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Welcome to this issue.

Throughout the newsletter we refer to our Garforth, Kippax & District U3A website.

Messages from Your Committee:

The committee would like to remind all members that you are able to start renewal payments from March 1st, for this coming membership year which runs from April 1st 2024 to March 31st 2025.

Please see the **Membership Renewals Notice**, which is being attached to this copy of your Newsletter. This document will also be emailed to all email registered members under separate cover on March 1st, in case it gets missed. This explains when you are able to pay your fees, and how to go about it.

Please do not pay before March 1st if possible. We are also asking that online payments are made for one individual member only, so we may recognise and link the payment to those individual members.

Members who have joined in January or February 2024 please ignore this notice, thank you.

We would like to make you aware that for future monthly members meetings **doors will now be open from 1.00 pm at the start of meetings**, in an attempt to alleviate the wait for drinks at the start of the meeting. **However**, we would like everyone to be aware that 'The Office' **may not** be open until the start of the meeting, or after the speaker when one is in attendance, although we will not stop any new member from sitting in 'The Office' before these times. Thank you.

Please see on the last page a letter of thanks from Andy Wilson. Andy gave us such a informative and interesting talk at our February meeting, and everyone deserves a pat on the back for the funds we raised!



Schedule of Group Activities

Group	When & Where	Convenor
Art group	Tuesday fortnightly at 10:30am. The Elders, Great Preston	Jenny Evans
Bookworms	3rd Wed at 10.30am in members' homes (currently at capacity)	Judith Huntridge
Classical Ensemble	Meet fortnightly in members' homes (actively looking for new members)	Joe Burns
Conversational German	Ad hoc meetings in local café or members' homes (actively looking for new members) 2:30—4:00	Wendy Bartholomew-Esders
Easy Cycling	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, see website for details	Dave Swindells & Harry Bratley
French	1.30 - 3.00pm, 2nd & 4th Monday, Garforth Library	Sandra Daly
Garden visits	Meetings are Ad Hoc. Contact convenor for information	Susan Isley
History	2nd Wednesday 1.00 - 3.00pm. Ad Hoc outdoor locations. See website for details	Genise Green
Italian	Zoom or Face to Face, 2pm each Wednesday except 1st Wednesday at 3.00pm	Peter Jones
Keep Fit	Tuesdays between 10.00 & 11.30 am. Guides HQ, Barley Fields Close	Lynne Hill
Motorbike outings	Ad hoc. Contact convenor for details	John Mussett
Motor homes	On WhatsApp only	Sue Lakin
Motoring	2.00pm 2nd Tuesday, The Gaping Goose, Selby Rd.	Nick Huntridge
Play Reading	3rd Thursday of the month in members' homes (currently at capacity)	Sue Lomas
Quiz afternoon	Last Wednesday of the month, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Garforth Working Men's Club	Judith Robinson
SciTech	Ad Hoc visits: Contact convenor or see website for details	Carol Jinks
Singing	Currently suspended. Contact the Groups co-ordinator Isi Todd for information	Vacant
String and Swing	1st & 3rd Thurs, 1-30pm, Guide HQ, Barley Fields Close: 2nd & 4th Tues, 1.30pm, at the Gaping Goose	John Mussett
Tech it Easy	1st & 3rd Monday, 10am at Kippax Library, some may be Zoom presentations	Jenny Turner & Sue Lakin
Theatre group	2nd Tuesday of the month 2.00pm Oliver's Coffee Shop, Kippax High Street	Virginia Wright
Walking Netball	Wednesdays 3pm – Kippax Sports Centre	Isi Todd
Walking over 5 miles	2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month	Wendy Batholomew-Esders
Walking Under 5 miles	2nd & 4th Thursdays each month	Diane McEwan

Diary dates in March and April 2024:

Wednesday 6th March: Monthly social meeting, when our speaker will be Fran Sandham, with his talk called Traversa: A solo walk across Africa from the Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean. Fran had hoped to be with us a year ago but got caught up in the rail strikes, let's hope it doesn't happen again!

A number of our committee members, as well as our improved membership area 'The Office', will be around for any queries – just look for their yellow name badges.

