

Ripon u3a Newsletter – October 2023

Chairman's Foreward

Our General Meeting is to be held on Monday 25th September.

This will be an opportunity for members to put forward suggestions for the future of Ripon & District u3a and to hear the plans of the committee.

This decision has occurred because the usual September Showcase has changed this year into a promotional presence in the arcade outside Sainsbury's on September 28th.

We will give you feedback of this promotional day and the September General Meeting in the next newsletter.

NEW GROUPS

Fine Dining Sunday Lunch Group – Sue Eddleston – tel 01765 650070 or cell 07445 839784

As the current Sunday Lunch Group cannot accommodate any additional members, I would like to offer members an alternative – Fine Dining Sunday Lunch. Let's treat ourselves to Sunday lunch at venues such as Rudding Park and Swinton Park, where lunch can be enjoyed in glorious surroundings and yet at happily comparable prices to some of the well-established pubs in and around the area. My suggestion for the first Fine Dining Lunch is Rudding Park, which offers an extensive menu.

Let's spoil ourselves and bring a bit of luxury into our lives. This is open to all members, including the existing Sunday Lunch Group. If you are interested, please contact me Sue Eddleston 01765 650070 or 07445 839 784.

Afternoon Tea Group - Sue Eddleston – tel 01765 650070 or 07445 839784

Treat yourself to Afternoon Tea in pleasant surroundings. I would like to suggest an initial Afternoon Tea Group meet at Rudding Park where tea is served 3.30 or 4.00pm. It is a leisurely affair with delicious food served professionally and is a wonderful experience.

Rudding Park envelops you with warmth and friendliness as you walk through the door. Enjoy their hospitality before the nights draw in. Afternoon tea is offered every day at prices comparable to other such venues - £32 for a basic Afternoon Tea.

Anyone interested in joining an Afternoon Tea Group should contact me Sue Eddleston on 01765 650070 or 07445 839 784.

Group Activities

Book Readers Group – Karen Clark – kdalgliesh57@gmail.com

Karen Rimmer – karenjones388@hotmail.com

The Book Readers Group meets every second Thursday at 2.00 pm at the Wakeman's House Café in Ripon. Our selected book for October is "Frenchman's Creek" by Daphne du Maurier.

Each month the book is chosen by group members which results in a wide variety of genres and topics. Most books provoke a lively debate.

Culture Club – Karen Clark – kdalgliesh57@gmail.com

This is a new group which started in September for those of us interested in going to local cultural events.

Planned for early October, we have a musical treat with "Vintage Red Priest" a baroque extravaganza at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 7th October. This is one of many concerts in the Ripon International Music Season.

Later in the month, on Saturday 28th October at 1.30 pm, we are joining The National Trust for a guided Deer Walk at Studley Royal. This event is completely free and no booking is required.

Coming up in November and December: Orchestral Music, a local drama event, a Latin concert and a trip to Markenfield Hall – when the Christmas Decorations are up!

Please email kdalgliesh57@gmail.com to join "Culture Club" and to receive details about events.

Family History Group – Anne Reid – annereid220@hotmail.com

After our interesting Zoom meeting with speaker Jackie Depelle in September, we return to a face to face meeting on 10th October at 2pm in the Workhouse Museum, Ripon. Members are invited to a Show and Tell on the subject of "My Ancestor was in the Forces". Artefacts, stories, information and questions are all welcome.

On 9th November at 2pm we will Zoom again. One of our Harrogate friends will give us a talk entitled "The Story So Far..."

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

Local History Group – Robert Metcalfe – rj.metcalfe@btinternet.com



On Thursday 28th September we will be back at Ripon Rugby Club at 10.00 am when Hilary Jones, of The Milestone Society, will present “**Milestones Through the Ages**”.

This presentation comes highly recommended by one of our members who heard it elsewhere.

On Thursday 26th October David Wimpenny, Chairman of Ripon Civic Society, will give a presentation entitled “**Science and Sand**” - the story of Charles Piazzi Smyth – a controversial Scotsman and a former Astronomer Royal for Scotland who is buried in Sharow graveyard.

