



NewsFlash

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The Newsletter of u3a Clitheroe January 2024

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Happy New Year to Everyone

Welcome to a New Year with Clitheroe u3a

2024 is a leap year and so we have 366 days to enjoy.

This year the Olympic Games will take place in Paris from July 26th until August 11th

We look forward to new groups in our u3a starting this year, maybe others will evolve in different formats. Any members who have an interest and would like to be involved with a group please contact Jenny Grimes.

1924

On January 1st the Meteorological offices issued the shipping forecast for the 1st time.

Ramsey MacDonald becomes Prime Minister and Margaret Bondfield becomes the 1st woman to be appointed a government minister.

Gt. Britain competes at the Paris Olympics winning 9 Gold medals.

E M Forster publishes "A Passage to India", the actors Tony Brittan and Tony Hancock were born whilst George Mallory and E Nesbit died.

1824

The Liverpool --Manchester line railway company issues its 1st prospectus. The terminus in Manchester was Liverpool Rd Station where the science and industry museum is now.

George Canning, the Earl of Liverpool was the Prime Minister.

George IV was 48 when he became Regent, he succeeded to the throne in 1820.

A bottle of Bolivar sherry from 1824 is now for sale at £1.495.00

Beethoven's 9th symphony was premiered in Vienna.

Wilkie Collins was born in 1824 and Lord Byron died aged 36.

1724

George 1st was the king with Robert Walpole the Prime Minister.

The premiere of "Julius Caesar in Egypt" an opera by Handel took place in London.

Jack Sheppard was hanged in London, his partner in crime, highwayman Joseph Blake was also executed 5 days later.

Blenheim Palace construction was completed and presented to the Duke of Marlborough for his military triumphs against the French and Bavarians in the war of the Spanish Succession. The palace is also the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.

Longman the oldest publishing house in England was founded.

January Meetings

Activity Group	Date	Time	Group Convener	Information	Meeting Frequency
Architecture	Jan 3rd	2pm	Paul Fisher 07874 696374	Meet at Trinity Hub. Augustus Pugin, architect, designer, artist and critic, by Philip Bradshaw	1 st Wed
Art Appreciation	Jan 23rd	2pm	Ann Ward 07783 894855 topgm@hotmail.co.uk	Meet at WBVH. Cartoons and Cartoonists with Jonathan Pickup	4 th Tues
BH Band	Feb 1st	2pm	Anne Rhodes Butler brearpm@gmail.com Roy Gonsalves rmgonsalves@hotmail.co.uk	No Meeting in January. 1 st Feb Next Meeting. Meet at Whalley Golf Club.	1 st Thurs
Board Games	Jan 17th	2pm	Lesley Charnley 01200 538476 lwcharnley@gmail.com	Meet at Convenor's Home. 1 Meadowlands, Low Moor, Clitheroe.	3 rd Wed
Book Discussion	Jan 25th	2pm	Ann Yates ann.yates01@gmail.com	Meet at Clitheroe Library. Prophet Song by Paul Lynch.	4 th Thurs
Canasta				Please contact Leslie Charnley who is the convener for Board Games	
Circle Dancing	Jan 17th/ 31st	10 am	Sally Maxwell 01772 379926	Pendleton Village Hall. NOTE: January dates. The meeting on the 31 st will be followed by a Jacob's Join	Usually 1 st /3 rd Wed
Discussion Group	Jan 11th	1pm	Liz Lawson and Sandra Allwood 01254 697183 01254 245191	Meet at Convenor's Home, Myles Wife Hey BB1 5QZ.	2 nd Thurs
Food and Wine	Jan 25th	7 pm	Gill Kilbey 07840 882775	Burn's Night. Meet at David & Jenny's 2 Lowerfield Langho BB6 8HE	Usually 4 th Thurs
French Conversation	Jan 25th	2pm	Sue Paramore 07515 988955 sueparamore@gmail.com	Meet at Clitheroe Fire Station, Princess Avenue BB7 2AL.	3 rd Tues
Gardening	Jan 5th	2pm	Ann Ward 07783 894855 topgm@hotmail.co.uk	Meet at Trinity Hub Planning Meeting. See Page 5.	1 st Fri
Genealogy	Jan 23rd	10 am	Marianne Wilson mrsmariannewilson@gmail.com	Meet at WBVH.	4 th Tues
Geology	Jan 10th		Frank Taylor frankhtaylor@yahoo.co.uk 07952 720778	Meet at WBVH Going back in time.... The Pre Cambrian continues.	2 nd Wed
German Conversation	Jan 4th	1pm	Denis Cassidy 01254 822345. David Grimes davidgrimes1@mac.com 01254 240707	Meet at the home of David Grimes, 2 Lowerfield, Langho BB6 8HE.	1 st Thurs

