

Chairman's Forward

Hello Members,

Just when I hoped spring had sprung, it went and snowed again, with cold winds to go with it. And that after a mild Feb -what a swizz! Still, I hope that by the time you read this, things will be improving again and that we might even have a few daffs on show.

I was, just, able to tell you last time that we do now have a new editor for the newsletter and this is his first edition. My thanks to John and please keep the group entries coming. John has set up a new mailbox for the purpose with the address editoru3aripon@gmail.com, so please add that to your contact lists and address books. All the entries sent to me have been passed on, so please use the new box from now.



April also sees another Showcase at the Allhallowgate Methodist Hall and I hope that groups who want a table have put in their order. There will as usual be refreshments but not entertainments this year. In the last year or two, space has been restricted and sometimes performers have felt that there was too much background intrusive noise and so for the time being, we have decided that some light radio music will be more appropriate. It should though still be a good event and I hope we will see lots of members and visitors there. Enough for one edition. See you soon I hope
Joyce

Collectables Group – Gwen Sagar – 01765 677550

The April meeting is at the Magdalens pub on Thursday 13th April – 2-4 pm.
New members are welcome

Your New Editor

Allow me to introduce myself. I am John Wivell and I have accepted the challenge of editing the Ripon & District u3a newsletter.

I have only recently returned to England after a 35 years spell in South Africa.

I do not have any relevant experience in editing but I am looking forward to the challenge.

There will be no changes to the editorial policy

1. Submissions for the newsletter are due in by the 15th of the month preceding the month for which the newsletter is being produced
 2. Submissions to be sent by email to editoru3aripon@gmail.com
 3. Group submissions should normally be sent by the group leader.
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Lawn Bowls group – Joan Hainsworth – joanhain11@gmail.com

The bowls season is almost upon us, our first session will be on April 5th. We play every Wednesday morning during the summer months, starting at 10.00am, in the lovely surroundings of West Tanfield Bowls Club.

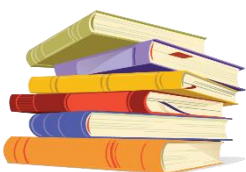
Experienced players and beginners are all welcome to join our flourishing and friendly group who meet for exercise, fresh air and good company. Bowls may be borrowed from the club and all players must wear flat shoes (no heels or deep ridges on the soles)



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Please come and join us or if you would like further information, phone or email Joan Hainsworth on 01765 605856 or joanhain11@gmail.com.

Book Readers Group – Karen Dalglish – kdalglish57@gmail.com



The next meeting of the Book Readers Group will be on Thursday 13th April, 2.00pm at the Curzon Cinema in central Ripon. The novel selected is “When I Come Home Again” by Caroline Scott. It is anticipated the meeting will last for just over an hour.

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

On Thursday 13th April at 2.00pm we meet on Zoom, together with the Harrogate u3a Family History Group. The guest presenter will be Dr Janet Few, experienced historian and author, and the subject will be “Occupational Hazards, the Working Lives of Our Ancestors”. I think there will be something for everyone in this talk.



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

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



The committee hope all members are fit and well and are now enjoying the Spring.

April sees members entertained by “Pride and Prejudice” at Leeds Grand Theatre on Wednesday 26th April at 2.30pm. A new take on Jane Austin’s love story. Members can look forward to a riotous funny romp with a string of pop classics. The booking forms have been sent out and by now returned.

Looking ahead in May and June are trips to York Theatre Royal “Quality Street” on Thursday 18th May at 2.00 pm and “Julius Caesar” on Thursday June at 2.00 pm.

The day trip to Keswick is confirmed for July. For more information on Group’s membership and events, please contact Arlene Coulson at dvrarlene@btinternet.com.

u3a Lunch Club – Margaret Crewe – margaret.crewe@btinternet.com

Wednesday Lunch Group

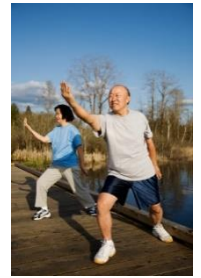
We are meeting as usual on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. If you would like to join us then please contact Margaret on 07799 622095 to add your name to the list.

Venue has still not been set but probably at a restaurant in a local village.



T'ai Chi Group – Caroline Marston – carolinedmarston@gmail.com

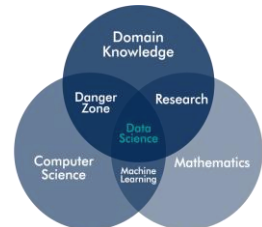
The T'ai Chi and chair based exercise class recommenced on March 13th at the new start time of 9.30 am. There are still two places available on this popular course. Contact Caroline if you are interested in joining, on 01765 698549 or email carolinedmarston@gmail.com



Science for All Group – Keith Surman – kjsurman@outlook.com

Our April meeting will be Monday 17th April when we have Andy Armitage on Audiology.

Provisionally, on Friday 5th May we have a visit when Dr Rose Ferraby will show us how ground penetrating radar & other techniques are used at Roman Aldborough.

