

u3a news flash

Life in lockdown

When all this is over, we can look at our gallery of over fifty pictures, taken during the pandemic. [Select this link](#) to see the images, (login needed). Thanks to everyone who submitted their snaps from the festive period. The latest additions are at the bottom of the page.

'*Lockdowns of the Past*' was a presentation by two members of Barnsley u3a from our talks programme. This was so interesting that [we have placed a recording on the public side of our website](#). Who knew that William Shakespeare survived a plague when he was just 11 weeks old? There are many similarities with today including social distancing and closing of theatres by Government decree in 1604.

Share the recording with friends or as a history lesson for your grandchildren. Links to the recording are on the front page of our website.

Ringing the changes on our website

[Use this link](#) to see how the website has been updated to help raise awareness of u3a by highlighting the reduced joining fee, our programme of talks and free video catch up service. Why not spread the word to friends and neighbours?

[The Ilkley History Scrapbook](#) which has now reached 1958 to 1962.

[The Quirky Humour page](#). Constantly updated. Thanks to all who supply content.

[Views of Menston](#). Last in the series that has travelled across our u3a catchment area over the past six months. Thanks to John Rhodes for most of the images.

Forthcoming talks and events

[Select here to view more information and to book](#) the following:

10:30 am Tuesday 19 January: Join u3a member Bill Jones on a journey of exploration when he looks at our solar system.

10:30 am Saturday 23 January: The latest in our series of Saturday talks is by Frances Golland-Smith on Islamic Architecture in Spain.

3:30 pm Tuesday 26 January: Nostalgic session when u3a members share stories of objects and images that have been in their possession for generations.

10:00 am Tuesday 2 February: Note the earlier time to join a meeting of the Science and Technology Groups to hear about Carbon Capture techniques.

3:30 pm Thursday 4 February: Join Angie Grain as she introduces us to the art of the Pre-Raphaelites, a group of British Victorian artists whose works divide opinions.

10:30 am Tuesday 9 February: Another talk by a member of Barnsley u3a. This is a fascinating explanation of how the earth started and progressed as a result of movement of tectonic plates. Aimed at the non-expert so that's probably most of us!

10:30 am Thursday 11 February: Join u3a member John Rhodes who has spent lockdown sorting through his many photographs. This talk is about his time as a government medical officer in Jamaica during the early 1960's.

Full details of these and other February dates [are on the website](#).

The programme of talks is set to continue

We are currently planning through to June so if you have a talk available or want to recommend a talk by another u3a member, please just reply to this News Flash with details. Thank you.

Getting your group up and running again

Help is at hand, even whilst we're still in lockdown. Just reply to this News Flash and we'll get someone to assist. We'll all need to be up and running once we're able to meet socially again.

If your group is currently meeting and can receive new members during these strange times, please reply to this News Flash. Thank you.

Following us on social media

Ilkley u3a has a very active social media presence. [Select here](#) for our Twitter Account and for Facebook [select here](#). Share these links with your family and friends to help raise awareness of u3a.

Inspirational talks from elsewhere

You may be interested in hearing talks from 'People and the Dales' coming up in the next month. [Select here](#) for the full list including Wild Swimming, Beekeeping, Crossing the Arabian Desert and Black Women Walking. There's something for everyone. Anyone interested in history, architecture or art in Leeds may like to [look at this selection of lectures](#) from the Leeds Civic Society.

We are fortunate in lockdown to be living in God's own country. How do we know? Apparently, when someone saw Him walking behind a group of sheep, He explained, 'I'm working from home'. Thanks to Denise Marsden for this one.

Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. **So, remember...don't sing!**

Last night I nearly got knocked off my bike by a council salt lorry. **'You idiot!', I shouted though gritted teeth.**

Stay safe.

John & Christine

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.PS. An update on the vaccination programme.

Quite a few of our members have now received the vaccination. Here's the link to the local [NHS site that updates on the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme](#). In short, don't phone us, we'll phone you - when it's your turn.

Finally, [this charming video](#) is being widely shared by u3a members. Enjoy!