January Meetings cont....

Group	Date	Time	Group Convenor	Information	Meeting Frequency
History	Jan 24th	2 pm	Hazel Best hazelbest@gmail.com 01200 426756	Meet at WBVH Family and friends and their links to historical events. Maureen Pickup.	4 th Wed
Italian Conversation	Feb 27th	2pm	Wendy Richardson 01254 247977	No Meeting in January 44 Kemp Court Ramsgreave , Blackburn BB1 9DB.	4 th Tues
Let's Lunch	Feb 15th	Noon/ 12.30 pm	Anne-Rhodes Butler brearpm@gmail.com 07597955474	No Meeting in January L February 15 th . Myton Fold , Langho BB6 8AB.	3rd Thurs
Music Appreciation	Jan 8th	2 pm	Margaret Cunliffe 01200 424940 marywoodmhs@gmail.com	Meet at WBVH. NOTE Jan 8th. Music for a Coronation presented by John Hudson	Usually 1 st Mon
Play Reading	Jan 22nd	1.15 pm	Kate Hamlin 07732 721963 Helen Coles 07835 920887	Meet at Clitheroe Fire Station, Doors open 1.15 for 1.30 start	4 th Mon
Plodders		10.30 am	Marie Birkett 07941 581349 mariebirkett58@hotmail.co.uk	No Plod in January. See page 5.	3 rd Tues
Science and Scientific Enlightenment	Jan 17th	10 am	David Grimes davidgrimes1@mac.com 01254 240707	Meet at Trinity Hub. "The Age of Plastics" Bob Anderson	3 rd Wed
Singing For Pleasure	Jan 16th	10am	Pat Pearce tel. 07974 815212 Patchp56@aol.com	West Bradford Village Hall. Note: Just one meeting.	Usually 1 st / 3 rd Tues
Strollers	Jan 22nd	10.45 for 11.00 am	Ann Kay. 01254 824103 ann.kaymitton@gmail.com	Meet at Clitheroe Old Station Building for a short Stroll followed by lunch and a planning meeting. See Page 5.	4 th Mon
Table Tennis	Jan 25th	1-3pm	Janet Elliott 01254 248106 Jkelliott108@gmail.com	Meet at the Trinity Hub.	4 th Thurs
Walking Group	Feb 16th	9.45 for 10 am	Julie Cooper julescoops@yahoo.co.uk	No walk arranged for January. The next walk will be in February. See page 5.	3 rd Fri
Wine Appreciation	Jan 18th	3 pm	Christine Snape clitheroechristine@gmail.com	Meet at 1 Beechwood Ave for Wine man's Bluff.	3 rd Thurs

The next Main Meeting is on January 30th 2024

at St Mary's Hall 1.30 for 2pm.

This meeting combines our January and February Main meetings.

The Mayor of the Ribble Valley Mark Hindle
will give us a talk on the Mayoral Office.



One of the mayor's main duties is to chair the meetings of the full council. The mayor also attends lots of functions in the borough and across Lancashire, including church services, annual dinners, official openings of offices or new buildings, theatre productions, carol concerts, school prize-giving ceremonies, coffee mornings, garden parties, 100th birthday visits, band concerts and photocalls.

Visual Arts Study Group

This new group has been formed by members of the 'Art Forum', and the now disbanded 'Painting' group. It will initially be time-limited for the production of the 'Clitheroe Art Map', which is scheduled for completion by mid-2024.

