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The future of News Flash jokes

Voting is now closed. Just over 1,000 members read News Flash. Of those who voted, 84 voted for jokes to return and 13 felt we shouldn't bother. So the jokes will return shortly. I take this opportunity to thank Christine Moorcraft who will help produce this newsletter for the next few months. Any contributions, please use the email link at the end of this edition.

Requests from editor of "The EYE"

We are searching for the best local landscape photo. Must be taken since 1st October 2019. Closing date for competition is 28th February. Photos can be colour or monochrome but must not be manipulated. Entries will be published on our website and members will then vote for their favourite with a prize for the most popular entry.

Email your photo (one entry per member) to editor@ilkleyu3a.org, giving your name, contact details, stating where and when the picture was taken

We wish to highlight amazing achievements and activities of our U3A so if you think your group, or one of your colleagues, is worthy of a mention, please email editor@ilkleyu3a.org. We also thought it would be of interest to hear the recollections of any members who did National Service. Don't be shy!

Just For Fun / Membership statistics

Guess the most popular name from our membership list and a few other quirky facts in [>> Just For Fun <<](#). Publishing details of our membership statistics proved a particularly popular feature on our website in December. Select [U3A Member Statistics](#) to read the report. If you are interested in the picture on a national basis, select [U3A National Statistics](#). You will need to be logged into the website to view these reports.

Confused by Microsoft Office software?

U3A member David Higgins will be pleased to help you get more from Word, Excel or PowerPoint. Contact him on 0779 430 5247 or use this to [email David Higgins](#)

Group of the month

Select this link for [Ceilidh Dancing Group](#)

Updates on new groups

Many new groups to highlight. Select [Additional items News Flash 3rd February 2020.pdf](#) to read more about

- Meeting together to provide companionship (TBA)
- Handbell ringers for beginners in Otley.(Thursday afternoons)
- Knitting & Crochet in Ilkley (Thursday afternoons)
- Circle Dance in Otley (Thursday mornings)

News from national U3A

Select [Additional items News Flash 3rd February 2020.pdf](#) to read the latest from National U3A including meeting the needs of everyone with a disability.

Summer Program runs from June to mid August

Select [Additional items News Flash 3rd February 2020.pdf](#) to find out how to be involved. The theme this year is Yorkshire so plenty of scope to arrange a presentation or visit.

Steve Singleton's Saturday talk

If you attended, you may be interested in the contact details that Steve provided. Select here for this information: [Saturday talk contacts.pdf](#)

Clarke Foley is looking for volunteers

Join many U3A members. Use this link to learn more: [Clarke Foley volunteer roles](#)

U3A joins Facebook

Read about this initiative: Select here: [All about U3A on Facebook](#). No need to have an account to visit the U3A on Facebook. If you get a request to join Facebook, just decline if you do not wish to do so.

Forthcoming Events

There will be a Drop In at Addingham on Friday 14th February. Open to all so bring a friend who might be interested in joining our wonderful organisation. Select here: [>> Forthcoming Events <<](#). for full details of this and other events.

Email for contributions is: NewsFlash@ilkleyu3a.org

Regards

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