

News Flash

Your regular newsletter from Ilkley & District u3a

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We need your help to establish more groups

The opportunity to meet with other people with same interest or hobby as you is just one of the features that make u3a such a special organisation. John from Hayling Island u3a started a group singing sea shanties. It's worth spending three minutes watching a video on the impact this unlikely group has had on its members. [Select here to view.](#)

Our groups can be ongoing, meeting regularly, or, they can be for a fixed period which we call a short course. So why not take this opportunity to share your own interests and hobbies?

[Select here to read a short update](#) from Margaret McCabe detailing topics suggested by members. Margaret helps get new groups up and running and is keen to hear from you. But just like John in the video, each group needs an organiser.

Contact Margaret by emailing newgoups@ilkleyu3a.org. For short courses, email shortcourses@ilkleyu3a.org. Or just reply to this News Flash.

Spare places on two coach outings

Science & Technology are visiting the **Anderton Boat Lift and Lions Salt Works on Wednesday 18th October**. Local pick-ups. Only £58 to include entrance fees, boat trip and lunch. Full details available [on this link including how to book](#). Limited places. Book early!

Northern Towns are visiting **York on Thursday 19th October**. Our day starts with coffee and homemade cake at Sketch the Art Gallery cafe. Followed by a bespoke 90 minute walking tour from Gary whose two great loves in life are History and Theatre. We will be seeing and hearing about bits of York we haven't before. Followed by lunch which we will be having in York's hidden Medieval Hall. Local pick up, morning coffee, lunch, a guided tour and free time for shopping for just £33. [Select here for more information including how to book](#).

Group News

Literary Classics An opportunity to join a friendly group which discusses classic novels. Each contributor leads on a book giving an opportunity to study it in depth. The new term starts **10 am Wednesday 4th October** at Christchurch on the Grove in Ilkley. Further information and contact details [on this link](#).

Cryptic crosswords If you enjoy doing cryptic crosswords, why don't you have a go at setting them instead? The group meets most **Thursday afternoons at 3pm during the winter, normally by Zoom**. It's addictive fun if you enjoy playing around with the meaning of words. Contact David Wilyman david.wilyman@uwclub.net or 01943 602930 for further information.

The Disco Group is for anyone who enjoys dancing to the music of the 1960s-70s (and a bit either side). We meet on alternate Mondays 2.00-3.30pm at the Ben Rhydding Scout Hut, with our new season starting on 25th September. New members welcome for a free trial session. More details on [this link to our website](#). Or contact peter@workhouses.org.uk

Walking Cricket moves indoors from October, playing weekly, at Aireborough Leisure Centre in Guiseley **10-12 on Mondays**. More details including who to contact [on this link](#). **Like cricket but aren't mobile enough to play?** Scorers and umpires would also be most welcome. You can sit to do those roles. No experience necessary - we'll train you up and guide you.

Short Courses

Peacebuilding 2 pm from Friday 27th October for 7 weeks. Just buy a drink at the venue. For more information and to register, [select here](#).

On line courses

Microsoft Excel David Andrews of Barnsley u3a is running an online course by Zoom starting **09:45 am Thursday 12th October** and repeating the next day **Friday 13th October**. Each session will last around 2¼ hours with a short coffee/brain break. The course assumes only minimal basic knowledge of Excel before starting. Members from our u3a have attended previously and found it really helpful. If this is of interest, email david.andrews.it@btopenworld.com

An Interest Groups Online Fair organised by the Third Age Trust (our parent body) is taking place from **Monday 2nd to Friday 6th October**. There will be three sessions each day which will take place at **10am, 11.30am and 3pm**. These are taster sessions for groups that meet exclusively online and that might be quite appealing as the nights draw in and winter approaches. A huge variety of subjects. [Details on this link](#).

A full list of October online courses (provided by Third Age Trust) can be found [on this link](#).

Members' Market Place

[Select here to visit the Market Place](#) to read about:

- A selection of kitchen 'white goods' looking for a good home. Just right for grandchildren just moved out of University supplied accommodation.
- An offer from the National Trust of a free visit pass until 18th October.
- An offer from our friends at Wicked Lady Promotions. 2 for 1 tickets to see tribute acts at the King's Hall, Ilkley. [Neil Diamond](#) on 28th March 2024 and [Bee Gees](#) on 11th April 2024.

