

# News Flash

Your regular newsletter from Ilkley & District u3a

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## Roles still need filling

Thanks to everyone who responded to the appeal for more volunteers in the last News Flash. This is a great opportunity to use your experience and become more involved with u3a. We are still discussing options so do get in touch if you are able to help. The original list of roles that needed to be filled [can be read on this link](#).

## Prospective Group Information.

**Gardening Group.** Are you interested in all aspects of gardening and horticulture? A long standing group has been dormant for a number of months and we hope to revive it. If interested in getting this group going again, contact [newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org) for further information and an informal chat.

**Film production:** One of our more recent members is retired from TV and film production and is interested to make contact with any other member who has worked in the industry & still feels the need to "flex their professional muscles" and "make just one more film". He has a number of ideas for projects in and around Ilkley. Please email Neil Stevens, our established groups coordinator, if you are a retired TV & film professional (any department), and he will pass on your email address. Email: [establishedgroups@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:establishedgroups@ilkleyu3a.org)

**An online course for Word and Excel software:** Our good friends at Barnsley u3a have previously run online zoom courses relating to these software packages. Details of the topics covered can be found on these links to the Barnsley u3a website:

[For Word select here](#) [For Excel select here.](#)

Some of our own members have found them really beneficial and if there is sufficient demand, these courses will be repeated. Each course is usually around 2.5 hours each week, with a tea/brain break half way, spread over 5 or 6 weeks.

Please email David Andrews ([David.Andrews.it@btopenworld.com](mailto:David.Andrews.it@btopenworld.com)) letting him know any days / times you cannot make between now and Easter.

## Groups with vacancies

**Peacebuilding.** An opportunity to examine how ideas about peace-making lead to widespread choices and legacies made and left by many eminent people. Group starts **Friday 24th February** for six weeks. [Select here for details and to register your interest.](#)

**Addingham Sewing Group.** Beginners or experienced dressmakers and everyone in between are welcome. Bring your own project and get help along the way. Meetings every fortnight starting 1 pm **Wednesday 18th January** St Peter's Church Hall, Addingham. [Select here for more information and to join the group.](#)

**Reading Non-Fiction (formerly the Non-Fiction Book Group).** No weighty tomes or fluffy novels, and no designated topics! Join us on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in each month** for a lively discussion of books recommended and selected by the group. Group meets in the Bar T'hat which has stairs to its function room. [Members select this link](#) to contact the group leader.

**Ilkley Heroes & Heroines.** The actions of the Ilkley men and women who went to war on the home front or overseas (1939 to 1945) are examined entirely from accounts of their work and exploits in the pages of the Ilkley Gazette. Group starts **Friday 24th February** for six weeks. [Select here for details and to register your interest.](#)

**Jazz Appreciation.** The group restarts meetings at Church House, Ilkley Parish Church 2 pm Monday 13th February and twice per month until mid-June. A limited number of vacancies for new members. You do not have to be an expert - you are very welcome with little or no knowledge, just a desire to engage with and learn more. For more information and to register an interest in joining this group, [select here.](#)

**Otley Circle Dance Group.** Jan Bows, an experienced Circle Dance teacher, has just restarted this group and is welcoming new members. The group meets in the Scout Hut, Burras Lane, Otley between 10.30 and 12 on Thursdays. To find out more contact Jan via [jan.4thway@gmail.com](mailto:jan.4thway@gmail.com). For more information on the Circle Dancing group, [select here.](#)

## **Dates for your diaries**

**10:30 am Friday 20th January:** Our next drop in to meet one of our Trustees and fellow members to discuss anything related to u3a. Free refreshments. [Details on this link](#)

**10 am Saturday 21st January: Monthly Saturday Social.** Unfortunately there has had to be a last minute change to the scheduled speaker. Our own Lee Wellbrook, has stepped up and will now give a talk and demonstration of various stringed instruments (guitar, mandolin, banjo etc.) all from his own collection. The talk will cover a brief background on the instruments and their many similarities and differences. **Bring a friend. Free refreshments.** [Details on this link.](#)

**10:30 am Friday 27th January:** The Manor House have arranged an online talk about the work of the [Nell Bank Outdoor Education Centre](#) which is based off Denton Road in Ilkley. The centre offers high quality outdoor learning experiences to children of all abilities and backgrounds from across Yorkshire. So this is an opportunity to understand more about their important role in the community. [Select this link to register.](#)

**3 pm Saturday 28th January:** The Ilkley Civic Society have arranged an online talk about J T Hemingway of Heathcote and Lutyens. Many will be familiar with this grand Edwardian House on Kings Road. [Select this link to register.](#)

**31st July – 3rd August:** u3a Yorkshire & Humber Summer School. **Booking now open.** Places often go quickly! [Further information on this link.](#)

## Reduced price joining subscription

To encourage those that really need the benefits that u3a can bring to our lives, we are again offering a half price (£7:50) subscription for those joining from January through to April 2023, their next renewal being due 31st July 2023. [Here is the link](#) to pass to friends to join on line or bring them along to one of the Drop ins. [Select here for full list.](#)

## Ilkley Newspaper Archive

The regular updates now reach 1984 including how a local estate agent was now using a word processor to improve efficiency in maintaining mailing lists. I wonder what became of that state of the art technology. [Read more on this link.](#)

Q. What do you call a man with a crane on his head? **A. Derek.**

Q. What do you call a man in a pile of leaves? **A. Russell.**

Q. What do you call a woman who sets fire to all her bills? **A. Bernadette.**

I have a fear of speed bumps - **but I'm gradually getting over them.**

Regards

John & Christine

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**A cautionary tale:** A least one u3a member has reported nearly being caught out by a financial scam when a "relative" was in "desperate need" of funds. **Fraud happens to you. Scams happen with you.** Every bank has advice on their website on current scams. [Here is one taken at random.](#) Worth a read to be fully aware and prepared in case you become a target.

**Anyone want to organise an Ilkley u3a Quiz team?** An inter u3a quiz has been running by Zoom at 7pm on the last Wednesday of every month. [Read more here.](#) If you are happy to organise our participation, reply to this News Flash and we will promote the idea in the next issue. Just needs a leader and three team mates.

**All Saints Governor vacancies:** Arising from the u3a role in helping children with their reading skills ([see here](#)), we have been asked to circulate details of two vacant posts for school governors at All Saints Primary School in Ilkley. [Select this link](#) for more information. A chance to give something back to the community.