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## u3a news flash

### **AGM voting**

Everyone should have received notification of our AGM due to be held 10 am 20th November. It is vital that our AGM voting is quorate, so we need your votes before the meeting if at all possible. [Just follow this link to vote online](#). Thank you.

### **A reminder about our Yorkshire study day**

We will be celebrating Yorkshire on **Wednesday 24th November** in the Ilkley Playhouse. The spaces available are limited to ensure social distancing in the venue.

This is an opportunity to learn about the story of local workhouses, looking at some of the surviving buildings and correcting some common misconceptions. The session on murder and mystery in the Dales will ask the audience to act as jury to judge a real case. Other topics include the Yorkshire Society and the Staithes artists. The day will end with a screening from the Yorkshire Film Archive especially selected for an Ilkley audience. [To book and for more information, select this link.](#)

NB. The Castles study day on 10th November is fully booked. However, [select here if you wish to be added to a waiting list](#) in case of late cancellations.

**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're not comfortable doing this on line.

### **Group news**

**Walking Cricket group**. Leeds u3a invites our members, both male and female, to join them at the Headingley indoor cricket centre from 10 am to 12 noon each Friday. You can go for a free 'taster' session and after that the weekly cost will be £4 per session, possibly less if more people than expected come to join in the fun.

There is secure parking and tea and coffee facilities for a chat afterwards but the chance to say you've played cricket at Headingley is priceless. All abilities welcome.

Please contact Liz Billings ([helenliz@talktalk.net](mailto:helenliz@talktalk.net)) for more information and to book your first free session. If there's enough interest, Liz hopes to establish an Ilkley group next spring.

**Latin for beginners.** A new group will meet, initially via Zoom, fortnightly on Friday mornings at 10.30am for half an hour. The only cost is the text books, probably about £12 second hand. If you're interested, please email John Cockshott at [jcockshott@uwclub.net](mailto:jcockshott@uwclub.net).

**Non-fiction Book Group** is being revived with a new group leader and has openings for new members. The Group will meet monthly at the Bar T'Hat on the 3rd Thursday in the month from 1400 to around 1600. Book topics are open and a list will be devised by the group at its first meeting, but weighty tomes are verboten. Contact Elaine Toms [using this link](#) via our website to express your interest by 6th November. You will need to login to access. There will be an organisational meeting on 18th November.

**Interested in a Nordic Walking Group?** Contact Elaine Toms [using this link](#) via our website to express your interest and find out if such a group has sufficient interest to become a viable fixture in the list of groups offered by our u3a. You will need to login to access the website link.

### **Reshaping the members page on the website**

Our members' section is now more structured to make it easier to find support and information. [Select here to access.](#)

We've added direct links to relevant sections of the Third Age Trust website and guidance on running video conference and hybrid events. The latest hybrid event had 40 in Clarke Foley and a further 20 joining from home. This attracted media coverage. [Read more on this link.](#)

### **A few more links to our website that maybe of interest**

More additions to the quirky humour page [can be found here.](#)

The next chapter in our look at the history of Ilkley is in [the archive scrapbook](#). This edition covers building of the new school in Addingham and the row of new shops built on disused railway land facing the central car park.

**With a certain global event starting in Glasgow**, now seems time to remind everyone that we can all do our bit for the environment. Earlier this year we ran a monthly series of articles written by the Environment Forum of Ilkley u3a. [Select here to read again how we can help limit climate change.](#) To read again all the articles in 2020 and 2021 [select this link.](#)

Read the latest u3a newsletter from Third Age Trust [on this link.](#)

### **Some Bonfire Night quips!**

**They say you should never go back to a firework once it's been lit.  
Our garden's been out of bounds since 1990.**

**I'm good at firework displays. I've got a flare for it.**

**How many aerospace engineers does it take to set off some fireworks? None. It isn't rocket science.**

**Regards**

**John & Christine**

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**PS**

Dr Andrew Lacey at Lancaster University needs help to transcribe Sir Humphry Davy's handwritten notebooks. There are about 70 in all. Davy was the leading chemist of the early nineteenth century and also a poet. His fascinating notebooks contain chemical notes and poetry and so much more. **[Select here for more information.](#)**

Wharfe Valley Pathways is a new initiative that will provide support for people attending their GP practice with non-medical needs or who need help with healthier lifestyle choices, improving self-care or managing problems in their lives. It's open on a one to one or group basis every Thursday beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November at Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley. **[Use this link to have a look at their poster](#)** giving more details about this innovative service.