

RIPON AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Dear Members

I did not expect to be your Chairman again and although I offered to take the post if no one came forward I was sure that with over 600 members someone would like to be nominated. However, here I am again and looking forward to the challenge and working with the committee which will have several new members. We have been so fortunate to have Kate as Chairman. She has been Publicity Officer, Group Co-ordinator and then Vice-president and certainly needs a rest. Frank and Peter have been on the committee from the start of our U3A and we will miss their expertise as we will also miss Janet, Launa and Sue. They are going to be hard acts to follow and my thanks to them all. Anyway onwards and upwards as I look forward to your support and friendship

Dorothy Taylor



A new dawn maybe!



It's actually a "Knock Out", but either way the future's rosy! Speaking of which.....

"Everything's Coming Up Roses" (by Diana Prowse).

*I met a gardener from a neighbouring plot
 Who'd let his garden go to ruin and rot
 His clothes were soiled, his eyes were wild and red
 I would have walked on by, but instead,
 Curious, I asked him to relate his woes
 For in his cap I spied a perfect rose.....(cont'd page 2)*

Monthly Meeting at the Spa Hotel

MONDAY 24th June, 2pm

Sara Trewhitt -

“City of Sanctuary – How Ripon helps refugees in need.”

Refugee
Week

17-23 June 2019

You, me and those who came before



Group events and information

Please note as always, submissions for the next newsletter (July 2019) should be with one of the editors by the 15th June. Paul Finch: pagfinch@hotmail.com or Caroline Marston: carolinedmarston@gmail.com
There will be no newsletter in August, so please bear this in mind when submitting group information for the July Newsletter. Thank you.

Family History Group

Anne Reid: 01765 650077 or annereid220@hotmail.com

Marion Moverley entertained us with her story about a Dales girl whose life was recorded in detail in Court records which Marion uncovered at the National Archives. These records revealed fascinating details of what life was like back in the 18th century. We look forward to a talk by one of our own members on 28th May at 2 pm in The Old Deanery and on 25th June members have been invited to speak on the subject of a will that they have found interesting in their research.

Local History Group

Maurice Taylor: maurice.taylor@ripcoms.net

This group meets at Thorpe Prebend House from 10 – 12 noon.

A visit to The Chapel of St Mary Magdalen, on Magdalen Road in Ripon, will take place on Thursday 27th June. Maurice Taylor will lead the group to one of only three Grade 1 listed buildings in Ripon. Dr Brian Crosse will join us to talk about the Leper Chapel.



*“I made a fountain in a pool,
Its tranquil splash would keep things cool.
Upon its bank set waving ferns
And lilies sweet, in classic urns.*

*But nearly broke my fork and spade
When what grew up was ‘Masquerade’!.....(cont’d page 3)*



Theatre Group

Rodney Towers – rhtowers@btinternet.com



On 1st May eleven members went to the Leeds Grand for a production of a modern day thriller 'The House on Cold Hill'. A good social lunch was shared together and it proved a grand day out. New Members continue to be welcomed and twenty two attended the coffee morning to hear the Theatre programme for the next 3 months.

(Coffee Morning in progress)

Coffee Morning - Thursday 15th August, 10am at the Old Deanery, Ripon. Any U3A Member is welcome to attend.

Future Programme Pre-booked

22nd May - 'The Mousetrap' - York Grand Opera House

20th June - 'Driving Miss Daisy' - York Theatre Royal

(Details will be supplied with booking forms)

24th July - 'The Lady Vanishes' - Leeds Grand.

29th August - 'On the Piste' - Harrogate Repertory Theatre.

19th September - 'Buddy -The Buddy Holly Story' - Darlington Hippodrome.

December- Pantomime - details later.

Sunday Lunch Group.

Sue Eddleston: 01765 601812

Our next lunch will be on 9th June at the Old Station in Masham, followed by a visit on 23rd June to The Inn at South Stainley. Any members who would like 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.



*I fancied a bank of poppies red
To brighten up a dreary bed.
I tilled the ground, raked up a mound
And at the top sowed seeds around.
I shoo'd off every passing pigeon
And what appeared? Rose 'Gloire de Dijon'!.....(cont'd page 4)*



Midweek Lunch Group

Barbara Robertson: 01765 604318

The June meeting of our group will be on 19th June at 12.30 at the Royal Oak, Staveley. If you would like to join our friendly chatty group, please ring Barbara before Sunday 16th June.

Walking Group

Christine Bennet: 01423 324011 or dromomania2@outlook.com

At the moment, the May weather is cold, wet and windy but hopefully by June we will have lovely long sunny days to get out and stretch our legs!

