

# Ripon u3a Newsletter – December 2023



## Chairman's Foreward

Our speaker for November is Jeremy Hutchinson who will talk about the portraits in Kiplin Hall. You may remember Jeremy's talk about the history of the hall last year, when he told us a remarkable amount of material in a single talk.

December's meeting is, of course, Christmas lunch on December 4th at the Rugby Club. See you there I hope

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## NEW GROUPS

### **Latin American Style Instrumental Group – Arni Clark – [arniclark@gmail.com](mailto:arniclark@gmail.com)**

We are looking for any budding or more experienced musicians to join us to form a new band/ensemble playing a mix of Latin American influenced music. Those interested must be further along than beginner stages and at least be able to play simple melodies and/or basic chord/changes smoothly.

Electric and acoustic instruments including percussion are welcome. Initially we would look to meet once a month on a Friday, mid to late morning, at a venue to be arranged, although options are available

For more information please contact: Arni Clark at email: [arniclark@gmail.com](mailto:arniclark@gmail.com)

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## Group Activities

### **Book Reading Group – Karen Clark – [kdalgliesh57@gmail.com](mailto:kdalgliesh57@gmail.com)**

The Book Reader's Group meets every second Thursday at 2.00p.m. at the Wakeman's House Cafe in Ripon. Each month the book is chosen by a member of the group, so that we all have an input into the reading material during the course of the year. In December our book has a seasonal flavour - it is 'The Advent Calendar' by Steven Croft. Most of our selected books provoke a robust debate at our meetings, making them very lively and very enjoyable!

For more information, especially about vacancies and waiting lists please contact: Karen Rimmer on: [karenjones388@hotmail.com](mailto:karenjones388@hotmail.com)

For general information contact: Karen Clark on: [kdalgliesh57@gmail.com](mailto:kdalgliesh57@gmail.com)

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### **Collectables Group – Gwyn Sagar – Tel 01765 677650**

There is a problem with the venue this month. When it is sorted out a message will be emailed to our members.

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### **Family History Group – Anne Reid – [annereid22@hotmail.com](mailto:annereid22@hotmail.com)**

At our last meeting we had an introduction to Family Historian software and discussed the advantages of keeping a tree which is not available online, which led on to the important issue of privacy.

We have agreed not to meet at the Workhouse in December so our next meeting will be by Zoom at 2pm on January 11th when we are excited to have guest presenter, Lorna Kinnaird, speaking to us about using Scotlandspeople for research of Scottish ancestors.

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



## Local History Group – Robert Metcalfe - [metcalfe@btinternet.com](mailto:metcalfe@btinternet.com)

On Thursday **23<sup>rd</sup> November** **Joyce Walmsley and Peter Hills** will present: **‘Mill Race’**.

Mills were the “New technology” of their time and the building of the Mill race must have been a great initiative, providing power for several mills from one source. It is believed that there was a mill in Ripon possibly as early as Saxon times and the maximum number of mills operating at one time was five – all grinding corn to a varying extent. The mills have gone but the Race has simply gone underground! Find out more on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

As the fourth Thursday in December will clash with Christmas, we will not have a presentation that month.

Our **25<sup>th</sup> January speaker** will be **Mark Newman**, archaeological consultant for the Yorkshire and North East region of the **National Trust**, who will talk about the lost mansion of **‘Studley House’**, and will include the findings of the latest excavations on the site!

We meet at Ripon Rugby Club on Mallorie Park Drive (HG4 2QD for your GPS) for a 10.00am start, on the fourth Thursday of most months. Refreshments will be available from when we arrive as well as at the interval. The Rugby Club has plenty of free parking and comfortable seating. We collect £2 from each attendee, which goes direct to the club, in return for help-yourself unlimited tea/filter coffee/cool water – and biscuits.

If you are not a member of this group, but would like to become one, please email Maurice Taylor at [mauricehtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:mauricehtaylor@gmail.com)

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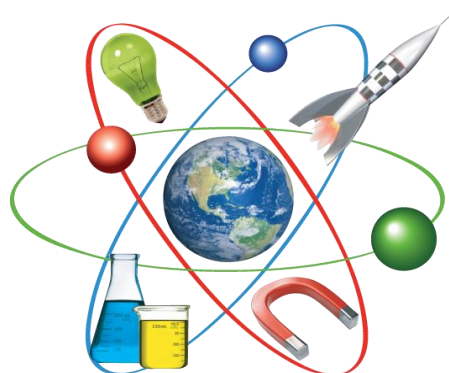
## Science for All Group – Keith Surman – [kjsurman@outlook.com](mailto:kjsurman@outlook.com)

As we are approaching Christmas, our meeting on the 11 December starts at 2pm in Sharow VH, with Coffee, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies followed by Duncan Berkshire around 3.00 to 3.30 on “Pigs! What’s that all about”.

