allotment

Joint working on three plots at Broughton Road allotments. No experience needed, just enthusiasm. The group meets together on Sunday mornings, but it is expected that members will work at other times in the week in the busy season and be part of the watering rotation when necessary.

Venue surcharge - £5

ART AND CALLIGRAPHY

Group Leader - Anne MacDonald
Weekly Thursday 10 am – 12 pm
Autumn 8/10/26 - 10/12/26. Spring 7/1/27 - 11/3/27.
Skipton Sports Community Hub

Come and enjoy spending time sharing your artistic skills and learn from each other using different media, watercolours, pastels, pencils, charcoal and acrylics. Come and spend a couple of hours, relaxing with friends, painting or drawing.

Beginners are welcome for Calligraphy and guidance will be given by experienced Calligraphers. Practising beautiful handwriting is mindful and relaxing. Come and join our friendly group.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

ART FORUM FACE TO FACE

Group Leader - Ginny Wilkinson
Fortnightly Tuesday 10.30am - 12.30 pm
13.10.2026 - 08.12.2026 (final date to be negotiated). 05.01.2027 - 16.03.2027.
Members' homes

We are essentially a discussion group, meeting in each other's homes once a fortnight. We share all things Art in a variety of ways - individual members sharing favourite artists, paintings, sculptures or artistic movements interspersed with Mix and Match sessions when we each choose one image around one theme. We might continue looking at various aspects of one artist in depth or we might have a picture quiz. We are beginning to explore 'What Art is, who makes it, what The Art World is and who decides what happens in it.'

Venue surcharge £0.

Please click on this link for the podcast:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/33EolpbE88K9YqE1Svyheh?si=c71c47e834fe4e6f>

BADMINTION

Group Leader - Jon Tomlinson

Weekly Thursdays 12 - 1pm

3/9/2026 to 26/8/2027

Sandylands Sports Centre

Played on marked courts in the main hall at Sandylands, Skipton. Clothing as for indoor sports with non-marking shoes. A reasonable level of fitness is required. Game details: we usually play doubles but also singles depending on numbers. 2 games played to 11 points with 2 points clear. Players rotate between courts. Rackets and shuttlecocks provided. Fees - £4 on a "pay per play" basis. Payable by bank transfer to the Group Leader.

Venue surcharge - £0.

BIRDWATCHING

Group Leader - Jacqui Eames

Fortnightly Monday 10 am – 12 pm

5/10/26 - 14/12/26 (no session 9/11/26) and 11/1/27 - 22/3/27 (no session 15/2/27).

Bolton Abbey Village Hall

Group has indoor meetings at Bolton Abbey Village Hall every fortnight, mostly with presentations from speakers with accompanying pictures. Contributions are made by expert members, external speakers and photographers. These are from 10 -12. Outdoor meetings are mostly at RSPB reserves so a good idea to join. You'll also need binoculars and group members are generous in sharing their spotting skills and telescopes! Nearby trips are by car share (passengers contribute 10p a mile for petrol and we leave Skipton at 8.30 as a rule) but we also run several coach trips further afield which are great days out albeit more expensive. We start and end the Autumn programme with a welcome meeting. New members are welcome to this long established and popular group.

Venue surcharge £5 autumn and spring.

Podcast - copy and paste this link into your browser address field:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2nwmX4ixJbtrcJZWO2pOja?si=e19b2e25a1e74999>

BOOK GROUP – NON-FICTION

Group Leader - John Hoole

Monthly Wednesday 6.45 - 7.45 pm

7/10/2026 to 7/7/2027

Various venues

The only requirement for this group is to have read the book! Meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

Members can choose books in advance from a list provided by Skipton Library which will be emailed before the first meeting. Everyone is responsible for collecting from and returning their book to the library by the due date. There is no requirement to be a member of the library. The venue may vary, using local pubs to meet. Ideally, everyone should be happy to be a member of a WhatsApp group which will be used for reminders and recommendations about books and authors - no pictures of pets, holidays or grandchildren!

Venue surcharge £0.

BOOK GROUP – FICTION A

Group Leader - Chris Bowley
Monthly Monday 4.00 - 5.00 pm
Start date 7.9.26.
Members' homes.

Meetings take place monthly on Mondays. This is an informal group. We choose a book each month to read and discuss but the discussion is wide ranging so it's always worth coming along if you haven't quite finished. The books are chosen by consensus. The meetings are held in members' homes. Communications are through WhatsApp.

Venue surcharge £0.

BOOK GROUP – FICTION B

Group Leader - Linda Hoole
Monthly Monday 6.15 - 7.15 pm
12/10/2026 to 12/7/2027

(Introductory meeting: Thursday 3/9.26, 17.45pm, upstairs, Skipton Library).

Meetings take place on the second Monday of the month, with alternative arrangements if this is a bank holiday. We meet in local pubs, with lift sharing encouraged. Our favourite venue has been the Old Swan in Gargrave.

Members negotiate the book choice from a list provided by Skipton Library. All members should be comfortable being in a WhatsApp group which will be used for reminders and recommendations of other books and authors- no pictures of pets or grandchildren!

Venue surcharge £0.

BRIDGE PLAY

Group Leader - David Lowe.
Thursdays 13.45 - 15.45pm
1/10/26 to 10/12/26, 14/1/27 to 25/3/27.
Draughton Village Hall

This is a friendly group who enjoy playing duplicate bridge in a relaxed setting. It is intended for people who have played bridge before, but inexperienced players are most welcome. There is a host system, so individuals without a partner will always get a game and players are allowed to refer to their bidding system during play. £1 a year is charged for materials and a 50p charge for tea/biscuits. Members are asked to arrive by 1.35pm.

Venue surcharge £10 per 10 sessions autumn and spring.

