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u3a news flash

Bookings still 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 Ilkley Playhouse, which allows us to take increased numbers whilst still being sensible over social distancing. Over 50 have booked already.

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

Groups looking for new members

Beginners Bridge: Three more places are available for beginners on Monday mornings from between 10am and 12 noon. Please contact Anthea on **01943 607988** for further details.

Jazz Appreciation: A new group is being formed to enjoy the fascinating world of jazz. It will cover all styles from its origins to the present day. In addition to listening to and discussing recordings and attending local concerts, guests will be invited to speak and perform.

Meetings will be from 2pm - 4pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, at the **Church House, All Saint's Church, Ilkley** starting on **14th March**. Members with little or no knowledge of jazz are welcome. You just need a desire to share experiences and learn more. Email Rob Whitemore rob.whitemore@icloud.com for more information.

Non-fiction Book Group: A revived group which discusses non-fiction books of any genre from popular science to history and technology, but with exceptions: no weighty tomes or difficult to acquire items. Meetings are at Bar T'at on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 2 pm to 4 pm. Next meeting is 17th February. Email Elaine Toms at elaine_toms@hotmail.com to join.

Nordic Walking Group: A new venture. This group meets weekly on Wednesdays starting at 10 am (for two hours or so) for Nordic walking in the Ilkley area. We aim for at least two miles per hour and usually stop for coffee. You will need your own Nordic walking poles. Contact Elaine Toms (elaine_toms@hotmail.com) to join.

Bradford u3a snooker competition Thursday 24th March

Our good friends in Bradford u3a are organising a snooker competition. It's in the magnificent setting of the Bradford Club, just a few minutes' walk from Forster Square Station. [Select here for more details](#) including how to express an interest. Closing date for entries is 28th February so time to polish that cue stick!

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. Details will be published in News Flash and on our website once plans are complete.

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. There's some excellent feedback from one member who attended a session on solving cryptic crossword clues.

Two for the price of one at King's Hall (limited offer for u3a members)

On 14th April it's the [Bee Gees Tribute 'You Win Again'](#). On 29th September it's the [MANFREDS](#). Select the links to visit the website of the two groups.

We have five pairs of tickets available for u3a members to see each of these two shows at the King's Hall in Ilkley. To apply for discounted tickets please go to the Ilkley Town Hall Visitor Centre Box Office near the library and refer to u3a when booking, or phone them on 01943 602319.

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

Quite a few new cartoons in the last few weeks. [Select this link](#). Always happy to receive more contributions, even if they're not suitable for the u3a website!

I know it's time to clean out my handbag when my car assumes it's an extra passenger who isn't wearing a seat belt.

In the 1980s I fell off my bike and skinned my knee. I'm telling you this now because we didn't have social media then.

Some people seem to have aged like fine wine. I aged like milk ... I got sour and chunky.

Dear Sneeze: If you're going to happen, happen. Don't just put a stupid look on my face and then leave.

Regards

John & Christine

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PS: A year of anniversaries in 2022: The trustees are discussing how to commemorate the 40th anniversary of u3a in the UK and 25 years since Ilkley & District u3a was founded. [Select here to read about the events held in 2007 to mark our 10th birthday.](#) The tree planted in the Riverside Gardens in 2007 has recently been marked with a commemorative plaque. See picture at the end of this News Flash

PPS: [Select this link to see a short video](#) from our parent organisation the Third Age Trust which neatly sums up what u3a is all about.

Why not share with friends and encourage them to join our wonderful organisation. Subscription offer of £7 runs to end of April with annual renewal from 1st August.

