

RIPON AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Dorothy Taylor: 01765 604778

Dear Members

Hopefully we will enjoy a Golden October together. You may recall that we have been looking at the role of our U3A in helping to alleviate loneliness. There is no doubt that as we enter the third age of life, circumstances change and we can end up with little focus and sometimes loneliness. NYCC has procured some funding for an investigation into the problem and our U3A is being used in the survey. The committee is still going to continue with its own investigation.

Recently Glenys and I attended a network meeting of northern clubs where the discussion centred on groups. We were pleased to report the variety we are offering members - thanks to our co-ordinators. Some clubs have interesting groups which we don't offer at the moment, so please let Glenys or me know if you would like to hear about them.

As the weeks go by we get nearer to Christmas: you will find booking forms for the festive events in this newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Dorothy
Chairman



It's Hallowe'en and Boris and his cabinet are having a final celebration before we all become bumpkins at midnight.

NEXT MEETING AT THE SPA HOTEL

On October 28th the speaker will be Paul Atherton who is an author. His talk will be about the research he did concerning the Cuerdale Hoard buried on the banks of the river Ribble in 905 AD. The book is an historical novel. Copies will be on sale.



Group events and information

Please note as always, submissions for the next newsletter - NOVEMBER 2019 should be with one of the editors by the 15th OCTOBER. Paul Finch: pagfinch@hotmail.com or Caroline Marston: carolinedmarston@gmail.com

Family History Group

Anne Reid: 01765 650077 or annereid220@hotmail.com

Our next meeting at the Old Deanery is at 2pm on 29th October. We are looking forward to a talk by Dr Paul Jennings on the subject of domestic servants in Edwardian Harrogate.

What's this? Table tennis group gone potty? No, they're no mugs and it's not what it seems!

Someone misplaced the nets, but the group soon got a handle on the problem – it was always on the cards. (Just in case you can't make out the photo, there is a line of beakers instead of the net, with some playing cards atop).



Art Appreciation Group

Please note that there will be no meeting on 17th October, but instead, a trip to York Art Gallery. On 21st November the subject of our meeting will be Aubrey Beardsley (and one other artist).



A message from Ukelele Sue

Hi, here is a picture of most of the ukuleleists. Sadly no one managed to take a picture where we were all in it or looking straight at the camera! I assume that it was because everyone was so enraptured by our performance that they couldn't take their eyes off us! (Looks to me like you have all had one Pimm's too many!!- ED).

The event was the St Wilfrid's Mini-Fest and was in aid of the Air Ambulance and renovation work at St Wilfs. We were the last outside act and we played for half an hour. There were 14 ukie players, so a very good turn-out. We also managed to get a new member to the group from the crowd that was watching.

Local History Group

Maurice Taylor at maurice.taylor@ripcoms.net

The group meets at Thorpe Prebend House from 10 – 12 noon. New members welcome.

On Thursday 26th September Lt Col (Ret'd) Alan Skidmore will present 'Ripon in World War II'. Much is known regarding Ripon's role in the Great War; less is known, except in a few quarters, regarding the city's great contribution to the prosecution of WW2.

Thursday 24th October will see Peter Hill's illustrated talk entitled 'Ripon's Railway Bridges'. He will be exploring the development and demise of the railway through Ripon, its infrastructure and in particular the bridges.

Singing Group

David Swann 01765 600068 or John Colston 01765 600747

We will meet in October on Monday 7th, 14th, and 21st at Allhallowgate Church from 2.00 - 4.00pm. New members please contact David Swann.

Theatre Group

Clare Kinsman: cpkinsman@hotmail.com

19th November – coffee morning, 10am Old Deanery
December- Pantomime - details later.

Collectables Group

Gwynne Sagar 01765 677550

Next meeting 10th October, 2-4pm at the Old Deanery

Sunday Lunch Group.

Sue Eddleston: 01765 601812



As you will see, everyone in the Sunday Lunch Group has been thoroughly spoilt during Afternoon Tea at Grantley Hall. From beginning to end the afternoon was perfect. We arrived by executive transport supplied by Taxi and then on arrival at Grantley the staff looked after us superbly. Every need was catered for. Afternoon Tea - well what can I say but that everything was delicious. The sandwiches, then scones and then the cakes - all scrummy. We just had enough

time to walk round the gardens before our taxi to reality. Three new ladies joined us so in total afternoon, a wonderful experience.

On 13th October we will be going back to one of Masham. If anyone would like to join us, then



whisked us back there were ten of us. A wonderful

our favourite haunts - The Old Station, at give me a ring. Lunch is at 12.30.