Podcast - copy and paste the following link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4QG55Oj59CDEllqFmWdFvX?si=ad5e504861bf40ac>

CRAFTING FOR CHRISTMAS

Group Leader - Wendy Brown
Fortnightly Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm
30/9/26 - 9/12/26
Draughton Village Hall

We will make a variety of Christmas decorations, cards and presents, primarily using fabric and ribbons. Each session we will work together to make a different item, some of which we should be able to finish during the session and some of which you will need to finish at home. Basic sewing skills required. There will be an additional charge of £20 for materials.

Venue surcharge £5.

Podcast - copy and paste this link into your browser address field:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7pWTUujyl3HaE8jr3kgTAP?si=72701b9a50924833>

CRAVEN u3a ORCHESTRA

Group Leader - Sue Stidworthy
Weekly Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm
23/09/26 - 9/12/26 (no session 28/10/26) and 6/1/27 - 17/3/27 (no session 10/02/27).
Embsay Village Hall

The orchestra welcomes instrumental players of all abilities. We have varying levels of skill but all share an enthusiasm for making music together. We have a wide repertoire ranging from Handel's Water Music to Morricone's film music. The rehearsals are always an enjoyable and rewarding way of spending an afternoon.

Venue surcharge £5 autumn and spring.

Podcast - copy and paste the following link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/18kSyNNvpebWrw0C3Mymke?si=821971406e42456c>

CREATIVE ARTS FOR WELLBEING

Group Leader - Maureen Wright
Weekly Tuesday 2.00 - 3.00 pm
29/9/26 - 1/12/26
Skipton Sports Community Hub

Each session will contain a mix of creative arts activities designed to boost wellbeing in a friendly group setting. Group members will be encouraged to express preferences and influence how the programme develops. Suitable for anyone who is keen to try various creative arts activities, which may include exploring different art media (e.g. mark making, sketching, painting, collage, abstract patterning, etc), singing, dancing, creative storytelling, photography, etc. No prior experience or expertise needed - just a willingness to explore the feel-good power of regular, varied creative arts activity in a sociable setting.

Venue surcharge - £5.

Materials fee - £10.

CREATIVE WRITING

Group Leader - Jay Cundell Walker

Twice monthly

1/9/26 - 30/6/27

This group operates entirely online

Starts on the 1st and 15th of each month from September to June, you will receive an email with a new topic.

Once written, you REPLY ALL and members of the group are invited to respond and give positive feedback on your piece.

We normally have one meet up for coffee in the winter and summer, meeting in a one of the members' homes.

There is also the possibility for making a small publication from our favourite pieces.

Venue surcharge - £0

CROQUET

Group Leader - Graham Read

Weekly Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30 pm

5/5/27 - 29/9/27.

Pendle and Craven Croquet Club

The group provides friendly, social competition playing 'golf Croquet' from the beginning of May to the end of September (weather permitting). The rules are very straightforward. It is suitable for all members. All equipment is provided. Flat soled shoes should be worn. There will be a weekly charge of £2.50.

Venue surcharge £10.

CROWN GREEN BOWLS GROUP 1

Group Leader - Rosemary Bootland

Weekly Friday 11.30 am - 2.00 pm

7/5/2027 to 17/9/2027

Whinfield Bowling Club

Guidance on how to play crown green bowls.

Venue surcharge - £5.

CROWN GREEN BOWLS GROUP 2

Group Leader - Shirley Desgranges

Weekly Friday 2 - 4.30 pm

7/5/2027 to 17/9/2027

Whinfield Bowling Club

Guidance on how to play crown green bowls.

Venue Surcharge £5.

CULTURE VULTURES

Group Leader - Wendy Brown

Various days

1/9/26 - 30/8/27

If you're into the arts but your friends and/or family aren't, the Culture Vulture group could be for you! Via our WhatsApp group, we arrange to meet up with other members to attend theatre, cinema, music and other arts events, both in Skipton and further afield. Where appropriate, we arrange to travel together and have been known to meet up before or after events for a drink or two!

Venue Surcharge £0.

Podcast - copy and paste the following link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7pWTUujyl3HaE8jr3kgTAP?si=72701b9a50924833>

DAY TRIPS SOCIAL GROUP

Group Leader – Sheila Mason

Various days

1/9/26 - 31/8/27

We are a friendly group who enjoy getting out and about together. We organise our trips on WhatsApp and travel by train, bus and car share. We don't have an organiser; we hope that everyone will suggest destinations. If there is somewhere you want to go or somewhere you enjoy going just ask on our WhatsApp group if anyone is interested in to going to a particular place and people will respond. We have been to Liverpool, Carlisle and lots of interesting places both near and further afield, as well as some lovely scenic walks.

Venue surcharge £0.

DRUMMING CIRCLE 1 BEGINNERS

Group Leader - Charles Green

Weekly Thursday 1.30 - 14.45 pm

8/10/26 - 3/12/26 (no session 26/10/26)

Skipton Sports Community Hub

Would you like to bang a drum? Then join this group. No experience necessary. Drum circles have grown in popularity in recent years as a means of enjoyment and improving people's wellness. The circle will involve playing a mixture of simple rhythms on hand drums and other percussion from African to Latin. It will be led by an experienced drummer who will help you to play. Some drums will be provided. The course will initially be limited to 12 people due to instrument availability. Please let me know if you have your own drum as this could help the number on the group to be extended. Let's get banging those drums!

Venue Surcharge £10.

DRUMMING CIRCLE 2 - CONTINUERS

Group Leader - Charles Green
Weekly Thursday 3.00 - 4.15 pm
8/10/26 - 3/12/26 (No session 26/10/26)
Skipton Sports Community Hub

This course is for those who have previously done the beginners course or who have previously played djembe or some other type of hand drum. Whilst the course will recap on playing technique it will primarily focus on playing together as a group and playing a range of more complex beats and rhythms. The aim as always is to have fun playing together. Some drums will be provided. The course will initially be limited to 12 people due to instrument availability. Please let me know if you have your own drum as this could help the number on the group to be extended. Let's get banging those drums!

Venue Surcharge - £10.