The following walks have been offered by members, for which we are grateful:

On Thursday 6th June, Barbara is leading a 5.5 mile circular walk from Kilburn with some road walking, a long uphill start, 6 sturdy stiles and undulating fields. Meet at High Cleugh at 9.15am to start at Kilburn village car park at 10am. For information, contact Barbara tel. 07858 588338

On Tuesday 11th June, Margaret S and Sue are leading a 5 mile circular walk at 10am from Hell Wath car park, Ripon, a mainly flat walk over 7 bridges. There will be a coffee stop at Studley tearooms or you can take your own beverages. For further information, contact Margaret 07448 781610.

On Friday 21st June, Claire is leading a 7 mile circular walk from Jervaulx, a mainly flat walk via Thornton Steward and Cover Bridge. Meet at High Cleugh Ripon at 9.30am to share transport. The walk will leave Jervaulx tearooms at 10am. Packed lunch required. For more information, contact Claire tel. 07932 776016.

On Thursday 27th June, Margaret L is leading a 9 mile circular walk from Kettlewell, with an ascent and descent to Buckden followed by riverside walking. Meet at High Cleugh Ripon at 9.30am to share transport and the walk will leave the Kettlewell car park at 10.30am. Packed lunch required. For information, contact Margaret tel. 07916 660149.

Having a variety of walks on different days was discussed at our recent meeting, and it seems that having a walk nearly every week gives us a good programme. There are still a few vacancies for the next 4 months and I would appreciate it if you could have a think about it, and consider volunteering a walk (if you are not already doing so in the next few months). If you would like some assistance or advice, please contact me. We could do with walks for the following weeks – beginning Monday 8th July, 19th August, 27th August, 9th September, 30th September, 21st October, 28th October.



*I built my love a shady bower
To while away a pleasant hour
Planted around a sturdy vine
To give both shade and later, wine.
Alas! This growth made to protect'er
Turned out to be rose "Rambling Rector"!.....(cont'd page 5)*



Readers' Group

Sue Hutchinson: 01765 601302

Hi, 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.

13th June - *"He Said She Said"* by Erin Kelly.

11th July - *"The Trouble with Goats and Sheep"* by Joanna Cannon

8th August - *"Behind the Scenes at the Museum"* by Kate Atkinson

12th September - *"The Keeper of Lost Things"* by Ruth Hogan

10th 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.

Science for All

Keith Surman: 01765 605055 or kjsurman@outlook.com

Our programme as it is developing:

Monday 10th June – Probably a follow up to the talk by Simon Warwick with a visit to Nosterfield Bird Sanctuary. I will email members when this is confirmed.

Tuesday 11th June – An evening visit to Fylingdales.

So far no one has failed the security vetting but we think it advisable to have some form of photographic ID with you.

Monday 8th July – The Coldstone Cuts visit is now full and I have started a waiting list.

For the latest information check our Ripon U3A Science for All webpage.

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.

21st of June: Dove Cottage Halifax:

A minibus is booked for this trip.

17th of July: Cow Close Cottage. Hartwith Harrogate.

20th Sept: Pilmoor Cottage. Helperby.

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



Two repeats shown

*"We had a yen for runner beans
To make a change from boring greens.
I planted them with strings and sticks
Adding my special compost mix.
But then I saw," (he gave a sob),
"Row on row of 'William Lobb'! (cont'd page 6)*



31st May at 8.00pm - Folk Night in the St Wilfrid's Community Centre, Trinity Lane, Ripon, HG4 2AB. Guest Night—The Heathen Kings

A traditional band which inspires audiences with its unique arrangements of traditional, borrowed and self-penned music. They form a trio of exceptional musical talent: Mark Daniel Roger-guitar/mandola and vocals; Rachael Sutcliffe-vocals/percussion and harp (Rachael's amazing voice once heard is never forgotten); Steve Foster-bass/vocals. £10 Tickets from the Little Ripon Bookshop and www.wegotickets.com - BYOB, come along and join us for a great evening of music! Ring 01423 325664 for more information.

Have your say

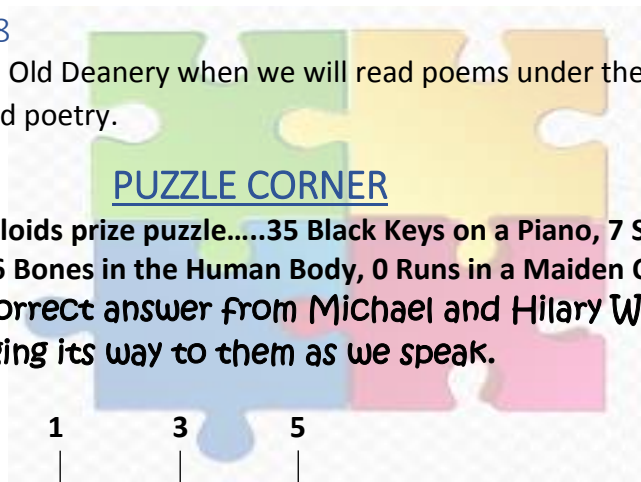
Dorothy Taylor: 01765 604778

Next meeting Friday 14th June at 2pm in the Old Deanery. Subject for discussion, "The Elephant in the room". Come along if you enjoy lively debate.