Midweek Lunch Group

Barbara Robertson: 01765 604318

The October midweek lunch date is at Quantro, Harrogate on Wednesday 16th October at 12.30 and if you would like to join our happy group. please let me know by Sunday 13th October

Walking Group

Christine Bennett: 01423 324011 or dromomania2@outlook.com

Walking in the autumn can be a fantastic experience with the leaves on the trees changing colour and a crisp air to encourage the walking!

An important date in **October** is **Wednesday 2nd**, which is our six monthly meeting at the Old Deanery, at 10am, with the usual Old Deanery costs. We will be compiling the walks programme for the following six months and it is an opportunity for people to meet up, air their grievances, introduce new ideas, discuss issues about walk lengths, travel distance, coach walks, meeting places and whatever else is brought up. In October, we have the following walks on offer:

On Tuesday 1st October, David and John are leading a 7 mile circular walk from Hutton-le-Hole via Lastingham and Appleton-le-Moors, with a couple of short easy hills and views of moorland, woods and the Vale of Pickering. Meet at High Cleugh, Ripon at 9.30am to share transport or at Hutton-le-Hole at 10.45am GRSE705904. A packed lunch will be required. For further information, contact 07971 247062.

On Tuesday 8th October, Ian is leading a 7 mile circular walk from Ripley via Bedlam. Meet at the 36 bus stop at Ripon bus station at 9.20am. Alternatively, meet at the Boars Head, Ripley at 9.45am. A packed lunch is required with the option of refreshments at the end. For further information contact 01765 604068

Margaret L 's walk on **Wednesday 16th October** has unfortunately been cancelled. If anyone would like to lead a walk on any day during the week of Monday 14th October, please let me (Chris) know.

On Tuesday 22nd October, Peter and Carole are leading a 5 mile circular walk from Pateley Bridge. Meet at High Cleugh, Ripon at 9.20am or Pateley Bridge riverside car park at 10am. Lunch option afterwards. For further information contact 07960264428.

On Tuesday 29th October, David and John are leading a 7.5 mile circular walk from West Burton. This is a spectacular walk, past three waterfalls and the historic temple of the Templars, with a small ascent and several stiles. Meet at High Cleugh at 9.30am to share transport or at West Burton at 10.30am GRSE018867. There is limited parking at West Burton so sharing cars from High Cleugh is recommended. A packed lunch will be required. For further information contact 07971 247062.

Please come to the meeting on 2nd October if you can, as it is your group and relies on its members. If you are unable to come, please contact me. If you have any issues or ideas for discussion and dates for any walk(s) you are prepared to lead during the months of November to April inclusive, please let me know, I would like to thank all walk leaders for their input, as otherwise there would be no group.

Book Readers' Group

Sue Hutchinson: 01765 601302

Our meetings 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.

10th October – at this meeting we will be looking to choose the books we will read for the next few months. All are welcome and it would be great (but not essential) if you bring a book you think will generate discussion.

Science for All

Keith Surman: 01765 605055 or kjsurman@outlook.com

For our September meeting Stuart Ward gave a fascinating talk on the Science of Photography – both film and digital. For the rest of 2019 we have:-

Monday 14th October – Meeting in the Old Deanery when Frank Bailey will be talking about Jet Propulsion.

Monday 11th November – Meeting in the Old Deanery when Brian Wood will be talking about Wildlife Conservation.

Monday 9th December – The process of brewing beer - a tour of the Blacksheep Brewery, Masham. For the latest information check our Ripon U3A Science for All webpage or contact Keith as above.

Have your say

Dorothy Taylor: 01765 604778

This lively discussion group meets on Friday October 11th 2pm at the Old Deanery when the subject for discussion will be – 'Is the internet a force for good or not?' Come along and join us.

Poetry for Pleasure

Dorothy Taylor: 01765 604778

Poetry for Pleasure October 21st 2pm at the Old Deanery when we will read poetry under the heading of 'Mystery and Magic'. Everyone welcome.

PUZZLE CORNER

Last month's puzzle solution- The next number in the sequence is 3. The digits 0-9 have been listed alphabetically so three comes after six. (Two and zero would follow)
Winner (first one out of the hat) is Denise Roberts. Congratulations!

This month, two easy riddles to solve.

1. What comes once a minute, twice in a moment but never in a thousand years?
2. First think of the colour of clouds. Next think of the colour of snow. Now think of the colour of a bright full moon. Now- what do cows drink?

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



From our own intrepid correspondent – “On Prescription”.

