

# RIPON AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER JULY AND AUGUST 2019

## CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

We have just had the first meeting of the new committee. We have some new ideas but still wish to retain the old faithfuls, such as the Showcases in September and January. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September we have the opportunity not only to look at what groups do and perhaps join one that we hadn't thought about before, but also for new people to see what the U3A can offer. Do encourage anyone you know to come along even if only to enjoy a free tea or coffee.

We have over 500 members, but publicity is still important because we don't want people to miss out on the pleasure and purpose in later life that this organisation gives.

I am pleased that Heather Garbutt has taken on the role of Publicity Officer. She would be grateful for any help as it is a big task. Some of you have offered to help with the reception at the General Meetings so thanks for that. I hope you will also help with other projects we have in mind - WATCH THIS SPACE!

I have visions of sitting out in our garden in the sunshine when we don't meet in August – I hope I am right. With best wishes

Dorothy Taylor: 01765 604778



Anything you can do I can do better!

Do you know that the names of the months July and August are due to the arrogance of the politician Julius Caesar and the emperor Caesar Augustus? More than 2000 years ago (46 BC), Julius Caesar decided to change the Roman calendar (containing 10 months) to Julian calendar (containing 12 months). Because of Julius Caesar being born on 13th of "Quintilis", Marc Anthony ordered changing the name of this month to July to flatter Caesar's vanity!

When Julius Caesar died, his successor was Caesar Augustus: founder of Roman Empire and, at the same time, its first emperor. So, it is said that when Augustus became emperor, he decided to change the name of the month of "Sextilis" into "August". It was in this way that the first emperor did not feel inferior to Julius and changed the sixth month of the calendar. This month had only 30 days, and Augustus, in his vanity, could not stand that the month - dedicated to his person- had one day less. So, without thinking twice, Augustus took one day off the month of

February. So, it is for vanity that the month of February has only twenty eight days (29 leap-year), and the reason why July and August, in spite of being the two following months have 31 days.

## SPEAKERS AT THE SPA HOTEL

22<sup>ND</sup> July, 2pm– Andy Wilson - Research Engagement Manager at  
Yorkshire Cancer Research



PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST

## Group events and information

Please note as always, submissions for the next newsletter (SEPTEMBER 2019) should be with one of the editors by the 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST. Paul Finch: [pagfinch@hotmail.com](mailto:pagfinch@hotmail.com) or Caroline Marston: [carolinedmarston@gmail.com](mailto:carolinedmarston@gmail.com)

### Family History Group

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At our May meeting we had a most interesting talk from a member who, having inherited a box of unlabelled family photographs, has set about discovering who the subjects of the portraits might be, for example by dating costume and using information about the photographer where known.

For our next meeting at 2pm on 25th June at The Old Deanery there will be contributions from several members on the subject of a will they have uncovered in their research. At the following meeting, also at the Old Deanery at 2pm on 30th July we welcome back Jackie Depelle who will give us a talk entitled "Which website and why?"

And just a reminder that we won't be having a meeting in August.

### Local History Group

Maurice Taylor: [maurice.taylor@ripcoms.net](mailto:maurice.taylor@ripcoms.net)

When not on a site visit the group meets at Thorpe Prebend House in Ripon from 10 – 12 noon.

A visit to The Chapel of St Mary Magdalen, on Magdalen's Road in Ripon, will take place on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Maurice Taylor will lead the group to one of only three Grade 1 listed buildings in Ripon – and will do a presentation. Dr Brian Crosse will give a guided tour of the Leper Chapel. Meet at the Chapel for a 10.00am start.

**On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July** we will make the second of our visits to Ripon's medieval 'Hospital' foundations - St John's in Bondgate - the earliest of the three. Maurice Taylor will look at both the history of the hospital foundation and also the story of Bondgate, which was a separate township from Ripon until the 19th century. Meet at the Chapel for a 10.00am start.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** - an extra date for the diary – venue TBC, Ripon resident Philip Vaughan will present 'Turning Up the Past'. Professional photographer Philip has been metal detecting for many years and will show us the most interesting finds that he has 'turned up' locally.

For further information please email Maurice Taylor at [maurice.taylor@ripcoms.net](mailto:maurice.taylor@ripcoms.net)

## Keep Fit and M'ai T'ai Chi

Caroline Marston [carolinedmarston@gmail.com](mailto:carolinedmarston@gmail.com) or 01765 698549

The summer party is on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> July at The Inn, South Stainley. Book your place with Caroline before 1<sup>st</sup> July. Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> is also the last keep fit class before the summer break. Classes recommence on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July is the last T'ai Chi before the summer break. Classes recommence on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. New members welcome.

Happy holidays!

Pictured right is our Ripon U3A ukulele group which played for an hour for the Salvation Army lunch club on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June. Great fun, lots of catchy tunes for everyone to join in with and tea and buns afterwards! What could be better?



## Theatre Group

Rodney Towers – [rhtowers@btinternet.com](mailto:rhtowers@btinternet.com)

**Coffee Morning - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 10am** at the Old Deanery, Ripon. Any U3A member is welcome to attend. In the meantime -

24<sup>th</sup> July - *'The Lady Vanishes'* - Leeds Grand.