A general invite will be sent to all U3A members. Doors now open at 1.00 for a 1.30pm start. Please attend with your membership card/number.

Wednesday 3rd April: Monthly social meeting, with emphasis on Membership Renewal.

While you will have an opportunity to renewal at this meeting it can also be a great time to come and socialise. Of course, new members are always welcome to attend. A number of our committee members, as well as our membership area 'The Office', will be around for any queries – just look for their yellow name badges.

A general invite will be sent to all U3A members. Doors now open at 1.00 for a 1.30pm start. Please attend with your membership card/number.

If **any** of our members have a suggestion for speakers at our monthly social meeting, please contact our Speaker Co-ordinator Carol Glover via the website. If contact details are available, or where you have seen the topic/presenter, then please include these in your email.

Our local Interest Groups Round-Up

Art Group

The group meets on alternate Tuesdays at the Elders Retirement Life Community Lounge 10.30 – 12.30

Topics for March are:

March 5 Hares or Rabbits

March 19 In the style of Gustav Klimt

New members are always welcome, please contact convenor Jenny Evans on the website link.

Easy Cycling Group:

Easy cycling had their early ride on 12th February which was led by Gary Scampton, and their ride on 27th is due to be led by Harry Bratley, new co-convenor of the group.

Unfortunately, their current convenor Dave Swindells is stepping down a little earlier than he planned due to personal reasons,

there are 2 rides scheduled before Easter, being the 12th & 26th March, that unless anyone would like to volunteer to lead either or both of these rides, which would be great, then they will have to be cancelled.

While Dave has asked the current group members for volunteers for co/convenors, this may take some time to put in place, but we all feel sure the group will be back to their normal activities soon.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave for the good work he has done in getting this group off the ground and running it smoothly since that date almost 3 years ago!

New members always welcome, and please continue to contact Convenor Dave Swindells via the website link, until Easter or their new convenors are in place.

History Group



In February, the History Group enjoyed looking through some of the many items stored in

the Local History section of Garforth Library. Our fellow U3A member, Tony Robinson, introduced the session and then along with History Group member, Carol Jinks, they introduced us to the many photographs, maps, newspaper cuttings, graveyard and census records which had been laid out for us all to view. It was explained that what we saw was only a fraction of what the library contains on the local history of Garforth and the surrounding area.



We were able to see how Garforth Main Street (or Briggate as it used to be called) looked before cars took precedence over people. We tracked the locations of mining tunnels and the old sand quarry (perhaps best not to know!). And we viewed a very detailed study of every grave in St Mary's churchyard, including photos and transcripts of the memorials - a project which must have taken many months work by a dedicated local historian. It was a treasure trove of information for us all and one attendee even came across information in the collection about their own relatives.

Tony has spent many hours to date cataloguing and scanning the local history collection



to allow easier access for people in the future. However, there is still a lot to be done. If anyone

would like to help with this very interesting task, particularly sorting through the maps for interesting information and subsequent repair and storage, then we would like to hear from you. Please contact the History Group Convener via the U3A website for details.

New members are always welcome, please contact convenor Genise Green on the website link.

Quiz Group

Our March quiz afternoon will be on Wednesday 27th, 2.00 to 4.00 at GWMC. Please feel free to join us for our February quiz on Wednesday 28th, if this notice reaches you in time.

The winners of January's quiz were Jill Worrall, Tim Harvey with Doreen Clephan – well done!

New members always welcome, please contact Convenor Judith Robinson via the website link.

Singing Group

There was a list for interested members at the February meeting: Isi Todd our Group Co-ordinator is now in the process of organising a meeting for all interested parties and current members of the group, so please look out for your invite, if you have shown interest. This will be meeting to discuss the way forward and to recruit a new convenor or more.

New members are always welcome, please contact Isi Todd on the Group Co-ordinator link on the website, or at our monthly meeting if interested.

Tech It Easy Group

The groups list of topics for discussion are on the Group website page as well as being distributed at our February meeting. New members are always welcome, please contact either convenor via the website link.

For information on any of our interest groups, check the website, with the group convenor or our Group Co-ordinator.