Poetry for Pleasure

Dorothy Taylor: 01765 604778

Next meeting 17th June 2pm in the Old Deanery when we will read poems under the heading "Summer Fun". Come along if you like to read poetry.

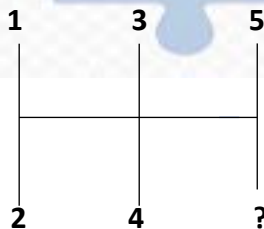


The solution to last month's Ditloids prize puzzle.....35 Black Keys on a Piano, 7 Sides on a Fifty Pence Piece, 2 Hands on a Clock, 206 Bones in the Human Body, 0 Runs in a Maiden Over. Amazingly there was one correct answer from Michael and Hilary Wing! A fiver is winging its way to them as we speak.



This month's puzzle:

Clue – the answer is not 6



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



*A gooseberry bush would suit our needs
And so I cleared a patch of weeds.
I chose a plant with lots of shoots
And thick, wide-spreading healthy roots.
Alas for dreams of puds all fruity,
When what came up was rose 'Buff Beauty'! (cont'd page 7)*



Haxby & Wigginton U3A (located north of York) are planning an OPEN DAY on Friday 21 June 2019 from 2-4pm

in Wigginton Recreation Hall, Wigginton, York YO32 2LL

This event will showcase many of our groups and activities to new and existing members (now over 550) and will be an opportunity to meet Group Leaders and Committee members.

There will be lots of buzz and activity on the day, including refreshments at no charge. No.1 bus from York Station runs frequently and stops near the hall, there is also limited parking. For more information, check out our website www.u3asites.org.uk/haxby-wigginton/welcome. Come and meet us, see what we are about and tell us about your U3A. There may be possibilities of joint events or mutual interests. We look forward to meeting you!

Perennial Progress – by our own intrepid reporter.

Our members seem pretty keen on growing things whether it is a house plant – a Mother-in-Law’s Tongue – kept going for nearly fifty years since her children gave it to her on Mothering Sunday. Or the sunflower seeds being planted by grandchildren for their school’s annual contest. Or the foxgloves, with their memories of Beatrix Potter, now being eyed to see if just one will again reach six feet. There’s lots of enthusiasm either individually or collectively - in the versatile activities of the Garden Group. Lots of wisdom lies there among us – with one member (at least) being a winner of the Ripon in Bloom competition. “But that was a long time ago”, she says. And lots of swapping ideas as well as cuttings.

So, why do we like growing things and loving gardens – other people’s as well as our own? The University of Michigan’s psychologist suggests parks and gardens are great at lowering the levels of stress and even suggests it as a remedy when Brexit is getting us down. We all have our own reasons - from keeping physically fit to providing fresh food and flowers at low cost, from finding consolation to experimenting with new ideas, from creativity to competition – even if that does mean nurturing the longest leeks or the fattest pumpkin for our grandchildren’s Hallow E’en. But for many of us it is quite simply the summertime delight, the riot of colour, the sheer joy of our perennial plants - phloxes and foxgloves, delphiniums and dianthus, poppies and paeonies that make our hearts leap up, like Wordsworth when confronted with his rainbow. They combine our past and present and persist into the future. Perpetual and perennial.



*We sat beneath a willow tree
To sip our sundown G&T.
I planted near a bright weigela
Set off by clumps of blue Lobelia.
Within, a seat for us to laze on;
Both were supplanted by rose “Malmaison”!... (see page 8)*



A REMINDER THAT THE NEXT “MUSICAL FUSION” EVENING WILL BE AT THE GOLDEN LION ON SUNDAY 2ND JUNE AT 7.30PM

Hot from the press – AGM 20th May - Outgoing

The Newsletter editorial team would like to extend a big thank you to the retiring committee members for their hard work, support and creativity – you know who you are! But just in case, that’s Kate Swann (chairman), Peter Manser (vice-chairman), Frank Bailey (treasurer), Janet Barclay (secretary), **Sue Griggs (membership sec.)**** and last but not least – Launa Woodruff and Hilary Hunter (Groups co-ordinators).



INCOMING

AND HOT FROM THE PRESS THE NEW COMMITTEE DULY ELECTED AT THE AGM

*(Left to right, Paul Finch, Glenys Bailey, **Clare Kinsman**, Sandra Blyton, Charles Tease, Caroline Marston, Jean Jayne, Heather Garbutt, John Ditchburn, Dorothy Taylor, Sue Hitchcock)*

**** Please note that we now have a new Membership Secretary to whom all membership queries should now be referred:-**

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*I passed the man my handkerchief
 And sternly bade him quit his grief
 “Good men’s best plans go oft awry
 So of what use to mope and cry?
 Go make your love some glorious posies
 Of every plant that comes up roses!”*

And finally, thanks to Diana Prowse for her beautiful, rosy poem which we have used throughout this newsletter to celebrate the month of June.