29<sup>th</sup> August - *'On the Piste'* - Harrogate Repertory Theatre.

19<sup>th</sup> September - *'Buddy -The Buddy Holly Story'* - Darlington Hippodrome.

December- Pantomime - details later.

## Sunday Lunch Group.

Sue Eddleston: 01765 601812

On the 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July, we are going to the Royal Oak at Staveley. Meet for 12.30pm, eat around 1pm. Any members wishing to join us please give me a ring. Enjoy good food, good company, and of course leave the washing up to someone else! I look forward to hearing from you.

## Midweek Lunch Group

Barbara Robertson: 01765 604318

The July midweek lunch date will be the 17<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30 at Pierre Bistro, in Harrogate. If you would like to join our happy, chatty group, please let me know by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

## Walking Group

Christine Bennett: 01423 324011 or [dromomania2@outlook.com](mailto:dromomania2@outlook.com)

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us in July and August and we can continue to enjoy some lovely walking, and not end up feeling as if we've been roasted alive, as last year!

The following walks have been offered and please note that many suggest taking a packed lunch as the walks are slightly longer than our winter ones.

**Tuesday 2nd July** – Peter and Carole are leading a 6 mile walk around the Scar House and Angram reservoirs, an easy walk apart from one steep ascent. A packed lunch will be required. Meet at High Cleugh Ripon at 9.15am for a 10am start at the reservoirs. For details, contact 07960264428

**Tuesday 16th July** – Tina is leading a 6.5 mile walk from Pateley Bridge via the Merryfield Mines and a packed lunch will be required, with the option of further refreshments at the end. Meet at High Cleugh Ripon at 9.30am for a 10am start from Pateley Bridge park toilets. For details contact 07427287006

**Tuesday 23rd July** – Margaret S and Sue are leading a 6 mile walk from Fountains Abbey via Aldfield. Meet at High Cleugh Ripon at 9.45am for a 10am start from Fountains Abbey visitors centre, where there is a lunch option at the end. For details contact 07448781610

**Thursday 1st August** – Chris is leading a 7 mile undulating walk from Grewelthorpe via Azerley. A packed lunch will be required with the option of further refreshments at the end. Meet at High Cleugh at 9.45am for a 10am start from Grewelthorpe. For details contact 07518376881

**Wednesday 7th August** – Claire is leading a 7 mile walk from Burton Leonard via Copgrove and South Stainley. A packed lunch will be required. Meet at High Cleugh Ripon at 9.30am for a 10am start from Burton Leonard village green. For details contact 07932776016

**Tuesday 13th August** – David and John are leading a walk from Buckden. Further details to follow when available.

**Thursday 22nd August** – John and Judy are leading a 5.5 mile easy walk from Spofforth with a lunch option at the end. Meet at High Cleugh Ripon at 9.30am for a 10.15am start from Spofforth village hall. For details contact 07843621428

Thanks to everyone who has offered to lead these walks. Any member of Ripon & District U3A who would like to join us on any of the walks will be welcome.

## Readers' Group

Sue Hutchinson: 01765 601302

Here is the list of books for our next few meetings which are always on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Old Deanery. The only charge is the usual £2.50 for the Old Deanery.

11<sup>th</sup> July – *"The Trouble with Goats and Sheep"* by Joanna Cannon

8<sup>th</sup> August – *"Behind the Scenes at the Museum"* by Kate Atkinson

12<sup>th</sup> September – *"The Keeper of Lost Things"* by Ruth Hogan

10<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring a book that you think the group would enjoy discussing and we will make our choice for the next few months. Please contact Sue for further information.



## Collectables Group

Gwyn Sagar 01765 677550

Our next meeting will be at the Old Deanery on 11<sup>th</sup> July from 2-4pm. There will be no meeting in August.

This interesting group meets on a monthly basis, and has a dedicated membership as well as one or two new members. Gwyn Sagar who runs the group, is at pains to say that the items presented do NOT have to be antiques, and can be any objects of potential interest.

At the meeting I attended in June, a variety of things was presented. Among them was a shapely pewter pot, with a horn handle, a fine set of Boy Scout badges, a silver inkwell, some Hornsea pottery, two pretty dinner plates, several oddities found at auction, including various old gauges, and a cased hyperdermic needle(!). There was also a handsome copper samovar which had been electro-plated and then cleaned to reveal its original copper and brass, a portable sealing wax set, and a pretty cruet. What a wonderful and varied selection of items.

There was wide ranging discussion and speculation about most pieces: about age, marks, makers and country of origin.

From meeting to meeting there is no prediction of what might be brought in next.

This is a worthwhile group for those who enjoy collecting and talking about their interests and learning about the huge range of different collectables (or collectibles if you prefer the American spelling).

*Lesley Taylor*



## Science for All

Keith Surman: 01765 605055 or [kjsurman@outlook.com](mailto:kjsurman@outlook.com)

We enjoyed a very interesting visit to Nosterfield Nature reserve. The rain held off whilst we were there and the curlews, avocets and lapwings happily ignored us. At the time of writing all bodes well for the evening Fylingdales visit. Next....

