

Issue 21-20 (18th October 2021)

## u3a news flash

### **A reminder about study days**

Come along and join other members who have already booked their places at our forthcoming study days. **Castles** is the first topic on **Wednesday 10th November**. Then two weeks later **Yorkshire** will be celebrated on **24th November**..

For Castles we will be joined by Sir Thomas Ingilby who will explain about life in Ripley Castle and our own members Robin Leleux and David Hewitt.

Yorkshire 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. It will end with a screening from the Yorkshire Film Archive.

**[Bookings now open for both days on this link.](#)**

### **Advance notice of our AGM**

This will begin at 9:30 with refreshments followed by the AGM at 10:00 on Friday 20th November at All Saints Parish Church in the centre of Ilkley. Formal notification, supporting documentation and voting forms will be available early next month.

Following the AGM, Graham Read will be our guest speaker. He will take us on a journey to Monaco and talk about its fascinating history,

To arrange an informal chat about becoming a trustee with a view to being included in the AGM nomination papers, please email [chair@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:chair@ilkleyu3a.org).

### **What does climate change mean for the children of today?**

The u3a Environment Forum, together with Climate Action Ilkley, are holding an open event at Clarke Foley centre, 7.30pm on Thursday 21 October.

This is a rare opportunity to hear and question Prof John Marsham, a working climate scientist. John works at Leeds University and lives in Ilkley with his young family. This is a free event but you need to register via the CAI website at [Climate Action Ilkley – Tackling Climate Change together.](#)

### **Group updates**

**Otley u3a Circle Dance.** After a successful restart with a lively bunch of dancers we have decided that our dance space can accommodate more people. If you are interested in joining us we have room for five people and beginners are welcome. Please email Jan Ellan Bows on this link: [jan.4thway@gmail.com](mailto:jan.4thway@gmail.com).

**Beginners' Bridge Group.** Due to start again on Monday 15th November, weekly, from 10am to 12 noon at the Leader's home. Previous and new members will be welcomed (to a maximum of 10). [Select here for more information including how to contact the leader.](#)

### **A review of our membership**

Thanks are due to Eric Craigie who has updated a report on details from our membership records. The average age of our members is now 74, an increasing number join us from hearing about u3a from social and other media coverage and our total membership is back to pre-pandemic levels. [You can see the full analysis on this link.](#)

### **Promoting u3a in local and social media.**

If your group has been up to something interesting, particularly if there is a picture or two, please send details to [newsflash@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:newsflash@ilkleyu3a.org) and a member of the Communications team will be in touch.

### **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.](#)

**How well do you know your fictional detectives?** Just for fun, match the detective with their prop. [Select here to see the quiz](#) 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!

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

### **Some aphorisms, with thanks to Bruce Chalmers**

*Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?*

*Stroke a cat and you will have a permanent job.*

*If you don't have a sense of humour, you probably don't have any sense at all.*

*Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.*

*A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.*

Regards

John & Christine

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**An update on hybrid meetings.** We can now hold even quite small meetings (Less than 10 in a room) with others joining by Zoom. Contact John Hancock (email [octopuss@btinternet.com](mailto:octopuss@btinternet.com)) who can help you with the technology.

**Drop-in sessions** to discuss anything relating to u3a are up and running again. The next one is on Friday 5th November at Clarke Foley from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Those on duty will be happy to take your bookings for the study days if you are not comfortable in doing this on line.