

F.A.Qs.

GuisboroughU3A. We hold our **Monthly Get-togethers**
The First Wednesday of every month at 2 pm in Guisborough Methodist Church

What does U3A mean?	University of the Third Age. The word university is used in the original sense; a community of teachers and scholars. <i><universitas magistrorum et scholarium></i>
Can anyone join?	Anyone no longer in full time employment.
How do I join the u3a?	You can join GU3A at the monthly get-togethers or through our website.
How much are membership fees?	The Yearly fee is £10. Membership application forms are found at your local library in the U3A folder or on our website.
Can I come for a taster?	You are welcome to attend a monthly get-together where you'll find all the help and information you need. You may attend two taster sessions with a group if there is room and with the Group Coordinator's agreement.
Do I enrol each year?	Yes. You re-enrol every April at the April get together or at subsequent monthly get-togethers.
How do I find out about activities?	We have an Activity List. Copies are available as part of our regular Newsletter, in the U3A folder at your local library or from our web site www.guisboroughu3a.org.uk .
How do I join a group?	You must hold a Membership Card for the current year before joining a group. The September get-together is our enrolment day when Group Coordinators are present, taking the details of members wanting to join their group. If you can't attend, you can phone the Group Coordinator to check for vacancies. (His/her phone number is on the Activity List). You can join a group in "mid-term" if the Group Coordinator agrees.
How much do I pay at the group meeting?	At each meeting you attend you pay £1 per session if indoors and 50p if outdoor. In activities like Cookery you may need to buy materials from your Group Coordinator.
What happens at the monthly get-togethers? Do I have to attend?	There is a formal bit to the meeting when notices are read out: you will find out about any new courses, outings, trips, lectures, local and national U3A news. Then we have a cup of coffee / tea and a biscuit and a chat with other members. You can meet Group Coordinators and Committee members. You can ask questions, and enrol in groups.
Do you have outings and social events?	Yes. We have a lively programme of Excursions and Visits, and a series of lectures on the 5 th Wednesday of the month.
Are the activities held weekly?	The Group Coordinator decides when he/she will hold their groups. They can be weekly/ fortnightly /monthly etc.
What if the group is full?	The Group Coordinator usually maintains a waiting list.
What if I can't get to every group meeting?	Tell your Coordinator if you are planning on have a long break.
On the activity sheet what does Contact Person mean?	Some groups, e.g. our Excursions and Visits team do not have a Coordinator, they share responsibility and work as a co-operative group.
How do I go about being a Group Coordinator and starting my own group?	Have a word with the Activity Organiser who will tell the monthly members' meeting about your interest /enthusiasm and members will be encouraged to sign up. If sufficient members are interested, we'll assist you in fixing day, times and venues. You will be given a Welcome Pack full of helpful guidance and advice. We try to make things as easy as possible for our Coordinators. So if you need help, just ask.
Do you have a web site?	Yes. www.guisboroughu3a.org.uk . It contains information on all our activities but does not contain personal information on Group Coordinators. It also contains in the Group Coordinators' section all the information you need for successfully running a group.