

u3a news flash

The website gets a new look.

We have improved access to our website for those using small screen phones. These devices are increasingly used to view internet content on the move.

The main menu structure is kept in place so everyone will still be able to find their favourite sections. Have a look. [Select this link.](#)

Amongst the innovations is direct access to our Twitter postings and links to website content such as an archive of stories, our press releases and a page covering Otley.

There are also easy to follow links to regular features like [our ever changing jokes](#) and the [local newspaper scrapbook from past years](#). Some interesting clippings this month which include returning service personnel from the Falklands conflict.

And yes it did take a lot of research and effort to arrive at this new look. So take a bow all those who contributed.

Summer Programme Events

Here is a list of events over the next few weeks that still have places. These are all free to attend. Just another benefit from paying your annual subscription. Select the links for information and to book a place:

- [Singing for Pleasure taster session Tuesday 5th July](#)
- [Summer Cracker Saturday 16th July](#). **Invite a guest**
- [Guitar, banjo & squeezebox group Thursday 21st July](#) **Invite a guest**
- [Living With Your Ancestors Thursday 28th July](#). **Invite a guest**
- [The Constitution of the USA Tuesday 2nd August](#). **Invite a guest**
- [Six Cradles of Civilisation Wednesday 3rd August](#) **Invite a guest**

For events marked **invite a guest**, book your own place. Then email [Sue Butler](mailto:drsbutler@icloud.com) (drsbutler@icloud.com) with details of your guest. They also attend for free.

Events run right through to end of August. [Select here](#) for the full list.

New Group information

Film Discussion Group. This announcement is to see if there is sufficient interest to start a new group. Like a book reading group but with films! The plan is to meet every fortnight at 10am for two hours starting Friday 9th September, in the Dales Room at Christchurch, Ilkley. There will be a cost, depending on numbers (maximum 14 members).

We will choose a film in advance (from various sources such as BBC iPlayer, DVD, streaming and current cinema releases), watch it independently, and then meet to

dig deeper into the film and our reactions to it. To participate fully, you will need access to free streaming services such as BBC iPlayer, and be prepared to buy the occasional DVD and cinema ticket.

To express an interest, contact [Anne Clarke \(anneacclarke@btinternet.com\)](mailto:anneacclarke@btinternet.com) or [Paul Johnson \(p.c.johnson@icloud.com\)](mailto:p.c.johnson@icloud.com).

Disco Group. Peter Higginbotham hopes there are others with fond memories of the Friday/Saturday night 'bop' in the 1960s/70s who fancy dusting off their dancing shoes and reliving those halcyon days. The idea is to meet for an afternoon once or twice a month. If you're interested, please contact the New Groups Co-ordinator, Margaret McCabe, on 07483896046 or email newgroups@ilkley3a.org.

Photography for beginners

This long standing group helps members improve their photographic skills with a new course starting each November. [Read about the group on this link.](#)

Want to see how the group members have progressed in the past few months? [Select here](#) to read a short report and see some stunning images.

We are always happy to add group activity and reports to our website. Just send pictures and reports to us at News Flash.

How well do you know Otley?

Tony Burkitt has been out with his camera again and taking the quiz pictures on our website. [Select here to test your knowledge](#) and then click on the website images to see how many you got right. Just for fun this month!

Subscription renewals

Our membership secretary and treasurer ask us to pass on thanks to over 40% of our membership who have renewed early.

For those paying by standing order. Please amend your instructions to pay £15 and not £13:50.

The easiest way to pay is online via the website. [Use this link to login.](#) Click on your name (top right of the home page) to open your membership record. Then scroll down the page until you see the 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.](#)

Saturday socials

The 16th July event is the Summer Cracker. Unusually for these Saturday morning events, this one will require booking in advance. [Select here so we know you are coming.](#) On 20th August the talk will be [all about the Coop](#). I bet you remember your old Divi number!

Our drop in dates

Clarke Foley 15th July & 5th August. Also Otley on 12th August. [Details here.](#)

An opportunity to try Paddle Tennis

Like ordinary tennis but geared to those of a certain age! Our u3a is invited for some taster sessions on Thursday 7th July. [Select here for more information and booking arrangements.](#)

A recent Sunday Times article about the growth of this new sport might be of interest. [Read it here.](#)

WestNet Quiz

Our u3a links with others locally to form WestNet. This quiz, organised by Settle u3a, is always a convivial evening. **6.00 pm Thursday 11th August** at Gargrave Village Hall. Details and booking arrangements on [this link to our website.](#)

Updates from the Third Age Trust

For the second month running, Ilkley & District gets a mention in their newsletter. This time for our media coverage of the summer programme events. Hats off to Alison McCloy. [Read it here.](#) The latest list of interesting online events by zoom can be [found here >>>](#)

Thanks to Peter Higginbotham for these jokes.

I applied a for a job at a sandwich shop and asked the manager what the work would involve. He said I'd be filling a variety of roles.

Dad, do you know what a total eclipse is? No, son.

Some Boy Scouts knocked at our door - they were collecting for a new swimming pool. So I gave them a bucket of water.

More from Peter in next issue!

Regards

John & Christine

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PS.

The Railway Group have spare places to visit Doncaster Rail Heritage Centre Wednesday 20th July.

Subject to no rail strike, we catch the 9:10 am train from Ilkley to Leeds and the 10:15 am to Doncaster. At the recently opened [Rail Heritage centre](#), we will have a presentation and conducted tour of the collection on display.

Cost including morning coffee, sandwiches for lunch and a donation to our guide is just £10. Buy your own rail ticket (£14.90 with a senior rail card from Ilkley).

If interested email John Hancock (octopuss@btinternet.com) or phone 01943 604900.