

Ripon and District u3a – May Newsletter

Chairman's Forward



By the time you read this, Easter Eggs and Hot Cross buns will be history and even the unfortunate travellers who decided to go to France, should be home again. The next event therefore (apart from a small party called the Coronation) will be our AGM in May. Agenda and other papers should arrive with you soon so please do look through them and if you have any questions or issues you want to raise, please bring them to the meeting. Our speaker after the meeting will be David Winnpenny, who I am sure many of you know, so there is another reason to come to the meeting even if formality is not really your thing.

As I write this, the Showcase in April has not yet happened but I hope I am not counting too many unhatched chickens by thanking you for turning up and making it a good event. See you there.

Joyce

Ripon u3a Notices

Website administrator

Our website would like a new administrator. If you have experience of managing a website or would like to learn to do so, we would like to hear from you. The role entails keeping the current and prospective members informed of the activities of Ripon & District u3a. The current administrator is willing to give guidance.



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If you have a few hours to spare each month, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Kathy Wivell at kathywivel@gmail.com or speak to any committee member.

Important notice to all members who receive a paper copy of this newsletter

We are all aware of rising costs and as the committee of Ripon & District u3a, we are currently analysing our costs in a bid to keep the membership fees as low as possible. An ever-increasing cost is that of printing and posting the newsletter to members who do not receive an email copy. We, therefore, ask if all such members who wish to still receive a printed copy, could please send a book of 8 second class stamps to the newsletter editor – John Wivell, 5 Grange Park Road, Ripon, HG4 2NJ by 15th May 2023.



Otherwise, if they have a friend or relative who could print a copy from their computer to pass to them, please provide their email details by 15th May to the above address or by email to editoru3aripon@gmail.com.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Speaker and topic	venue
20 th April	Showcase	Allhallowgate Church
22 nd May	AGM followed by speaker David Wimpenny – Nejinsky's Camel – the Marchioness of Ripon and Patron of the Arts	Ripon Rugby Club

u3a Online Learning

The Third Age Trust (National u3a office) offer **free online learning** events each month. I have been distributing these details over the past few months, but many have asked how to access these.

You need to go onto the national website – www.u3a.org.uk – click on the **Menu** at the top right hand and then on **Learn**. Tab down to **online learning** events where you can subscribe to receive monthly updates of courses offered. Page down to current courses and then you need to book a place on Eventbrite – all courses are free and most are quickly booked up.



There are also **podcasts** and **Youtube videos** available – just type in **Youtube u3a** into your search engine and have a look. The podcasts are produced monthly and each one interviews members on a wide variety of topics and there are subtitles for the hard of hearing.

Membership Renewals are Due

Membership renewals were due on the 1st April, but there is a 6 week period of grace for late subscriptions. Any membership not renewed by then will be removed from the membership list.

Please note you may renew and pay for your membership by –

- On Line, using the Beacon Membership Portal on the “members” tag
- Alternatively, your membership can be renewed by downloading the Membership Form 2023 and sending it completed together with your cheque and a stamped addressed envelope to the Membership Secretary (Meg Wilcox, 20 Little Studley Park, Ripon, HG4 1HE)
- Non-email members received a renewal form with the February newsletter



Anagrams – Maggie Ainsley – maggie@gistix.com

Who are these anagrams of famous people associated with Ripon.

To help we've given their initials and a clue



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HAD MIND OR CHARM

(RH had a top gear education at Ripon Grammar School)

WE SCROLL RAIL

(LC Ripon was like a land of wonder to him)

FAIR WIND LIST

(SW some say he found Ripon cathedral. Didn't even know it was lost.)

Answers at the end of the newsletter.

Yorkshire Quiz

1. When is Yorkshire Day celebrated?
2. One of the tallest Maypoles in Britain stands in which West Yorkshire village?
3. To which saint is York Minster dedicated?
4. Which famous Yorkshire railway station became 'Hogsmead' in the first Harry Potter film?
5. Through which major Yorkshire city does the River Don flow?
6. Which famous Yorkshire author wrote 'Villette'?
7. The North Yorkshire Moors Railway is the longest steam operated railway in the UK, with over 18 miles of track, true or false?
8. Where was broadcaster and journalist Jeremy Clarkson born?
9. In which year was the Yorkshire Dales National Park established?
10. How many arches does the historical landmark 'Ribblehead Viaduct' have?

Answers at end of newsletter.