E-BIKING

Group Leader - Linda Hoole
Various Days
1/9/26 - 31/8/27

We are a relaxed, friendly and supportive group of cyclists of varying experience and fitness. We arrange outings on an ad hoc basis via a WhatsApp group, riding more frequently in the better weather! Our routes tend to start from Skipton or Gargrave, and are usually between 20 and 30 miles, with a stop at a tea-room. All members are encouraged to propose and plan routes. Some members can transport several bikes if necessary.

Venue surcharge - £0.

EARLY 20th CENTURY ART

Group Leader - Jacqui Eames
Weekly Tuesday 3.15 - 4.45 pm
6/10/26 - 3/11/26 (5 sessions)
Skipton Sports Community Hub

ART 1900+ We will have a close look at the major figures of the period following the Post Impressionists.

PowerPoint, presentations and books will support our discussion. Matisse and Picasso will be considered in detail.

Venue Surcharge - £5.

Podcast - copy and paste this link into your browser address field:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/1Eka0bDVHfAKWEDphQ1ws5?si=24c2df7b6eed4e98>

FABRICS, THREADS AND YARNS

Group Leader - Anne Reay

Weekly Wednesday 10 am – 12pm

30/9/26 - 9/12/26 (no session 28/10/26) and 6/1/27 - 17/3/27 (no session 27/2/27).

Skipton Sports Community Hub

Working with fabrics and threads is a wonderfully extensive skill that can be applied to small and large, simple and complicated projects. Items to use daily or pieces to give as presents. The Group embraces all aspects of working with fabrics and threads. Everyone can learn to sew or knit; you just require a vision of the finished project and the determination to complete it. If you enjoy sewing or knitting or want to learn to then come along and join our group. We are interested in making all things patchwork from placemats to sophisticated quilts and all the other ways of using this versatile skill. Bring your own work, or a basic sewing kit and some fabric if you want to learn something new. I have ideas for simple starter projects. Everyone welcome, from experienced quilters/dressmakers/knitters to complete novices. We can all share with each other what we know and ask for help with what we don't know.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

FILMS ON THURSDAY

Group Leader - Jean Crampton

Weekly Thursday 1.30 - 4.00 pm

8/10/26 - 10/12/26 and 14/1/27 - 18/3/27.

Champions Church

Champions Church is a comfortable venue close to the town centre. We show films from a variety of genres, foreign and English. They all have English subtitles. We welcome new members. Like the Tuesday film group, we are happy to see members who just want to come occasionally. If you cannot come every week, it is a good idea to enrol anyway so that you are on the mailing list. We break for refreshments halfway through the film. We find the films stimulate plenty of conversation. Details of the programme will be available at the Open Event in August. There is a weekly charge of £1, which covers refreshments and the purchase of DVDs.

Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and £10 spring.

FILMS ON TUESDAY - INTERNATIONAL

Group Leader - Vee Eastham

Weekly Tuesday 1.30 - 3.30 pm

6/10/26 - 8/12/26 and 12/1/27 - 16/3/27.

Champions Church

Films chosen from around the world as well as the UK to lighten the mood during winter and beyond into springtime. ALL films shown will have subtitles regardless of the language of the film. Tea, coffee and biscuits midway (£1). Pick and choose the films you want to see, you don't have to come every week.

Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and £10 spring.

FLORAL ART

Group Leader - Jesca de Rijk

Twice monthly Thursday 2 - 4 pm

10/9/26 - 8/7/27 (on second and fourth Thursday of month) (except 3/12/26).

St Stephen's Church Hall, Skipton

This group is aimed at people who enjoy flowers and creative thinking. With a different theme each session, and including development of technical skills, it provides an opportunity to interpret titles in individual ways. There is no right or wrong, just your own take on flowers, foliage and mechanics. A supportive and friendly group shares ideas, materials and conversation. We finish with discussion of our ideas and the pleasure of admiring each other's arrangements and learning from each other, before some planning for our next session.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

FOUR GREAT FEMALE ARTISTS

Group Leader - Linda Hoole

Fortnightly Monday 5.30 - 7.30

Four sessions 26/10/26, 9/11/26, 23/11/26 and 7/12/26.

Bradley Village Hall

We will be exploring the very different lives and art of four great female artists: Artemisia Gentileschi, Angelica Kauffman, Mary Cassatt and Frida Kahlo.

Refreshments will be available. There is ample parking at the Hall; members are encouraged to lift share via the WhatsApp Group.

Venue surcharge - £5.

FRENCH ADVANCED

Group Leader - Kevin Franks

Weekly Friday 10.00 - 12.00

9/10/26 - 12/12/26 and 8.1.27 - 12/3/27

St Stephen's Church Hall, Skipton

An opportunity to practise and improve your French in a convivial atmosphere. A reasonably good grounding in French is advised as contemporary articles and videos will be used. Vas-y donc!

Venue surcharge - £20 autumn and spring.

FRENCH CONVERSATION

Group Leader - Jennifer Hanson

Weekly Friday 10am - 12pm

2/10/26 - 11/12/26 (not meeting 30/10/26) and 8/1/27 - 19/3/27 (no meeting 12/2/27).

Craven Heifer/Blooms

An informal course for those already able to speak some French who want to improve their ability and confidence in the spoken word. Members have frequent opportunities to talk in small groups and may also present topics to the class. Modern texts and articles are studied to practice reading, revise grammar and stimulate discussion.

Venue surcharge - £15 autumn and spring.

GARDENING

Group Leader - Anne MacDonald

Various days

1/9/26 - 31/8/27.

If you enjoy gardens and gardening, this is the group for you. You do not even have to have a garden. We share plants and gardening tips. We visit formal gardens and spend time in each other's gardens. It is a lovely way to spend a couple of hours in the spring and summer, in a garden, chatting with our gardening friends over a coffee. We can communicate with each other via WhatsApp and email. We get together a couple of times a year to plan the following gardening year.

Venue surcharge - £0.

