

News Flash

Your regular newsletter from Ilkley & District u3a

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Latest updates

Summer Programme booking is now open. [Select here to see the full event list.](#) Once you've read the brief descriptions, click on the links for more information and to book.

We think there's something for everyone. More than 20 different events spread over a four week period from mid-June to mid-July. **Note that the coach trip on Wednesday 12th July needs to be booked by Monday 26th June.**

The latest edition of the EYE has been published. With 12 pages, this is the biggest edition yet. Available to pick up in the following locations:

- Clarke Foley (noticeboard near the toilets and the entrance to the café)
- The Core and Courthouse in Otley
- Hub and Golf Club in Addingham
- Library and Methodist Church Hall in Silsden
- Library and Cornerstone Cafe in Menston
- Library, Parish Centre and Queens Hall in Burley.

When you pick up a copy, please show it to friends and family because it gives a very good overview of the activities we enjoy and it's a way of sharing how fortunate we are to have found u3a.

An online version of the magazine is available to read [on this link.](#)

Thanks to those who contributed such a wide range of articles and to others who have arranged distribution throughout the district. If you know of a venue that would be happy to display copies of the EYE, please just reply to this News Flash with details.

Our Showcase event. Group Leaders are currently being offered the opportunity to have their group represented at this annual event, previously known as 'Meet the Leaders'. If you can help promote your group on the day, your group leader will be very pleased to hear from you. This event will be at Clarke Foley **10:30 am Saturday morning 1st July.** [More information on this link.](#)

If you can help on the new member's desk on the day, email membership@ilkleyu3a.org and Jean Smith will be very pleased to hear from you.

Group News

The Practical Gardening Group will have its first meeting on **Monday, 5th June 10 am to 12.30** at the Red Lion in Burley-in-Wharfedale. They plan to organise visits to members' gardens;

talks on various aspects of gardening; question times; outings to famous gardens etc. To express an interest in this group email newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org

Online groups via Zoom Details of one-off national u3a events and a variety of ongoing study groups are [on this link](#). You can also find details towards the top of the home page on our website.

New groups hoping to get started

Poetry To read poetry and discuss afterwards. To be held in a venue where you can buy a cup of coffee etc.

Film Making A retired film maker who appreciates there may not be many members with his professional experience but would like to meet up with others interested in the topic.

Russian Language Suggested by a qualified interpreter so would be able to teach any standard.

Leisurely Lunches Intended to provide get-together lunches or coffees at different venues.

All of these groups have been proposed by u3a members who are happy to take a leadership role. But they need to find out if there is enough interest to take the planning to the next stage. So, if any of the above topics appeal to you, contact newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org as soon as possible.

An update on short term interest groups and courses

Today (Wednesday 17th May), the first of our short courses starts with 18 members sharing their experiences of family history research. Thanks to Dianne Taylor for organising this.

Amongst our membership there are bound to be others with similar interests to you, just looking for the opportunity to share knowledge, thoughts and experience.

So email shortcourses@ilkleyu3a.org with your idea. Someone will be in touch to discuss how best to find like-minded members and get things moving.

Members' Market Place

Login to the website, [select here to visit the Market Place](#) to read about:

- A member wanting to share dog sitting duties.
- Another seeking a redundant pair of hiking poles.

Since the last email, the child's picnic set and printer ink have been passed on to other members. No need to wait for News Flash to see what's being posted. Just look under the News option on the website. You can also subscribe to be informed of new additions.

To contact a member directly, click on their name for contact information.

Dates for your diaries

Saturday Talk from 10am **Saturday 20th May. Darwin in Ilkley.** [Read the Ilkley Chat report here](#) Mike Dixon co-authored a book on Darwin in Ilkley so talks with great eloquence and authority on the topic. There may be copies of the book to purchase on the day so bring cash or your cheque book. This is an ideal opportunity to invite friends to an u3a event and introduce them to all that we provide because this talk is sure to be of interest to anyone living in and around our district. [More details on this link.](#)

Medieval Embroidery exhibition 20th May to 25th June. Also many other fascinating events at Ilkley Manor House over the spring and summer months. [Details on this link.](#) The Manor House is also looking for volunteer stewards on Saturdays and Sundays from 11-1.30pm and 1.30pm - 4pm. Email volunteer@ilkleymanorhouse.org and someone will be in touch.

Health & Wellbeing Festival. To be held at Clarke Foley **Saturday 27th May** from 10 am to 3 pm. u3a will have a stand at the event so come along and say hello. [More details on this link.](#)

Gift Aid

Thank you to all members who gift aid their membership subscription. A tremendous response this year has helped keep the running costs of our u3a as low as possible. If you don't already gift aid your membership subscription, providing you pay tax, this can be done at no cost to yourself. Email: membership@ilkleyu3a.org and we will send you a form to complete.

Ilkley Newspaper Archive

The latest edition ([select here](#)) takes us into 1986 and includes Dalesway House development, British Watercolour Exhibition and plans for the Addingham by-pass.

Read the full collection [by selecting this link](#) and taking a volume from our digital bookcase.

Thanks to Bruce Chalmers for these thought provoking musings

Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, **or is it just me?**

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. **He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.**

Old age is coming at a really bad time.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. **We haven't met yet.**

The Cartoon Gallery

For the latest additions to our cartoon gallery on the website, [select here](#). Started during lockdown and still going strong with more items added each month.

Regards

John & Christine

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Talk on Artificial Intelligence. A member called into a recent drop-in and suggested a talk on Artificial Intelligence. We will see what can be done but, in the meantime, two talks on the subject of AI were recorded during lockdown, which you can still access. [The full list is on this link](#). AI talks are under Science & Technology.

Accessibility Policy. Ilkley & District u3a is committed to ensuring that the u3a is as inclusive and accessible as possible for those in their third age who meet the criteria for membership. Please familiarise yourselves with the policy by [selecting this link](#). If you can help us to offer specific advice on how to support members with an additional needs please email membership@ilkleyu3a.org with your thoughts and comments.

Why are we always trying to increase awareness of u3a? The hard truth is that the average age of our members is now 75. That means an awful lot of us are older. New faces will have the new ideas and the energy to lead us into the next decade. Makes sense to me!

Want to win afternoon tea at Bettys? Look for the prize draw on the back page in the EYE. Here is a picture of a visitor at Clarke Foley happy to pose for a picture having taken his copy within 30 seconds of stocking the display!

A final reflection on the Coronation.

Thanks to Margaret Barras.

The caption reads

“When I said put out the buntin’, this is not what I had in mind.”