Group Activities

Collectables Group – Gwen Sagar – 01765 677550

The May meeting is at the Magdalene pub on
Thursday the 11th May – 2-4 pm.
New members welcome



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New Group

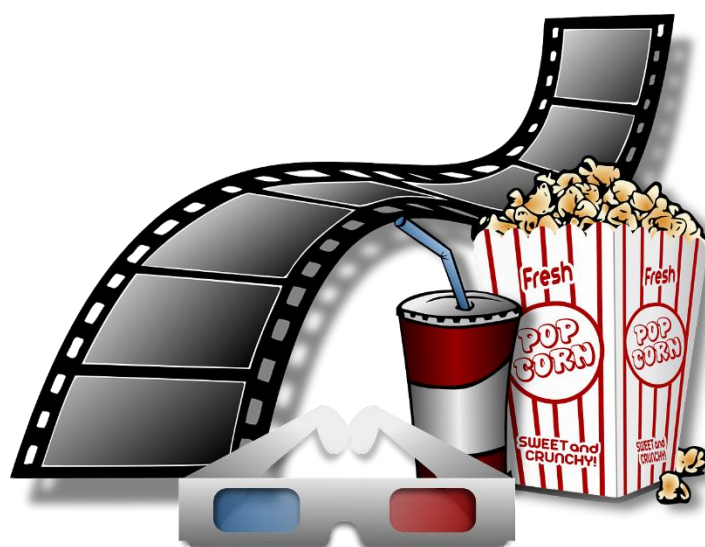
“Screen Scene” – Karen Dalglish – kdalgliesh57@gmail.com

“Screen Scene” is a new group for film enthusiasts.

On the 4th Wednesday of the month, we will visit the Curzon cinema in central Ripon to see a film. We aim to see as wide a range as possible and the ticket price is currently £9 which we pay at the venue on the day.

The precise times will vary according to the film selected and the exact information will be emailed to all group members a few days in advance.

To join the group please email me on kdalgliesh57@gmail.com



Family History Group – Anne Reid – annereid220@hotmail.com



At our next meeting on Tuesday 9th May at 2.00 pm we will be at the Workhouse in Ripon. One of our Harrogate friends will give us a talk on ‘Wills’.

This will be suitable for beginners as well as those with more experience.

Email me at annereid220@hotmail.com for further details about the group if you’d like to join us.

Wednesday Lunch Group- Margaret Crewe– margaret.crewe@btinternet.com

This month we are meeting at “The White Bear” in Masham on Wednesday the 17th May.

We have booked in for our lunch with a table for 8 people and a table for 6 people so we don't have to pre-book what we would like for our lunch.

Contact Margaret on **07799 622 095** to reserve your place.



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Photography Group – Julia Bertenshaw – juliabertenshaw@yahoo.co.uk

Our meetings this month will be 10th and 24th May

On the 10th May we will have a talk by one of our members, Kevin Rafferty, entitled “Titanic Slide Show”

On the 24th we are planning an outdoor meeting – venue to be decided.

We normally meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Littlethorpe Village Hall. If you are interested in joining the group or wish to know more, please contact juliabertenshaw@yahoo.co.uk



Picture by Phil Timmings – Mandarin Duck



Picture by Irma Clarkson – Studley Royal

Theatre Visits Group – Arlene Coulson – dvrarlene@btinternet.com

The committee hopes all members had a wonderful Easter and are looking forward to the May Bank Holiday. Meanwhile the May highlight for TVG members is “Quality Street” at York Theatre Royal on Thursday May 18th at 2.00 pm. Northern Broadrides are touring with the hilarious farce based on a book by J M Barrie. The booking forms have been sent and by now returned.

Looking ahead in June is “Julius Caesar” at York Theatre Royal on Thursday 15th June at 2.00 pm. In July the coach trip treat is a return to Keswick to see “The Blond Bombshell of 1943”

A coffee morning has been booked for August 16th at Ripon Rugby Club.

For more information on group’s membership and events please contact Arlene Coulson at dvrarlene@btinternet.com or visit the website page.



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For more information about group activities don't forget to check our website at -

<https://u3asites.org.uk/ripon/home>

Anagram Answers – Richard Hammond, Saint Wilfred, Lewis Carol

Answers to Yorkshire Quiz:

1. 1st August
 2. Barwick in Elmet
 3. Saint Peter
 4. Goathland
 5. Sheffield
 6. Charlotte Bronte
 7. True
 8. Doncaster
 9. 1954
 10. 24
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