

Ripon & District U3A – June Newsletter

Chairman's Foreword

Hello Everyone,

Perhaps the most important item to point out this month is to please remember that our June General Meeting will be by zoom only. This is because we could not manage to obtain a booking at the Rugby Club. For those of you who do not have a zoom facility, can I suggest that you try to find a friend who does and who will allow you to share the screen, with a cuppa perhaps, as the talk should be very interesting.

Meanwhile, the Visits to Places of Interest Group is back in action. A few suggestions for future visits have been made, but you can see details of the first one within the newsletter and a booking form is appended. Please note that these visits are open to all members.

We also share information about new groups and suggested ones needing leaders. In September we have decided to do something different. Instead of our customary Showcase, there will be a General Meeting in the form of a 'coffee social'. So put it in your diary for September 25th and details will follow later.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monthly General Meetings

22nd May – Annual General Meeting

Followed by a presentation by David Wimpenny entitled –
Nejinsky's Camel – the Marchioness of Ripon and Patron of the Arts.
This sounds quite intriguing. I am sure you will agree.

This will be a live meeting – no Zoom

26th June – Nick Brazil presenting "Castles in the Air" – about inventions

This will be a Zoom meeting only – we could not book a room

24th July – Margaret Fiddes – Trustee of Yorkshire u3a will tell us of the latest initiatives.

This will be a live meeting – No Zoom



August – No meeting

September 25th - Please note that in September we usually have a Showcase in lieu of a General Meeting, but this year we plan to do things differently. More information to follow.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

June 1st to 7th

***‘I find volunteering and helping another person
to be more rewarding than winning the lottery’***

I heard this from a lady on TV, and I felt how true it was. Most of us know that we will never win the lottery, but we can experience pleasure from helping others. The Chair and Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers that help to keep our branch of the u3a alive and vibrant.

I know from experience that a group leader will be learning as much from the members of the group as he/she is helping them to learn.

A group leader need not to be an expert in the field.

The leadership can indeed be a shared responsibility, and the role is one of co-ordinating the group's activities. In fact, it is a good idea for any group leader to encourage group members to assist in the running of the group, and likewise all members should be willing to volunteer to help in any way they can. This may only be a small gesture of making tea or washing cups, but it all shares the burden and makes it an enjoyable and fun experience for all.

Kathy Wivell – secretary.

Entering the Modern Age of Communications

Your committee is taking a fresh look at its communications, and hope to make some improvements in the near future.

To help us do this, we would like to find a person with social media experience (e.g. Facebook), and some computer skills to administer our webpage to give us a better presence on social media.

We do not envisage this will be an onerous task, so if you have a little time to spare

Please come to our aid. You can contact Nicola Bradbury on nicolabradbury2018@gmail.com or **01765 608377** for further information. Nicola will provide advice and assistance where necessary.

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Visits to Places Of Interest

Friday 9th of June 2023

Coach Leaves 9.30am

Return 5.00pm

Cost £13 per person

To Book ring Glenys

01765 635236 or 07971093907

Email frankandglenys1@btconnect.com

**David Hockney
Museum Saltaire**



Haworth



Please complete and return the booking form included at the end of this newsletter

NEW GROUPS

Outdoor Sketching and Scribing

If you would like to find inspiration for creative work outdoors, you can join this new group where we will visit areas around Ripon for fun artwork and writing. No experience is necessary. Just bring along paper or pen or whatever you wish to use (with something hard to rest on). A little help can be given if this is new to you.

After approximately an hour, we will meet up for a cuppa and to share our creative thoughts (and work if we wish)

The first meeting will be in the Spa Gardens on **Sunday June 17th**. Meet by the bandstand at 10.00 am. There are lots of seats around and plenty to inspire one from Alice in Wonderland to flowers to trees to observation of people. If it is damp weather, we can sit in the bandstand (bring your own seat) and if pouring with rain we will postpone.

For further details you can phone Kathy Wivell on 07732 896962



Chess Group

A few people have expressed an interest in joining a chess group.

However, this can only happen if we have willing volunteers to run the group.

If you are interested in co-ordinating such a group, please contact Janet Sutton through the webpage.



