



Issue 21-24 (13th December 2021)

## u3a news flash

### **Latest Government guidance on COVID**

The rules have changed so please comply when meeting. [Details on this link](#)

### **u3a Christmas Cracker 10 am Saturday 18th December**

Last opportunity to reserve your place at the socially distanced Christmas Cracker event. [Select here to book](#). No charge. Meeting Father Christmas and eating a mince pie are optional. Attendance numbers are restricted for obvious reasons. Please remember to bring your face coverings, unless exempt.

Our Singing for Pleasure group will be part of the entertainment. [Select here](#) to read a short article explaining how they have emerged from lockdowns to prepare for the concert. [Select here to see and hear the group in festive mood](#). Enjoy!

### **Meet Dr Liz Thackray, Chair of Third Age Trust at Yorkshire Forum**

Following her recent election, Liz is making Yorkshire one of her early visits to u3a groups around the country. [Select here for details](#) of the Yorkshire Forum which will be held from 10:30 am **Tuesday 11th January at The Priory Street Centre, York**. All members are invited to attend either in person or via Zoom. [Here is the link to register](#) (Deadline 31st December).

### **Want to try something different in the New Year?**

**Singing for Pleasure** welcomes new members. They meet Tuesday 10.00 am in St John's Church Hall, Ben Rhydding. Email Robin Morley ([sfpmp3@gmail.com](mailto:sfpmp3@gmail.com)) if you're interested.

**Art for Fun** meets in Otley on a Tuesday morning. [More details on this link](#). Contact Linda Drummond [lynda.drummond@hotmail.com](mailto:lynda.drummond@hotmail.com) if you'd like to join.

**Ceilidh Dancing** meets on Friday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm starting on 7th January for 6 weeks. The venue is Beech Hill Church, Otley, a newly renovated venue with a spacious, light room which has plenty of ventilation. The cost will be approximately £10 to £12 for the 6-week course. Enquiries to Heather Williams at [mhwilliams27@gmail.com](mailto:mhwilliams27@gmail.com).

## **More u3a talks on zoom**

We know some members miss the opportunity to join talks and presentations on zoom so you may like to [select this link](#) to see what's available from the Third Age Trust. There's a surprisingly wide range of topics and an opportunity to sign up for updates as new dates are announced.

## **Changes to responsibilities following the AGM**

New faces. New roles. Our briefing to the local media has resulted in some excellent coverage. [Select here to read our press release](#) with a picture of the new trustees.

## **Help required at YAHR Summer School 25th to 28th July 2022.**

Every year our region of u3a runs a summer school. The organisers are in real need of some more volunteers to run sessions in your chosen subject. More details can be read on page two of the latest news letter. [Select here.](#)

## **Our local MP is guest speaker on Saturday 15th January 2022**

No need to book but [details of the talk are on this link](#)

The following were judged to be the best cracker jokes at the Christmas lunch of the [Walk for Fitness Group](#) at the Fleece in Otley.

**Q. What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?**  
**A. Tinsillitis.**

**Q. What starts with T, ends with T and is full of T? A.**  
**Teapot.**

**Q. What do monkeys sing at Christmas?**  
**A. Jungle bells!**

**Q. What athlete is warmest in winter?**  
**A. A long jumper**

*Seasons Greetings*

*John and Christine*

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**Memories of Clarke Foley.** A commemorative book to mark the 40th anniversary of the centre, *Memories of Clarke Foley: There's Always Time for Tea*, has now been published and is available to buy for £10. [Details on this link.](#)

**New joiner subscription.** A discounted payment of £7 for 2021/2022 will apply for anyone joining u3a between January and April 2022. The subscription rate for

2022/2023 (to be determined) will apply to anyone joining u3a from May 2022 and will cover the period to 31st July 2023.

### **PPS Final Christmas jokes**

**Q. What's Santa's favourite pizza? A. Anything as long as it's deep pan, crisp and even.**

**According to my chocolate Advent calendar, it's only three days to Christmas!**