GEOGRAPHY FORUM

Group Leader - Jonathan Hauxwell

Weekly Wednesday 10am – 12pm

7/10/26 - 9/12/26 (except 28/10/26) and 6/1/27 - 17/3/27 (except 17/2/27).

St Stephen's Church Hall, Skipton

Talks, mainly by members of the Forum, on Geography, History, People and Places.

Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and spring.

Podcast - copy and paste the following link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2ulifYh5pmBdNIqYBLGybU?si=a83acc6c041d4ba4>

GEOLOGY WALKS

Group Leader - Diane Killock

Fortnightly Monday 10 am – 12 pm

8/3/27 - 20/9/27

Please come along and join us on our friendly Monday morning walks, mostly following geology trails of up to 4 miles with a focus on the fascinating geology of Yorkshire. The walks are offered and led by Group leaders but please note we are not experts, just keen to share our knowledge and learn from each other. Walk details will be circulated the week before and will include date, time, meeting place, walk length and geology features.

Venue surcharge - £0.

GERMAN

Group Leader - Sheila Clark

Weekly Tuesday 10.00am - 12.00

13/10/26 - 15/12/26 and 12/1/27 - 16/3/27.

St Andrew's Church Primary Room

If you have a knowledge of German and wish to improve your spoken German fluency and read a variety of newspaper/ magazine articles from German speaking countries, this group is ideal for you.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

HISTORY HAPPENS

Group Leader - Jane Houlton

Fortnightly Thursday 10.00 am - 12.00

1/10/26 - 10/12/26 and 7/1/27 - 18/3/27

Swadford Centre Assembly Room

A series of lively talks, on all things historical, with a variety of speakers. Fortnightly, from October to March, specifically designed for our members who enjoy hearing about historical topics that cover unfamiliar ground . . . that take them to unexplored realms . . . that open up new vistas. On a broad range of topics - ancient to modern. From social and cultural history to people, events and politics - such as the story of Rapanui (Easter Island), the peace that followed World War One, archaeology in Uganda, plus geology, garden history and much more. Plenty to entertain and stimulate.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

HISTORY OF ART

Group Leader - Ian Adams

Weekly Tuesday 10.15 am - 12.15 pm

29/9/26 - 8/12/26 (except 27/10/26) and 5/1/27 - 16/3/27 (except 9/2/27).

Embsay Village Hall Side Room

The story of Western art - major movements in the arts from Ancient Greece to Postimpressionism, set against their wider historical background.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

Podcast - copy and paste the following link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7BgKWGzWa5NWkOW0R6vOPv?si=dc22d40d0bef4100>

IINDOOR CURLING AND BOCCIA

Group Leader - Anne MacDonald

Weekly Tuesday 11 am - 1 pm

6/10/26 - 8/12/26 and 12/1/27 - 16/3/27

Skipton Sports Community Hub

Boccia is the most inclusive and accessible sport in the world. It can be played by anyone regardless of age or ability. Anyone can play it as long as they remain seated during play is suitable for wheelchairs users and those with limited mobility. This might be a fun game to come and have a go.

The venue has a free car park, disabled access and toilet facilities.

Indoor Curling is a fun, accessible game, no ice just great vibes and competition. Come and join the group for a bit of fun!

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

INDOOR GAMES 2026/27

Group Leader - Alan Newall

Weekly Monday 2 - 4 pm

5/10/2026 - 7/12/2026 and 11/1/2027 - 16/3/2027

Three Links Club

The Indoor games Group provides an opportunity for members to meet socially, during the dreary winter months, and to enjoy some FRIENDLY competition. The group meets weekly at The Three Links Club, where a wide range of games are available, including dominoes, scrabble, draughts/chess, Mah Yong, various card games and several board games. Members are very welcome to bring in their own games to try out. We play purely for FUN - no prizes or trophies. Refreshments are available during the afternoon from the Club Bar.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

ITALIAN CONTINUERS

Group Leader - Sylva Vorstman

Weekly Monday 2 - 4 pm

5/10/26 - 14/12/26 (no session 2/11/26) and 11/1/27 - 22/3/27 (no session 15/2/27).

Quaker Meeting House

For students with a reasonable level of fluency. We spend time chatting in Italian. We listen and complete comprehension exercises that can be prepared at home. We cover a wide range of topics, focused on Italy and some advanced grammar or translation.

Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and £10 spring.

ITALIAN IMPROVERS

Group Leader - Sylva Vorstman

Weekly Wednesday 2 - 4 pm

7/10/26 - 16/12/26 (except 4/11/26) and 13/1/27 - 24/3/27 (except 17/2/27).

Quaker Meeting House

This year's course will build on last year's vocabulary, covering a few more topic areas and revising last year's work. The emphasis will be on how the language is structured, covering very basic grammar: definite and indefinite article, gender, adjectives, how to form singular and plural nouns and adjectives; also, verbs, basic present tense, the most used past tense, and the future. At the end you should be more comfortable with a basic level of fluency and be able to make up your own language and construct your own sentences. You do not need knowledge of English grammar to do this.

Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and £10 spring.

LITERARY LIVES

Group Leaders - David Turner and Judith Barras.

Fortnightly Monday 2 - 4 pm

28/9/26 - 14/12/26 (no session 26/10/26) and 4/1/27 - 1/3/27

St Stephen's Church Hall, Skipton

A series of illustrated talks on the lives of literary figures from the 18th, 19th and 20th century by Judith Barras, David Turner and guest presenters.

Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and spring.

MAH JONG

Group Leader - Andrew Todd

Weekly Thursday 2 - 4 pm

8/10/26 - 10/12/26 and 7/1/27 - 11/3/27

Three Links Club

Mah Jong is an old Chinese game based on three suits, winds and dragons. It stretches the mind, is competitive and satisfying, but needs concentration!

Venue surcharge - £15 autumn and spring.

MODERN ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Group Leader - Ian Adams

Weekly Wednesday 10.15 am - 12.15 pm

30/9/26 - 9/12/26 (no session 28/10/26).

