

FILEY & DISTRICT U3A

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FILEY METHODIST CHURCH

24th March 2022 10.30am

Please consider attending our AGM. We need your votes for the incoming committee and any motions presented at the meeting. It shouldn't be a long meeting and we value your opinions and input, so please take the time to come and join us.

Doors open at 10am for coffee and socializing.

We still need **new committee members** and will welcome anyone interested.

Just let a current committee member know and we can explain what we do and arrange for you to work shadow us at a meeting.

Our **January monthly meeting** saw Matt Jones Green conduct a singalong and quiz, which seemed to go down very well with those members who attended. This very talented performer has a formidable repertoire and we are sure to be seeing more of him in the future.

MEMBERSHIP FEE REDUCED TO £10 FROM APRIL

Further to the email sent out recently, the committee wish to clarify that **MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOT DUE UNTIL AFTER 1ST APRIL**. You do not need to pay until the April monthly meeting when we will be having our Open Day. This will enable us to accommodate the large numbers of people wishing to renew which is not possible at our AGM in March. If you are unable to attend in April, you could send your fee by bank transfer, (details on request) or cheque to Eleanor Harris, W6 The Quadrangle, Hunmanby Hall, Hunmanby, YO14 0HZ.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES BEFORE 1ST APRIL as our accounts for the new financial year do not begin until 1st April. Another reminder for fee payment will be sent out nearer to April so you do not need to worry about forgetting.

MEMBERS' BOOKLET

Group leaders are requested to contact Howard Mitton or Tony Dawson with details about the running of their groups in the new financial year (post- April). Please could you do this within the next couple of weeks? They are in the process of putting the new booklet together and will need to ensure that they have correct information about:

when the group meets

where they meet

contact information for the group leader

availability of places in the group

If nothing is heard from a group leader, then it will be assumed that there is no change in information from the current booklet.

Anyone needing help with using Beacon to conduct communication with their group members are welcome to contact Eleanor Harris via email or phone.

THE RAMSHACKLES 2021 TOUR!

When the Ramshackle Shantymen met for a rehearsal last September, we soon realised that after well over a year of not meeting, never mind rehearsing, we were very rusty. Not only had we forgotten our lyrics, but also the melodies and even where to stand. However, we had some bookings to cope with and so we put some hard work in.

Celebrating Trafalgar Day at the Old Globe Lodge in Scarborough now seems to be a regular booking for us and the audience, though slightly depleted, enjoyed themselves with their usual exuberance. We went home tired, well-fed and watered; although in some cases well 'rummed'. We will be there again next October, all being well.

By the nature of our entertainment we usually appear up and down the coast but we received an invitation to go to an inland venue to that great maritime port Driffield, in order to entertain Driffield and District U3A. We told them about the sort of songs we do, a mixture of shanties and maritime songs, and that we try to ensure that our renditions are fit for public consumption.

We did about 45 minutes plus an encore in a small, modern concert hall with a proper stage. The organisers said that the audience was much bigger than they had anticipated, with it being just post-lockdown. We seemed to go down well, and a follow-up email was very complimentary about our performance.

One very odd thing was that in the 'meet the performers' session over tea afterwards, one lady was adamant that there was NO Filey and District U3A, even though we patiently explained who we were!

The only other thing we have done recently was singing on the Coble Landing to welcome people to the Fishtive Tree light-up in December. As we all know, the Ramshackles' planned performance at our own meeting in December had to be cancelled at short notice, for Covid reasons. Perhaps the committee will book us again at some future date, so that our Filey U3A members can suffer as Driffield members did last year? Or perhaps not?

Robert Hartley

Editor's note: Yes, the committee intend booking them again – watch for notices of when

THE TABLE TENNIS TABLES HAVE ARRIVED!



In a previous newsletter, I outlined the campaign to get outdoor table tennis tables for the use of Filey residents and visitors. This was the brainchild of our Treasurer's wife, Charlotte. Applying for funding via the local Council proved a slow process (the wheels of government turn at the pace of an arthritic snail), and we thought we would never achieve our goal. However, onto the

scene came Caroline Senior, a u3a member with extensive experience in researching funding bodies, who found that Table Tennis England offered an excellent subsidised package and discovered available funding from North Yorkshire Council 'Stronger Communities' resources, for which we and Filey Playing Fields Association were eligible. This, together with some generous donations from some of our u3a table tennis group has resulted in TWO table tennis tables now residing on Filey Sports Ground. These tables are for the use of ANYONE eager to have a game. Bats and balls are available from the Sports Pavilion (weekends only during the winter) and the only deterrent might be the weather. So go and have a look and have a game!

POSSIBLE NEW GARDENING GROUP

A suggestion from one of our members for a Gardening group has been put forward. The idea would be exchanging gardening tips and advice, possibly having talks from gardeners of local Stately Homes or visiting such gardens, getting involved with local open garden events or the like, or anything anyone can suggest that would be of interest to our gardening members. If this would be of interest to you, please could you give your names to one of the committee members so that we can compile a list to see how viable such a group would be?

GROUP IDEAS

If you have any other ideas for starting groups, please let the committee know and we will canvas interest on your behalf.