

## u3a news flash

### Do you have graphic design skills?

The Communications Team need help to design a flyer to be given out at u3a day events at the beginning of June. Please reply to this News Flash if you can help.

### Ilkley Civic Society Blue Plaque Trail

The second talk in this series by Alex Cockshott is at 10:30 am Thursday 25th March. [Select here to register](#). As with the first talk, you can order up to five extra places if you want to invite friends or family to the event.

This is a great opportunity to spread the word about u3a so if you belong to another organisation whose members might appreciate attending this talk, they should email [talksgroup@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:talksgroup@ilkleyu3a.org) to register an interest and receive joining instructions. This email address is already promoted on Ilkley Chat and is expected to feature in the Gazette shortly.

### Ilkley Manor House presentation

Alex Cockshott is a busy lady this month. 10:30 am Friday morning, 26th March she is giving a talk to the Friends of Manor House about how Ilkley developed from a rustic village into a bustling town. [Apply here for tickets](#).

### Clarke Foley request

They have approached the u3a to ask if any of our members are interested in becoming a director of this important facility for our community. [Select this link for more information](#). Email [jeanmccrickard.director@clarkefoley.org.uk](mailto:jeanmccrickard.director@clarkefoley.org.uk) to express an interest. Thank you.

### Increasing awareness of u3a

[Select here to view](#) the picture quiz on the website home page for March. This picture was shared with a Facebook post in "Silsden Buzz" and seen by over 8,500 people. This in turn resulted in an extra 350 website visitors on 11th March as people came to check if they had the right answers.

u3a was featured in an ITV programme "How to age well" last Thursday. [Select here to watch via ITV Hub catch up service](#). The u3a segment starts 12 minutes from the beginning.

## Forthcoming talks and events

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

**10:30 am Thursday 18th March:** The War of the Roses. The decisive battle at Towton presented by Andrew and Susan Green of Barnsley u3a.

**10:30 am Saturday 20th March:** My Year in Italy presented by Maggie Poppa.

**10:30 am Thursday 25th March:** Part two of the Ilkley Blue Plaque Trail.

**3:30 pm Thursday 8th April:** A beginner's guide to Artificial Intelligence.

**3:30 pm Wednesday 14th and 21st April:** A two-part explanation of the US Constitution previously given to our friends in Craven u3a. We hear a lot about pleading the 5th amendment and the right to bear arms. This is your chance to understand the background to these and many other issues including the processes involved in electing the President. Only 4 years away!

**10:30 am Saturday 17th April.** Caravaggio, a man in extremis presented by Andrew Bond who is a Westnet member from Bradford u3a.

## Zoom sessions post lockdown

After 12 months, and over 70 events, we expect to stop running these talks and events in June and, fingers crossed, get back to some form of face-to-face normality. There are still a few slots to fill before then so thinking caps on. Please reply to this News Flash with your suggestions.

## Website links

[Green Tip for March](#) is about limiting climate change. This is the last in a series of these tips. Our thanks to Gwen and Mike Pilling for all these contributions.

[Quirky humour](#) has yet more content to lighten your mood.

[Ilkley Archive Scrapbook](#) turns another few pages.

Thanks to Denise Marsden for these groan worthy contributions.

**Mountains aren't just funny, they're hill areas.**

**My wife asked if I'd seen the dog bowl. I replied I didn't know he played cricket.**

**Got stopped in the street and asked why I was carrying a 9ft book. I said it's a long story.**

## **John & Christine**

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PS. If you've been tuning in to the remake of All Creatures Great and Small, you might be interested in [this tour of the set](#). Also [this tour of the house in Thirsk](#).

Also our thanks to George Ingle who has been kept busy publishing a delightful booklet of lockdown lyrics including this:

**The racing snail**

***Adolphus Smythe had a racing snail***

***But as it got older, it started to fail***

***To help it go faster he removed its shell***

***Now it is sluggish and starting to smell.***