

u3a news flash

Summer Programme updates

Our scheduled walks on Monday and Tuesday have been cancelled due to a forecast of extreme heat. Here is a list of free events over the next few weeks that still have places. Select the links for information and to book a place:

- [Guitar, banjo & squeezebox group Thursday 21st July](#)
- [Living With Your Ancestors Thursday 28th July & 18th August.](#)
- [The Constitution of the USA Tuesday 2nd August.](#)
- [Six Cradles of Civilisation Wednesday 3rd August](#)
- [Watch the film and learn about “Spellbound” Friday 12th August](#)
- [Climate Crisis. Some Solutions. Friday 19th August](#)
- [Discovery of Australia Friday 26th August](#)

For all these events you are welcome to **bring a friend** as a way of introducing them to u3a and maybe they might join us at the showcase event in September. Just book your own place and then email [**Sue Butler \(drsbutler@icloud.com\)**](mailto:drsbutler@icloud.com) with details of your guest. They also attend for free.

We are starting to receive pictures from early events in our programme. To see a selection [Select here](#). The website team are always happy to receive your stories and pictures. Please send them to [**NewsFlash@ilkleyu3a.org**](mailto:NewsFlash@ilkleyu3a.org)

Over £300 was raised at our Summer Cracker on Saturday. This will help support 60 Ukrainian women and children in the Ilkley area providing items such as school uniforms, essential travel requirements, and subsidised childcare support etc.

The next edition of the EYE

Our editor needs help during August to produce this high quality magazine. If you feel able to write up stories or maybe edit the contributions from others to fit the space available, please email Alison Middleton ([**editor@ilkleyu3a.org**](mailto:editor@ilkleyu3a.org)). Alison would also like to hear from anyone with proof reading skills.

Our u3a Craft group is staging an exhibition at the Manor House open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays 23rd July to 11th September. [Read more on our website here >>>](#). And also on the website of [Manor House](#). (Select the link)

We hope to take advantage of the public visiting the exhibition to promote u3a. Please email [**Jean Smith \(jeanmsmith50@hotmail.com\)**](mailto:jeanmsmith50@hotmail.com) if you can help by attending the exhibition and talking to visitors. Giving up a couple of hours on a Saturday or Sunday is something we can all do to support our u3a.

Creating additional groups for foreign languages

This is an issue that needs addressing. Here is your opportunity to express a view and help meet a growing demand. Please join our language workshop 10:30 am Wednesday 27th July at Clarke Foley. [Details on this link >>>](#)

Blues Appreciation Course

We are pleased to be contacted by a new member of our u3a with an enthusiasm for Blues Music.

Lee Wellbrook has offered to run two courses, each running as 4 weekly sessions from 1:30pm to around 2:30pm at The Core, Unit 11 Orchard Gate, Otley, on the following dates:-

- **Pre-War Blues** – Fri 2nd, Fri 16th, Fri 23rd and Thurs 29th September.
- **Post-War Blues** – Tues 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th November.

The cost depends on registrations but is expected to be around £3 per session. With sufficient interest Lee will then start up a Blues Appreciation Group.

To learn more about the course [select this link >>](#). To express an interest in joining these courses, please email lee.wellbrook@gmail.com

Website links

Select these links for [our ever changing jokes](#) and more pages in the series of the [local newspaper scrapbook from past years](#). The scrapbook reaches 1982 so interesting clippings on returning service personnel from the Falkland conflict.

Coastal navigation group at Craven (Skipton) u3a

A new course is starting in September and it is hoped members from Ilkley can be accommodated under our WestNet arrangements. [Select here](#) to read more information on dates, content and how to register. Even if you are an experienced sailor, this is an opportunity to meet others locally who share your interest.

u3a Showcase Event

A reminder to note Saturday 17th September from 10 am in your diaries. This replaces 'Meet the Leaders' but it will be a much bigger event. The whole of Clarke Foley has been booked 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.

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!

Thanks to Peter Higginbotham for these "groan" jokes.

We just got a new dog. Its previous owner was a blacksmith.

When we got it home it made a bolt for the door

I accidentally passed my wife a gluestick instead of a lipstick.

She hasn't spoken to me since.

Why is it dangerous to go in the jungle at 4pm?

That's when elephants have their parachute practice.

Why are crocodiles long and flat?

Because they went in the jungle at 4pm.

Regards

John & Christine

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Subscription renewals

Members who had not renewed by last Friday evening were sent a reminder on Saturday. Please renew now if you have not already done so,

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](#).

Take care in the heatwave