POSSIBLE NEW GROUPS:

Strollers Group

There was a list for interested members at the February meeting, and there was plenty of interest! As it was explained at the meeting, this group will start at a later time of day, will concentrate on routes on level and even ground at a gentle pace with possibly a coffee stop when required or at the end, and definitely no stiles or fields to cross.

Isi Todd, Groups Co-ordinator, will be setting up a meeting for those interested in joining to discuss how the group could function and the need for, and duties of one or more convenors, so please watch for your meeting invite.

Italian Conversation/Beginners Group

We have been approached regarding starting an Italian Conversational / Beginners group. This will be separate from our current Italian Group, who are more advanced than this level. This is in the very early days of discussion so may take some time to set up.

Games Group

Another suggestion has been for a Games Group, possibly board games, but this would be down to the group itself, so no clear instructions to give anyone just yet.

As for the proposed new Italian group above, this is early days of discussion so may take time to set up.

Chess Group:

One of our members has suggested that we consider starting a Chess Group.

There will be individual lists at the March meeting for interested parties to leave their contact details regards the proposed Italian, Games and Chess Groups. These will be on one of the tables in 'The Office'.

For Convenors: Any updates for any of your groups? Drop us a line or two please. Entries for our next newsletter need to be with one of the Editors by the 3rd Wednesday of each month, thank you.

Please note that for any new group please indicate if you may be interested in taking on a co-convenor role, as while the committee can assist to set up new activities we cannot run a group for you – remember the u3a ethos: **we are all a group of self-help volunteers with a chance to learn from each other!**

All new groups will begin with a meeting of interested parties hosted by our Groups Co-ordinator Isi Todd, who will explain how to move forward and explain what help is available from the Committee.

Any current or new members are always welcome to join any of these suggested new groups, please contact Group Co-ordinator Isi Todd via her official link on the website, or in person at our monthly meeting.

Ideas or suggestions for new groups are always welcome, please contact Isi Todd, Groups Co-ordinator via her dedicated web link, or in person at our monthly meetings, or talk to another committee member.

Snippet of Local History

Submitted by Tony Robinson:

Double Tragedy for A Garforth Widow

There are six Commonwealth Gravestones in Garforth Cemetery and St Mary's Church Yard. One of these bears two names: Ernest John Lincoln and Kenneth Gibbon Lincoln.

The first part of this tragedy begins in WW1. In April 1918 Ernest married 21-year-old Nellie Gibbon. Only eight months later in December, he died in hospital as a result of injuries sustained in the war. His widow Nellie didn't remarry but in 1925 she had her son, Kenneth.

In 1943 Kenneth joined the Navy as an 18-year-old trainee and went off to start his training in HMS Collingwood in Hampshire. He had been there only two weeks when his accommodation hut was bombed, killing him and 33 other 17- and 18-year-old sailors.

Fearing a probable PR coup for the enemy, the powers that be hushed up the real cause telling the relatives that it had been an ammunition explosion.

The truth was not revealed until 1958. Consequently, Kenneth's name does not appear on the Roll of Honour Tablet in the Church. However, it was added to the new War Memorial in Garforth Cemetery.

What tragedies for Nellie, losing her new husband in WW1 and then her very young son in WW2.

Full Story in

www.garforthrollofhonour.org.uk

Blue Plaques Around Leeds

Donated by Lizzie Mussett:

Cottage Road Cinema,
Headingley

Opened as
the Head-
ingley Picture
House on

29th July 1912 by film pioneers Owen Brooks and George Reginald Smith, it occupies a converted motor garage built in 1908 for the owner of nearby Castle Grove. It is the oldest continually operating cinema in Leeds.



Brookes and Owen had contact with Louis Le Prince in the 1880s and developed projection equipment at the Leeds Tivoli Theatre. When the cinema opened in 1912 it ran continuous performances from 6.00 pm to 10.30pm Monday to Saturday, a matinee on Wednesdays and two children's matinees on Saturday. Ordinary seats cost sixpence and reserved seats one shilling - a night out within most people's budget.

