

Issue 21-10 (15th May 2021)

## u3a news flash

# u3a day special edition

**Events are being held throughout the country to raise awareness of u3a. News Flash explains what we are doing and how you can help.**

### **Invite a non-u3a friend to have tea on us**

Celebrate our gradual move out of covid restrictions with a good spread, a chat and an opportunity to introduce others to the wonderful world of u3a. This is a free event for our members at Clarke Foley on Wednesday 2nd June. Choose a sitting at 2 pm or 3:30 pm and bring up to two guests who might be interested in joining u3a. [More details and booking arrangements on this link.](#)

If you would like to come without a friend, you'll still be very welcome because we all have something to celebrate as we get back to some semblance of normality.

There's a restricted number of places and you need to book by the end of 31st May. Once you've booked, you'll receive an email confirmation. Please refer to this email if you need instructions on how to cancel your reservation, which might allow another member to take your place

### **Help us at Otley and Ilkley markets**

We're looking for members who are happy to talk to the public about u3a at the markets in Otley on Friday 4th June and Ilkley on Sunday 6th June.

To help at Otley market, email Jean Smith ([jeanmsmith50@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanmsmith50@hotmail.com)).

To help at Ilkley market, email Peter Mate. ([petermate2@gmail.com](mailto:petermate2@gmail.com)).

This is something new for us. We'll be wearing u3a tabards and giving out flyers to publicise the u3a and our photographic exhibition. Some of our music groups will be playing and it should be fun. Give it a go!

### **u3a photographic exhibition in support of u3a day**

[Select here](#) to visit each of the exhibition's four galleries. Choose your favourite photo and email [myfavouritephotograph@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:myfavouritephotograph@ilkleyu3a.org) with details of the image you've chosen and your contact phone number. This will be your entry into a prize draw to win one of three £20 book tokens. The exhibition is now open and will run until Monday 7th June.

## Group news

Introduction to Croquet. There are a few places left on the course starting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Popularity of this fascinating (and infuriating) game has grown over lockdown and the group has been fortunate enough to get some new equipment, thanks to the generosity of the u3a. Please contact Cathy O'Brien [cathyobrien52@gmail.com](mailto:cathyobrien52@gmail.com) for further details.

## Summer Programme update

A varied line up of talks and tours has been arranged for July and early August. Booking opens via the website from early June. More information in the next News Flash.

## Forthcoming talks and events for month of May and early June

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

**3.30 pm Thursday 20th May:** Will Pickles. The story of a Wensleydale GP who became world famous through his research into epidemics in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.

**10:30 am Tuesday 25th May:** A virtual coffee morning with a chance to chat.

**3:30 pm Tuesday 25th May:** Orkney. Much more than a name in the shipping forecast. Hear how pre-historic peoples left their mark on this island.

**10:30 am Thursday 10th June:** Last of the Summer Wine? - Alcohol and Older Adults. Presented by Richard Cyster from Harrogate u3a. No breath test required!

**3:30 pm Thursday 17th June:** Climate change: what's happening, what's being done, what can WE do? Presented by u3a member Steve Peel. A topic that's increasingly grabbing the attention of governments throughout the world. Your chance to be better informed.

**10:30 am Saturday 19th June:** Laughter is the best medicine presented by Alan Swann who is chair of our good friends at Barnsley u3a. All about our ability to find humour in things that at the time were not meant to be funny but when looked at from another perspective can be amusing.

## Website links

All the regular items including more [quirky humour](#) can be found on the news page of the website. [Select this link for the full list.](#)

**Scientists have proved that the more birthdays you have, the longer you live.**

**I can't think of a good joke about flowers. Thistle have to do.**

**Why are chemists great at solving problems? They have all the solutions.**

**Regards**

**John & Christine**

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