Embsay Village Hall Side Room

Art, Architecture and Design in the 19th and 20th centuries - concentrating on developments in Britain in the 19th century and the wider western world in the 20th century.

Venue surcharge - £10.

Podcast - copy and paste the following link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7BgKWGzWa5NWkOW0R6vOPv?si=dc22d40d0bef4100>

MOTORCYCLE GROUP

Group Leader - Harry Taylor

Various days - usually Monday or Friday

March - October 2027.

The motorcycle group restarted its formal Programme for motorcyclists who enjoy a ride out and a chat. All are welcome. There are scheduled rides from March to October, usually on a Monday or Friday, a couple of times a month. There are also impromptu rides outside the formal programme, around the year, depending on the weather. Send a WhatsApp message to Harry Taylor on 07522 343181 and you'll be added to the group. If you're not already a member of u3a you'll be expected to join after a couple of rides. Send an email to harrytaylor1950@hotmail.com and you'll be sent the Programme for this year but watch out for changes on the WhatsApp group.

The rides start from Morrisons Car Park in Skipton at 10 am unless otherwise advised on WhatsApp group.

Surcharge - £0.

MUSIC FOR FUN

Group Leader - Lesley Widdop

Weekly Tuesday 10.30 am - 12.15 pm

6/10/26 - 15/12/26 (except 27/10/26) and 5/1/27 - 16/3/27 (except 9/2/27).

Trinity Methodist Church

This course is purely for the enjoyment of singing and/or playing music. We are not a choir and no perceived ability to do either is required. If you only sing in the shower that's fine! Everyone welcome. We don't provide music, but words and chords are projected onto the wall. We sing and accompany a very wide variety of songs old and new, including folk and sea shanties, classic pop, American song book jazz etc. We would like it to be a proactive group where members feel relaxed enough to request songs and/or lead them if they wish and make suggestions. Otherwise, the course leaders will choose around ten songs each. We have a coffee break when members are encouraged to socialise. All instrumentalists welcome whether you sing or not. Likewise, singers who don't play an instrument are welcome. There is a beautiful piano available for anyone who can play.

Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and spring.

MUSIC THEORY AND IMPROVISION

Group Leader - Chris Brown

Fortnightly Monday 2 – 4 pm

14/9/26 - 23/11/26 and 11/1/27 - 22/3/27

Draughton Village Hall

This is a theoretical and practical creative music course supported by piano. We will explore how to develop your music ideas, come up with creative musical phrases and fit them into a musical framework – the start of improvisation and song composition. You will prepare your own musical ideas, (on your instrument or sing them out loud), and then transfer these ideas to piano, explore, harmonize and then develop them into improvisation and possibly a song melody. This course is aimed at musical instrument players with some experience/competency of chords, scales and arpeggios. Any instrument will be fine. In preparation for the above, we will also work on well-known pop and jazz songs, playing from memory/by ear without music and a mix of musical theory with practical demonstration, harmony and chord progressions.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and winter.

MUSICAL THEATRE GREAT COMPOSERS

Group Leader - Judith Barras

Fortnightly Monday 2 - 4 pm

5 sessions autumn - 5/10/26, 19/10/26, 9/11/26, 23/11/26, 7/12/26

St Stephen's Church Hall

Each session will look in detail at the life and music of one composer: Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim.

Extensive use will be made of video clips of some of their greatest music and to demonstrate influences on their work and their distinctive styles.

Venue Surcharge - £5.

NATURE RAMBLES

Group leader - Maurice White

Various days

1/9/26 - 30/8/27.

The aim of the group is to encourage members to look at the natural world around them, plants and invertebrates, but not exclusively, and note seasonal changes.

Group members can bring and share their knowledge, so we all learn from each other. There is also a WhatsApp group where members can share their photographs, observations, questions and comments from other locations and keep interest going between rambles.

The rambles will be suggested and organised by group members using WhatsApp. Locations should be within a reasonable distance of Skipton, and accessible to suitable parking if needed.

Rambles should be approximately an hour.

Current knowledge about nature is not important as the group is about learning from each other.

Venue surcharge - £0.

PADEL TENNIS

Group Leader - Roland Styles

Weekly Wednesday 1 - 3pm

2/9/26 - 4/11/26 and 15/4/27 - 16/6/27

Skipton Tennis Club

Two covered courts + one outside court (subject to availability). All equipment is provided. Two groups of 8 playing for one hour each week. There will be a coach at the first session to explain the rules.

Wear tennis shoes with flat soles please. No trainers or running shoes

There is a club house to socialise in whilst waiting to play. Craven u3a has negotiated two sessions of one hour, for the 10-week block. Two courts

Venue surcharge - £30 per 5 sessions (£6 per session) over autumn and summer.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Group Leader - Anne MacDonald

Various days

1/9/26 - 31/8/27

If you are keen on photography, either using your camera or phone, this group will enable you to share your skills with others and maybe learn some new tips on how to improve your photographs. It will be a WhatsApp group where members will meet up at a specific location to take photographs, share your photos online and discuss the results. There is no leader of the group as the aim is for group members to communicate with each other to decide what they want from the group.

Venue surcharge - £0.

PICKLE BALL

Group Leader - Anne MacDonald

Weekly Monday 12.45 - 1.45 pm

Dates: 2026 September 28th – November 30th, 2027 January 4th – March 8th

Sandylands Sports Centre

Come and try Pickleball. Pickleball is played on a court with the same dimensions as Badminton. It is played by two pairs, using pickleball paddles and a pickle ball over a central net.

