

u3a news flash

A week of u3a day events

Thanks to everyone who organised and participated in these events. The tea party gave us an opportunity to invite about 30 guests to sample u3a fellowship at its best. And as for our stalls at Otley and Ilkley Markets, we lost track of how many conversations we were able to have about our wonderful and unique organisation.

[Select here](#) to see photos and a short video of a most enjoyable few days.

The last of our Zoom talks

We hope you'll join us for at least one more of these talks. [Select here to book.](#)

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 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.

Do we carry on Zooming? Looking ahead, a small team is investigating to see whether some u3a meetings could be held as normal but also be accessible via Zoom, especially during the winter months. If this would help you, please reply to this News Flash so we can judge demand.

An update on the EYE

There was not enough space to include every article submitted for publication in the latest edition. [Please select here to read a few of the articles that did not make the printed edition.](#) These are largely a celebration of how we all managed to adapt to an online, socially distanced existence during the past 14 months. Well worth a read.

As a 'one off' initiative, a printed copy of the Eye was mailed to each household with u3a members at the beginning of June. We hope that many of you will pass on your copy and the associated flyer to friends and neighbours who might benefit from the fellowship of u3a as we emerge from lockdown.

Many members have said they much prefer to read a printed version. Others have said they're happy to read the [online version](#),

Register how you would like to receive future editions by [logging into the website](#). Select your name at the top of the page, select edit my profile, and follow the links. Alternatively, reply to this News Flash and we'll amend your details.

New groups. To express an interest in joining or helping at these two groups email newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org.

Backgammon: For anyone interested in playing or learning how to play. We hope that more experienced players will be able to teach and encourage beginners. It will probably be an afternoon session at Clarke Foley.

Pilates: For those interested in learning Pilates whether you have some experience or you're a beginner. The group will probably meet on Wednesday afternoons in Ilkley. Initially it's proposed to have a course of six classes, either beginners or intermediates depending on the response.

Summer programme update.

[Select here for the full summer programme](#) which continues through to the beginning of August. More events have been added since the last News Flash. These will be social events and will comply with whatever Covid guidelines are in operation at the time

There are 12 presentations and 8 outside visits and a taster session of circle dancing. So something for everyone. Book on line if possible but also at one of the drop ins at Clarke Foley. The next one is at 10:30 am Friday 18th June.

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

Here are the usual website links for [Quirky Humour](#) and the [Ilkley Newspaper Scrapbook](#) which has now reached 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 out.

It's time to renew your membership. Why wouldn't you with everything the u3a offers? [Select here for detailed guidance on how to renew on line and alternative ways to pay](#). The trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank over 300 members who have renewed already. 2021 / 2022 is going to be great!

If you have changed your email address in the past year, please check with any relevant group leaders that they also have your latest contact details.

Q Why are you advised against using 'beef stew' as a password?

A. It's not Stroganoff.

Q What do you call an angry French aunt?

A Crossaunt.

Regards

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