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u3a news flash

Celebrating u3a day & the launch of our summer programme

A message from our chair

Wednesday 2nd June is u3a day! We're celebrating with two tea party events at Clarke Foley for those lucky enough to secure places. But it's also the day we launch the summer programme. [Select here to see the wide variety of events on offer](#). Truly something for everyone so, if an event really appeals, book early because places are limited.

Congratulations to all involved in producing another excellent edition of the EYE which will have been delivered to your home in the last few days. Please look for the glossy A5 flyer included in the envelope and pass it to a friend who may never have heard of us.

If I don't see you at today's tea party event, I hope to catch up at the u3a day events at the Otley and Ilkley markets this coming Friday and Sunday. So nice to get back to some sense of normality. Fingers crossed this continues as we embark on the 24th year of our u3a.

Best wishes

Angie

It's launch day of our summer programme!

The full summer programme with on line booking [is available on this link](#). To give you a flavour of what's on offer, we've listed below some of the talks and events arranged in July. We will also be taking bookings at the Clarke Foley drop in centre this Friday 4th June from 10:30 am to 12 noon.

The dates highlighted in yellow will be social events and will comply with Covid guidelines. The first three listed are zoom events.

10:30 am Thursday 10th June: Last of the Summer Wine? A fascinating look at some of the myths and facts that surround alcohol and people of a certain age! Join Richard Cyster chair of 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 friends in 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.

2:00 pm Monday 5th July: Railways and Social Change in Victorian Britain - an illustrated presentation by Robin Leleux at Clarke Foley.

9:30 am Wednesday 7th July: A field trip to examine the prehistoric rock art on Ilkley Moor with Peter Butler.

10 am: Thursday 8th July: A Walk with a Sketchbook. Led by Angie Grain and starting at All Saints Parish Church Ilkley.

10:00 am Friday 9th July: The Da Vinci Code (what Dan Brown didn't know). Presented by Jackie Beecham at Clarke Foley.

10:00 am Monday 12th July: Managing Moorland to Increase Carbon Capture and Water Retention. Presented by Ian Condliffe at Clarke Foley.

10:00 am. Tuesday 13th July: Ilkley Trees: Our Urban Forest. Presented by Sue Stevens at Christchurch on the Grove, Ilkley. There are also two walking tours looking at Ilkley trees available to book separately.

Thursday 22nd July: A full day trip by coach to Liverpool. An opportunity to explore this famous city for yourself. Picking up from Otley, Burley, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley and Addingham. **Booking for this closes on 24th June.**

Q. Have you heard about the man who stole the calendar?

A. He got 12 months.

Q. Why did the man get sacked from the calendar factory?

A. He took a day off.

and finally

A Zoom call is the best way to get a dozen people to say 'Bye' 300 times.

Regards

John & Christine

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Whilst writing:

Attending any of our u3a day events? We hope you have a good time at the tea party or visiting us at Otley market (Friday 4th) and Ilkley Food Market (Sunday 6th). If you take any

photos, we would be pleased to receive a copy. Email your best shots to John Hancock (octopuss@btinternet.com) and we will use some on our website and media coverage.

How well do you know Burley in Wharfedale? Spot the unlikely additions to a photograph on the front page of our website. [Select this link](#). We use these images to promote awareness of u3a so please share with any Burley groups you belong to.

Our photographic exhibition. [Select here](#) to visit the entries. Enter a prize draw to win a £20 book token. Email myfavouritephotograph@ilkleyu3a.org with details of your favourite image. Include a contact phone number.

The EYE also has an online edition. [Read it here](#) and get extra insights to some items that have links to articles held elsewhere on the website.

Another Tree Trail. Sue and Neil Stevens, members of our Environment Group, have just published their third tree trail - Town Centre Trees. It visits 34 trees in the centre of Ilkley and takes about an hour. [Select here to download a copy](#) or pick one up from the Grove Book shop. There's no charge for the booklet; the u3a has paid for the printing.

More website links for [Quirky Humour](#) and the [Ilkley Newspaper Scrapbook](#) which reaches 1976. Plenty of nostalgic pictures including the removal of the old cabman shelter from outside the railway station. It can still be seen locally but do you know where? Read the article to find more information.

It's time to renew your membership. Why wouldn't you with everything the u3a offers? [Login to the website on this link](#), click on your name at the top of the page and follow the links.