

u3a news flash

Drop-in this Friday 1st April.

A choice of meeting trustees and group leaders at the Hub on Main Street Addingham or at Clarke Foley in Ilkley. Both run from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Pop in for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Raising awareness of u3a via local radio

Rombalds Radio has been playing a short advertisement promoting the u3a drop-in at Addingham. [Select here to listen to the advert.](#)

Silsden Picture Quiz

Thanks to Michael Elsmore who has provided the pictures for April for the 'Guess Where' quiz on our website. [Select here to test your powers of observation.](#)

In June and July, we will be featuring Otley and Burley. Please reply to this News Flash if you can provide the photos. Thanks

Group updates

Racketball: This group is looking for a new leader - someone to coordinate a group that has, until recently, been very active. The game is played on a squash court but with a larger racket and a bouncier ball, which makes it easier. [Select this link to read more information on our website.](#)

If racketball is for you and you are prepared to help reignite the group, please email establishedgroups@ilkleyu3a.org and we'll provide whatever support you may need.

Badminton on a Thursday: [Select this link](#) to find out more and to join the group, which currently has a few vacancies.

Backgammon on a Wednesday: This group now meets at The Lister Arms (Weatherspoon's), Moors Shopping Centre, South Hawksworth St, Ilkley from 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Saturday Morning Talk on 23rd April

Is it really possible to read minds, bend spoons, or talk to dead people? Mike Daw, who's currently working towards a PhD in this area, discusses the scientific evidence and some of the controversies. [Select here for more information.](#)

Cryptic Crosswords

In the last News Flash [we gave this link](#) to apply for a place on the next Cryptic Crossword course run by the Third Age Trust. It starts on zoom for six weeks starting on Thursday 5th May.

The course has been praised by members of our u3a. But be aware that you are expected to buy a book for the course - 'Learn How to Solve Cryptic Crosswords'. It costs about £14 from your usual book seller.

Clarke Foley vacancies

Use these links for [full time positions](#) and [volunteer opportunities](#) to find out more and apply.

They are particularly keen to recruit a caretaker for evenings and weekends. This role requires physical fitness as it involves cleaning and moving tables and chairs etc. You must be willing to get First Aid and Fire Warden Qualifications and be flexible as the hours are dependent on room bookings. These are mainly on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Saturdays and the occasional Sunday.

If you're interested but could only work some of the hours, call Michele on 01943 607016 as a job share is an option.

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 past 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. The latest edition includes plans to use platforms 3 & 4 at Ilkley station as a car park and create space for a Woolworth store. How times change!

Check what u3a sends in the mail.

Please check that our records correctly reflect your preferences on what we mail to you.

Third Age Matters is a quarterly magazine produced by our parent body, the Third Age Trust, and is available as part of your u3a subscription. The range of articles and quality of presentation have been much improved recently so this is your opportunity to make sure you receive your own printed copy.

Your u3a subscription also covers the cost of printing and posting the Annual Programme of Activities and the EYE. If you would like to receive a paper copy of

these, please check that our records are correctly noted. Alternatively, you can view them on our website or the notice board at the Clarke Foley Centre.

It's easy to check that our records reflect your wishes.

- 1. [**Login to our website**](#).
- 2. Click on your name towards the top of the page to open your membership records.
- 3. Select the 'Edit Profile' box and scroll down to see all options.
- 4. Save any changes made.

Two very silly April Fool's Day jokes

Q. Why is everyone exhausted on 1st April?

A. Because they've just finished a 31-day March.

Did you hear about the man who swapped the labels on the pumps at the petrol station on 1st April? It was an April fuels joke.

Regards

John & Christine

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PS. The latest u3a national newsletter: [Select here to read](#)

[Select this link](#) to read a report on a snooker tournament involving Ilkley, Settle and Bradford u3a. As a member of Ilkley u3a, you can apply to join the Snooker Group at Bradford. [Details on this link](#).