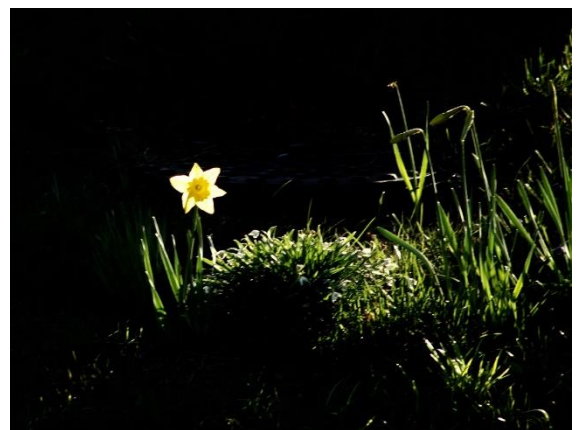


Photography Group – Julia Bertenshaw – juliabertenshaw@yahoo.co.uk

Our meetings this month will be Wednesday 12th and 26th April.

On the 12th it will be an outdoor session at Fountains Abbey (Studley entrance) meeting at the Lakeside car park for 2.00pm.

On the 26th there will be an indoor “teach-in” session on Smart Phone photography. 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



Some photos from Mike Clunes – Do you recognize the location?



Twice a year there is a newsletter released about dried fruit.

On those dates it is raisin awareness of currant events.



What sits at the bottom of the sea and twitches ?

“A nervous wreck”

April 1st is April Fool's Day.
Believe nothing, trust no-one.
Just like any other day ?????



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Walking Group – Janice Hogg – janicehogg@gmail.com



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Monday 20th March

Leader – Janice Sherman – 01423 87330 or 07930 316107

Length – 6.5 miles

A circuit from Dacre Bank to Glasshouses. There are some styles on the outward route along with tree roots on the river bank. The return is an easy walk on a quiet road and good tracks. Meet at the car park opposite the Royal Oak pub in Dacre Bank HG3 4EN with a packed lunch

Thursday 30th March

A coffee morning at the Rugby Club, Mallorie Park Drive, Ripon HG4 2QD starting at 10am. Do join us to help plan the Spring and Summer walks programme. Everyone is welcome. Please note there will be a charge of £2.50 to cover room hire and refreshments.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to lead a walk in April, May or June please send details directly to the Walks Co-ordinator Heather – heatherlaw@freeuk.com

Tuesday 4th April

Leaders – Liz and Tony Gilbank – 07952 880713 or 01765 608919

Length – 5.5 miles

A walk to the end of the Ripon Canal and back via the Wetlands and the riverside ending with an optional lunch at the Water Rat. Please meet at the Canal Basin outside the Forge Café at 10.00 am.

Monday 17th April

Leader – Kath Beeken – 07770 233253

Leaders – Liz and Tony Gilbank – 07952 880713 or 01765 608919

Length – 6 miles

Pateley Bridge to Dacre Banks. We catch the 11.00am bus from Pateley Bridge to Dacre Banks, then walk back to Pateley Bridge over Guisecliffe and via Bewerley. Packed lunch is required. Some styles, and some uphill walking to begin with. Watch out for full details in the next monthly group email after a full recce has been done.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you are one of 564 members in the Ripon & District u3a which falls under the Yorkshire and Humberside Region which has a total of 46 Branches.

There are 12 Regions across the UK with 1.035 Branches and nearly 40,000 members.

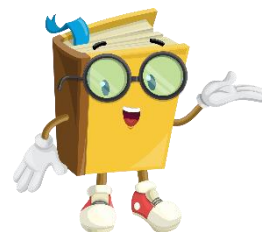
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

Date	Speaker	Topic	Venue
27 th March	Martin Lunn	Viking astronomy	Ripon Rugby Club
20 th April	See below	Showcase	Allhallowgate Church
22 nd May	David Wimpenny (after our AGM)	Nikinsky's Camel – the Second Marchioness of Ripon and Patron of the Arts	Ripon Rugby Club

Please note: all of the above are live meetings (no hybrid ones)

SHOWCASE

Next month's meeting will be on THURSDAY 20th April at Allhallowgate Methodist Church from 2.00 pm, when we will be holding a Showcase. This is aimed at giving a picture of the groups offered by Ripon & District u3a and illustrating the wide range of activities on offer. It is open to members and the public. So please encourage any friends or neighbours who may be interested to come along.



Volunteering

Have you thought of volunteering to help your community? If so, why not volunteer to become a member of our committee? We are a friendly group who will give any guidance needed. You can also attend a committee meeting as an observer if you wish, before committing yourself. If interested please contact the Chair, Joyce Walmsley on jwalmsley@jfwalmsley.plus.com.



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Outings to Place of Interest

The committee is considering re-starting this group and a sub-committee has been established to plan these. They would like to receive your ideas of places to visit. Please send to Janet Slater - janetfslater@outlook.com or Glenys Bailey – frankandglenys1@btconnect.com. This group is open to all members and will be by bus.



Happy Easter