

u3a news flash

Make a date to visit our showcase event

We are taking over the whole of Clarke Foley on **Saturday morning 17th September** to celebrate 40 years of u3a in the UK and 25 years since u3a started in Ilkley & District. Most of our groups will be represented so it is an opportunity to seek out something new to try.

Please take the opportunity to invite your friends and neighbours. Everyone should have the benefit of knowing about our wonderful organisation. [More details on this link.](#)

Existing Group Information

Jazz Appreciation: After the success of their first term, the group are restarting meetings in September and are now open to new members. All welcome, even with little or no knowledge of jazz. Just a desire to share their interest and learn more. [Select here for more information.](#)

Tuesday Table Tennis: Has a number of vacancies when it restarts this coming Tuesday 6th September. The autumn session runs each week for 16 weeks until 20th December at the Winter Gardens, Ilkley from 2pm to 4pm. Cost is around £35 to £45. Email [Phil Reed \(phil.j.reed@btinternet.com\)](mailto:phil.j.reed@btinternet.com) to express an interest. More information on the group on [this link to our website.](#)

Otley u3a Circle Dance: Starts again on 8th September and there are vacancies for 3 - 5 people. You're also invited to try a taster session on 8th, 15th and 22nd September. If you're interested, email [Jan Ellan Bows \(jan.4thway@gmail.com\)](mailto:jan.4thway@gmail.com). Read more about the group [on this link.](#)

New Group Information

Front Room Films: A new zoom-based film discussion group starts Monday 24th October from 1:30pm to 2:30pm and every fortnight thereafter. This is the second film discussion group to be established in a short period as the first one proved so popular.

If you're interested, or want to find out more, please send an email to [Jacqui Wellbrook \(jacqui.wellbrook@gmail.com\)](mailto:jacqui.wellbrook@gmail.com) or [Lee Wellbrook \(lee.wellbrook@gmail.com\)](mailto:lee.wellbrook@gmail.com).

Anyone want to play Pickleball? A mix of badminton, tennis and table tennis which we're looking to play indoors on badminton courts. [See this link for more information.](#) Please express your interest in this fun and exhilarating sport

to newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org. If enough people are enthusiastic, we'll look for suitable venues.

1960s-70s Disco Group: This new group will run on alternate Mondays beginning 26th September from 2:00 to 3:30pm, at the Ben Rhydding Scout Hut, Wheatley Lane, Ilkley LS29 8ET. Prospective members are also welcome to come to a 30-minute taster session there at 2pm on Friday 16th September. If you haven't already done so, please email newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org to register your interest in the group.

Walking Cricket: We now have a venue and a free taster session arranged for 10am to 12 noon Monday 12th September at Aireborough Leisure Centre in Guiseley, only 10 minutes stroll from the station. Then weekly after that. [How to register and other details on this link.](#)

French for Beginners: Starts 3:30 to 5pm Thursday 8th September and weekly thereafter at the Riverside Hotel, near the old bridge in Ilkley. The aim is to support learning in small informal groups helped by members who have some knowledge of the French language. Membership is free of charge although you'll be expected to buy a hot/cold drink.

To express an interest in attending this group, email Sharon Pinkney (french-for-beginners@ilkleyu3a.org) as soon as possible. To offer help in other language groups that we hope to start at a later date please email newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org.

Hello Sailors: Douglas Goode runs a 'Coastal Navigation' course for Craven u3a in Skipton on Thursdays, 10:00-11.45am, starting 29th September – ideal for anyone wanting to sail off the British coast or in the Mediterranean. Anyone interested should contact Douglas on 01756 229 188 for more information.

Blues Appreciation: [Select here for more information.](#) There will be weekly sessions from 1:30pm to 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.

Cost is dependent on numbers but is expected to be around £3 per session. To express interest in joining these courses, please email lee.wellbrook@gmail.com. If there is sufficient demand, Lee will then be happy to start up a Blues Appreciation Group.

Online groups: [Select here](#) to see a selection provided by our national organisation. Introduction to Cryptic Crosswords comes highly recommended by a couple of our members.

Last opportunities to visit the u3a Craft Group exhibition at the Manor House

Every weekend until 11th September. An opportunity to chat with other members of u3a and see amazing work by some very talented members of the group. [More details here.](#)

Summer Programme Reflections

Reports of events from our successful summer programme [on this link.](#)

Latest additions include an update on the Summer Cracker highlighting the contribution made by our piano duets group. New additions are the Textile Adventures day in Otley, a presentation on Climate Change, the Voyagers Group coach trip to York and a stroll with a sketchbook.

What sort of topics would you like covered in any future summer programme? Write to the organiser of this year's events with your thoughts. [Email Sue Butler \(drsbutler@icloud.com\)](mailto:drsbutler@icloud.com)

Links to regular features on our website

- The latest update on the jokes and cartoons [are here.](#)
- The scrapbook of the local paper now reaches 1983. [Select here to read.](#)
- The picture quiz, featuring more Ilkley shops [can be found here.](#)

Feeling creative and can use PowerPoint (or similar)?

We need someone to create the picture quizzes on the website. Not too much commitment. Don't worry about getting content on to the website. There's a small team that does that on our behalf. [Email John Hancock \(Octopuss@btinternet.com\)](mailto:Octopuss@btinternet.com) to arrange a chat.

Are you interested in the environment and the impact of climate change?

Nationally, u3a is very active in this area. [Read all about our involvement in COP 27 here.](#) This website also provides information about the u3a group that meets regularly by zoom with participants from all over the country.

A manager vacancy at Clarke Foley

[Select here for more information.](#) If not something for our members, you might know someone who will be interested. Worth a read if only to understand what the role requires.

The u3a national newsletter for August

[Select here to read.](#) Includes reports on what is happening across the UK to celebrate our 40th anniversary.

Voted the funniest jokes at this year's Edinburgh Fringe.
And you thought ours were bad!!!

I tried to steal spaghetti from the shop **but the female assistant saw me and I couldn't get pasta.**

Did you know if you get pregnant in the Amazon, **it's next day delivery?**

My attempts to combine nitrous oxide and Oxo cubes made me a laughing stock.

By my age, my parents had a house and a family and to be fair to me, so do I. **But it's the same house and it's the same family.**

I hate funerals. **I'm not a mourning person.**

Regards

John & Christine

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u3a's 40th Anniversary Bridge Festival - 19-23 September 2022

u3a Bridge players are celebrating the 40th anniversary of our movement with a week-long Bridge Festival across the UK, both online and offline.

If you play online you can play the same set of daily hands (simultaneous pairs) on Bridge Base Online (BBO), Bridgeclub Live (BCL) or RealBridge.

The daily results will be uploaded to a central scoring system and individual rankings published on a national basis. Experts will explain how they would have played the set hands.

Register by 9th September 2022 by [selecting here.](#)

If you've never played online Bridge, there's a free trial membership to BridgeclubLive [on this link](#) and taster sessions on RealBridge here: [RealBridge Taster Session.](#)