As early films were silent a pianist played appropriate tunes for the romantic scenes and 'hurry' music for the Keystone Cops chases. By the 1920s the cinema had an orchestra of pianist, cellist and violinist and for the children's matinees the cashier would rush round from the box office and play the piano.

Some modernisation was carried out in the 1950s and it's name was changed to Cottage Road Cinema.



The blue plaque is situated on the front of the building on Cottage Road Headingley.

Puzzle Corner

Quick Quiz Questions

Quiz by Penny Brighten. Answers will be published in our next issue.

1	Which comedian had a 1991 hit single with Dizzy, in collaboration with The Wonder Stuff?
2	Which US general made his 'Last Stand' at the Battle of Little Bighorn in 1876?
3	The August heatwave of 2023, affecting southern Europe, was named after which dog from Greek mythology?
4	What was the name of the A-Team's pilot, played in the original series by Dwight Schultz?
5	How was the pianist and singer Antoine Domino Jr better known?
6	What type of creature is an ocelot?
7	Who sang The Lumberjack Song in a 1969 episode of Monty Python's Flying Circus?
8	Who was Britain's home secretary from 2010 to 2016?
9	Which continent is the Hyena native to?
10	How many points is a double top worth in darts?

Answers from February 2024

1	Crystal Ball
2	The Pentagon
3	Handbag
4	American Football
5	Mr Hyde
6	Daniel Craig
7	Monkey
8	Phil Taylor
9	13
10	London

Sudoku solution from February 2024

5	6	4	9	8	7	2	3	1
8	2	1	5	3	6	7	9	4
3	7	9	4	2	1	5	8	6
6	9	7	2	1	8	3	4	5
2	4	8	3	9	5	1	6	7
1	5	3	7	6	4	8	2	9
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4	3	2	1	7	9	5	6	8

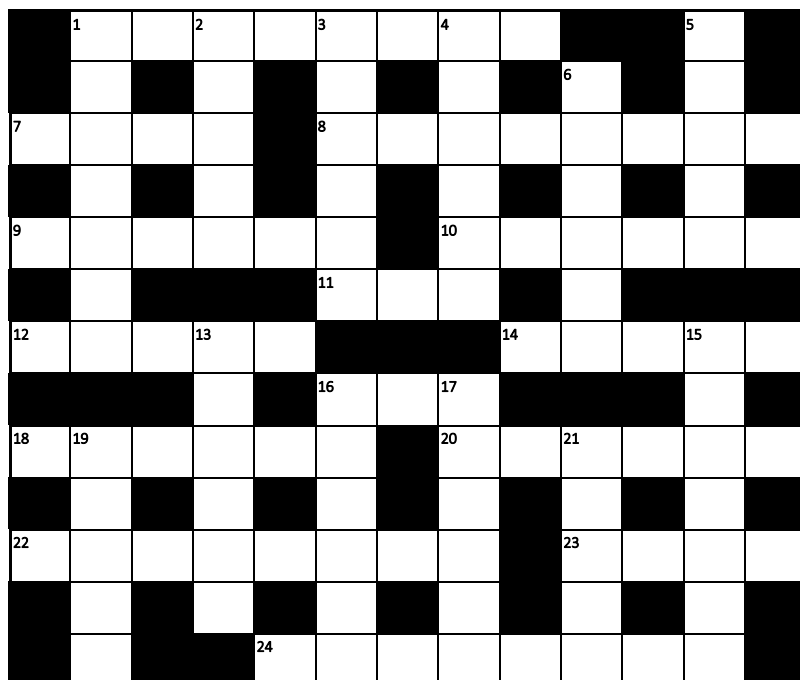
Sudoku March 2024

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		6		9		4		8

Crossword Solution February 2024

D	O	N	K	E	Y		P	A	S	T	R	Y
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Crossword March 2024



CRYPTIC

Across

- 1 Epidemic occurring when abroad on holiday (8)
- 7 That's about 550 made redundant (4)
- 8 Insisted on changing order (8)
- 9 Sorry excuse (6)
- 10 Reason for receiving long sentence ... partly! (6)
- 11 Had to leave Thailand (3)
- 12 A hundred female students (5)
- 14 Second eleven has such energy! (5)
- 16 Right, I must collect Penny's rent (3)
- 18 Steady the horses (6)
- 20 Bill has little money – it's causing stress (6)
- 22 For incredible foul, a sub is sent off (8)
- 23 Course I'd back Mum! (4)
- 24 Con-man appeared a fishy sort (8)

