

Group News

Several groups have met throughout the summer using Zoom video conference facilities. The Summer Programme team followed their example and other groups will start their autumn programmes via Zoom.

To help U3A members take full advantage of Zoom, [this guide has been produced](#). Help and support is available if you need it. Contact details are in the guide.

A fancy computer is not required to use Zoom

If you can watch a video clip on your device, you can use Zoom. It's very easy to use.

Why not book one of the events still available on the Summer Programme? Upcoming presentations include an interview with Stuart Hyde, chair of Clarke Foley; Ilkley Clean River Group and a virtual guided trip to Dewsbury, the original recycling capital of the world. [Select here for more information and to book online.](#)

Help to deliver an Autumn Programme of events

The reaction to our Summer Programme has been so positive that we are going to give more presentations via Zoom in October and November. Look out for more information about this from early September.

The summer programme team would welcome some additional help. To get involved, and learn something new, please email summerprogramme@ilkleyu3a.org to arrange a chat.

Did you renew your subscription?

If you do not wish to pay online, send a cheque for £13:50 payable Ilkley & District U3A to Jean Smith, 6 Lisker Avenue, Otley LS21 1DG putting your name and post code on the back of the cheque.

To pay online [select here to visit the website](#), login, click on your name and follow the prompts. If you've forgotten your password, try to login, click on 'Forgot password' and a replacement one will be sent to you..

The Saturday Talks are restarting again

On Saturday 19th September at 11 am, Andy Botherway will give a presentation via Zoom on ***Brunelleschi and the dome of Santa Maria del Fiore - Florentine Genius.***

In the 13th century, Florence was a growing, prosperous city that wanted a cathedral. It took 60 years to build but for the next 60 the cathedral was without a dome. A Florentine goldsmith finally constructed one and only recently have the secrets of how he did this been revealed. This talk is the story of his genius. You can register for it shortly on the U3A website.

How well do you know Addingham?

Guess what is behind the partial images of Addingham on the website. [Select this link](#). Thanks to John Rhodes for his pictures. We can always use more local views so please send us a selection of yours.

More additions to our Lockdown Humour Zone

Plenty of cartoons and whimsical thoughts have been added to the humour page. [Select here to raise your spirits.](#) _

Green tip for month of August

All about the use of water butts this month. [Select here for the facts.](#)

Can you help?

We need someone with the relevant experience to scrutinise Ilkley U3A's financial accounts. If you have the necessary skills, and a couple of days to spare, please use this link to [email our treasurer, Steve Moorcraft](#), 14th August 2020. If you need more information, call him on 07738244214. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

[Select here to read the latest U3A national newsletter](#) including a mention of Ilkley U3A!

Lockdown photos for the EYE

The next EYE will include an article on the fruits of U3A members' labours during lockdown, including the pick of the harvest of lockdown produce and things members have created - crafts, knits and sewn articles. Please send any photos of your efforts and a sentence or two describing what inspired them to [Alison McCloy](#).

Mountains aren't just funny, they're hill areas. (Hilarious!)

Q. How do trees feel in Spring?

A. Relieved. (Re-leaved!)

Q. What do you call a tea drinking wizard?

A. A cup and sorcerer.

Keep safe

John & Christine

PS. [Here's the latest output from Swinging Sixties in Lockdown](#). Many of you will recognise the faces. Yet more proof that Ilkley U3A hasn't stopped its activities during this difficult period.

PS. The announcements of more lockdown restrictions on Thursday evening applies to everyone paying their council tax to Bradford. Some big implications. [worth reading in detail on this link to the Gov UK website.](#)

Finally, this from Angie Grain, Chair of Ilkley U3A

It was a great disappointment to all Trustees to learn that Anne Eady has decided to resign as a Trustee and our Secretary for personal reasons. Anne has been a Trustee for a number of years now, originally as our Membership Secretary and as our Secretary since the last AGM.

She has been an excellent colleague - always innovative, efficient and hardworking and supportive to all the other Trustees. She will be very much missed and we wish her well but, fortunately for us, she has offered to help us in other roles.