

u3a news flash

A message from Angie Grain, Chair of our u3a

If you enjoy u3a, could you help us to keep thriving and growing and remain the lively organisation that we all want to be a part of?

We can only do this with the support of LOTS of helpers in a wide variety of roles: Group Leaders, Trustees and other unseen volunteers who help in many ways. It was so good to see so many leaders and other volunteers at our thank you supper on Wednesday. [Select here to see some pictures and a short report.](#)

We have one specific role which urgently needs filling:

Minute Secretary to the Trustees' meetings. Involves attending our monthly meetings (held on the fourth Friday morning of most months), taking notes and producing the minutes.

If you feel that you could do this or help in any other way, email chair@ilkleyu3a.org and I will try to find the right opening to match your interests and the time you have available.

Win four tickets to see a Moody Blues tribute band

Can you put names to faces of pop stars from the 1960's? [Test your memory on this link to our website.](#) Click on the montage of faces to reveal the answers. Then enter the prize draw, even if you've got them wrong!

[See this link for details of the concert](#) to be held at **7:30 pm Thursday 23rd June 2022, King's Hall, Ilkley.** The prize is a box seating four and it's been kindly donated by Bradford Theatres.

(Expect to see this opportunity promoted in both local and social media as part of our campaign to raise awareness of u3a.)

Group updates

Ukulele Group for beginners

The ukulele is an easy way to start playing a musical instrument, even for those of a certain age! You don't need to read music but you will need a ukulele and an electronic tuner.

It's 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's a demand. The cost for 10 weeks is only £20 so contact Jeannie Counce by email (jeanniecounce@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 existing and new members at their new meeting place.

Sharing your u3a story.

Telling stories has always been a powerful way to explain something new. To explain just what u3a means to a variety of members throughout the UK, the Third Age Trust has produced a three-minute video. [Select here to watch.](#)

We would love to hear how u3a has made a difference to you and may feature this in articles for our local and social media. Real people with real stories do get the message across but we'll anonymise your thoughts if that's important to you.

Please drop a line to Alison McCloy (alison.mccloy@btinternet.com) from our communications team with your phone number to start the conversation. Our organisation has so much to offer. It's too good to keep it to ourselves.

The quirky humour page

Many thanks to our regular contributors. Keep them coming! [Select here for the latest additions to the collection.](#)

.The Ilkley scrap book

As the scrapbook reaches the winter of 1981 / 1982 items to note include the formal merger of the Methodist and United Reform Churches to become Christchurch on the Grove, the coldest night of the century with pictures of heavy snow and approval of a new supermarket for Hillards (now Tesco). 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.

**There's a fine line between a numerator and denominator.
(Only a fraction of readers may get this joke.)**

**Did you hear about the restaurant that opened on the moon?
It had great food but no atmosphere.**

Why do some people eat snails? They don't like fast food.

Regards

John & Christine

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

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YAHR AGM

Ilkley and District u3a is part of the Yorkshire and Humber Region of u3a. Their AGM is on Wednesday 18th May and all our members can attend. [All information is available on this link to the YAHR website.](#)

How to reduce your carbon footprint - and your energy bills

Hear from a panel of u3a climate activists about their personal experiences and efforts to reduce their carbon footprint in a zoom event 10 am Wednesday 11th May. [Select here to register.](#)

Check what u3a sends you in the mail.

During May we will be mailing print copies of the EYE, a programme of activities for 2022/2023 and details of the Summer Programme. So this is the time to check we have your mailing preferences correctly noted on our records.

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'. Then scroll down to see all options.
4. Save any changes made.

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.

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!

[Select here to see a post on Twitter submitted by Northern Towns.](#)