

SPEAKER DIRECTORY

Yorkshire and Humberside Region U3A

Herewith a list of speakers who have spoken at various U3As and have been particularly recommended.

Speaker-finders might find the list useful but should appreciate that the appearance of a name on the list does not imply an endorsement by the YAHR committee.

Fees/expenses are for individual U3As to negotiate, direct with prospective speakers. Current fees quoted by speakers, typically range from £35-£70.

As a matter of principle and policy, no U3A member will charge a fee or seek a donation if invited to speak at a U3A function.

(Reasonable expenses may of course be paid).

If your U3A has recently had the pleasure of listening to a first-class speaker please let us know so that we may include the name in this list for the benefit of other U3As.

It is important however that the speaker concerned will have given consent to be included in this directory.

Any queries to: Beryl Pemberton at beryl@pembertons.org

Speaker/Topic

Contact Details

Home Base

Yorkshire Air Ambulance,

To book a speaker please email their team at info@yaa.org.uk, and include as much detail as you can. We will then contact you directly to confirm your booking. Alternatively, you can call: 01422 237900, or write to: Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Cayley House, 10 South Lane, Elland, HX5 0HQ

Zoom talks also available.

Tales of a Customs Officer

Ever wondered what Customs Officers are looking for? Brian Topping talks about his many years in The former HM Customs & Excise at Heathrow Airport book : btopping@gmail.com or 07702 531158

Zoom talks also available Burnley

Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC)

The CWGG is the body which is responsible for commemorating the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth Forces who died in both World Wars. In the North of England, we have around 45,000 war graves in over 2,000 sites.

Elizabeth Smith works for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) as the Public Engagement Coordinator in the North of England. Her role is varied with part of it being giving talks about the history and work of the CWGC to groups.

To book Elizabeth the contact details are Commonwealth War Graves Commission
2 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7DX, United Kingdom

Email: elizabeth.smith@cwgc.org Mobile: +44 7812 369576 | Website: www.cwgc.org

Pam Alexander 01670 514 276 Northumberland
Lindisfarne and more

Derek Barker brickman108@gmail.com Bradford
Talks on Archaeology, Industrial History and Applied Geology (coal and stone)
Talks all given in an informal and Chatty way. **Zoom talks also available'**

Kathleen Barnett 01482 890 050 Hull
Born Free Foundation - Nature talks.

Peter Barnard 01427 873 937 Scunthorpe
Life as a Tudor Musician

Roger Burnett 01653 697388 or 07967 465284 Malton
Britain in Bloom & Chelsea Flower Show

Patrick Clarke 01943 601 045 Ilkley
Illustrated talks: The Yorkshire Dales Prefers to work fairly
Locally.

Michael Cullingworth 01729 823 978 Settle
The History of Pantomime

David Davies 01423 871 673 Harrogate
Illustrated post-1945 UK History "Our Times"

Jackie Depelle 0113 2360253 Leeds
General Family & Local History **Zoom talks available**

Sheila Dixon 01964 670 686 Hornsea
Family & Local History **Will work in Zoom if necessary**

Ken Dunn 07528 529 766 Rotherham
U3A members active in Africa **Zoom talks available**

Derek Edwards 01723 513 223 Filey
Charity work in E. Africa: "Smiles to Tanzania"

Geoff Forster fuzzy49@hotmail.co.uk 07887 910 065 Saltaire

- As an example, to others: the secret life and public death of a Leeds attorney
- Regency showman: the life and exhibitions of William Bullock (c1774-1849)
- The creation of a Victorian bestseller: Samuel Smiles and the writing of *Self-Help*
- As large as life: a history of waxwork
- Joseph Priestley in Leeds
- For a few days only: Bonaparte's military carriage on tour in Britain
- The Navvies' memorial and the building of the Bramhope tunnel

Mike Greatorex 07786 870 043 Harrogate
Trials and Tribulations of Family History **Zoom talks available**

Michael Grillo m.grillo@btinternet.com or 077255 80046

Michael gives three different talks –Two kinds of Teardrops - the Roy Orbison and Del Shannon story.

The Day the Music Died – the history of rock and roll.