Down

- 1 Misfit is not even going to the dance (7)
- 2 When it's time to study you'll have to put your foot down (5)
- 3 Sailor volunteers to take a turn in arena (6)
- 4 Wild cat did become dependent (6)
- 5 Ring a close relative for refuge during hard times (5)
- 6 Home supporter first there as a youngster (6)
- 13 Calm down – the coach will turn up as expected! (6)
- 15 Men stay to get drunk, and make excuse (7)
- 16 Soldiers get win on account (6)
- 17 Talk over with child's counsellor? (6)

- 19 Coaches keep fit (5)
- 21 Vehicle carrying newsman goes into tree (5)

COFFEE-TIME

Across

- 1 Sudden occurrence (8)
- 7 Not occupied (4)
- 8 Neat condition (8)
- 9 Forgive, let off (6)
- 10 Section of contract (6)
- 11 Obtained (3)
- 12 social group (5)
- 14 Cloud from boiling (5)
- 16 Rend, tear (3)
- 18 Nag's quarters (6)
- 20 Local dialect (6)
- 22 Wonderful, amazing (8)
- 23 Plate, bowl (4)
- 24 TV underwater puppet series (8)

Down

- 1 Non-conformist eccentric (7)
- 2 Pattern on tyre (5)
- 3 Classification (6)
- 4 Drug-user (6)
- 5 Desert pool (5)
- 6 Tot, baby (6)
- 13 Quieten down (6)
- 15 Official pardon
- 16 News story (6)
- 17 Clergyman (6)
- 19 Railway vehicle (5)
- 21 Tree of Lebanon (5)

Now, have you ever wanted to formulate a puzzle?

Please contact us via the links on the website and we will publish it in a future issue!

- Quiz: Submit 10 questions and answers
- Sudoku: Submit a completed puzzle, clearly marking the numbers you wish placed as a starting point in **red**
- Crossword: Submit your crossword grid with clues and answers

CYGNET u3a

(Central Yorkshire Group Network of u3a's)

A reminder, our network group (GK&D, Selby & District, Tadcaster and Sherburn & Villages) have agreed an 'Open door' policy. This means that – *if there are spaces available* – members may be able to join an Interest Group, class or event organised by another CYGNET member area by contacting the CYGNET single point of contact in their own u3a.

Our contact is Wendy Bartholomew-Esders and she can be contacted via our website link.

CYGNET links:

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Selby: www.u3asites.org.uk/selby/welcome

Sherburn: www.sherburnu3a.org

Tadcaster: www.u3asites.org.uk/tadcaster/welcome

Leeds: www.u3aLeedsweb.squarespace.com

Keep checking our website for news updates:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/garforth-kippax/welcome>

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/garforthkippaxu3a>

From u3a's National Learning Programme

Further information on the following free talks is available on <https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes>

Endnote:

Please note that any contributions from our general membership and Convenors will need to be with us by the **3rd Wednesday of each month** for inclusion in the next edition.

Thanks!

Isi Todd and Penny Brighten

Newsletter Editors

9th February 2024



Dear Carol and Martin,

It was a real pleasure to come and speak again and I was delighted that everyone enjoyed the talk.

Please pass on my thanks to group members for the very generous £238.77 in donations. Your support is greatly appreciated. Yorkshire Cancer Research funds researchers and cancer experts who pioneer early diagnosis and discover new and better treatments for people with cancer. These life-giving medical breakthroughs are helping more people survive cancer - here in Yorkshire and beyond. Thanks to supporters like you we are the biggest funder of places on cancer clinical trials in Yorkshire, giving patients greater access to innovative new cancer treatments.

Your support means we can continue to move closer to achieving our aim that one day everyone across Yorkshire will have access to the very best cancer treatment and care – thank you again.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Andy Wilson".

Andy Wilson
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