- A spare ticket at the Ilkley Literature Festival to hear Tim Marshall: Power & Politics in Space, 7.30pm on Saturday 14th October.
- An opportunity to be a 1 to 1 buddy for someone who is lonely and isolated in the district.
- A set of name badge holders and cards for printing available from the railway Group.

Also check earlier postings in case an offer is still available. Subscribe to the Market Place Forum and be notified of postings before the next News Flash. To visit the Market Place without waiting for News Flash, just look under the News tab on the website.

Diary Dates

Drop-in Plus Ilkley 10:30 am Friday 6th October at Clarke Foley. Why the plus? [Details here.](#)

Are you puzzled by the new shop that has appeared on Church Street next to the Flying Duck - the Ilkley Thingery? It's a lending library for all sorts of things. So if you need a pram or a high chair when the grandchildren visit, you can borrow one from Ilkley Thingery. We have invited u3a member Erika Shilling who manages the Thingery to share our drop-in meeting and chat with members who would like to know more. [Read more on this link.](#)

Drop-in Otley. 10:30 am Friday 13th October at the Core in Otley. [Details on this link.](#)

Drop-in Ilkley. 10:30 am Friday 20th October at Clarke Foley. [Details on this link.](#)

Drop-in Silsden. 2 pm Friday 27th October at the Town Hall. [Details on this link.](#)

Saturday talk. 10 am Saturday 28th October at Clarke Foley. **A week later than normal.** u3a member Robin Leleux talks on Our Heritage: What It Is and Should We Care About It? [More information on this link.](#)

Inaugural u3a Festival 2024 at York

A date for your diaries. **18th to 20th July 2024.** [Select this link](#) to read an update from Angie Grain. This is an opportunity to engage with the much wider family of u3a membership throughout the UK. An opportunity not to be missed. The planning starts now!

I'm going for a budget holiday in Derbyshire this year. I'm staying in the Off-Peak District.

What did the beach say to the ocean when the tide came in? Long time, no sea.

I went on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday last year. Never again. (Classic Tim Vine.)

Regards

John & Christine

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Remember. Saturday talk is 28th October, one week later than normal.

Climate action survey

Thank you to all who helped and took part in Save the Planet group's survey of members' response to climate change. The results are now available [on this link](#). Any questions or thoughts, phone Caroline on 01943 608836.

Website changes

[Silsden](#) joins [Otley](#) in having their own space on the website. Select the links to view. We have also updated how to find a group (including those provided on line) and short courses. [See this link](#).

National newsletter for October

Available to read [on this link](#).

Our u3a in the local media

[The off peak gym membership](#) Extensive full page coverage in the Ilkley Gazette. Read the press release and pictures from the launch event [here](#).

[Northern Towns visit to Blackburn](#). Read the full report and see pictures [on this link](#). Just why a u3a visit to Blackburn is so interesting to feature in the Lancashire Telegraph is a mystery! Perhaps they thought it was a White Rose invasion.

Ilkley u3a team up with tennis club
By Claire Lomas
The u3a team (seen ready to go) will be the first to use the new tennis club equipment with older members. The new membership agreement with older members will see the club open to all members. The club will be open to all members. The club will be open to all members.

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Explaining the gym equipment to older members
A personal trainer explains the gym equipment to older members.

Landmark tour for Blackburn
By Shab Khan
TOURISTS descended on Blackburn to take in some of the day's most famous sights. Visitors from the Ilkley and District U3a group, who are exploring different places across the north of England, heard about local history. They were joined by local guide Simon Starbuck, who shared stories of those who lived and were raised in the town, alongside the old ghost story.

OPEN EVENING for our secondary provision
Thursday 28th September 2023 4.30pm to 7.30pm
HBA TEACHERS' ADMISSI... 4.00pm and 7.00pm
You are also invited TO SEE THE SCHOOL IN ACTION! Thursday 29th October 2023