

October 2026

View from The Chair



Darren Finn-Hurst



Trish Hampson

Lovely autumnal scenes from the Digital Photography Group's 2026 Calendar

Dear all, Welcome to our new look newsletter, I hope you find it easy to read. To find your way around just click on the yellow boxes. We'd welcome any feedback as usual.

I wanted to start this issue by saying how important the u3a is and has been to the community in Buxton and the surrounding district since it was founded 30 years ago.

Everyone has their own u3a story about why they joined and what it means to them, but today I want to focus on our volunteers and all that they do. All the Group Leaders, Event Organisers, committee members, people who make tea, and wash up, put out furniture, put up notices, take them down again, carry keys, handle cash, care for equipment, welcome members into their homes, give lifts and all the myriad of other kindnesses done. I think everyone deserves a huge pat on the back for all they do. We are lucky to have them.

We are celebrating all of this of course with our Creative and Leisure Showcase in the Palace Hotel on Wednesday 7 October from 11-4. There are lots of activities to try out for free of course, and opportunities to mingle and talk to people in other groups you might be interested in or that you might not even have known existed! 49 Groups and Events are participating. Come along, bring family and friends and help us celebrate.

Jill

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Don't miss out!



Darren's 1996 fun facts:

Did you know that in 1996:

- The average UK house price: was around £60,000 to £70,000, depending on the region, a fraction of what many homes cost today.
- a pint of beer in many UK pubs typically cost around £1.50 to £2.00
- first-class postage was 26p!

The hardworking CALS organising committee reports that all is going well and according to plan.

Over 40 groups will be represented with stalls and five taster workshops will be available for people to try things out. Two of these – Dorset Buttons and Collage Creations – can be booked [online](#). You can just turn up to the others: Vintage Pin Cushions, (all day), Greeting Cards (11–12.15) and Zentagle Art. (2–3.15).

Everyone is encouraged to come along and support this event. Food and drink will be available to purchase in the Palace Hotel but we would ask you not bring food or hot drinks into the Ballroom as a precautionary measure.

Can we ask group leaders to hang on to all their display material as it can be re-used for the Christmas Fair?

Many thanks to all for supporting this event, and as a thank you from the organising committee there will be a free raffle open to all participating volunteers.

Happy CALS Day everyone!

For further details and to book workshops, please visit the [CALS](#) info page on the website.



Charabanc

October 23 – Bury Market – full

October 30 – Bury Market – Open For Bookings

Bury has a world-famous market with over 350 indoor and outdoor stalls and cafes, famously seen on both Rick Stein's and Mary Berry's cookery programmes. It's also very famous for its black pudding. Come along and try some!

The trip to Bury Market on 23 October is full at the time of writing but there are still spaces on the October 30 trip. If you aren't already on Trish's email list, please do contact her and be the first to know about upcoming trips. These Charabanc trips are extremely popular, so popular that Trish is having to provide a second dates so as not to disappoint you all!

December 3 – Shopping Trip to Handforth Dean £8.

Shopping Trip to Handforth Dean by coach, Thursday 3rd December 2026. £8, inclusive. The good news is the Macclesfield Rd should have re-opened by then, and that should make things easier.

Email [Trish](#) for all Charabanc enquiries



New Science and Technology Group

A Further Meeting will be held on 30 September 2026 in the Pump Room at 3pm to discuss. 7 members initially met on 22nd, and this meeting is to accommodate those who could not make the 22nd. Come along if you are interested in joining in.

Email [Marge](#) for more info.

Pews and Brews Group

This group will visit local churches of note, with a guide if it can be arranged, with a stop for a tea or coffee. Its first meeting is Thursday 1 October but at present the Group is fully subscribed. However, it's worth getting in touch with [Trish](#) or [Darren](#) to go onto their waiting list, as this looks to be a really interesting group. First Thursday of each month.

Kurling

Re-opens on Monday 5 October in St Anne's Community Parish Hall.

For more details and to contact the group leader click [here](#)

Recorder Group

The initial meeting will be on Monday 5 October 2-3.30 in the Upstairs Room in the Methodist Church. Esme and Carol are looking forward to welcoming you.

For more details and to contact the group leaders click [here](#)

Movie Matinee

Tuesday 13 October

Goodbye Mr Chips

Tuesday 27 October

Moonstruck (1987) starring Cher and Nicolas Cage.

All showings at the Conservative Club, Concert Place 3pm.

Tea, coffee and John's homemade cakes will be available to buy.

For more details or to contact group leaders Barry or Darren click [here](#).

Family History

This group is new and growing! 14 in the group already and they are eager for more.

Next meetings will be in Buxton Library at 10.00am on the following dates:

Wednesdays, 21 October, 18 November, 16 December

Email group leader [Gordon](#) for more details.

Indoor Croquet

This is a potential new group which will follow on from the outdoor group. If you are interested, please contact [Peter](#) so that he can gauge interest.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th October 2026 11:00 am – 4:00 pm	30th Anniversary Event – Creative Arts and Leisure Showcase (CALS) Palace Hotel
12th October 2026 10:00 am – 11:30 am	Monthly Meeting – Transition Buxton Jean Ball will talk about the ambitions, work and achievements of Transition Buxton. Ever wondered what Transition Buxton get up to? Now is your chance to find out. As usual the Tech Team will be in attendance from 0930 to help you with any technical issues.
23rd October 2026 Charabanc	Bury: Market, Churches, Musuems and More... Not only does Bury have a world-famous market with over 350 indoor and outdoor stalls and cafes, famously seen on both Rick Stein and Mary Berry' cookery programmes. Black pudding is renowned from this market. Bury has a lot more to offer all within easy walking distance of where we will get off the coach. FULLY BOOKED
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8th November 2026 11:00 am	Remembrance Sunday – Wreath Laying A wreath will be laid from Buxton u3a at the Cenotaph on The Slopes. Anyone wishing to attend would be very welcome.

9th November 2026 10:00 am – 11:30 am	Monthly Meeting – Driving Safer For Longer This training will be delivered by Karen Dobson, the road safety officer for Derbyshire County Council and her team. The training is aimed at mature drivers. As usual the Tech Team will be in attendance from 0930 to help you with any technical issues.
12th November 2026 2:30 pm	Quiz Venue: Buxton Conservative Club Cost: £3 <u>Book your place here</u>
27th November 2026 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Coffee and Chat Just come along to the Pump Room and join us.
3rd December 2026	Christmas Shopping Trip Our annual outing for pure shopping to Handforth Dean <u>Booking Required</u>
7th December 2026	Christmas Outing TBC but we're working on it!