

[Ilkley U3A annual photographic exhibition](#)

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This is a public exhibition which we're using to raise the profile of U3A through local and social media. Please help with this by asking friends and members of other organisations to visit ilkleyu3a.org where they will see more about Ilkley U3A and find a link to view the exhibition. It closes at the end of May.

If you have a Facebook or Twitter account, please help us to promote the exhibition - you can do this very quickly and easily. The exhibition appears as the first post on both www.facebook.com/IlkleyU3A / <https://twitter.com/IlkleyU3A>

Please 'like' the post, share or retweet it, and (on Facebook) add a comment if you can. It really does help us to spread the word.

[Memories of V E Day 8th May 1945](#)

Thanks to those who shared their own memories after reading the feature in the last News Flash. Select the link above and go to the bottom of the page to read their contributions.

You may also like to read how a float was used to bring the spirit of V E day celebrations to care homes in the town. Select here: [Article in Ilkley Gazette](#)

Remaining social at a distance

Two interesting new video conference trends are emerging:

- Video and telephone conferences are taking place at the 'same time, same day', as regular group meetings helping to preserve a sense of normality.
- Zoom are enforcing their free 40 minute maximum time, so groups are starting to buy a subscriptions at £11.99 a month. Cheaper than room hire!

[Select this link to read an update from two more groups](#) who are having regular 'meetings via Zoom.

Probing the News group has members in their 90's using this technology so age doesn't have to be a barrier. Zoom works on computers, tablets and mobile phones so there's no excuse not to give it a go.

French Conversation (Thursday) explains how the French are dealing with the current situation. Apparently, they are changing the phrase 'as rare as hens' teeth', to 'as rare as masks'. En français, évidemment!

Another example of 'same time, same day' meetings is a telephone quiz held by [Northern Towns](#) next Thursday, a day previously scheduled for a visit to Barnard Castle.

[Use this link to visit our discussion forums](#)

These are getting more posts. Mary Podesta asks you to share the origin of your surname, Neil Stevens adds a unique contribution to the Parody Picture forum and there are more wildlife sightings.

For guidance on how to post on the forum [click or select here](#).

[Select this link to read Green Tip of the Month](#) on the use of peat in the garden.

Three groups continue to share their creative talents. Select the following links: [Art-for-Fun Craft-Workshop](#) and [Drawing-Group](#).

A new [Just for Fun](#) feature challenges you to identify the eyes in an art quiz.

Q. What did the policeman say to the lady who lost her cat?

A. What a catastrophe!

Q. What do you call an alligator in a vest?

A. An investigator.

Q. What game does an elephant like to play with humans?

A. Squash.

Keep safe

John & Christine

PS. If you are thinking of using Zoom for video calls and meetings, [use this link for a short video which explains how to get started](#).

Did you know nearly half of U3A members use a tablet or smart phone to access our website? [This video shows how to use Zoom on an iPad or iPhone](#)

If you want to practice a video call with a friendly face, reply to this News Flash and we will get a U3A member to contact you.