

u3a news flash



Remembering Queen Elizabeth II

This is the image appearing on our website at the moment. Chair of our u3a, Angie Grain writes:

“Some of our members will remember the Coronation. Others will not have known a time without our beloved Queen on the throne. Monday’s funeral will be a particularly difficult day for everyone as we remember and reflect on an extraordinary life”.

There’s a page on the website for you to add your own memories of Queen Elizabeth. Maybe you met her, saw her in the distance or just remember how she touched your life. [Select here to share your stories with other members](#). You’ll need to be logged into the website to add and view content so be reassured it’s not for general publication.

Our celebration showcase event on Saturday 17th September goes ahead

We will reflect on the period of national mourning as we mark 40 years of u3a in the UK and 25 years of u3a in Ilkley & District at Clarke Foley. Members please just turn up any time from 10:30 am until 1 pm and meet representatives from many of our 100 + groups. [More information here](#).

We also invite you to bring friends and neighbours and introduce them to the wonderful world of u3a. If it helps, [select here](#) to print off an invitation that you can give to others when talking about this special event. Don’t forget to mention the free tea and coffee!

New Group Information

Modern Board games: Things have moved on significantly in the board game world since Monopoly, Cluedo or Risk. Now there are fantastic modern games such as Ticket to Ride, Agricola, Wingspan, Ark Nova and Terraforming Mars. These are mentally stimulating games of strategy and skill which also involve decision making and, most importantly, are great fun to play.

If you're interested in trying out these types of board games, please contact Chris Penny on 07554867216 or email Chris.penny24@yahoo.co.uk. The meetings will be at Chris's home in Addingham on Wednesdays, fortnightly to begin with but could be weekly if the demand is there.

Open Canoeing: Based at Yeadon Tarn Activity Centre. Enjoy the adventures and challenge of paddling an open canoe for two people! You will learn:

- . How to paddle in a straight line
- . Importance of safety on the water and team work
- . How to sail an open canoe
- . Good progress will enable opportunities to explore other lakes.

You are required to be able to swim, have good health and fitness and able to sit and kneel in a boat. An activity for those who are enthusiastic with a sense of fun. For further information please contact geraldrichardson@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07732972776.

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.

Walking Cricket: [How to register and other details on this link.](#)

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.

Existing Group Information

Writing for pleasure: Would you like to write short stories or poems, (maybe a longer one over time), then read them out to very friendly fellow group members for their opinions? You will be most welcome in this group. It now has vacancies so please email newgroups@ilkleyu3a.org or chat to us at the showcase event 17th September.

An update on our language groups initiative: Following the launch of a pilot programme for Beginners French, the group is full with 15 members, all helping

each other learn French with some strong support from Workbooks and 'willing assistants' qui parle Francais.

Next step will be to plan French Beginners 2, and additional Beginners in Spanish, German and Italian. To register an interest (either as a group member or as someone who has some competence in another language) please email establishedgroups@ilkleyu3a.org or visit the language group stand at the showcase this coming Saturday.

Our next Saturday social is on 8th October.

A change of date as Clarke Foley had a prior booking on the usual third Saturday of the month. Shannon Houliston will be sharing memories of nearly 90 years living in Ilkley. More information in the next News Flash.

Links to regular features on our website

The latest update on the jokes and cartoons [are here](#).

The scrapbook from past editions of the local paper now reaches 1983. [Select here to read](#).

The picture quiz, featuring more Ilkley shops [can be found here](#).

Clarke Foley in search of trustees.

[Select here for more information](#). We are sure some of our members will have suitable experience to help this really valuable asset for our community.

Thanks to Margaret Barrans for examples of word play.

LOBSTER: Someone addicted to throwing things.

EXTRACTOR FAN: One who used to like farm machinery.

GEAR: An alcoholic drink for a ventriloquist.

HARUM-SCARUM: A truly terrifying haircut.

HOLLYHOCK: The art of pawning Christmas decorations.

Regards

John & Christine

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PS

Two for the price of one ticket promotion just for our members.

The George Michael Story is presented on 15th December at Kings Hall, Ilkley. [Details here](#). Tickets for this offer available from the Ilkley Visitor Information Centre, at the town hall. [Contact details here](#).

Please discreetly mention the offer for members of u3a when booking. Very limited availability, first come etc.

Railway Group visit to Whitby Tuesday 20th September

A late cancellation. Just one place. First come etc. [Details on this link](#).