In the New Year we re-start on 8 January with Jane Mansell – The Role of the Speech & Language Therapist, Part II.

Also, in January you need to start booking your places for the evening visit on 11 March to the Lime Tree Observatory & Planetarium, Grewelthorpe.

If you cannot get to the December meeting, a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from your S4A Committee.



## Photography Group – Julia Bertenshaw – [juliabertenshaw@yahoo.com](mailto:juliabertenshaw@yahoo.com)

Our only meeting this month is to be Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> December which will be our Christmas Social. We will recommence our meetings in 2024 on Wednesdays. 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January, when a new programme is to be drawn up for our New Year meetings which will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at Littlethorpe Village Hall. If you wish to know more information, please contact me



**Good Wishes to All for Christmas and 2024**



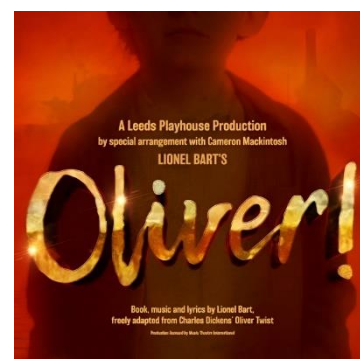
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## Theatre Visit Group – Arlene Coulson – [dvrarlene@btinternet.com](mailto:dvrarlene@btinternet.com)

TVG members have received a newsheet giving information for 2024. The theatrical newshound has been released to provide the details.

But as a finale for 2023, members are being treated to "Oliver" on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1.30 pm at Leeds Playhouse. All seats are now fully booked but a waiting list is available. Please contact group leader, Arlene Coulson, for a place on the waiting list.

For more information on the group's membership and events, please contact Arlene Coulson at [dvrarlene@btinternet.com](mailto:dvrarlene@btinternet.com) or visit the website pages.



## **Walking group**

### **Monday 20 November**

Astrid will lead a 6 mile walk from South Stainley. Get the 09.57 am 36 bus from Ripon to the Inn at South Stainley which will arrive at about 10.15 am. This is a fairly gentle walk, which can be cut to 4.5 miles if wanted. Bring a packed lunch and we can have drinks at the Inn at the end.

Contact Astrid 01423 561497

### **Monday 27 November**

A 5.5 mile circular walk from Spofforth, via Kirkby Overblow - an easy walk across fields and along country tracks, with a few simple to negotiate step stiles.

Snack and drink at least are recommended, with the possibility of refreshments on the walk.

Meet at Spofforth at 10.30am.

Contact Chris on [01423 324011](tel:01423324011) or [07518376881](tel:07518376881) if you wish to go and for further information.

### **Wednesday 29 November**

Coffee morning and planning meeting at Margaret Smith's home from 10.30 am. Please contact Margaret on 01765 608566 if you are coming so we know numbers and to get her full address details.

We hope to plan for walks up to the end of March so come with your ideas, suggestions and dates. If you are unable to attend but would like to volunteer to lead a walk, please contact Kath Beeken on 07770 233253.

### **Tuesday 5 December**

Ripon Canal walk, about 5 miles led by Liz Gilbank. Meet outside the Forge at the Canal Basin at 10.00 am. We will walk to the end of the canal and return via Littlethorpe and canal bank.

Contact Liz on 07952 880713 or 01765 608919.

### **Monday 18 December**

Sue and Margaret propose the Ripley cycle path route to Harrogate using the 09.57 am 36 bus to Nidd Bridge or meet at the bus stop.

Sue and Margaret can be contacted on 01765 608566.

Finally, we have a walk to blow away those Christmas and New Year cobwebs. Duncan and Ruth will lead the Ripon Sanctuary Walk starting from Ripon Cathedral on **Thursday 25 January 2024**.

Meet at 9.30am in front of the Cathedral. There is pay and display parking at the back of Sainsbury's which is cheaper in the lower car park for all day, we believe.

Although it is a 10 mile walk there are several opportunities on the route to return into Ripon and back to the Cathedral if you wish.

Please bring a drink and a snack, but if everyone agrees we can call in at Tate's Garden Centre cafe for lunch, where there are also toilets. It is mainly a flat walk, with a mixture of field paths and footpaths. Contact Duncan and Ruth on 07780 591500.

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### **Correction to November Newsletter –**

**Sue Eddleston's email address is [susanedleston@outlook.com](mailto:susanedleston@outlook.com)**

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### **Dates for your diary**

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** at Ripon Rugby Club

Jeremy Hutchinson will tell us about the Kiplin Hall Portraits

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** at Ripon Rugby Club

Christmas lunch with music and bar

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – outing to Harewood House – 2 seats still available.

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** at Ripon Rugby Club

Andrea Tse will tell us of her walk along the Camino

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** by zoom only

Geoff Saunders will talk about sailing in the Antarctic



**We wish all members of Ripon & District a  
Joyous festive season**