

Please arrive no later than about 15 minutes beforehand. Free tea, coffee and biscuits are served afterwards. There is also an opportunity to meet with fellow Droitwich u3a members and the members of the Committee, and to find out about any new developments, social events and interest groups

## Events

We also have the following additional events:

- Strawberry Tea
- Christmas Lunch

## Special Interest Groups

Groups of members with a common interest get together to share their knowledge, or to learn something new. Our current interest groups (as of March 2026) are:

AI and Canva  
Art Appreciation Book Reading  
Bridge - Beginners  
Bridge - Revision  
Bridge - Rubber  
Bridge - Duplicate Club  
Canasta 1 (2nd & 4th Monday)  
Canasta 2 (1st & 3 Monday)  
Classic Poetry and Literature  
Classical Music Appreciation  
Coffee and Chat - Mondays  
Coffee and Chat - Tuesdays  
Computer Beginners  
Conversational Psychology  
Craft - Skills  
Craft - Social  
Croquet  
Current Affairs  
Cycling for Pleasure  
Digital Photography Exploring  
English Language French  
Conversation  
French Improvers

Gallivanting  
Garden Lovers  
Garden Visits  
Genealogy  
German Beginners  
German Continuers  
Growers  
Handbell Ringing  
History - Local  
Italian for Holidays  
Italian Beginners  
Italian Improvers  
Line Dancing  
Lunch Club - Thursday  
Lunch Club - Friday  
Mah Jong  
Maths, Science and Technology  
Meditation  
Modern Board Games  
Petanque 1 (every Friday am)  
Petanque 2 (every Friday pm)  
Petanque 3 (every Tues and Wed pm)  
Play Reading  
Psychology of Everyday Life  
Quiz Team  
Relaxed Multi-Media Art  
Scrabble  
Singing for Pleasure  
Snooker  
Spanish Beginners  
Spanish Improvers  
Tenpin Bowling  
Table Tennis  
Traditional Pub Games  
Walking  
Walking Tennis  
Wind Instrument Playing  
Wine Appreciation

Full details of the arrangements for all of the above interest groups can be found on the Droitwich u3a web site at:

<https://droitwichspa.u3asite.uk>

Some groups meet weekly, others every fortnight, or every month. Typically, small groups meet in a member's home while larger groups meet in a local hall or meeting room. Generally, members do not pay to attend group meetings, other than pay a share of the cost of the hire of a room, which is usually about £2 - £3 per meeting. Sometimes groups meet in a cafe or public house where often the use of the room is free provided members buy a drink or food. When meeting in a member's home, members should expect to pay about 50p for refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits)

## Joining an Interest Group

The group information on the website includes the days/times and place where the group meets, a brief description of how the group operates, and a method for sending an email to the Group Leader. If you want to join a group, then start by contacting the Group Leader. If a group is full, the Group Leader maintains any waiting list for places. Alternatively contact our Groups' Co-ordinator who is also usually on hand to talk to at the Monthly Meetings

## Interest Group Arrangements with Other Local u3as

Droitwich u3a is a member of the Cotswold Link group of u3as, and our members are permitted to attend ONE interest group at another Cotswold Link u3a on a regular basis without having to become a full member of that u3a. We also have a similar arrangement with some of our other neighbouring u3as. This means that you may be able to attend an interest group in Alcester, Bromsgrove, Evesham, Malvern, Pershore, Redditch,

Worcester or Wyre Forest u3as. You will need to contact the other u3a to find out about the detailed arrangements. However, please note that if the host u3a interest group you wish to join has a waiting list, members of the hosting u3a will have priority over you. Also, some of the above u3as have special charging arrangements to cover the way in which room hire costs are covered

### Starting an Interest Group

If you have some special knowledge or interest that you think other members might like to share, then why not start a new interest group? You only need a handful of members to get started, and with a small number, organisation is easy as the group can meet in a member's home. So, think about when the group might meet, and how you might like to organise the group, and then contact the Groups' Co-ordinator and discuss your ideas.

Sometimes members would like to learn something new but don't have the knowledge or confidence to be able to start a group themselves. The Groups' Co-ordinator keeps lists of members who are interested in the formation of new groups and when there are a sufficient number to start, they will arrange a meeting of the interested members to see if some way of starting the group can be found.

Finally, it is worth noting that a Group Leader doesn't have to be an expert in the subject area of the group or have to "lead" the group in a conventional sense. In such cases the group operates a shared learning approach and the Group Leader is simply the point of contact for the group

### Your Main Committee Contacts

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### For More Information



see <https://droitwichspa.u3asite.uk/>

### 2026/27 Membership Fees

- Full membership fee of £10 for the year from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- To include all issues of "u3a matters" magazine, membership fee of £14.50, for period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027



### Droitwich Spa and District

### Getting the most from your Droitwich Spa u3a – 2026/27

Whether you are a new member or have belonged to the u3a for some time, this leaflet is designed to help you to get the most out of your u3a

### Monthly Meetings

Talks on subjects of general interest are normally held on the afternoon of the third Monday of each month at the Norbury Theatre. These talks are free for members. The current programme is:

16th March 2026  
-The Canary Girls

20th April 2026  
- Gilbert and Sullivan Politics

15th June 2026 (AGM followed by)  
- Britain in the 1070's

21st September 2026  
- Raconteur and musician - Bernard Lockett

The speakers and topics of the following talks for 2026 are not complete on this leaflet. You will find a more complete list on the home page of the website Talks commence at 2.30 pm and last about an hour.