

u3a news flash

Were you a member of our u3a in 2007?

If so, you may remember how we commemorated the 10th anniversary of our u3a with a tree planting ceremony, a showcase event featuring our many groups and a celebration dinner at Clarke Foley.

[Select here to see some fascinating details of these celebrations](#) including pictures that haven't been widely available before. If you would like to add your own memories of the celebrations just reply to this News Flash and we can include them on the website page.

We're asking Bradford Council to add a suitable commemorative plaque near the tree without causing damage. If they agree, we'll let you know in News Flash.

Group updates

The Crime Readers Group meets fortnightly on Mondays from 2 till 4 pm at their new venue - Ilkley Baptist Church. The next meeting is on 11th October. The group enjoys discussions on specific authors or themes. For example, they've discussed Tartan Noir, Australian writers, Police Procedurals, P D James and Stieg Larsson. They would welcome some new members with an interest in crime! Use this link to [email Christine Brown](#) for more information.

The Film Study Group has some vacancies. [Select here for details](#). If you want to join, the fee is £12 and you should send a cheque for this amount to Anne Clarke at 14 Burns Hill, Addingham LS29 OJQ. Films are shown fortnightly at St Margaret's Church, Queen's Road on Fridays at 2pm. The first film ('To Be or not To Be') was shown, on Friday 24th September.

The Play Reading Group held its first fortnightly session on Monday 20th September from 2.00 - 4.30 at Ben Rhydding Methodist Church Hall. There's space for a few more to join. No experience required and definitely no lines to learn! For more information use this link to [email Peter Higginbotham](#).

The Handbell Ringing Group meets every Thursday afternoon at the Labour Rooms (opposite the library) in Otley and welcomes new members. [Select here for more information](#). Use this link [to email Sue Raffo](#) to express your interest.

The [Peacebuilding Group](#) will be meeting Friday afternoons at the Flying Duck pub in Church Street Ilkley. To express your interest, use this link to [email Richard Thackrah](#) or phone him 01943 831032. Richard is also running a six-week course on **Ilkley and District Civilian and Military Heroes during the First and Second World Wars**. Use the same contact details to express an interest in joining.

The Patchwork and Quilting Group is open to both new and experienced quilters who enjoy sharing their knowledge of this craft with other like-minded people. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons each month at the Bridge Street Church, Otley. [More details on this link](#). Express your interest by using this link to [email Kathryn Thompson](mailto:Kathryn.Thompson@btinternet.com) or phone 07515 975852.

Study Day Announcements

Study Days are like buses - you don't see one for ages and then two come along together. Our thanks to Steve Walker for organising the following:

Wednesday 10th November when the topic is Castles. This was inspired by the response to an excellent Zoom presentation by Robin Leleux, given as part of our talks programme during lockdown. It was clear that this deserved more time to do the subject justice. Robin will be joined by Sir Thomas Ingilby who will explain about life in Ripley Castle in 'All in a Knight's Work' and our own member, David Hewitt, will provide an entertaining interlude on medieval medicine.

Wednesday 24th November when the topic will be Yorkshire Day. A variety of speakers will cover such diverse topics as The Yorkshire Society; the Staithes artists; local workhouses and murder and mystery in the Dales during which the audience will act as jury to judge a real case. This study day will finish with a screening of local interest from the Yorkshire Film Archive.

[Full details of both days on this link.](#) Bookings now open.

A few more links to our website that maybe of interest

Are you a new or newish member? There's a Zoom meeting at 3:30 pm on Wednesday 20th October if you'd like to join Angie Grain and Jean Smith for a chat to find out more about u3a. [Select here for more information.](#)

Our next Saturday talk is on 16th October. 'From Airships to Bouncing Bombs and Astrophysics, the Life and Work of Sir Barnes Wallis' will be presented by Peter Rix. [Select here to read more details.](#)

How well do you know your fictional detectives? Just for fun, match the detective with their prop. [Select here to have a go.](#) Click on the picture to reveal the answer. With thanks to Neil Stevens for the idea and for providing the graphics. Definitely a three pipe problem Watson!

The latest additions to the quirky humour page [can be found here](#). and the next chapter in our look at the history of Ilkley in [the archive scrapbook](#).

Some dictionary definitions, with thanks to Bruce Chalmers

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labour-saving devices of today.

WRINKLES: Something other people have. Similar to my character lines.

Regards

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PS. Updating group information on our website. We have recently asked group leaders to check that the information on their groups, including membership records, are up to date. Please find time do this, if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

An update on hybrid meetings Both Voyagers and the Environment Forum groups held successful hybrid meetings in September. These combine a traditional face-to-face meeting with a Zoom event to allow those at home to join in the fellowship of u3a, albeit remotely. This helps those not yet comfortable with meeting face-to-face or who simply can't get out in whatever the weather might throw at us.

Are you a keen cyclist? This u3a sponsored meeting via zoom at 2pm Wednesday 6th October maybe of interest. **[Select here for more details and to register.](#)**