Venue Surcharge - £20

POLITICS DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Leader - Dick Newson

Weekly Thursday 1 - 3 pm

24/9/26 - 3/12/26 (except 29/10/26) and 7/1/27 - 18/3/27 (except 11/2/27)

Swadford Centre Assembly Room

The Politics Discussion Group meets weekly to discuss current political events. We also consider the background to political decisions, and the processes of government (in the UK and elsewhere). Group members will bring to bear their wide-ranging experience(s), knowledge, reading and viewing to try to get a better understanding of what's going on and where it might lead. Occasionally, a member of the group may offer a more formal short input to inform and focus our discussions. The group is not intended to be a forum for political knockabout from entrenched positions, (although members will clearly have, and express, their own views), but rather an enlightening experience from which we emerge having learned something new and/or questioning our previous assumptions and interpretations.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

POPULAR MUSIC

Group Leader - David Wiseman

Weekly Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm

28/9/26 - 8/12/27 (no session 27/10/26) and 12/1/27 to 16/3/27

Three Links Club

Nostalgia is our choice of music. The sessions include delightful refreshments, good company and enjoyable music. We listen to various composers, singers and big bands, approx. 25 songs each week, remembering songs our parents and ourselves have enjoyed over the years.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

PROMS CATCHUP 2027

Tuesday evenings July to September 2027

Group Leader: Doug Hirst

Watch the Proms by catch-up on BBC I Player. The idea is for a small group of members to watch Prom concerts on BBC I player at home in the company of others interested in classical music. Tuesday nights from 20th July to September at my house are suggested but the day, time and venue could be varied by mutual agreement. The iPlayer schedule will be circulated when it becomes available. Nibbles may be provided but members bring their own wine.

Surcharge - £0

Podcast - copy and paste the following link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4QbUhAGrc5gCJly8s3wsU2?si=740c68a6904e449b>

RACKETBALL

Group Leader - Mike Valiant
Weekly Monday 9.30 - 10.50 am
7/9/2026 - 30/8/2027.
Sandylands Sports Centre

Played on the squash courts at Sandylands, Skipton. Clothing as for indoor sports with non-marking shoes. A reasonable level of fitness is required. Game details: Singles. 2 games played to 11 points with 2 points clear. Players rotate between opponents and courts. Rackets and balls provided. Fees - £5 on a "pay per play" basis. Payable by cash.

Venue surcharge - £0.

RAILWAY STUDY GROUP

Group Leader - Paul Haywood
Friday weekly 10am – 12pm
2/10/2026 - 18/12/2026 and 15/1/2027 - 19/3/2027
Swadford Centre Assembly Room

Illustrated talks by guest speakers and group members on a wide variety of railway topics, both historic and modern, including tramways. While most talks are based on UK railways, overseas subjects are also covered.

Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and spring.

RECORDER CONTINUERS

Group Leader - Jenny Crook
Weekly Monday 3 - 5 pm
28/9/26 - 7/12/26 (except 26/10/26) and 4/1/27 - 15/3/27 (except 8/2/27)
St Andrew's Church Primary Room

We are an informal, supportive, self-help group (no tutor), and members have a varied amount of musical knowledge. We play all sorts of 2, 3-and 4-part music. Ideally you should have some previous basic experience, but if in doubt please contact me to check the standard needed.

Requirements: recorder and portable music stand. Additional costs: allow £10 for music.

Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and spring.

RECORDER ENSEMBLE

Group Leader - Susan Farmery
Weekly Monday 1.30 - 2.45 pm
28/9/26 - 7/12/26 (except 26/10/26) and 4/1/27 - 15/3/27 (except 8/2/27)
St Andrew's Church Primary Room

Four- or five-part music will be played on descant, treble, tenor and bass recorders, with the addition of sopranino and contrabass as required. Music from different genres will be played, from early music to contemporary repertoire. It is an asset if members can sight read and play more than one instrument. The group usually plays at the u3a carol service in one of the Skipton churches.

You will need recorders and a portable music stand.

Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and spring.

Podcast - copy and paste the following link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/77jFhXiPSsPYJp7EufFOlQ?si=4543e959a1874216>

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Leader - Ian Blomfield

Weekly Monday 10.15 am - 12.15 pm

21/9/26 - 30/11/26 and 4/1/27 - 15/3/27

St Stephen's Church Hall

Weekly discussion of current scientific topics that are of special interest to group members. No scientific or technical expertise is required to join. However, If you have expertise in a particular area, you will be most welcome to give a presentation. Documents for discussion are posted on our website each week: <https://cravenst971700904.wordpress.com> so access to the internet is required. Meetings are held in a hybrid in-person/Zoom format. We have internet access and a large screen at the venue so that participants and articles can be displayed to all.

Venue surcharge - £10 spring and £15 autumn.

Podcast - copy and paste the following link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5wLvrthKX94BCr3fbgzeln?si=549e9607719a4876>

SHORTY WALKS

Group Leader - Sally Crowley

Various days

1/9/26 - 31/8/27

Walks of up to 5 miles can be offered by any group member. The walks can be anything any member would like to share with the group. Amongst others, we have enjoyed town trails, moors walks and canal walks. A walk can be any day of the week, throughout the whole year. If you wish to lead a walk or there is a particular place you would like to walk, please contact me.

Venue surcharge - £0.

SINGING MADRIGALS

Group Leader - Chris Skidmore

Weekly Wednesday 10.30am - 12.30 pm,

7/10/26 - 9/12/26 and 13/1/27 - 17/3/27

St Andrew's Church Primary Room

In this course we shall get together to sing examples of English madrigals and other simple part songs. Singing in parts is a group activity where we support each other and is good for both body and mind. Enthusiasm and a willingness to try will be more important than musical experience, although some knowledge of musical notation will help.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

SOLO LATIN DANCE - ADVANCED

Group Leader - Jacqui Eames

Weekly Friday 10.30 - 11.20 am

2/10/26 - 12/12/26 (except 6/11/26) and 8/1/27 - 19/3/27 (except 12/2/27)

Sandylands Sports Centre

For people who have done the 20 weeks in 2025/26 and gained confidence in 6 dances. Experienced dancers are also welcome as I shall reinforce last year's routines. High energy so ensure you have water and comfortable footwear with flexible soles.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

Podcast - copy and paste this link into your browser address field:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7h0fgPtYCJIQXskde7DuSk?si=c7fa22d2225f41f7>

SOLO LATIN DANCE - BEGINNERS

Group Leader - Jacqui Eames

Weekly Friday 12.15 – 13.00 pm

2/10/26 - 12/12/26 (except 6/11/26) and 8/1/27 - 19/3/27 (except 12/2/27)

Sandylands Sports Centre

We will cover the 6 Latin dances starting with cha cha, rumba and jive.