If you are not a member of our group but would like to become one, please email Maurice Taylor at mauricehtaylor@gmail.com for full details of how to join us.

Photography Group – juliabertenshaw@yahoo.co.uk

Our meetings this month will be Wednesday October 11th when Kevin Rafferty will show illustrations of his recent holiday. (The critique for 11th will be ‘Clouds’) The meeting on October 25th is yet to be decided. We normally meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Littlethorpe Village Hall. If you wish to know more, please contact juliabertenshaw@yahoo.co.uk.

(Last month’s photo of the kingfisher was by Ian Chamberlain and this month’s is by John Myers)



Science for All Group – Keith Surman – kjsurman@outlook.com

Our next meeting is Monday 11th October at Sharow VH 2.00pm when we have Jane Manswell on “**Lost for Words, the science behind speech**”.

The Uredale Glass visit is now fully booked, more information nearer the time.

Collectables Group Contact – Gwyn Sagar – Tel – 01765 677650

The October meeting is at the Magdalene Pub on Thursday the 12th October – 2 to 4 pm. New members welcome.

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

“Singing for Fun” is for enthusiastic singers of all abilities and no experience is needed. We sing a range of styles from pop to classical, folk and world music too. The aim is to simply enjoy singing together – sometimes in unison and sometimes tackling more challenging songs and dividing into part singing. Currently we have a lovely group of friendly, harmonious singers who are great fun to work with.

The session is on the first Friday of the month at 11.00 am at Allhallowgate in the Centre Room.

Come and join us! Contact the group leader Karen Clark on kdalgliesh57@gmail.com.

Sunday Lunch Group – Sue Eddleston – 01765 650070 or 07445 839784

Sunday Lunch Group will be meeting for lunch on 22nd October – venue to be determined.

Come and enjoy Sunday lunch once a month with a small friendly group. Contact Sue for more information – 01765 650070 or 07445 839784

Theatre Visits Group – Arlene Coulson – dvrarlene@btinternet.com

The August coffee morning confirmed that the idea of an October lunch was favourable. Committee member, Rodney Towers, had investigated the feasibility of having lunch at “The Inn” South Stainley and gave a resume at the coffee morning. When asked for a vote many members were eager to give a positive response. Hence Rodney went ahead with a reservation for Tuesday 24th October 2023, 12 noon for 12.30 pm. Menu selections have been discussed and members will receive booking forms and menu choices in late September/early October.

The 2nd November play, “Noises Off”, is now fully booked but a waiting list is available. Please contact group leader, Arlene Coulson, for a place on the waiting list.

December is a trip to Leeds Playhouse to see “Oliver” on Thursday 14th December 1.30 pm.

For more information on the group’s membership and events, please contact Arlene Coulson at dvrarlene@btinternet.com or visit the website pages.

Walking group

At a very pleasant and productive lunch meeting in August, we were able to plan our Autumn schedule. Thank you to all who volunteered to lead walks. Don’t forget to contact the walk leader in advance to book a place or get more information.

Monday 2 October

Meet in Hebden at 10.30 am, outside the Old School Tea Room (BD23 5DX). Parking is on the road leading to the Tea Room. Bring a packed lunch and drink.

Starting from the small Wharfedale village of Hebden, we walk up Hebden Gill and across parts of the Grassington Moor Lead Mining Trail; then on through Grassington to return along the River Wharfe, passing the Linton Falls. There are moderate ascents with a few stiles. The tracks are good and distance approximately 7.5 miles.

Contact Margaret Derbyshire on 01765 603819.

Thursday 5 October

Meet at Staveley, outside The Royal Oak at 10.00 am, for a 5.5 mile walk.

Flat walk with easy stiles. Snack and/or lunch afterwards, if you wish, if the pub is open.

Contact Peter and Carole Maylor 07960 264428 or 01765 603962

Monday 9 October

Ripley to Markington walk. Get the 09.57 am 36 bus from Ripon to Ripley and get off at the Nidd Bridge stop, or meet at the bus stop. The whole walk is approximately 8 miles but there are opportunities to make it shorter.

