

u3a news flash

Bookings now open for Castles Study Day

Covid forced the postponement of this event back in November. We now have a new date **Wednesday 16th March** and a new venue, **The Playhouse Theatre**, which allows us to take increased numbers whilst still being sensible over social distancing.

Organisation of this day was inspired by the response to an excellent Zoom presentation by Robin Leleux, given as part of our talks programme during lockdown. It was clear that this deserved more time to do the subject justice. Robin will be joined by Sir Thomas Ingilby who will talk about life in Ripley Castle in 'All in a Knight's Work' and our own member, David Hewitt, will provide an entertaining interlude on medieval medicine.

For more information and to make a booking, [select here](#). Booking closes 9th March. Cost £16 to include lunch and tea / coffee.

Fancy a walk?

Several local walks, all starting from the Ilkley Manor House, are featured on their website. [Select here for details](#). And thanks to our own [u3a twitter account](#) for telling me about them!

u3a radio now on podcasting platforms

The u3a radio podcast has now launched on podcast platforms, including Apple, Spotify and Google Podcasts. This is in addition to our [u3a YouTube channel](#), with captions.

In the January episode, the team discuss the Kindertransport learning initiative, talk to a member of u3a in Australia and hear about the milestone of 5,000 trees being planted in the [u3a 40th anniversary wood situated in the Brecon Beacons](#).

If you have a story to share with u3a radio, email communications@u3a.org.uk

Summer programme updates

Ilkley & District u3a will be organising a series of events and activities throughout July and August. Group Leaders will have received an email from Sue Butler asking for ideas and contributions. Details will be published in News Flash and on our website once plans are complete.

The Yorkshire & Humber Region of u3a will be running a summer school again this year from 25th to 28th July using the excellent facilities at Hawkhill, near

Easingwold. A range of 10 topics is offered. Full board delegate rate is £380 pp and day delegate £190 pp. [Full details with a booking form on this link.](#)

[The latest edition of the national newsletter:](#) [Available to read on this link.](#)

[Welcome to our new members](#)

Over 30 new members have joined us in January. The reduced subscription (just £7 until end April) is an opportunity to introduce friends and neighbours to our wonderful u3a. [Select here to join on line](#) or call into Clarke Foley for our next drop in on Friday morning 4th February from 10:30 to 12 noon.

[More talks via Zoom](#)

[Select here for details.](#) These are provided by our parent body, the Third Age Trust. But because they are nationally available, early booking is advised. You can see the full range and subscribe for updates [on this link](#) which takes you to the Third Age Trust website.

[Want u3a to provide a group for your own interest or hobby?](#)

Why not start your own? There are bound to be others who share your enthusiasm for a topic. We are happy to support and guide you towards starting up a new group.

Email newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org with your thoughts and someone will be back in touch to help.

[Can you identify the Ilkley shop fronts on our website?](#)

Test your powers of observation. [Select here to view.](#) Answers on the website.

[Quirky humour](#)

Thanks to those who wondered why there were no updates in the last News Flash. This was because of a lack of suitable material being submitted! However we do now have some more to share. [Select this link.](#) Always happy to receive more contributions, even those not suitable for the u3a website!

[Ilkley scrapbook updates](#)

We are now moving into more recent times. [Select here](#) to read about local issues in Q4 1980. Controversy over plans for a new department store in the centre of town, car parking charges and the opening of Clarke Foley in early 1981 are all featured. To read back issues using our new flip book software, [select here.](#)

These updates are part of a much larger project undertaken by the u3a archiving group. [Read more here](#) and see some of the work being undertaken in conjunction with other local organisations.

YAHR Yorkshire Forum

[Select here](#) to see the provisional programme for when the national chair of Third Age Trust visits our region on 22nd March. [Select here](#) to register attendance either in person or via Zoom.

Latest national newsletter: [This can be read on this link.](#)

Q. What do you call a snowman in summer? **A puddle.**

Q. Why do cows lie down in the rain? **To keep each udder dry.**

As raindrops say: two's company, three's a cloud.

Regards

John & Christine

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PS. The Trustees have decided the subscription for 2022 / 2023 payable from 1st August will be £15. [Select here to read more about this decision](#) in a note from our Treasurer, Steve Moorcraft.

Anyone know for certain when the existing subscription of £13.50 was introduced? Steve thinks at least 12 years ago.

PPS. A message from the chair of our local Yorkshire & Humberside region

Stay up to date and share your ideas about the 40th anniversary celebrations by joining national Facebook Group – [u3a 40th anniversary and u3a week](#)

And post your activities and join the local discussions on our regional Facebook Group - [YAHR u3a members](#)