French Conversation Group

Some people have expressed an interest in joining a French Conversation group.

If you are willing to be a group leader and organize such a group, please contact Janet Sutton through the webpage.

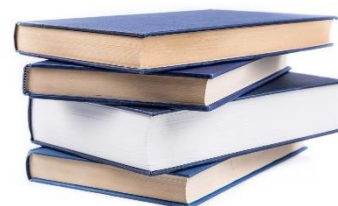


GROUP NEWS

Book Readers' Group

Contact – Karen Clark – kdalgliesh57@gmail.com for general information

or Karen Rimmer – karenjones388@gmail.com for membership details



The Book Readers' group meets every second Thursday at the Curzon Cinema at 2.00 pm.

The sessions usually last for about 1 hour and 15 minutes and provide entertaining discussions and debates. The book for our June meeting is "Once Upon a River" by Diane Setterfield

Collectables Group

Contact – Gwyn Sagar – Tel – 01765 677650

The June meeting is at the Magdalene Pub on Thursday the 8th June – 2 to 4 pm. New members welcome.

Family History Group

Contact – Anne Reid – annereid22@hotmail.com

Our group joins with the Harrogate Family History group on Zoom on 8th June at 2.00 pm to hear one of our Harrogate members speak about Family Search. This is a huge free resource that every family historian should use, but there is so much now available on the one website, that we are privileged to have an expert guide us through it.

Email me for further details about our group if you'd like to join us.



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Local History Group

Contact – Robert Metcalfe – rj.metcalfe@btinternet.com

Membership Secretary – Maurice Taylor – mauricehtaylor@gmail.com

The next meeting is Thursday 25th May at 10.00 am

Eric Jackson will give a presentation entitled “Remembrance, the story of war memorials”

As well as giving an historical and national perspective on war memorials. For Ripon I would also include details of Ripon's own memorial, including the newspaper report in the Ripon Observer of its unveiling, the Ripon Grammar School Memorial Field, Ripon Cathedral's war memorial altar and reredos, Ripon Cathedral's World War One 'mud' memorial and Ripon's 100year centenary celebrations including the 'Silhouette Soldiers'.



The meeting will take place at Ripon Rugby Club on Mallorie Park Drive, Ripon.

Mike, the amenable club steward, will ensure that the tea/coffee/cool water will be flowing at the time of our arrival. There will also be an interval with biscuits.

The cost of refreshments is just £2.00 a person – which goes to our host the Rugby Club.

If you are not a member, but would like to become one, please email Maurice Taylor.

Local History group – Visit to Roman Alborough – Launa Woodruff

On Friday 5th May the local history group paid a visit to the Roman Alborough site. The guide was the archaeologist Dr Rose Ferraby. She explained how the site was first explored in the 1800's, and further discoveries made after the site was bought by Andrew Lawson. Rose explained how modern techniques of geophysics survey using magnetometers have enabled the mapping of the whole of the walled Roman town.

Pictures from the Photographic Group



Lady Isabella Wheel
Laxey Isle of Man by
Paul Bertenshaw

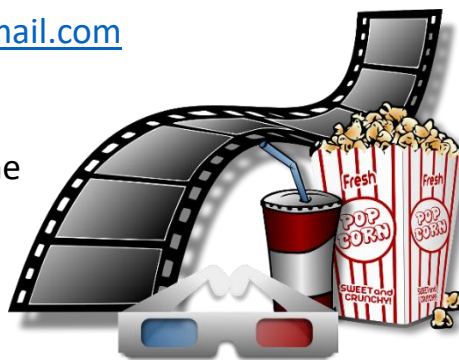


Bluebells by Irma Clarkson

Screen Scene Group

Contact – Karen Dalgliesh – karendalgliesh57@gmail.com

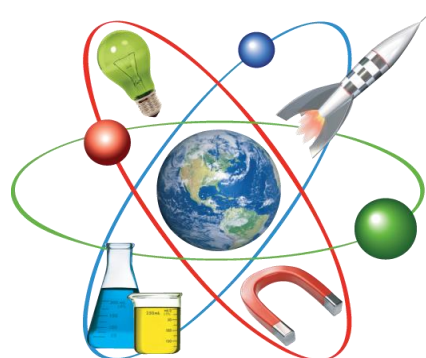
Screen Scene is a relatively new group for film enthusiasts. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Curzon Cinema, Ripon, to watch a film. The precise times will vary according to the film selection, and the exact information will be emailed to all group members a few days in advance. We normally have a coffee and a chat as well!



