

## u3a news flash

### **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 by using this link to our website.](#) Click on the montage of faces to reveal the answers. 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.

We are using this draw as a way of raising awareness of u3a locally. For those who know the faces and the songs, then the chances are that u3a is just the place to meet likeminded friends of a similar age. [Select here](#) to read our press release and hear our advertisement for local radio.

### **Group updates**

An Introduction to Crown Green Bowls: If you've ever wondered what it's like to participate in this gentle (but very competitive) sport, here's your opportunity. Wharfemeadows Bowling Club (near the bridge on the north bank of the river in Otley) is hosting free taster sessions on Friday 27th May. [Select here for more details.](#)

Garrie Bolton, a member of u3a and chairman of the bowling club will then host a further six weekly practice sessions for u3a members on Friday mornings at a cost of £2 per person. Register your interest with Garrie by phone (07966 300563) or email [wharfemeadowsbc@gmail.com](mailto:wharfemeadowsbc@gmail.com).

New Nordic Walking Group: This group walks weekly on Wednesdays starting at 10am for about two hours of Nordic walking in the Ilkley area. We're now up to about 5 miles in under two hours. Nordic walking poles are recommended. There's still room to join. Members of u3a should login to the website and [select this link to contact group leader](#), Elaine Toms.

Social Bridge – Otley Do you understand Basic ACOL and are you interested in joining a small group for social bridge? We meet in Otley town centre for two hours every Monday morning to play and improve our skills. We would also welcome one or two more experienced players who would be happy to provide a little coaching as well as playing. For further information and expression of interest please contact Steph Lee (07527 000189) or Trevor Williams (07802 368125).

[Raquetball at the Ilkley Tennis club](#) The group is resuming from 18th May.  
[Select here for more information.](#)

[Non Fiction Book Group](#) This group 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. The group meets at Bar T'at on the third Thursday of each month from 14:00 - 16:00 and welcomes new members. Members of u3a should login to the website and [select this link to contact group leader](#), Elaine Toms.

[Boules Club](#) Mike Fourie and Maurice McCloy recently handed over a specially constructed rake for the u3a boules court to Arthur Thompson, Boules Master. [Select here](#) to see a picture of the handover. To read all about the group and make contact with the group leader, [select here](#)

### **[Saturday Morning talk \(21st May\)](#)**

Stuart Hyde has retired to Ilkley after spending 30 years in the police. [Read more on this link.](#) It promises to be a fascinating morning.

### **[The EYE for spring 2022 now published](#)**

The latest print edition of our six-monthly magazine has been sent to those who requested a copy in the post and it's also available on the Clarke Foley notice board. [Select here to see a copy on our website.](#) This is also the link to use to check your answers to the crossword.

Our thanks to Owen Wells who stands down as editor and welcome to u3a Trustee Alison Middleton as the new editor. She's already working towards the next publication deadline ahead of our November AGM - see next item.

### **[Would you like to help produce the next EYE?](#)**

Our new editor will shortly be having her first team meeting and would welcome additional support to write material, take really interesting photographs and use contacts within u3a to seek out and write up stories of general interest. If this sounds like you, please email Alison Middleton ([editor@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:editor@ilkleyu3a.org)).

### **[Advance notice of our summer programme including a 'summer cracker'](#)**

[Select here to read details of more than 20 events](#) taking place during July and August as part of our summer programme. Bookings open towards the end of May. Our traditional Christmas cracker was cancelled due to COVID so the summer cracker will follow a familiar pattern of free refreshments and entertainment, but without Santa.

If you, or a group to which you belong, would like to be involved and support those already performing, please contact Peter Mate ([petermate2@gmail.com](mailto:petermate2@gmail.com)) or ring him (07528-320491).

**The summer cracker is on Saturday morning 16th July and replaces the normal talk for that month.**

Thanks to Bruce Chalmers for these (from last year's Christmas Crackers?).

**TOOTHACHE:** *The pain that drives you to extraction.*

**TOMORROW:** *One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.*

**YAWN:** *An honest opinion openly expressed.*

**WRINKLES:** *Something other people have....similar to my character lines.*

**Regards**

**John & Christine**

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**Want to try a new group activity?** For the first time since COVID we have produced a summary of our activities, which has been mailed to members who asked for a printed copy. To see this document on our website, [select here](#). For the latest information on group activities and to make contact with any group leader, [select here](#).

**Clarke Foley Spinathon.** Felling fit? Our good friends at Clarke Foley need support in their effort to keep a bike pedalling for 70 hours starting at 5pm on Wednesday 1st June. [Details on this link](#).

**A request to help in a research project on knee osteoarthritis.**

Hannah Blackburn is conducting a PhD research project investigating knee osteoarthritis in females at Leeds Beckett University. She is seeking to contact ladies aged 60 years and over for the final study. [You can read more on this link](#). If you would like to help and meet Hannah's criteria, please email her ([H.Blackburn@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:H.Blackburn@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)) mentioning u3a.