

Updates on new groups

Circle Dance in Otley: A gentle way to keep fit. The steps are easy. Beginners especially welcome. Thursday mornings from 10.30 until 12 noon at Otley Scout Hut with some spaces left. For more information [email Jan Ellan Bows](#)

Walking Cricket: The group, for both men and women, has proved popular in other local U3As. No playing experience necessary. We hope to get playing by mid April so as to take part in a regional tournament on National U3A day in June. Email newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org for more information. Select here to [watch Mac McKenzie of Barnsley U3A](#) talk about this new sport on local TV.

New French Conversation Group: We have such demand that we are hoping to start a new group. If you are on a waiting list for a French group or wish to join please email newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org to register your interest.

Introduction to Croquet: Try this fascinating and sociable sport with qualified Croquet Association coaches at Ben Rhydding Croquet Club on Coutances Way.

Starts Wednesday 29th April 13:30 - 16:00 for 4 weeks. £30 for the course. Reduced membership fee if you then decide to join the club. All equipment provided but you need flat soled shoes. Only 12 places available. Use this link to email [Cathy O'Brien](#) who is the course leader

Handbell Ringers Group for Beginners: The group will run weekly on Thursdays beginning in March from 14:00 to 15:00. The group leader will be Sue Raffo helped by members of the Chevin Handbell Ringers. Meetings will be at the Labour Rooms, Nelson Street in Otley (opposite the Library). Use this link to email [Sue Raffo](#)

Local landscape photo competition closes 28th February

Photograph must be taken since 1st October 2019 and 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 photo (one entry per member) to editor@ilkleyu3a.org, giving your name, contact details, stating where and when the picture was taken.

U3A now on Twitter + Facebook

Select this link to read why we are [Increasing our social media presence](#). To see pictures of a very successful drop in at Addingham on Friday, select here to see [Addingham Drop in on Facebook](#). A fuller report will appear on our website shortly.

140 members attended U3A "being safer on line" event

Read a report and see pictures by selecting this link: [Being safer online](#)

Just For Fun / Group of the month

Guess the most popular name from our membership list and a few other quirky facts in [Just For Fun](#). Select this link for [Ceilidh Dancing Group](#)

Latest newsletters from other U3A websites

[YAHRU newsletter February 2020](#)

[U3A National Newsletter February 2020](#)

Reduced price tickets at Kings Hall Thursday 9th April

Select this link for details of [The Amy Winehouse Celebration Concert](#) Exclusive to U3A members, 2 tickets for price of 1 at the Visitor Information Centre in Ilkley.

Website changes shortly

We will soon change the order of the options. Once in place, the membership tab will give additional information which was previously restricted to just group Leaders.

Forthcoming Events

Several recent additions including a concert by Craven U3A in Skipton on Wednesday afternoon 25th March. Select here: [>> Forthcoming Events <<](#). for details of this and other events.

Email for contributions is: NewsFlash@ilkleyu3a.org

Regards

John & Christine

Q: What do you call a woman who can carry 6 pints of beer on her head?

A: Beatrix!

Q: What do you call a woman who can carry 6 pints of beer on her head whilst playing snooker?

A: Beatrix Potter!

Thanks to Nigel Mapstone & Peter Higginbotham for the jokes. Both passed my "groan and smile test"!

PS We have been asked to pass on this information: [Coronavirus Advice.pdf](#)