

u3a news flash

Otley drop in on Friday 22nd April.

Members in Otley look forward to meeting you over a cup of coffee for a chat and discussion about all things relating to u3a. At The Otley Core, Orchardgate,(near bus station) from 10:30 am. [More details on this link.](#)

Group updates

Non Fiction Book Group (meets monthly on a Thursday afternoon)

New members with broad interests who appreciate interesting discussions about books on a range of topics from maps and big data to weather, war and travel will be most welcome. [Further details on this link.](#) Nothing off the table, but no weighty tomes! Email Elaine Toms on elaine_toms@hotmail.com

Flat Green Lawn Bowls

The new season starts Monday 25th April at Ben Rhydding Bowls Club. [Further information on this link.](#) The group welcomes new members so why not email Peter Kierman (petermkierman@hotmail.com)

Art for Fun

This group meets on Tuesday mornings at the Bridge Church in Otley. Linda Drummond advises there are a few vacancies so please email her on lynda.drummond@hotmail.com. More information on the group can be [found on this link.](#)

Ukulele Group for beginners

The ukulele has proved to be an easy way to start playing a musical instrument, even for those of a certain age! You do not need to read music but you will need a ukulele and an electronic tuner.

Starting Monday 6th June (12 noon until 1:45 pm) at the Hub in Addingham. The group will run for an initial 10 weeks but could well continue after this period if there is demand. The cost for 10 weeks is only £20 so contact Jeannie Counce by email (jeanniecaunce@gmail.com) or phone **07534 935088** for more information.

Backgammon

The group now meets at the back of Listers Arms, the Wetherspoons venue near to Clarke Foley. The drinks are cheap, and access is much better through the side door. Please come along next Wednesday from 2 pm to 4 pm. [More information on this link.](#) 1400-1600, Caroline and Peter look forward to seeing both existing and new members at their new meeting place.

Addingham drop in Friday 1st April

This was a great success with standing room only at times. [Use this link to read a report](#), see pictures and learn about the extensive coverage we achieved via local and social media.

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.](#)

The quirky humour page

Since the start of 2022, we have added over 100 images to our quirky humour page. Another batch (thanks to our regular contributors) have been added in the past week. Keep them coming. [Select here for the latest additions to the collection.](#)

The page of cartoons is now so big, that those added pre 2022 are now held on a separate page. [Select this link](#) for humour submissions in 2021 and 2020

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.

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.](#)

Join a walk along the waterfront in Leeds

Northern Towns has a couple of spare places for a walk that starts on Leeds Station at 10:15 am **Thursday 28th May** and finishes a couple of hours later at the Royal Armouries. Cost £3 to cover coffee and biscuits during the walk. Contact Jean Smith jeanmsmith50@hotmail.com to register your interest.

Around the Area

In an attempt to make our u3a feel more inclusive, we are encouraging members living outside of Ilkley to become local ambassadors. There is a separate area on the website for local activities to be promoted. [Use this link to read more](#). If you would like further information on this initiative please contact Jean Smith on jeanmsmith50@hotmail.com.

Ilkley Lawn Tennis and Squash Club hospitality offer

We are looking to strengthen links with this club. Many will know that they host a prestigious tennis tournament every summer. u3a members are being offered a 10% discount for a hospitality day devoted to people of a certain age on Monday 13th June. [Select here for more details](#). Email Nicola@iltsc.co.uk to register an interest referring to the Ilkley u3a 10% discount offer

Thanks to Bruce Chalmers for these thoughtful insights:

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

Never make fun of someone who speaks broken English. It means they know another language.

Never confuse education with intelligence.

Albert Einstein - "The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.

Bill Watterson - "The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us."

Regards

John & Christine

[Email NewsFlash@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:EmailNewsFlash@ilkleyu3a.org)

PS. Help raise awareness of u3a via social media

We'd like to share news of u3a events, speakers and visits on our social media channels. It helps us to show we are a lively and interesting organisation and encourage potential members to find out more about us.

[The Walking for Fitness Group](#) explored the path of the Guiseley to Yeadon Railway last week. To see a picture from the walk, select either [Ilkley u3a Facebook](#) or [Ilkley u3a Twitter](#)

So if your group has something to share with the wider community, please email photos with brief details to facebook@ilkleyu3a.org and we'll do the rest!

If you do have a Facebook and/or Twitter account, please do follow us and share our posts. It all helps to spread the word! A recent post about the Addingham drop-in reached well over 4,000 people.

April is the last month of "Join us for £7"

[Select this link for details](#). The cost increases to £15 in May.

U3a newsletter

The latest edition, including video content, [is available on this link](#)

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