Contact Margaret Chadwick on 01423 500685.

Monday 23 October

Meet 10.00 am Sharow village car park - opposite the church. The walk will go via Sharow, Copt Hewick and Hutton Conyers - No stiles, good tracks, minor road and field paths - 5.75 miles. Bring a drink and snack for elevenses

Contact Linda [01765 605890](tel:01765605890) or [07894829960](tel:07894829960)

Tuesday 31 October

Wormald Green walk. Catch the 09.57 am 36 bus from Ripon and get off at the end of Burton Leonard Lane or meet at the bus stop.

Contact Barbara or Margaret Smith on 01765 608566

Thursday 9 November

Kath Beeken will lead a Nidderdale walk. Meet at the long stay car park in Pateley Bridge at 10.00 am. The walk is approximately 5 miles. More details to follow next month. Contact Kath 07770 233253.

Tuesday 14 November

6 mile walk from Thirsk. Meet 10.00 am at Millgate car park - pay and display or find your own street parking. No stiles, good tracks, bring drink and snack for elevenses - cafes/ pubs in Thirsk for lunch if desired after the walk.

Contact Linda 01765 605890 or 07894829960

Monday 20 November

Get the 09.57 am 36 bus from Ripon to the Inn at South Stainley which will arrive at about 10.15. This is a fairly gentle 6 mile walk, which can be cut to 4 and a half if wanted. Bring a packed lunch and we can have drinks at the Inn at the end.

Contact Astrid 01423 561497

Monday 27 November

Chris B has offered another walk – details to follow.

Wednesday 29 November

We propose a further planning meeting over coffee, again Margaret Smith has kindly offered to host this. Look out for more details or contact Margaret on 01765 608566.

Two offers of walks in December are on **Tuesday 5 December** Ripon Canal walk, about 5 miles led by Liz Gilbank. Contact Liz 07952 880713

and on **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 planned for 2024!

Duncan will lead the Ripon Sanctuary Walk starting from Ripon Cathedral on **Thursday 25 January 2024**.

The entire route is about 10 miles, but there are various places where people can drop out and take a short cut back into Ripon. More details will be provided nearer the time.

Keep up to date with walk details in future newsletters and via the monthly group emails. A special mention to our “new Janice” Shearman who has taken over from Janice Hogg in the organising group to send out the emails via Beacon. A big thank to both Janices!

Dates for your diary

We have an exciting future planned for members:

September 25th – Ripon Rugby Club – a general meeting with free scones and tea or coffee, where you can hear more of future plans and also give your own suggestions for future activities.

September 28th – Sainsbury’s front entrance corridor – we will be holding a show table providing information on membership and interest groups offered. Please come along and support us and bring along family or friends who may be interested to learn more about u3a.

September 29th – bus trip to The Auckland Project – this trip is now fully subscribed. Have a wonderful day.

October 23rd – Ripon Rugby Club – Eric Jackson will refresh our memories and maybe give new insights into the Gunpowder Plot.

November 27th – Ripon Rugby Club – Jeremy Hutchinson will visit us once again. This time he will be telling us about the portraits at Kiplin Hall.

December 4th – Ripon Rugby Club – Christmas lunch. See further details below and booking form attached. There are limited places, so please book early.

December 8th – there will be an outing to see Christmas décor at Harewood House. Further details will be sent out shortly.

Changes will be occurring to our meetings in 2024. Details will be given at general meetings.



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2023

You are invited to a Christmas Lunch of Turkey and vegetables followed by Sherry Trifle, tea or coffee and mince pie (vegetarian option available) **on 4th December** at the **Ripon Rugby Club**

Cost £20 per head

Cash bar will be available

Music will be provided by Retrobeat

Doors open at 11.30 and lunch will be served at 12.30

If you would like to attend, please complete the booking form attached

NB: There are limited spaces, so please book early to avoid disappointment