Please wear comfortable flexible shoes, not heels and bring water and energy.

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and winter.

Podcast - copy and paste this link into your browser address field:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7h0fgPtYCJIQXskde7DuSk?si=c7fa22d2225f41f7>

SOLO LATIN DANCE - IMPROVERS

Group Leader - Jacqui Eames

Weekly Friday 11.20am - 12.10 pm

2/10/26 - 12/12/26 (except 6/11/26) and 8/1/27 - 19/3/27 (except 12/2/27)

Sandylands Sports Centre

For people who have completed the Beginners' course or are experienced Latin dancers. Please wear flexible comfortable shoes but no heels. Bring water and plenty of energy!

Venue surcharge - £10 autumn and winter.

Podcast - copy and paste this link into your browser address field:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7h0fgPtYCJIQXskde7DuSk?si=c7fa22d2225f41f7>

SPANISH INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED

Group Leader - Phil Lawler

Fortnightly Wednesday 7.00 - 8.30 pm

7/10/26, 21/10/26, 4/11/26, 18/11/26 and 2/12/26

St Stephen's Church Hall

An opportunity for those who already have a good level of spoken Spanish to improve their knowledge and ability. We will use some videos and newspaper articles to learn useful Spanish colloquial expressions. The emphasis will be on spoken Spanish although some reading may be required to facilitate it. The course is not suitable for beginners.

Venue surcharge - £10.

STORIES OF SCIENTISTS Group Leader - Mick Richings Weekly Wednesday 2 - 4 pm 13/01/2027 - 24/03/2027 (except 17/03/27) Skipton Sports Community Hub Stories of Scientists: their background and discoveries. Venue Surcharge - £10.
STRECHING / YOGA Group Leader - Sandra Dixon Weekly Monday 10 - 11 am 12/10/2026 - 14/12/2026 and 4/1/27 to 8/3/27 St Andrew's Church Hall Exercise to improve balance and flexibility. You should be able to sit down on your heels and do a shoulder stand to do the positions correctly. Please wear comfortable clothing, bring a mat and bottle of water. Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and £10 spring.
STREACHING / MOVEMENT Group Leader - Sandra Dixon Weekly Wednesday 10 - 11 am 7/10/26 - 16/12/26 (except 14/10/26) and 6/1/27 - 10/3/27 St Andrew's Church Hall Chair exercise to improve posture, balance and flexibility. Seated exercise, with some standing positions using the chair as an aid. Please wear comfortable clothing and light soft shoes. Bring a bottle of water. Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and £10 spring.
SUNDAY LUNCH SOCIAL GROUP Group Leader - Sheila Mason Monthly Sunday 1/9/26 - 31/8/27 Our Sunday lunches are very friendly and all about good food, good chats and catching up once a month. There is no organiser. We all take turns to book and organise a lunch when our name comes round. We stay in touch and organise the lunches on WhatsApp, and we can share wherever possible. So far, we've had a great mix of local venues and a bit further afield, which keeps things interesting, suggestions and recommendations for good venues are always welcome. Venue surcharge - £0.

TABLE TENNIS

Group Leader - Jenny Crook
Weekly Friday 2 - 4 pm
2/10/26 - 4/12/26 and 8/1/27 - 20/3/27
Sandylands Sports Centre

Have fun and improve your fitness and coordination at the same time. Beginners welcome.

Venue surcharge - £5 autumn and spring.

TENPIN BOWLING

Group Leader - Gail Matthews
Weekly Monday 2 - 4 pm
14/9/26 - 11/12/26 and 11/1/27 - 25/4/27
Matrix Superbowl

We play 2 games per week. Just for fun! The cost for 2 games is £6 or £7 per week.

Venue surcharge - £0.

TWO-HOUR WALKS

Group Leader - Jay Cundell Walker.
Fortnightly Tuesday 10am – 12pm
1/9/26 - 31/8/27

This group is intended for people who only want a short walk every fortnight, (about 3.5 to 4 miles) or have limited time. They are not necessarily easy, just short. The walks are always within a ten-mile radius of Skipton, and there is consideration of access by public transport or lifts can be arranged. There is a small group of walk leaders, but members with walk offers are always welcomed.
In the unlikely event of more than twenty wanting to come on a walk, we will restrict numbers to keep within the time limit.

Venue surcharge - £0.

Podcast - copy and paste the following link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/75P49gyiEy9nhLNy3NU7F6?si=41d7e12903e24123>

VICTORIAN WOMEN NOVELISTS

Group Leader - Jacqui Eames
Weekly Tuesday 3.15 - 4.45 pm
17/11/26 - 15/12/26 (five weeks)
Skipton Sports Community Hub

A more detailed look at Mrs Gaskell, the Brontes and George Elliot.
Context-readings and discussion.
No need to read the novels beforehand, unless you want to.

Venue surcharge - £5.

Podcast - copy and paste this link into your browser address field:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/20vj8upM4CNYMAUknMuobN?si=6adf971bfc7149cb>

VICTORIANS

Group Leader - Vera Brearey
Weekly Wednesday 2 - 4 pm
7/10/26 - 16/12/26 (no session 11/11/26)
Swadford Centre

Ten speakers, ten topics. Everything from Queen Victoria to the songs of the streets, and from John Ruskin to work and play in Victorian Skipton. There will be a £3 (for the term) contribution to the costs of guest speakers.

Venue surcharge - £5.

