

[Summer Programme bookings open](#)

Before lockdown, to most people, Zoom was something rockets did, or a 1960s ice lolly! Today we know Zoom is for online meetings via video. Zoom is so popular because it is really easy and intuitive to use. So we are using this to deliver a varied programme of U3A events. Many U3A members already use it regularly, particularly to keep in contact with their families.

All the Summer Programme events are free to our members. The first is at 2:30 on Thursday 2nd July when U3A member Mike Dixon's subject will be **Ilkley in 1870 – an early postcard miscellany**. If you have previously attended any of Mike's presentations, you will know about his passion for the history of our local community.

[Select here for more information on all events, including online booking](#)

For an easy-to-print copy of our Summer Programme events [select here](#).

[Summer Programme Lockdown Life Snaps](#)

To see what others have been up during lockdown, select the above link. Plenty of room for more contributions. Just send one snap that captures a moment of your personal lockdown experience. Take the photo on any kind of camera or mobile device. [Use this link to email Mary Podesta](#) and attach your photo with a ten-word (or less) explanation of the story behind your photograph.

[The story behind the winning photographs](#)

Did you wonder how that shot of the owl and steam train were taken so brilliantly? Our report on the May photographic exhibition has now been updated to include some fascinating detail. Select the above link to read more.

Group News Updates

Use this link to [Visit the new group index pages on the website](#) which are now easier to navigate. On this page you will also find the 2020 / 2021 programme to read and print if required.

The Film Group would like your redundant DVD's. Drop them off in the porch of 2 Sedbergh Park, Ilkley LS29 8SZ for the attention of Mike Johnson. Films of all genres and for all ages are welcome. Any duplicates or unsuitable discs will be taken to charity shops when they reopen.

The Swinging 60's Group video has been picked up from our social media accounts and has now been viewed over 900 times. [Select here to view](#).

The two Science & Technology Groups are sharing a list of speakers until Christmas with lectures being delivered by Zoom and, where possible, recorded for viewing at a later date.

The Railway Group are adopting a similar plan during lockdown.

The Birdwatching Group is the latest to use the website to record their activities. [Select here to see and read about some of the birds](#) they have seen on their various field trips in recent times.

[Use this link to visit the lockdown support pages](#)

Here you will find quizzes, quirky humour and various other pages including a thread on the forum asking about the oldest gadget in your home.

[Select this link for Green Tip of the Month which is about hedgehogs.](#)

With thanks to Pam Harris for the first joke

I would never have believed that 10 weeks of uncut hair would weigh more than a stone, but that's what the scales say so it must be right !

Last night I dreamt I was swimming in an orange sea. But when I woke up I realised it was just a Fanta-sea.

Q. What's the opposite of irony?

A. Wrinkle-y

Keep safe

John & Christine

PS. With the Summer Programme and other group presentations being delivered by Zoom this year, we have produced a short guide on how to use it. [Select here to have a read.](#) It's in a format that can you can print easily at home.

To renew your U3A subscriptions for next year [select here to visit the website](#), login, click on your name and follow the prompts. Thanks to those who have already renewed.

If you haven't seen it yet, [this video of a virtual reality shark](#) in a school assembly is quite amazing.