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Happy New Year!

As we are starting another decade, this is to send my best wishes to all members for the coming New Year. I hope 2020 brings you lots of interesting learning experiences and new social opportunities through our U3A.

Hopefully, any excesses of the festive season and New Year are now behind you and you are anticipating an interesting and fulfilling new season with the U3A.

Your Trustees and other volunteers will be working hard to ensure that we have a wide-ranging programme of Interest Groups for you in addition to various other events that will be circulated via the website and our regular News Flash.

If you are interested in contributing to the running of our U3A, select here [Volunteering Opportunities](#) to read about volunteering opportunities now available.

Best wishes

Angie Grain

Trustee roles and contact list

These are now available on the website. You will need to be logged in to see this information: Select these links: [Action teams and their leaders](#) and [Contact your Trustees](#)

Just For Fun

A pantomime quiz for January. Select this link: [>> Just For Fun <<](#) and then check how many were correct.

Just before Christmas we gave you this link to [Just for Fun 2019](#) which lists all the recent "just for fun" items on our website. Look at the item for August and then select this link: [Just For Fun Wedding Mugs.pdf](#). Thanks to Prue Chennells for sending in these pictures. Mugs produced in China. A real collectors item!!!

Group of the Month for January

Select here to find out more: [Group of the Month](#)

More new groups established

Poetry for Pleasure: Starting 2 pm Tuesday 14th January. Select this link for more information and contact details: [Poetry for Pleasure](#)

Circle dance in Otley: A gentle and excellent way to keep fit. The steps are generally quite easy often mimicking the natural flow of speech rhythm.

The group will be led by an experienced teacher and will run on Thursday mornings from 10.30 until 12 noon at Otley Scout Hut. For more information, use this link to [Email Jan Eilan Bows](#)

Peace group: The first meeting has been postponed from Monday 6th January at 10 a.m but is expected to start in the next few weeks. Visits will be made to the Peace Museum and other associated sites. Select this link: [Peacemaking Group](#) for more information on contact details etc. Note the dates on this link are subject to change.

Received a new phone or tablet for Christmas?

Two things to try with the camera. Enter the competition in the latest edition of the EYE. Full details on page 3. Then point the camera at the square code on the bottom left of the front page of the EYE and see where it takes you!

Help required at Drop-Ins and Saturday talks

If you are an experienced member who can spare a Friday or Saturday morning, please use this link to [Email Anne Eady](#) or phone her on 01943 608823. There will be others around so you are never left by yourself and we will not ask you to introduce the speaker!

Talks are on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Drop-Ins are on the 1st & 3rd Fridays.

Missing the jokes?

When News Flash first started, it included a joke. Some found them amusing, others irritating. We have not included a joke for the past few months to see if anyone noticed. But the editors are constantly being asked to bring them back. Some folk are clearly missing them!

Now is the time to decide. [Select this link to express your view](#). The options are to bring back the jokes or keep News Flash without the jokes. The poll is on our website and you will need to be logged in to participate.

Lobbying other members to express their opinion is welcome and encouraged but the system ensures there is only one vote per member. Full results published in the first News Flash of February. The poll closes Friday 31st January.

Forthcoming Events

Select here: [>> Forthcoming Events <<](#) to see a full list including a Drop In at Otley on Friday 10th January and a J M W Turner study day organised by our friends in the Yorkshire & Humber Region of U3A on 10th March in Harrogate.

Bookings will shortly be taken for the Region's Summer School running from 27th to 30th July 2020 at The Hawkhill, Easingwold, YO61 3EG. Select this link for more details: [YAHR Summer School 2020.pdf](#). Last year this event was oversubscribed. A booking form is on the YAHR website: Select this link: [YAHR Summer School details](#)

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Cheers, John & Mike