

Ripon u3a Newsletter – January 2024

This is a short newsletter that I am circulating to email members only.

I have received several emails from group leaders and member which I believe need to be circulated.

New Groups

Chess Group

I have received a message from a new member – Gabrielle Bartle – gabriellebartle@hotmail.com

Gabrielle is interested in joining other chess players – for fun and enjoyment – and is willing to be a group leader to start such a new group.

Anyone interested can contact Gabrielle on the above email address.

Latin American Style Instrumental Group – arniclark@gmail.com

We are looking for any budding or more experienced musicians to join us to form a band/ensemble playing a mix of Latin American influenced music. Those interested must be further along than absolute beginner stages and at least be able to play simple melodies and/or basic chords/changes smoothly. Electric and acoustic instruments welcome including percussion. We are looking to meet twice a month with one session to be held in central Ripon at Allhallowgate.

For more information please contact:

Arni Clark on Email at: arniclark@gmail.com

Group News

Local History Group

As the fourth Thursday in December will clash with Christmas, we will not be having a presentation this month.



Our **25th January speaker** will be **Mark Newman**, archaeological consultant for the Yorkshire and North East region of the **National Trust**. Mark will talk about the lost mansion of '**Studley House**' in Studley Royal Park, and will include the findings of the most recent 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 person attending, which goes directly 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

Science for All Group

Keith Surman - kjsurman@outlook.com

In January we welcome David Swann onto the committee looking after the S4A finances. The programme re-start on 8 January with Jane Mansell – The Role of the Speech & Language Therapist, Part II.

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

Also, David Swann will be collecting your £12.50 for this visit.

Then on the 12 February Stuart Ward is back with The Impact of Climate Change on Animal & Plant Life.

There are provisional plans for Electronic Warfare in April, Genealogy in May & a visit to Acomb Windmill in June.

Singing for Fun – Karen Clark – kdalgliesh57@gmail.com

Singing for Fun returns on Friday 5th January at Allhallowgate from 11.00a.m. for a one hour session. We are a friendly group of harmonious singers who enjoy a wide range of music, including Rounds, Folk Songs, Pop Songs and a little bit of classical!

Contact Karen Clark on : kdalgliesh57@gmail.com for more information.

Walking Group

We have a packed programme of walks in the new year and hope there's something to suit everyone. You'll notice a couple of longer ones but also some shorter and more suited to winter weather conditions plus a weekend day out.

Don't forget to call the walk leaders in advance if you intend to walk. We have offers to lead walks through out March and April which is great but to plan further ahead in the Spring we will have another coffee morning at the South Lodge pub, Harrogate Road, Ripon, on **Tuesday 13 February from 11.00 am - a date for your diary**. This new venue is opening up early especially for us so do come along to meet and chat with fellow group members.

We're also considering the possibility of a two night walking break, probably mid May onwards. The Premier Inn at Gargrave looks to be a good option. Single rooms will be available and there is a pub next door for breakfast and evening meals. The cost would probably be about £200pp including breakfast and dinner. Please email Janice at janice.shearman@btinternet.com if interested, or just let her have some feedback on the idea.

Here's the programme as far as the end of February:

Friday 5 January

A short walk from Valley Gardens in Harrogate, to Harlow Carr, using the 9.55am bus from Ripon to the Royal Hall stop, or meet at the Royal Hall. The walk is led by Margaret Smith and is 2-4 miles depending whether we get the bus back to Harrogate, or walk back. Coffee at the Teepee near Harlow Carr.

Please telephone Margaret on 01765 608566

Thursday 11 January

A walk around the outskirts of Harrogate, led by Janice Shearman. The walk is 6.5 miles, using the 36 bus leaving Ripon at 9.20am. Meet at Harrogate Library at 10.15am. Lunch at a cafe en route.

Contact Janice on 01423 873330 or 07930 316107.

Monday 15 January

A circular walk around Harewood, led by Margaret Chadwick. The walk is 5 miles. Use the 36 bus leaving Ripon at 9.20am, or park at Harewood. Bring a packed lunch/snack and there is the Muddy Boots cafe at the end.

Please telephone Margaret on 01423 500685

Saturday 20 January

A walk from Gargrave to Skipton, about 5 miles. Led by Margaret Smith. Using 36 bus to Harrogate, Dales Bus to Skipton, and another bus to Gargrave. Lunch in Skipton. This is a full day's outing! Contact Margaret on 01765 608566

Thursday 25 January

Duncon and Ruth are leading the Sanctuary Way walk around Ripon. The full walk is 10 miles, but there are several opportunities to return to Ripon if you wish to shorten it. Meet at 9.30am at the front of the Cathedral.

Bring a drink and a snack, but there is the possibility of lunch at Tate's Garden Centre Cafe, where there are toilets. A mainly flat walk with a mixture of field paths and footpaths.

Please telephone Duncon and Ruth on 07780 591500

Wednesday 7 February

A short walk of about 4 miles from High Cleugh, to Clothierholme Barracks, and back to High Cleugh, led by Margaret Smith. Meet at High Cleugh at 10.00am

Please contact Margaret on 01765 608566

Thursday 15 February

Margaret Smith will lead another walk - details later

Monday 19 February

Linda will lead a walk - details coming later.

Thursday 22 February

Margaret Chadwick will lead a walk from Wormald Green to Bishop Monkton, then on the canal to Littlethorpe and Ripon. It will be about 6 miles. Take the 36 bus at 9.20am from Ripon to Burton Leonard bus stop. Bring a packed lunch and a drink. Coffee etc. at Ripon.

Please contact Margaret on 01423 500685

Happy New Year to all and make your resolution to keep walking!

Happy New Year to all Ripon & District u3a members