WALK TO LUNCH

Group Leaders - Jenny Robinson and Brigida Martino
Fortnightly Thursday 10.00 am
8/10/26 - 23/9/27

We offer morning walks of up to 5 miles, every fortnight, followed by a pub/café lunch. Please note that a regular commitment to walks is required and pre-booking for walks/lunches is essential. Members must be fit to walk at a good pace and able to manage hills and stiles. Meeting points and pub menus are circulated by email a week before each walk. You'll need boots, waterproofs, email access and (sometimes) a sense of adventure!!

Your own transport to the varied meeting points is required.

Venue surcharge - £0.

WALKING CRICKET

Group Leader - Anne MacDonald
Weekly Tuesday 10.00 am - 12.00
11/5/27 - 11/11/27

Skipton Sports Community Hub

Come and have a go at Walking Cricket! The game is played between teams of 6 or 8 players, with each team batting in pairs. Each pair bats for 4 overs. Each time the batter is out, the batters change ends, unless it occurs at the end of the over or is a run out. Each bowler bowls at least one over (max balls 6). Can bowl underarm. Extras are worth 2 runs. No one is allowed to run!! Modified soft ball is used. No protective equipment needed.

Venue surcharge - £15.

WALKING GROUP

Group Leader - Fran Valiant
Weekly Tuesday and Thursday
2/9/2026 to 1/9/2027

We meet every Tuesday and Thursday weekly for walks in the Yorkshire Dales, Moors and Lake District, between 6 to 13 miles, either easy, moderate or strenuous in grade. Full details in the group's programme are published for the Winter, Spring and Summer walks. You will receive a copy as a member.

Venue surcharge - £0.

Podcast: Please copy and paste this link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4MfTbfXcJE5pU0DlidgbEb?si=0e2e297b379045f9>

WALKING NETBALL

Group Leader - Clarissa Jarvis

Weekly Tuesday 11am – 12pm

Oct 6th to Dec 15th, 2026 (except Oct 27th) and Jan 12th to March 23rd, 2027 (except Feb 9th)

Sandylands Sports Centre

To introduce ex-players to a sport they have always loved or to engage adults in a sport they didn't realise they could enjoy. We will develop netball skills at a slower pace for everyone to increase physical and social health; open to everyone; there is a health questionnaire for participants to assess themselves, anyone unsure if they are fit to participate should speak to someone at their GP surgery.

Venue Surcharge - £10 autumn and spring.

WEIMAR REPUBLIC

Group Leader - Nigel Holden

Fortnightly Thursday 10am – 12pm

Oct 8th and 22nd, Nov 5th and 19th, and Dec 3rd

Swadford Centre

The combination of defeat in 1918 and the exceptionally harsh terms of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919 traumatised the German nation. Against this grim background the newly installed Weimar Republic sought to bring democracy and stability to post-war Germany. But it was destined to preside over a tumultuous, fractious era only to be ousted in 1933 to make way for the Nazis under Adolf Hitler. But the Weimar Republic was no mere 'mechanical', let alone inevitable prelude to the Third Reich. It was also a period of striking developments in new social freedoms as well as in art, architecture and cinema. In short, the Weimar Republic was a momentous, epoch-changing era in German and hence European history. Try to attend all five talks.

Venue Surcharge - £5 for 5 sessions.

Podcast - copy and paste the following link into your web browser address:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/0bVjIW9f4gegEbWK0VYxSE?si=036cc42e312a4ffe>

WHARFEDALE WALKING

Group Leader - Nick Jarvis.

Saturday 10.00am

5/9/2026 to 28/8/2027

A friendly way to walk, at an easy pace up and down the Dales. Walks are mainly in Wharfedale. Typically, walks will be between 6 and 8 miles. You should have appropriate clothing, boots, drink and a picnic lunch. We meet at the start of the walk at 10.00. (Sorry, but no dogs). We like to stop from time to time to take in the scenery and anything else of interest during the walk. A few days before the Saturday walk a description of the walk will be sent by e-mail, and you reply if you want to come on that walk. New walkers can join at any time, and members are welcome to offer to lead a walk.

Venue surcharge - £0.

WOODTURNING 1

Group Leader - Doug Hirst

Weekly Monday 2 - 4pm

05/10/2026 - 07/12/2026 and 04/01/2027 - 22/03/2027

Group leader's home (Skipton)

A mixed ability class. Beginners will learn basic techniques. Returners will undertake more ambitious projects. N.B. This course involves moving machinery and sharp tools, so there are health and safety issues, which will be covered. There will be some exposure to dust, so it may not be advisable for those with breathing difficulties. Physical strength is not required, so it is suitable for anyone. Persons with health problems such as postural hypotension MUST inform the Group Leader. Additional cost <£5 for cost of materials, wood.

Venue surcharge - £0.

WOODTURNING 2

Group Leader - Doug Hirst

Weekly Monday 5 - 7 pm

05/10/2026 - 07/12/2026 and 04/01/2027 - 22/03/2027

Group leader's home (Skipton)

Mixed ability class. Beginners will learn basic techniques. Returners will undertake more ambitious projects. N.B. This course involves moving machinery and sharp tools, so there are health and safety issues, which will be covered. There will be some exposure to dust, so it may not be advisable for those with breathing difficulties. Physical strength is not required, so it is suitable for anyone. Persons with health problems such as postural hypotension MUST inform the Group Leader. Additional cost <£5 for cost of materials, wood.

Venue surcharge - £0.

WOODTURNING SUMMER 2027

Group Leader - Doug Hirst

Weekly Monday 2 - 4 pm

Summer 2027 - dates to be announced in Spring 2027 and will probably run from June to August.

Carleton Woodturning

This group will be held in a woodturning club in Carleton. There will be 10 sessions with a set of medium level projects. This course is aimed at those with a bit of experience in woodturning but will not be too challenging. It is not the best environment for beginners as time for individual supervision is limited. NB access to the premises involves rough terrain and a steep staircase. There are no toilet or kitchen facilities in the building or the village so members must bring their own refreshments. There is an additional cost for materials.

Venue surcharge - £20.