

Paisley and District u3a Press Release: No Embargo: Tuesday 21 April 2026

Sunday Post stories scoop for local u3a

Readers of the *Sunday Post* can enjoy a trip down memory lane on Thursday 7 May.

Journalists and authors Bill Hicks and Jill Scott will share some scoops and savoury stories at 2pm with Paisley and District u3a.

Both formerly worked for this historic Scottish newspaper and have many tales to tell at this free public event.

Guest speakers, Bill Hicks and Jill Scott said: "We've spoken at a number of u3a events over the years now on the subject of our Sunday Post careers and our published book on Glasgow's Grand Central Hotel.



"We've enjoyed every one of them and have always been met with a kind and warm reception. We're sure our visit to Paisley will mirror our previous experiences and we are looking forward to entertaining everyone with some Sunday Post stories on May 7."

u3a chair, Kathy O'Donnell said: "Our monthly talk is wittily entitled. '*When Sundays brought the Post*' I expect several of our members grew up with this being their family newspaper. It seems to connect with its readership in a way which other press titles envy. I am sure we will enjoy hearing this behind the scenes guide to how stories made the front page, or even got into print, and about the investigative journalism involved in gathering the facts."

u3as are sociable self-learning hubs run by volunteers. Anyone not in full time work can join a range of groups to try new things and keep on learning. Refreshments at our u3a monthly meetings are available from 1.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Mill Street (PA1 1ND).

Check out u3a groups/activities and how to join at: <https://paisleydistrict.u3asite.uk/>

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Notes to the Editor

1. **Photo credit: Bill Hicks and Jill Scott**
2. **Bill Hicks and Jill Scott** are guest speakers at Paisley and District u3a's monthly meeting on Thursday 7 May 2026 at 2pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Paisley, PA1 1ND. For more details or to interview Bill Hicks or Jill Scott, please contact PR Advisor, Allana Parker on **M: 07483 820027**
3. Both Bill Hicks and Jill Scott are journalists who have worked with different Scottish publications including the Sunday Post. Between them they have a combined 75 years working on this weekend paper. They are also authors and have co-written a book entitled "*Glasgow's Grand Central Hotel*."
4. Paisley and District u3a is Scotland's 50th self-help learning organisation for people who no longer work full time. u3as are run by local volunteers freely sharing their knowledge and skills. Members are part of a UK-wide and international educational movement. The u3a motto is 'Learn, laugh, live.' Scotland has around 12,000 members in 55 u3as who enjoy the social side of new activities, interests and hobbies: <https://scotland.u3asite.uk/> Details about this nationwide peer-learning for fun movement, with more than 1,000 u3as across the UK, can be found at: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>