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – The Coldstones Cut visit. It is now full and I have started a waiting list.

We do not have a meeting in August.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September** – A meeting in the Old Deanery when Stuart Ward will be talking about “The Science of Photography”.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Please note that the proposed visit to Tees Cottage Pumping Station will not be possible.

For the latest information check our Ripon U3A Science for All webpage or contact Keith as above.

## Garden Group

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**Summer Visits:** If anyone would like to come on the visits, please get in touch beforehand, so that we can ascertain numbers and any transport requirements.

**17<sup>th</sup> of July:** Cow Close Cottage. Hartwith Harrogate.

**20<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Pilmoor Cottage. Helperby .

Pick up time for all 9.30am to leave by 9.45 from the car park opposite the Bus Station.



## Have your say

Dorothy Taylor: 01765 604778

Have your say group meets at the Old Deanery on Friday July 12th at 2pm The Subject for discussion will be about the use of English in the modern world.

There will be no meeting in August.

## Poetry for Pleasure

Dorothy Taylor: 01765 604778

Poetry for Pleasure meets at the Old Deanery on July 15th at 2pm when we will read poems under the heading "Travelling".

There will be no meeting in August.

## PUZZLE CORNER

(Last month's puzzle solution- R completes the diagram of a manual gear stick. First correct answer out of the hat and winning £5, Jan Hogg. Well done!)

### This month's puzzle - What's the film title?

CYANINDIGO ABELCAIN  
 TUESATT  
 LEONARDOMORSE  
 GOODBYE PISTOLS  
 HOROBOD  
 LE LINK  
 LEFT BREEZE  
 DENEBPUNIC



First correct answer out of the hat wins a fiver. Answers on a **postcard only** to Caroline Marston, 24 Glovers Crescent, Ripon, HG4 2TB

## Kate Swann - beyond the U3A

*U3A Creative Writing Group, Skell Scriveners, have another published writer among their group. Kate Swann (our recently resigned chairman) has just published her first book of poetry, Ripples Beyond the Pool. Kate was brought up in Cumbria and her poetry reflects many of the places and people she encountered there, as well as dipping into her travels around the world.*

## From our own intrepid correspondent

### Travelling by air? Thinking about flying off on holiday abroad?

Things to be aware of if you wear a hearing aid – because hearing loss can affect everything from even before you take your first step into the airport.

- Take spare batteries with you – batteries in other countries are not likely to be the same as those for NHS aids.
- Find out if the airport you are flying from has a loop system - for telecoil and T fitting. Newcastle, Gatwick, Heathrow airports have one.
- Read the captions to the pre-flight safety demonstrations given soon after you board – you are unlikely to hear them. BUT there will not be any visual communication for you to read if there is unscheduled information given on things like turbulence, delays or a change of arrival gate.
- Take your own supplies of in-flight entertainment because audio-visual entertainment does not exist except on one or two United States airlines.
- Book free special services assistance in advance, the same way as sight-impaired travellers do, so you will get help at crucial moments such as check-in. You may also get a seat allocated to you near a flight attendant.
- Be warned! Your hearing aid may set off the security alarm system in foreign museums as well as in airports.
- If you lose a hearing aid, make sure that you report it to the police even though it is not theft. Otherwise it won't be covered by your insurance.



*(Train travellers who use hearing aids can apply for a rail disability card instead of the senior citizens' pass. This costs less - £20, approx.)*

## U3A National Conference and AGM 2019

### "Sharing Inspiring Learning"

**27 - 29 August**

**EAST MIDLANDS CONFERENCE CENTRE, UNIVERSITY PARK, NOTTINGHAM, NG7 2RJ**

<https://conference.u3a.org.uk/>

Together we will be sharing our views, ideas and experience in this year's conference "Sharing Inspiring Learning". With workshops focusing on lifelong learning, managing new educational resources, finance for charities, and supporting the growth and development of U3As, there will opportunity to discuss, debate and enjoy the views of colleagues across the movement. There will also be some free time to share interests such as singing, ukulele playing, walking and many other choices. Please join us for the conference and enjoy time with U3A members from across the movement, and do join the discussion. Residential and non-residential options for Conference are available; costs range from £115.00 to £325.00 (This includes AGM day). AGM Day only tickets are also available.

Contact via the link shown above.

# STUDY DAY -BOOKING FORM “OUR CITY RIPON”

Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> 2019, 10am – 3pm  
Chapel of St John the Baptist, Bondgate  
The cost for this event is £10.



We will explore this ancient city learning more about its development and its special aspect.

Our Guest speakers will be Mr Mick Stanley - geologist, Professor Joyce Hill - historian and Mr David Winpenny – author.



Tea or coffee provided, but please arrange your own lunch.

I wish to book place(s) –

Name(s) .....

Phone No; (in case of any changes)

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I enclose my cheque made payable to **Ripon & District U3A** for

£.....

Please return your booking form and cheque to:

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