

## u3a news flash

### **New group and Summer Programme updates**

Did you know that anyone can start up a new group? If you have a particular hobby or interest, there are bound to be others who share your passion. So, if you have an idea, please email [newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org) and someone will be in touch to help you every step of the way.

We have one of our regular drop in sessions at Clarke Foley from 10:30 am to 12 noon on Friday 2nd July so do call in to discuss any of the topics in this News Flash. We've listed our latest new groups below.

#### **Ukulele for Absolute Beginners Group**

This 12-week course is for people wanting to learn to play the ukulele from scratch. You don't need to be able to read music. Numbers will be limited to 12 to keep the group relaxed and informal. Fun will be high on the agenda but it's a new skill so some practise is required. Health warning...you might find you're bitten by the bug! All you need is a ukulele. Interested? Email [newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org).

#### **Reading for Pleasure.**

We will meet monthly, starting in August and initially at the Group Leader's home in Otley. (It's limited to six members because of Covid rules.) Eventually we hope to move to a venue in Otley and increase the numbers. For more information, [email Steph Lee](mailto:steph@ilkleyu3a.org), or contact Steph on 07527 000189

#### **Heritage Group**

The popularisation of Britain's heritage over the past half century has led to huge increases in museum attendance and other heritage-related activities. However, disputes have developed over how heritage is defined and many museum closures are threatened. This series of illustrated lectures and guided discussions offers an insight into this situation.

The group's aim is to explore and reflect on why controversy exists rather than to promote it. We can include museum visits if the group wishes.

If this subject interests you, please email [newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org) . We'll then see if enough people are interested to proceed with the group. It will be led by u3a member Stephen Counce who has his own website at [stephencounce.com](http://stephencounce.com). It is worth looking at the site to see just how well qualified Stephen is to run a group looking at this particular topic.

## **Walking for Fitness**

Do you want to retain your fitness by enjoying a fortnightly walk of about three miles? Meeting at The Buttercross adjacent to Otley market place, our walks will take place every two weeks starting at 10 am Wednesday 7th July. For more information, please [email Sue Raffo](#) or phone her on 01943 464087.

## **Jazz Appreciation**

Are you interested in joining a new group, Jazz Appreciation - 1945 to the Present Day? If you are, please [email Rob Nicholls](#) The group doesn't yet have a venue so please also let Rob know if you can hold the meetings at your home.

Rob hopes to hold the first meeting on Monday September 13th at 2:00pm. To aid the overall understanding of the music, it would be helpful if group members could bring one or two pieces to each meeting with a few notes on the music and musicians. (There's no obligation to do this and the approach may change if people don't like it.)

## **IT for seniors**

In the last News Flash, we mentioned the opportunity for basic tuition on using tablets (portable, handheld personal computers such as iPads). The courses are at Clarke Foley Centre and are sponsored by Bradford Council. They cover basic digital skills including searching the internet and setting up email addresses. We understand they're also planning to run classes starting in September at Addingham Village Hall and Kirklands Community Centre, Menston.

There are also opportunities for members who have IT skills to volunteer to help, either in person at the classes or over the phone. If you're interested in attending one of the courses, or volunteering, please contact Worth Connecting on 01274 449660 or email [info@worthconnecting.org](mailto:info@worthconnecting.org).

## **Summer programme update**

**The coach trip to Liverpool is now scheduled for Thursday 9th September. [Select this link](#) for more information and to book. There are only a few places left despite the last date for booking being **31st July**.**

All the Summer Programme events through to the beginning of August [are listed here](#). A printed list is also available from the u3a noticeboard at Clarke Foley.

Events in early July that still have spaces are listed below. Use the links to book on line or pop into Clarke Foley from 10:30 am to 12 noon on Friday 2nd July. To book by post, write to u3a Summer Programme, 2 Warlbeck, Ilkley LS29 9RH.

**[Railways and Social Change in Victorian Britain](#)**: Hear how the railways changed everything, from the food we eat to the way we tell the time. **2:00 pm Monday 5th July**.

**The Da Vinci Code:** Read the book? Seen the film? This might shed a little light on some of the mysteries. **10:00 am Friday 9th July.**

**Moorland Management to Increase Carbon Capture and Water Retention:** The importance of blanket bogs and how their function has reduced over time. **10:00 am Monday 12th July.**

**Ilkley Trees: Our Urban Forest:** What is an urban forest and do we have one in Ilkley? **10:00 am Tuesday 13th July.**

**Oaths and Swearing:** A look at the history of these and changing attitudes towards them. **10:00 am Thursday 15th July.**

**Film - Lad, a Yorkshire Story:** A small budget production shot in the Dales with amateur actors which won 15 international awards. **2:00 pm. Friday 16th July.**

**Richard, the Northern King:** An examination of Richard III and the allegations that we all think we know something about. **10:00 am Saturday 17th July.**

**Exploring Yorkshire's Arts:** Angie Grain shares her thoughts on local galleries including some with smaller and quirky collections which are well worth exploring. **2:00 pm Monday 19th July.**

**Join our Ilkley Civic Society Guide:** for an informative tour as we explore the locations of the Blue Plaques in the centre of Ilkley. **10 am Tuesday 20th July**

**How good are your powers of observation?** Spot the unlikely additions to a photograph on the front page of our website. [Select here to view.](#)

Here are the usual website links for [Quirky Humour](#) and the [Ilkley Newspaper Scrapbook](#)

### **A few tennis jokes for Wimbledon fortnight!**

**Q. What can you serve but not eat? A. A tennis ball.**

**Q. What do you call a girl standing in the middle of a tennis court? A. Annette.**

**Q. Why should you never fall in love with a tennis player? A. Because, to them, love means nothing.**

**John & Christine**

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**PS.** Helen who looks after our social media presence on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) provides many interesting links to all things u3a and other topics that are certain to be of interest to all our members. Select the links to see what you're missing.

Thanks to nearly 700 members who have renewed their membership for another year. It's really helpful to pay early as it spreads the administrative burden on our membership secretary. [Please select here for ways to pay the annual £13:50 subscription for 2021 / 2022.](#)

**Dates for your diaries.**

- We hope to run a "Meet the Leaders" event at Clarke Foley on Saturday morning 11th September. Further information in due course.
- New Members' Meeting - Tuesday 3rd August at 3.30pm via Zoom
- Otley Drop In - Friday 13th August - 10.30am - 12.00 The Core, Otley.

**Finally a note of thanks.**

Pam Harris has volunteered to create a version of News Flash publications that are more appropriate for those members without internet connection or email. If you would like to help with hand delivery of this edition to someone in your neighbourhood, please [email Jean Smith](#)