Not just pills or potions from the GP but a prescription for Weight Watchers, a gym club, or even a recommendation from North House Surgery to take part in a Saturday morning fun run at Fountains Abbey: or that older people suffering from loneliness or depression should join their nearest U3A! Though ‘University’ in our name can put off some potential members, the huge range of interests, aptitudes and enthusiasms displayed by those visiting our Showcase suggests we are attracting rather than repelling. But if, as the medical profession is proposing, we are now regarded as a social service, there are new responsibilities to be taken on board. Members are already pretty good at supplying lifts in their cars to those who are not so hale and hearty and to spotting where a helping hand is needed. After all, a membership that spans four decades is likely to produce a range of multicoloured walking sticks, walking frames, hearing aids, prostheses as well as walking boots and backpacks. So we already deal unobtrusively well - one way or another - with our existing health and social needs.

But a problem we are already aware of could be made worse by an increase in membership-on-prescription by being regarded as a social service. Early in the New Year we came across the difficulty of finding anyone willing to take on leadership responsibilities - to stand as chairman, to stand as a member of the Committee. This may well be because so many members are already volunteers in the community - working in charity shops, helping out in the library, being a guide at Fountains Abbey or the cathedral – or serving in its shop. So the question remains: is a potential influx of new members with particular needs just going to add to our problem of the number of members who are happy to have meetings and events arranged for them but who themselves are not inclined to be more directly involved in their organisation? Our problem is obligingly solved by Dorothy and others for the present, but it can persist. However, as long as there is a Ripon and District U3A, we will always provide a doormat with “welcome” on it. So, prescriptions, please.



A footnote from a member. Forward planning!!

“Thank you for your excellent and most interesting September newsletter. I wonder if a small item might go into the October one re the next May bank holiday. A lot of people don't seem to have heard that there will be no holiday on Monday May 4th, 2020. It will be on Friday 8th to coincide with the 75th anniversary of V.E. Day. And the diaries and calendars I looked at the other day in Smith's don't seem to have caught up.” *Sylvia Foxton.*

Look what you have been up to!

African Drumming Workshop

Well, it went really well. Everyone enjoyed the African drumming workshop. There were 30 people in total! The lady who took it is a drum teacher, Alison Lyon, from Harrogate. By halfway we had all got the hang of it and at the end, we played an eight-part, yes eight-part, celebratory drum tune from Africa! It was just amazing. We had different size drums, bells and some sort of maracas, called shekere. So amazing that I will be organising it again next year and due to the fact that it was oversubscribed we might run two separate workshops so that people aren't disappointed! Big sorry to the people who were on the waiting list and didn't get to go.

Sue Griggs



And look what you might get up to.

Ripon Wilfrid's Folk club, St Wilfrid's Community Centre, Trinity Lane, Ripon, HG4 2AB

On 25th October 8.00pm Guest Night - **White Sail** a trio with wonderful harmony vocals & guitar, Celtic harp, dulcimer, mandolin, shruti box, trumpet, woodwind & percussion with their own unique material. Supported by Nick Brooker, an extremely talented guitarist and singer of amazing songs. MC and floor spot - Stuart Ward – Tickets from the Little Ripon Bookshop or www.wegotickets.com £9 (£10 OTD).

[Musical Fusion](#) – Next episode Sunday, 6th October at 7.30 in the Golden Lion, Allhallowgate.

[Dates for your diary - two events for the Christmas period.](#)

November 29th - **Afternoon Tea** at the Old Deanery 3.30pm. £12.50 with seasonal entertainment.

December 16th - **Brunch** at the Spa Hotel - at 11.30. £15.50 with entertainment.

Both venues can accommodate a limited number of people so book early to avoid disappointment.

Combined booking form on next page.

COMBINED BOOKING FORM – COMPLETE AS REQUIRED.

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Friday 29th November - Afternoon Tea at the Old Deanery with seasonal entertainment, 3.30pm. £12 50 per person.

I wish to book..... place(s)

Name(s)

Phone No; (in case of any changes)

Special dietary requirements.....

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

£.....

Monday 16th December - Brunch at the Spa Hotel at 11.30am followed by a Christmas Concert - £15 50 per person.

I wish to book..... place(s)

Name(s)

Phone No; (in case of any changes)

Special dietary requirements.....

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£.....

Please return your booking form and cheque to:

Dorothy Taylor, 36 Kings Mead, Ripon HG4 1EJ

GDPR May 2018. The data collected on this form will only be used for the purpose of the U3A and will not be disclosed to any external sources. This form will be destroyed within 4 weeks of the trip completion.