

## u3a news flash

### Looking Forward

Our Chair, Angie Grain, wanted to thank the many members who renewed their subscription and to welcome everyone to the new year of u3a activities.

We all thought a recorded interview would be a friendly way to do this. In the hope you'll agree, [select this link on your computer, tablet or mobile phone](#). This will open a link on YouTube where you can watch Angie's 10-minute chat.

It's good to know that we've maintained our membership numbers despite the challenges of the past 18 months with record numbers renewing this summer.

### Meet the Leaders

A chance to catch up with some of the trustees and group leaders. Just turn up at Clarke Foley on **Saturday 11th September** from 10 am to 12 noon. Why not sign up to try something new or maybe discuss starting up a new group?

### Group news

A new **Jazz Appreciation** group will start on **13th September at 2pm**. Members will be asked to bring one or two pieces of music for the group to listen to with a very short biography of the composer/players or facts about the music. The group will meet in a member's house in Ilkley. Use this link to [email Ron Nicholls](#) or telephone 01274 586687 for further details.

There will be six weekly sessions starting in October on '***Eyewitness accounts and awards: Ilkley and District civilian and military heroes during the First and Second World Wars***'. Please contact Richard Thackrah on 01943 831032 or [richardthackrah222@gmail.com](mailto:richardthackrah222@gmail.com) for further details.

**Literary Classics group** plans to return to face to face meetings on **Wednesday mornings from 6th October** and would welcome one or two new members. This year they will be looking at novels which include works by Conrad, Balzac, Elizabeth Gaskell, Anthony Powell, Mollie Keane and Elizabeth Bowen. If interested, [use this link to email Campion Rollinson](#) for more information.

**Get more from MS Word and Excel.** These courses are run via zoom by David Andrews, a member of our good friends at Barnsley u3a. Several of our own members have attended David's tuition on these topics in the recent past and he comes highly recommended! [Select here](#) for details of the Word course and [select here](#) for details of the Excel course. **They will run from week of 27th September 2021.** Use this link to [email David Andrews](#) to express an interest.

## **The Moody Blues tribute band at the King's Hall**

Bradford Theatres have kindly donated a box (seating four) for this concert on Friday 12th November. [Details of the event are on this link.](#)

This will be the prize in a draw hosted on our website. [Select this link](#), identify the images of pop musicians from the 1960s, then check the answers to reveal how to enter the draw. Expect to see this draw promoted in our social and local media during the next few weeks. The closing date for entries is Friday 22nd October

## **More Updates to the Website**

[Select here to see the latest additions to our humour page.](#) Please don't follow John's example and waste time looking up the sister of Karl Marx. He hadn't had his first cup of coffee of the day when this image arrived from Bill Jones!

[Select here to see the local newspaper scrap book](#) which turns another few pages. This edition is from 1978. If you thought it was only the youth of today causing damage with fireworks on bonfire night, think again. The local paper was reporting similar behaviour 100 years earlier, in 1878!

## **Join other u3a members who volunteer at Clarke Foley**

As we all begin to return to normality, Clarke Foley needs help to support this important hub for so many of our activities. Several u3a members already get a lot of satisfaction from giving a few hours of their time to help out. Volunteers are particularly needed to lay tables and clear away for the lunch clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. [Select here](#) for information and to make contact.

## **Some Zoom events continue to take place**

We recognise that not everyone is comfortable meeting face to face yet. So, several groups will continue to meet via Zoom, or a mixture of Zoom and face to face, when they restart in the autumn.

An explanation of "hybrid" events (mixing a face to face meeting with zoom for those at home) is scheduled for **Tuesday 7th September**. Group leaders, please reply to this News Flash for more information if interested to learn more.

Zoom events continue to be run by our parent body, The Third Age Trust. Details on this link: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events>. Don't forget that if you log into our website, you can access and watch many Zoom presentations from the last 18 months. [Select here to view.](#)

## **An update on our Saturday morning talks**

Angie mentions the encouraging numbers returning for these events in her interview. Many people who attended last Saturday's talk by Alison Harrop asked for a copy of further reading sources. [See this link](#) for a copy of the relevant slide.

**Our next talk is on 18th September.** “*Something in the Aire*” is presented by Stuart Campbell and Trevor Thewlis. [Read more details by selecting this link.](#)

**Do you care for a relative or friend?**

[Select here to read information](#) about a new support group meeting at Clarke Foley over the next three months starting **Tuesday morning 7th September**

***Knock knock. Who's there? Nobel. Nobel who? Nobel, that's why I knocked!***

***Knock knock. Who's there? A little old lady. A little old lady who? Hey you can yodel!***

***Knock knock. Who's there? To. To who? Actually, it's to whom!***

**Regards**

**John & Christine**

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**PS.**

To see unusual views of Ilkley from above, [select here](#) to see a short YouTube video taken by a drone. Thanks to Anne Hawkesworth who shared this on Twitter

A reminder to carry an emergency contact number if attending a u3a visit or event. You never know when it might be needed!

Third Age Trust announced a new Chair at its AGM. [Read more on this link](#)

***As we start to return to some form of normality, the publication of News Flash will now revert to once a month. Expect to receive the next edition during the first week of October.***