Your Cheatin Heart -the story of Country Music

The talks are all presented music and video clips. **Zoom talks available**

Chris Helme 01422 205763

enquiries@chrishelme-brighthouse.org.uk www.chrishelme-brighthouse.org.uk

A Selection of History and Nostalgia **Zoom talks available**

Alan Hemsworth 01729 823 902 Settle

Yorkshire humour; Inn Signs; Nursery Rhymes

Prefers to work within 1 hrs drive of Settle.

Sir Thomas Ingleby 07770 923633 Harrogate

Ripley Castle ---- 01423 770152

Eric Jackson amiduour@live.co.uk 01977791087

**The Story of the Struggle for Female Emancipation by
the Suffragettes and Suffragists.** **Zoom talks available**

Rod Jenkinson 01845 597 362 Thirsk

The English Longbowman

Malcolm Johnson 0113 258 2594 Horsforth

**Popular Music with lots of Nostalgia and a number
of different topics.**

Dorothea Kazounis 0114 2306 366 Sheffield

An interactive session - **“Actions speak louder than words”**

Alan Lavender 01964 671 322 Hornsea

Travels and Tales of a Celebrity Chef

Kevin Lennox 01302 851 830 Doncaster

oak20@directsave.net

**The Wonders of: New Zealand, Canada, Switzerland, California
and the Chanel islands** **Zoom talks available**

Stephen Lovell 01522 689 456 Lincoln

Natural History **Zoom talks available**

Tony Martin 01482 441 013 Hessle

Birds and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Dr Tim Mason 01329 844 426 Fareham

Plagues & Pestilence – Past & Present

(Four separate lectures).

Peter Mathers 01904 763090 or 07940 517442 York

peter@petermathers.plus.com

Gardens of the British Isles (selection of five talks)

Zoom talks available

Jane McKeowen	01757 269 185	Selby
History of Nursery Rhymes; Personal insights of China –		
Milo Milinkovic	01226 790 342	Barnsley
Over the Pyrenees to escape the Nazis: “The Freedom Trail” - and other topics.		
Colonel Richard Mole	01262 488530	Bridlington
Siege of Sarajevo: “A Year of Living Dangerously”		
David Morris	07971 662115	Saddleworth
The Potential of The Human Whistle www.davidmorris-whistler.com		
Susan Parry	01748 886 280	Swaledale
From Forensics to Crime Fiction		
Peter Richardson	01482 645 233	Hessle
Audio-visual Sequences - A variety of subjects with commentary and music		
Paul Schofield	01482 878 535 schopaul@hotmail.com	Hull
Hull and Beverley History talks Zoom talks available		
Allan Stuttard	01422 844 850	Hebden Bridge
Korea-The Forgotten War and Other Amusing Tales. (PM only)		
Alan Swann	01226 241 200	Barnsley
Memory Training: “What was I saying?”		
Laughter the best medicine Zoom talks available		
Trish Taylor	info@fairfaxhouse.co.uk 01904 655543	York
Fairfax House-Finest Georgian town house in England and other topics on Georgian York		
Andrew Thwaite	chocolate@andrewthwaite.org.uk or 01423 330707 / 07584 903192	Harrogate
Chocolatier – chocolate making demonstrations		
Stephen Wells	info@wellsinternet.co.uk or www.wellsinternet.co.uk	Driffield
01377 259166 / 07743 494290		
The Speaker for all Occasions -A Man of Music Mystery and Magic talks from Great Musicals to Jack the Ripper Zoom talks available		

The Speakers Listed below can present [Online Only](#) in the Yorkshire and Humber Region

Gaynor Cavannah - www.hearingdogs.org.uk or 07769901297 / 01844348100

**Hearing Dogs for the Deaf - train dogs to alert deaf people to sounds they would otherwise miss
Such as - a doorbell, alarm clock and danger signals like a fire alarm. Hearing dogs can make a
Significant Difference or Save People's Lives On Zoom**

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Alison Mees Aisonmeesphotography@gmail.com alisonmeesphotography.com or 07497 163391

**Alison gives talks with great pictures of her Community and Conservation work in
Africa during the last 16 years. She now works for Cheetah Conservation UK and
donates 50% of her fee to them. On Zoom
fee to them. On Zoom**

John Pearson john.pearson2@sky.com or 07770 834836 / 01895676594

**Blessed are the cheese makers. John talks about the history of
Cheese and his achievements in the food industry, latterly as a cheese judge. On Zoom**