Science for All Group

Contact – Keith Surman – kjsurman@outlook.com

For July we have a change of plans. It will be a meeting on the 10th July in Sharow Village Hall when Stuart Ward will speak on “More Artificial Intelligence” There will not be any charge for tea/coffee etc. at this meeting. We do not have a meeting in August



Singing for Fun Group

Contact – Karen Dalgliesh – kdalgliesh57@gmail.com

“Singing for Fun” is for enthusiastic singers of all abilities and no experience is needed. We sing a range of styles from pop to classical, folk and world music too. The aim is to simply enjoy singing together, sometimes with simple harmonies. The sessions are on the first Friday of the month at 11.00 am at Allhallowgate in the centre of Ripon.



Contact Karen Clark on kdalgliesh57@gmail.com for more information

Theatre Visit Group

Contact – Arlene Coulson – dvarlene@btinternet.com

What a May month of Bank Holiday weekends! The theatre visit group committee hopes all members' coronation celebrations were full of colour and drama. Now with May behind us, the June TVG drama is "Julius Caesar" at York Theatre Royal on Thursday 15th June at 2.00 pm. The Royal Shakespeare Company production is a daring new revamping of the play written 400 years ago. The booking forms have been sent and are being returned.

More excitement on Tuesday July 18th. The coach trip treat is a return to Keswick to see "The Blonde Bombshell of 1943".

A coffee morning has been booked for August 16th at Ripon Rugby Club. For more information on the group's membership and events please contact Arlene Coulson at dvarlene@btinternet.com or visit the website pages.



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Walking Group

Contact – liz.gilbank15@btinternet.com
please remember to contact the Walk Leader in advance if you intend to join the walk.

Thursday 8th June

Leader – Margaret Chadwick – **01423 500685 or 07946301336**

Circular walk from Markington via Markenfield Hall

Length – 5 miles

Meet at Markington Village Hall at 10.00 am. Easy walk and possibility of lunch at "The Yorkshire Hussar" afterwards.

Ripley 9th May

Tuesday 13th June

Leader – Margaret Smith and Barbara Wheaton

Walk from Wormald Green using the 36 bus.

Full details will be given on the monthly email update

Monday 19th June

Leader – Janice Sherman – **01423 873330 or 079330316107**

Walk from Boroughbridge

Length – 7 miles

The walk will follow the River Ure from Boroughbridge via Myton Bridge and Milby. Riverside walk with road walking on return.

Meet at 10.00 am at the Back Lane car park (free) in Boroughbridge. Bring a drink and packed lunch.

Four walks are scheduled for July. Could leaders please let Heather Law - heatherlaw@freeuk.com or 07828580309 have the details as soon as possible so they can be circulated.

Many thanks and keep walking.

Wednesday Lunch Group

Contact – Margaret Crewe –

margaret.crewe@btinternet.com

The lunch club group will be meeting on Wednesday 21st June at 12.30 pm as usual.

The restaurant has not yet been booked but we will probably be eating at “The Fox and Hounds Restaurant” at Carthorpe.

To reserve your place please contact Margaret on **07799622095** before Sunday the 18th June.



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TRIP BOOKING FORM

Please book the following places on the trip dated ...9th June 2023.....

ToSaltaire and Haworth.....

Name(s) U3a membership no.....

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Contact Tel No e-mail address

In case of an emergency whilst on this trip please provide details of a person to contact (not necessarily a member of your family)

Name of contact Tel no of contact

NB: This information will not be retained beyond this trip

We recommend that this information should be included, but if you do not wish to give these details, please sign below

I do not wish to give an emergency contact (sign).....

I enclose a cheque for £ made out to Ripon and District U3a, or pay by BACS giving the name of this trip as reference, and returning the completed form to the Glenys Bailey at Stonehaven, North Stainley, HG4 3HT

Money is non-refundable unless your place can be re-sold.