

News Flash

Your regular newsletter from Ilkley & District u3a

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Short Courses

These courses are a new venture for our u3a. The response has been encouraging with Ancestry and Pottery being oversubscribed. Here are three more to join:

Living well in the 3rd Age Six sessions of two hours, meeting weekly from Friday morning 8th September upstairs at the Labour Rooms, Walkergate, Otley, LS21 1EZ. [Select here for more information and to book your place.](#)

Addingham in the Middle Ages Fortnightly afternoons starting Wednesday 20th September through to 15th November. 2 pm to 3:45 pm. At the Hub in Addingham. [Select here for more information and to book your place.](#)

Rediscovering William Morris Six morning lectures at Silsden Town Hall on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month starting 21 September. 10 am to 12.00. Cost dependent on the numbers registering but expected to be around £15 for all six lectures. [Select this link for more information and to book your place.](#)

To express an interest in running your own short course, [select this link](#) for more details.

Increasing awareness of u3a beyond Ilkley

You may have noticed each of the above courses are based outside of Ilkley. This reflects a growing awareness of u3a throughout the area with copies of the EYE available to pick up at community libraries in Addingham, Menston, Burley and Silsden. Also at the Court House and the Core in Otley.

The drop-in at Silsden on Monday was very busy so thanks to all the local volunteers who helped organise a really successful afternoon. [Select here for pictures and a short report.](#) Note this will open in our Facebook page but you don't have to give any details just to have a look. It's open for all to see, just like most (not all) of our website links.

Otley has its own page of activities on the website. [Select here for more information.](#)

Introducing Associate Membership

With so much happening in our u3a, it's not surprising that members of other local u3a groups want to join some of our activities. Now they can join us as an Associate Member for just £10 whilst retaining membership of their own u3a. So if you have friends who may be interested, [here is the link that gives more information.](#)

An update on WestNet

The reciprocal membership arrangements for members of WestNet (Ourselves, Bradford and Settle) continue as before. However Craven / Skipton u3a have withdrawn from the reciprocal arrangements and Harrogate have decided not to join. Members of Craven, Harrogate and other nearby u3a groups are welcome to join us as Associate Members.

Group News

The Richard Brautigan Novels Reading Group Richard Brautigan was a 20th century American poet and novelist. His novels are unorthodox with strange characters and odd plot lines. He had a remarkable imagination that takes the reader on wonderful journeys into other worlds. [See details of the group on this link.](#)

The group reads one of his novels each month and then meets to discuss it on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the back room of the Lister Arms in Ilkley. The next novel we are reading is 'Willard and His Bowling Trophies'. We hope to see new faces on 8th August.

Please contact Rob Nicholls (trebor@phonecoop.coop) for more details.

U3a Fitness Hub Our arrangement with the Tennis Club is changing. We will be writing to those who have expressed an interest in attending fitness club sessions to explain the new arrangements.

Walking Cricket Barnsley u3a Walking Cricket was featured on The One Show on BBC 1 on Tuesday, 18 July. [Select this link](#) to see the programme on BBC iPlayer. (Available for around 4 weeks). It's the last item on the show. If you fancy having a go, details of our own very active Walking Cricket Group can be [found on this link](#). Many thanks to Moira Croft who alerted us to details of the TV show.

Leisurely Lunches The latest of our foodie groups to be established. Meets first Tuesday of each month. [Details on this link.](#)

Members' Market Place

[Login here](#) to the website then, [select here to visit the Market Place](#) to read about:

- An archive of Industrial Archaeology magazines and research documentation including Hoffman Kiln and Langcliffe Quarry.
- Flymo Garden Vac surplus to requirements. Good condition.
- Mains powered DIY tools.
- Tiare ukulele & Countryman banjo, both with carry cases.

Always worth scrolling through earlier postings in case there is something of interest you have missed such as reduced price holiday accommodation in Whitby or computer printer looking to find a good home.

To reply to another member directly, click on their name and you will see their contact details.

Diary Dates

Drop-in at Clarke Foley, Ilkley 10:30 am to 12 noon, Friday 21st July. (Today!) Meet trustees and other members to talk about anything related to u3a. Do you feel you have time to volunteer to take on some tasks in support of running our organisation? This is an opportunity for an informal chat.

Coffee morning in Otley 10 am to 12 noon Monday 24th July. Meet for coffee in the upstairs room at the Bloomfield Square Cafe (near the petrol station on Gay Lane).

Saturday Talk 10am Saturday 19th August. Part two of a fascinating talk. Sir Rodney Brooke explains how he was appointed Chief Executive of Westminster City Council and saw its Leader, Dame Shirley Porter, surcharged £42.5m. He left Westminster in a blaze of publicity with the national press camped out on his Ilkley lawn. He also explains his part in Mrs Thatcher's downfall. [Details on this link.](#)

1867 Middleton Land Sales An exhibition at the Manor House **each weekend to 27th August** by our good friends at Ilkley Civic Society. A crucial event that had huge implications for the look and feel of Ilkley today. [Details on this link.](#)

Bradford City Hall open day. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of its opening, there are open days on **Saturday / Sunday 9th & 10th September.** [More details on this link.](#)

Ed Sheeran tribute concert 7 pm Wednesday 20th September. A fund raising concert at Clarke Foley. Full details and booking information [on this link.](#)

Reflections on the Summer Programme

There were 19 separate events over a four week period ending on Friday 4th July. Thanks to everyone who organised events and to those who attended. Some went to several events pushing overall attendance to nearly 400.

One of the activities was a table tennis taster session run by Barbara Faloon at the Kings Hall. A member of that group, Chris Bean, has drawn to our attention a BBC Radio 4 programme about when ping pong was used to open up diplomatic relations between the USA and China. Something many will remember. [Here is the link to listen via iPlayer.](#)

If you have a flair for organising, and fancy organising the programme for next summer, just reply to this News Flash and someone will be happy to talk through what is required. **Enquiring does not mean a commitment!**

Some cricket jokes:

Q Have you seen the dog bowl? **I didn't know he played cricket!**

Q. Why did the stump marry the ball? **Because she bowled him over.**

Cricket matches can last for days. **No rest for the wicket, I suppose.**

Regards

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Talking through life's ups and downs. This is a free NHS service to help people manage everyday problems such as feeling low, having problems sleeping, and feeling anxious and experiencing stress. [More details on this link.](#)

Renewal of u3a membership for 2023 / 2024. Thanks to everyone who has renewed early, helping spread the membership secretary work load. There are several hundred members who have yet to renew. If this is you, [select here](#) to reach the website, login with your email address and password, click on your name and follow the instructions.

If you've forgotten your password, enter your email address and click on 'forgotten password'. A new password will be emailed to you.

If you don't want to pay online, [select here for other ways to pay.](#)

If not renewing through to August 2024, please write to membership@ilkleyu3a.org so we can remove you from reminder emails. If you feel able to tell us why you are not renewing, that will also be appreciated. Thank you.

Sign up for a new u3a monthly newsletter on Climate Change and the Environment. The national subject adviser for Climate Change and the Environment, John Baxter, intends to send out a monthly bulletin called Second Nature to any u3a member who is interested. It will contain articles and links to news on environmental issues in addition to updates on action being taken by u3a groups throughout the country.

To become a subscriber [just select this link](#), to open an email. Please include your name and mentioning your membership of Ilkley & District u3a.