



## Chairman's Newsletter

January 2026

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2026.

At our first meeting in 2026, we were entertained by Lynda of DRUM EK and it was lovely to see many of you there. We enjoyed a lively if noisy afternoon on the percussion instruments and Lynda managed to keep us all under control, even in the absence of her colleagues. Looking forward to many entertaining speakers over the coming year.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, at which David Vennard will host an "Afternoon with Burns". This should be an interesting afternoon, and do feel free to wear tartan if you wish!

### Group News

The Strollers Group for members with limited walking ability takes place on the first Wednesday of the month and currently has spaces. It involves a short walk around the village and then a stop for coffee and chat at the Village Centre café. Family History and Intermediate Walks both have spaces. **If there are any other groups with spaces, please can Group Leaders let me know?**

We are hoping to start up some new groups this session: an I.T. group for anyone wanting to find out more on basic computer skills; a musical group for those who already play a musical instrument and/or sing; and French for Holidays.

Further information about groups can be obtained at the February meeting or by contacting me at the email address at the end of this newsletter.

### u3a in Scotland Summer School 2026

u3a in Scotland will hold its annual Summer school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at Stirling University. The flyer is attached.

### Summer Outing

The Committee are currently looking at venues for the summer outing, which should take place in June. Further details should be available in February.

### Monthly Meetings

The Ballerup Hall is still available for our monthly meetings. The Council hopes to resolve the situation regarding the leaky roof although they do not provide a time scale. We have been

informed that the hall will not be available on April 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>, so we are currently looking at other dates for our April meeting.

### **Interest Groups Online Fair 2026**

The Third Age Trust is holding an Interest Groups Online Fair on 11-13 February. If you've ever been curious about joining an online interest group - or even starting one of your own - this Fair is the perfect opportunity to explore what's on offer. A flyer with the timetable and links is attached.

### **IT Drop in at St Leonard's Library**

St Leonard's Library hold an IT drop in on Mondays and Fridays, 2.30-3.30 pm. These are not training sessions; they are for help in resolving one-off problems.

I hope to see many of you in February.

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