

u3a news flash

We need a quorum at our AGM

Please help us [by selecting here to vote for the AGM resolutions](#). Thank you.

In these unusual times, voting is in advance of the AGM, to be held 10:30 am Saturday 14th November. However, members are still invited to attend the virtual event, listen to the presentation of the annual report and ask questions. [To register attendance select this link](#).

A message for those of us feeling lonely and isolated

[Use this link to read how the Red Cross is offering support](#). Not everything is relevant to our age group. However the interactive online workshops every Friday might help us get through this difficult period. [Select here to read details of the next workshop held via Zoom](#)

Thanks to Steve Walker for drawing this to our attention.

Want to try out a new group?

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

Christmas Cracker event via Zoom

Saturday 12 December at 10:30 am is a date for your diary. There will be seasonal musical performances, singing, poems and a quiz. You'll need to have your own mulled wine ready, but we will bring the Christmas cheer to you in these dark times. [Bookings now open on this link](#)

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, [select here](#).

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!

2:30 pm Thursday 5 November: Looking at Paintings. Angie Grain 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 11 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.

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

10:30 am Saturday 21 & 28 November: A two-part talk about the Silk Road by u3a member Jeanette Wallace. [See the events page for more details](#). You need to make a separate booking for each date.

2:30 pm Tuesday 24 November: Part two of Peter Butler's talk on Art of the Roman Empire. This covers the revival of the sculptures of classical Greece and how the arrival of Christianity was represented in art.

As members of WestNet, our friends at Craven (Skipton) u3a have invited us to join their autumn programme of events.. [More details on this link](#)

National u3a are also running a series of online events that we can join. [More details on this link](#)

The EYE

We hope you've enjoyed reading the latest copy of the EYE, our six-monthly magazine. Once you've read it, please pass it on to friends and family when you're able to meet up again. It's a useful way to tell people about our wonderful u3a.

[Select here to see the online version of the EYE](#), which includes extra content. Click where you see a little green man symbol. E.g. the article on Steve Weatherly's model railway links to a video so you can see his layout in full working order.

We take this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to the EYE editor, Eileen Green, who is moving away from the district. A big virtual hug from us all and thanks for her great contribution as editor for the past three years.

We're delighted to welcome Owen Wells into the hot seat. Owen will be pleased to receive your contributions to the next edition. Contact him at editor@ilkleyu3a.org

More website links

- [Lockdown humour zone](#). Start of November and yet more humour.
- [Green tip of the month](#). Getting prepared for Christmas.

Pictures of Burley in Wharfedale can be found on our front page of the website this month. [Select here](#) to see images supplied by John Rhodes and Bruce Speed.

Silly Halloween jokes

Q. Why don't Egyptian mummies have any friends?

A. Because they're too wrapped up in themselves.

Q. What did the monster eat after he had all his teeth taken out?

A. The dentist.

Q. Which ghosts haunt hospitals?

A. Surgical spirits.

Keep safe

John & Christine

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Today's trivia question: Who is the only other prime minister apart from Boris Johnson to have been born outside the UK or Ireland?

Answer: Andrew Bonar Law.