

HAXBY and WIGGINTON u3a

Monthly Meetings Programme 2026

Meetings are held at
Wigginton Recreation Hall
The Village
Wigginton
York YO32 2LL

Doors open at 13.30, start 14.00

Admission: Members £2.00

(Admission includes tea or coffee)

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Friday	Speaker	Talk	Details
Jan 16	Graham Watson	The Bee's Story	Graham has been keeping honey bees for over 50 years. They have moved around the country with him as he has changed jobs. In the mid-70s, he was employed as county beekeeping instructor for North Lincolnshire. His talk is about bees NOT beekeeping and touches on the lives of all types of bees but with an emphasis on the European honey bee as they are the most advanced, the most studied and the most interesting.
Feb 20	Alan Hunton	Serendipity	Alan is a retired chemist who worked in the oil industry for many years. Serendipity is a phenomenon which describes a beneficial outcome achieved purely by chance. So many scientific discoveries have come about in this way. He focuses on 10 different Eureka moments in history. A well-known example is the work of Alexander Fleming who was not studying antibiotics when he realised the importance of the mould in the petri dish which led to the discovery of penicillin.
Mar 20	Peter Slater	Don't you know who I am? 45 years of being ignored by the rich and famous.	Peter is a semi-retired former BBC sports reporter keen to share his stories of the people he has met over a 50-year career. These include an interview with the most famous man in the world, a confrontation with a drunken Brian Clough and a terrifying drive in a French hire car with a future world motor racing champion.
Apr 17	Philip Ashe	HMS Hood and the nature of human folly: 'If it looks like a duck ...'	Philip is an ex-teacher of history. He shares his story of the ship's destruction that shook the world and why it would never have happened, but for the perennial folly of people seeing only what they want to see.
May 15	Robert Pullen	Sleep and dreams	Following his excellent talk on the brain, retired lecturer, Dr Robert Pullen, shares his knowledge of sleep and dreams. He stresses how vital sleep is to our health and how our dreams are an essential part of that sleep as the brain tidies away all the information from the day.

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Jun 19	Philip Caine	A Life Less Ordinary	Acclaimed published author and public speaker, Philip talks further about his remarkable life that saw him start working life in the hotel business to travelling the world with the oil industry, spending 7 years in post-war Baghdad and a further 3 years running oil services companies in Dubai.
July 17	Dulcie Lewis	'A Flush in the Pan'	A retired college lecturer, Dulcie writes about social history and has had a best-selling book on privies published and appeared on the media talking about different subjects, especially toilets. Humorous rather than technical, do not expect a lecture on plumbing and Thomas Crapper.
August	No talk		Summer break
Sep 18	Sasha Hill	The Great Train Robbery	Growing up with two police officer parents and having a natural interest in history, Sasha always found crime interesting. She has given many talks on historic and crime-related topics. The Great Train Robbery of 1963 was one of the most audacious crimes in modern history – a gang of 15 stealing approximately £2.6 million from a Royal Mail train. The talk focuses on the planning, the heist and the aftermath for those involved.
Oct 16	Martin Lloyd	Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies	Martin worked for the HM Immigration Service for 24 years and now writes books, appears on TV and radio and is a public speaker. Martin invites us to thrill to a dramatic account of how the actions of a group of assassins brought a change in passport regulations, how the unmasking of a spy caused a modification in passport design and how, for one man, the passport itself turned into a killer.
Nov 20 with AGM	Peter Mathers	Poetry, Prose and Peonies	Peter brings together his love for literature and gardens by talking about literary figures and famous individuals who had a special link to their gardens (including Shandy Hall, Coxwold.)

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