All members will be working on their own visual pieces in a media of their own choosing, and will take turns in hosting pre-arranged get-togethers. The map will be assembled as a joint activity, with a view to exhibiting it to the u3a Clitheroe, along with individual work relating to the project.

The group will also be looking to organise one-off study days, but these are still in the early planning stages ~ watch out for announcements.

The next meeting of the study group is at 10.00am on Thursday 11 January 2024 in the house of Meg Shaw at 17 Pagefield Crescent, Clitheroe BB7 1LH.

If you wish to join this group, please contact Jacquie Melia for further information.

jacquiemelia@gmail.com

More Group information

Walking Group.

No walk in January. The next walk will be on Friday 16th February.

Group Convenor: Julie Cooper (07981 473806) email: julescoops@yahoo.co.uk

Strollers

January 22nd 2024. Meet at 10.45am for 11am start at Clitheroe Old Station Building for short stroll followed by Lunch and Planning Meeting at The Swan and Royal Hotel, Castle Street.

Convenors Ann Kay 01254 824103. Wendy Richardson 01254 247977

Plodders

No Plod in January.

Group Convenor Marie Birkett 07941 581349. mariebirkett58@hotmail.co.uk

Gardening Group

At the very well attended preliminary meeting of members interested in re-establishing a Garden Group, it was agreed to hold a planning meeting on Friday 5th January at 2.00 pm at The Trinity Hub in Clitheroe.

Ann Ward agreed to act as convener with the support of Eileen Narain and Suze Grant.

All u3a members are very welcome to attend and to contribute ideas for the future format, as well as volunteer to make presentations etc.

If you are unable to attend but are interested or have ideas to contribute, please contact Ann at :-

topgm@hotmail.co.uk or call or text 07783894855.

You don't need to have a garden to be interested!

History Group Programme 2024

Date	Venue	Subject	Lead	Transport
24 th January	West Bradford Village Hall	Family and Friends and their links to Historical Events	Maureen Pickup	
26 th February N.B. Change of day to Monday	WBVH	"Getting Knotted" – A talk about the Sealed Knot Society Jonathan Pickup	Maureen Pickup	
27 th March	WBVH	"Policing – Then and Now" Talk by Nikki Bithell (Retired Chief Inspector)	Maureen Pickup	
24 th April	Visit	Skipton – Holy Trinity Church and Skipton Castle	Janet Rudd	Self Drive
22 nd May	WBVH	"The Red Box" – the history of the iconic telephone box Talk by Professor Nigel Linge	Julie Whitehead	
26 th June	Visit	Guided walk around Bolton by Bowland	Hazel Best	Self drive
24 th July	Visit	Speke Hall and Lathom Park Estate and Chapel	Maureen Pickup	Coach
21 st August		No meeting		
25 th September	WBVH	"The Social History Behind Our Favourite Chocolate Brands" Jane Wood	Jane Wood	
23 rd October	WBVH	"The River's Tale" – the story of the River Thames John Garrod	Maureen Pickup	
27 th November	WBVH	" Dressing a tommy, the uniform and equipment of the British infantry 1914 -18" Jeremy Lambert	Jeremy Lambert	
25 th December		No meeting		

Group Ideas

Have you got a Great idea for a New Group?

We are always keen to hear from members with any new groups they would love to suggest.

Please share your ideas with Jenny Grimes; Tel: 07515 660658, or any committee member.

Here are a few suggestions gleaned from other local u3as:



Craft

Theatre



Photography



Golf for fun



Cycling

Dancing Happy Feet



Bowling



IT Skills



Quiz



Bridge

Walking Football

There is the possibility of a short course entitled "Philosophy Bites" in the Spring and perhaps Tai Chi.

Our Discussion group goes from strength to strength with about 13 members meeting at Liz Lawson's house on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

PS, Members who have been convenors of the Canasta Group are unfortunately moving away and so we are looking for someone to take on that group.

