

## u3a News Flash

### **Updating our image**

Notice anything different in the heading of today's News Flash? U3A is introducing a new logo, omitting any reference to 'University', widely recognised as a barrier for new members. As one member put it: *No one asks what the initials BMW stands for on a car.* Much the same applies if we refer to ourselves simply as U3A.

We have already added the new logo to our website and social media accounts and other promotional material will be updated in due course.

### **Want to try out a new group?**

With some groups currently meeting via Zoom, many constraints on numbers are removed. [Select this link to see which groups welcome new members](#). There are more than you might think. The list will be regularly updated. To add details of your own group to this list, [email groups@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:email_groups@ilkleyu3a.org)

Some groups continue using the website to show creative talents. Always worth checking these links for some lovely work: [Drawing Group](#): [Craft Workshop](#) : [Art for Fun](#).

### **New groups being established**

Both Peace Group and our new Play Reading group have spaces for the New Year. The groups hope to begin meeting in January or February either by Zoom or in person, as the situation allows. If you're interested in joining either group or need information, [email Richard Thackrah](#).

### **Latest print of the EYE and AGM notification**

These are about to arrive at your home address. Help us [by selecting here to vote for the AGM resolutions](#). Thank you.

### **An update on our talks and events**

Upcoming talks and events are regularly added to the website. For more information on any of the following and to book your place on them, [select here](#).

10:30 am Thursday 22 October: A Visit to Barnard Castle presented by Bruce Speed, leader of our Architecture Group. More than just a castle.

2:30 pm Tuesday 27 October: Art of the Roman Empire with U3A member, Peter Butler. The first of two presentations. Learn how art was used to project the Emperor's power.

10:00 am Wednesday 4 November: Join a Science & Technology Group meeting for a talk on the history of Bradford reservoirs and why it was necessary to create a 32-mile pipe! We know this will be popular so we have purchased an extra Zoom license.

2:30 pm Thursday 5 November: Looking at Paintings with Angie Grain. We will show how, with little or no initial knowledge of art, you can improve your enjoyment of paintings and make visits to galleries more rewarding.

2:30 pm Wednesday 11th November: Join Sophie Cooper's presentation to a meeting of the Religions of the World group. Her talk covers how catholic nuns, mainly from Ireland, used Limerick lace to establish missions in Australia in the 19th century.

10:30 am Saturday 14th November: The AGM

2:30 pm Thursday 19th November: A quiz where the teams are selected by the computer. Something different. Check the website to see how this will work.

As a member of WestNet, we are also invited to join the autumn programme of events organised by our friends at Craven (Skipton) U3A. [More details on this link](#)

### **The U3A Armchair World Tour returns**

The last world tour was part of the 2019 Summer Programme and enjoyed by many. As we can't get away this year, we thought it would be fun to set off on another expedition.

So, if you have five photos from anywhere in the world that you would like to talk about as part of a Zoom session, [email Sue Butler talksgroup@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:email Sue Butler talksgroup@ilkleyu3a.org) copies of the pictures and we will put them into a presentation for you to introduce.

[Email talksgroup@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:Email talksgroup@ilkleyu3a.org) if you want to volunteer to give a talk or if you know of any likely speakers. We will be extending our talks programme into 2021 and wish to offer a really wide selection of topics.

### **More website links**

- [Lockdown humour zone](#). More content has been added to keep up spirits.
- [Green tip of the month](#). You know it makes sense.
- [The front page in October features](#) pictures around Silsden.

**Two silkworms had a race. They ended up in a tie.**

**Q. What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?**

**A. Pumpkin pi**

**Knock knock Who's there? Woo. Woo who? Calm down, I haven't got to the punchline yet!**

**Keep safe**

**John & Christine**

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**Ask not what the U3A can do for you, but what you can do for the U3A.**

Still time to nominate yourself as a trustee ahead of the AGM. [Select here to print off a nomination form.](#) If you want to chat about the roles and what's involved just [email chair@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:chair@ilkleyu3a.org) and Angie Grain will get back to you.