

## u3a news flash

**Subscription renewals:** Okay, we know they're not due until 31st July but renewing early not only helps our finances but also eases the workload on our membership secretary. If you can, please pay online via the website. [Use this link to login](#). Click on your name (top right of the home page), open your membership record and scroll down until you see a request to renew.

- Forgotten your password? Ask for a new one via the link at the top right side of our home page.
- Don't want to pay online? [Here are the alternatives](#)

**Meet the Leaders update:** Instead of 'Meet the Leaders' we're planning a similar, but bigger 'u3a Showcase' on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 10 am.

We've booked the whole of Clarke Foley and it will be open to the public. We're encouraging members to tell their neighbours and friends and bring them along so that we can raise awareness of u3a, encouraging more people to join us.

**Summer Programme is now booking:** [Select here for information](#). Where an event is full, a waiting list is in operation so it is worth registering in case there are cancellations or we can increase capacity. Excellent local paper article. Read it [here >>>](#). Saturday 16th July is the summer cracker. Santa called off the Christmas cracker because of COVID. All the acts have been rebooked. Think Pimms, not Mulled wine. Reserve your place [here>>>](#)

**Creative writing competition for members of u3a:** [Select here for details of this annual event](#). The deadline for submission is 12 noon on Thursday 16th June 2022. Details of our own Creative Writing Group in the next section.

### **Group updates**

**Creative Writing Group** A friendly and participative group holding informal, fee-free meetings via Zoom each Friday morning. A flexible approach with members working on a broad range of creative writing, from short stories to longer projects. Contact the facilitator Tony Armstrong and [read more about the group on this link](#).

**Advanced Bridge.** A group in Addingham. Email [newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org) where Margaret McCann is coordinating responses on behalf of group leader Patricia Phillips who is looking to start up shortly.

**Swinging 60's music group.** Pick up your instrument and join the fun. [More details on this link](#) including how to contact Kevin Byrne who will be happy to chat through how the group runs. Regular meetings on Wednesday afternoons.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Otley Drop in Friday morning 10th June:** For existing and potential members [Details here](#).

**Monthly Saturday Social (18th June):** Dr Bruce Woodhouse is a retired GP who'll be reflecting on leaving the NHS after 25 years to volunteer as a magistrate in the criminal justice system. [Select here for more information](#).

**New and newish members Monday afternoon 20th June:** For those who have recently joined u3a but open to anyone who wants to learn more about what we do and how to get involved. [Details here](#).

**u3a Showcase Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10 am to 1:30 pm.** See above.

**How well do you know Burley in Wharfedale?** Thanks to Tony Burkitt for taking the quiz pictures on our website. [Select here to see the quiz](#) and then click on the images to see how many you got right. Just for fun this month!

**Our quirky jokes page** has some further updates. [Select here](#).

**The scrapbook of press cuttings** has now reached 1982. [Details here >>](#)

**The next edition of the EYE:** This will have a theme of Art, Music and Literature. Our editor wants to share your interesting stories. For instance:

- your favourite song and the memories it invokes
- which art galleries, theatres, books are special to you and why
- the story of attending your first opera, musical, pop concert
- any personal involvement in creating or performing.

We also need members to write up these stories. If you can contribute in any way, please email Alison Middleton ([editor@ilkleyu3a.org](mailto:editor@ilkleyu3a.org)).

**Ilkley scoops u3a social media post of the month**. [Select here to read more in the latest national newsletter](#). (Scroll down to get to our bit)

**Did you get your printed copy of the Programme of Activities?:** Our apologies to Peter Kierman for giving an incorrect email address to contact for the Flat Green Lawn Bowls Group. Full details of the group and contact details for Peter [on this link](#).

The envelope with the [Programme of Activities](#) also included [the EYE](#) and details of [the Summer Programme](#). Those who opted out of receiving paper copies can access these via our website using each of these links. Copies are also available on the notice board in Clarke Foley. There's so much on offer, it would be a shame to miss an opportunity to try something new. If you want your

own copy of these publications mailed to you in future (no extra charge) reply to this News Flash and we will update our records.

**Trees in Ilkley:** u3a members Neil & Sue Stevens have been working with Bradford Council to plot and catalogue all the public trees in Ilkley so details can be accessed online by local residents. [Select here to check details of your favourite tree](#) and even create a tree walk from your house. Sign up for u3a tree walks as part of summer programme [here >>>](#)

**Ilkley Civic Society walks:** Our good friends at Ilkley Civic Society have just published details of their heritage walks in the coming months. Knowing the guide, there will be some fascinating insights to local history. If you think you know Ilkley, think again! [Details on this link.](#)

## ***Some very silly jokes!***

*What did the astronaut say when he crashed into the moon?*

*I Apollo-gise.*

*Would February March? No but April May.*

*An Anglo Saxon riddle. (Truly - with thanks to the Yorkshire Museum!)*

*What am I? I do no harm to anyone, unless you cut me first. Then I will soon make you cry. Yes, an onion.*

**Regards**

**John & Christine**

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### **Update on u3a activities elsewhere**

We have reciprocal u3a membership agreements with local groups in Bradford, Skipton and Settle. These arrangements are known as WestNet. [Read more here >>>](#). NB. Keighley u3a have recently decided to withdraw from WestNet. Affected members will be contacted shortly.

Skipton u3a are having a summer programme of events on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th July. Well worth a look. [Details here >>>](#). [Book here >>>](#)

The Yorkshire Region (YAHR) AGM was on 18th March [and this link to the website](#) will show you who has what role and responsibilities going forward.

Sheffield u3a Mindful Ageing Group are running sessions via Zoom and have invited Ilkley members to join them. The course will run on Thursday mornings at 10am from 9th June for 6 weeks. [More details and booking arrangements here.](#)

East Leake u3a would like you to know of their involvement in organising a joint meeting with the Royal Society of Chemistry/ Antiquaries Society on 13th June. Also by zoom. [Details here](#)

Third Age Trust continue to run online courses. [More information here.](#)

**Do you know any veterans in need of support?** Isolation and loneliness have increased due to shielding from COVID or living within lockdown conditions. [Age UK have asked us to share this](#) link with details of help available for those who have served in the armed forces.

**Are we members of “The Platinum Generation”?** An interesting article comparing life expectancy and other measures to past generations. [More here](#)  
[>>>](#)