

## u3a news flash

### **Groups looking for new members**

**Introduction to Croquet**: Come and try this fascinating game at Ben Rhydding Croquet Club. No previous experience is necessary. A croquet lawn is twice as big as a tennis court and you will be standing or walking for the duration of a game, about 40 minutes.

This is a four-week course running on Wednesday afternoons, 20th and 27th April and 4th and 11th May from 1pm - 4pm. Cost £30. All equipment supplied. Places are limited, so first come, first served! Use this link to [email Cathy O'Brien](#) to register your interest.

**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. Email Elaine Toms at [elaine\\_toms@hotmail.com](mailto:elaine_toms@hotmail.com) to join.

### **Welcome to a new trustee**

Neil Stevens has been co-opted to join the Trustees. Many will know Neil as he has wide u3a experience with years at Ilkley, Yorkshire and National level. As you will see from the next item, his work has already begun!

### **Do you know anything about audio visual equipment?**

We have a small stock of digital projectors and laptops which groups borrow for talks and other events. The time will soon come to replace the older equipment. So, we are looking for someone who can help identify our requirements and what items we should buy. If you have any expertise in this area, please email Neil Stevens ([neil@neystone.co.uk](mailto:neil@neystone.co.uk))

### **Saturday Talk 10 am 19th March**

**On Location by Paul Kenny**: Paul will talk about film and TV locations from 1945 including a few local to us. He will be telling anecdotes about filming and the unusual things that happened during the making of the productions.

### **Raising the profile of u3a in Addingham**

There will be a drop-in at the Hub on Main Street Addingham 10:30 am to 12 noon on Friday 1st April. [More details on this link](#). **During the drop-in there will be a draw to win a £25 book token.**

[Use this link](#) to see mystery pictures of Addingham on our website. Have a go at identifying each location and click on any image to see if you've got it right. Then read on to see how you can win the book token!

### **Raising the profile of u3a in Otley**

[Select here](#) to reach the page on the website that highlights activity in the areas around Ilkley. Select the link to Otley and you can see a list of all the groups based in the town.

### **u3a teams up with Specsavers**

An interesting initiative in which u3a members have created tutorials as part of a new series with Specsavers highlighting the benefit of sharing skills between generations. Read more and listen to the latest u3a podcast by [selecting this link](#).

### **Nostalgic thoughts and images**

The website team have just received a selection of cartoons and images that made us realise just how things have changed in the past few years. There's a corner of the website just made for these. [Select here for a trip down memory lane](#) where you will find these images and other nostalgic content.

### **The quirky humour page**

Some new contributions in the past few weeks. Keep them coming. [Select here for the latest additions to the collection](#).

### **The Ilkley scrap book**

All editions are now stored on a virtual bookshelf. [Select here](#), take a volume off the shelf as you would in a library and read the content by flipping through the pages just like a book. If the print is too small, just zoom in.

The latest edition takes us to 1981 with the opening of Clarke Foley, plans to take Ilkley away from the control of Bradford and a fire at Hillards Supermarket (Tesco)

### **More talks via Zoom**

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.

Q. Why do you never see owls getting amorous in the rain? **A. It's too wet to woo.**

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

Q. What do you call a man wearing two raincoats? **A. Max.**

Q. What do you call a man wearing two raincoats in a cemetery? **A. Max Bygraves (for those of us who remember him!).**

Regards

John & Christine

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### **Bookings close 9th March for Castles Study Day**

Join us on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at The Ilkley Playhouse. We deliberately chose this venue so we can meet ticket demand whilst still being sensible over social distancing. For more information and to make a booking, [select here](#). Cost is £16 to include lunch and tea / coffee.

### **Singing for Pleasure on YouTube**

Thanks to our SfP group, all our members can now access the extensive collection of their teaching and learning videos via their page on the u3a website. [Select here to access.](#)

### **The February 2022 YAHR Newsletter**

[Select here](#) to read the latest edition of the Yorkshire and Humber Region u3a newsletter with updates on the forthcoming visit by the Third Age National Chair to Yorkshire, plans for the annual Summer School and a look forward to the 40th anniversary celebrations of u3a..