.....STOP PRESS. Lesley who is currently the Board Games convenor has offered to temporarily take over Canasta until a more permanent arrangement is made.

Thanks Lesley.

National u3a Events

Online Learning Events with the u3a

Book online to join. <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

How to insulate your home.

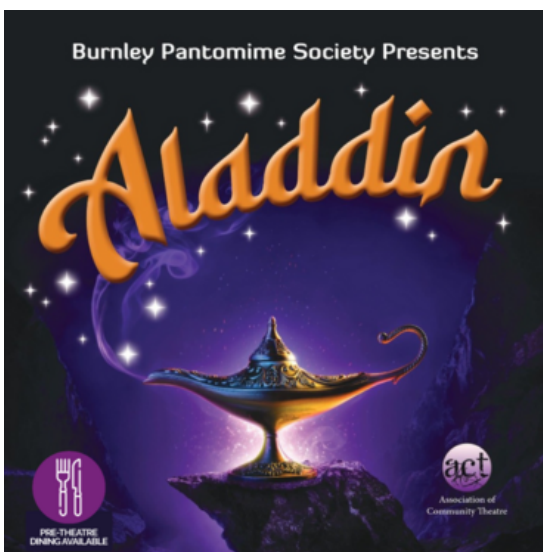
Thursday 4 January 2pm.

Chinese Wand Exercise for Mobility, Fitness and Fun.

Friday 12 and 19 January 10 am.

Toulouse-Lautrec and the Music Halls of Paris.

Thursday 18 January 2pm .



This Pantomime is on at Burnley Mechanics during January

There are seats available on Saturday January 13th at either 12 noon or 4pm

There is a reduction in seat price if we buy 10 or more tickets.

If any u3a members are interested in going, please get in touch with Anne Rhodes Butler
Tel 07597955474

**Our AGM will be held on April 9th.
Please look out for more information**

A warm welcome this month to New Members: -
Karen Warburton, Keith Rudd, Carol Sellars, Dave Dunn, Madeline Adey,
Derek Cook, Mary Cook, Iain Fletcher, Derek Green, Cathy Thompson,
Roman Synczysz and Stella Smith

Wine Appreciation Group

On Thursday December 21st the Wine Appreciation Group met for their Christmas drinks. Each person brought a bottle of wine with a small amount of accompanying food. Listed below are the wines which were tasted. Beginning with an aperitif wine ending with a digestif.
All our drinks were very good, but the Portuguese Vinha do Fava deserved a special mention

Aperitif wine

Pilliteri
Ice wine
£14.99

Sparkling wine

Condesa de Flores
Cava
£5.75

White wines

Les Belles Roches
Bourgogne Aligoté
10€
Domaine du Jas
Côtes du Rhone
£13.75

Red Wines

Valade
St Emilion 2015
£20
Vinha do Fava
Tourga Nacional 2021
£12-15

Port/Madeira

Blandy's Madeira
Duke of Clarence
£14.99

Sparkling Red

Moxie
Sparkling Shiraz
£19

Digestif

Calvados/Cassis
£25 approx

Opportunities to renew u3a membership for 2024 are as follows:

- Tuesday January 9th 10:00am until noon, St Mary's Church Hall, Clitheroe, special renewal event.
- Tuesday January 30th 1:30 until 2:00pm prior to the usual general meeting, St Mary's Church Hall, Clitheroe.

At these events payments by Cheques and Bank Card can be taken, but please no cash (no banks!).

Payment of £20 can be made at any time by:

- Cheques made out to U3A Clitheroe, sent to David Grimes at 2 Lowerfield, Langho, Lancs BB6 8HE
- BACS, bank transfer, details below.

Account Name: **Clitheroe u3a Third Age Trust**

Sort Code: **30-90-89**

Account number: **40457160**

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Have you anything to contribute to the NewsFlash? We would like all our members to contribute. Anything that interests you, short pieces are fine. Text should be sent as Word Documents, or just within an email rather than attachments. Illustrations or photographs are best sent separate from text, in jpg format.

February NewsFlash deadline: 22nd January. Please send contributions by email to the Editor Robin Taylor

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