

U3A LEEDS

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To keep you informed

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS – 35 of you joined on Renewal Day, plus those who joined us by post. We hope you are planning to get involved in lots of Groups and LIVE, LEARN, LAUGH WITH LEEDS U3A

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DAY

On Tuesday 8th January we welcomed nearly 150 members at the meeting who came to renew their membership, chat with other members and enjoy tea and cake. Over 150 members have also renewed by post.

Thank you to all those who have paid their renewals so promptly. To those who haven't renewed yet, please could you do it before the end of January if you can.

*** If you're not renewing, please tell us why.*

We want all our members to continue enjoying their membership, taking full advantage of the activities that we offer; any ideas/offers for contributing would be most welcome.

GROUPS' NEWS

Racketball – Mondays and Fridays 11.00am to 12.00 noon has a new leader, Jackie Friend. If you're looking to take up a fun new sport in 2019, or just want to get a bit fitter after the excesses of the festive season, look no further. You can contact Jackie on 0113 2628012 for information.

Country Dancing – needs you – come along to MASSC alternate Tuesdays 2.00pm to 3.00pm and join in the dance. Contact Janet Gourley on 0113 3188862, who will tell you that **it's the most fun you can have with your clothes on!**

Leeds U3A Philosophy Group - meets at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of the month, at 55 Fitzroy Drive, Leeds LS8 4AG (*please note the venue has recently changed*). There is a charge of £5 per meeting to cover costs.

We are a small and friendly group and discuss all manner of philosophical subjects. Speakers are usually lecturers and graduate students from the Philosophy Dept of Leeds University and the topics are incredibly variable. For example, in recent months we have been exploring issues to do with technology such as Artificial Intelligence and Big Data. On other occasions we have covered topics as diverse as the philosophy of Gender and Disability, Abortion and

Euthanasia. We hope to focus on Philosophy and Biology at our next meeting on Monday 18th February. **** We are keen to recruit new members. **** For more information please contact Val Kaye at valkaye46@gmail.com, tel 07709330727.

Introduction to Drawing and Painting

An outline of the first session from Janet Keogh, our Groups Co-ordinator :-

"I am pleased to say that this short course has fired the imagination and all 25 places were filled in record time. The happy band of budding artists came to the first session, new sketch pads and pencils in hand, eager to render their first masterpieces.

Louise promptly put us to work drawing cans, bottles and boxes. How hard can it be to draw a straight line? A lot harder than you think. By tea break everyone's efforts were ready to view, and all styles were represented. It was fascinating to see how each person had interpreted the task – each sketch was unique. After tea our bottles and boxes were positioned in a stylish cluster and we were off again sketching this group until our time was up. Everyone had fun with the first task and although my sketch is no masterpiece, wonky lines and all, it is all my own work.

On to vegetables next week – how hard can it be to draw an onion?"



EVENTS

Summer School (U3A Yorkshire and Humber Region)



Have you started to think about what you'll be up to next summer?

The U3A Yorkshire and Humber Region have organised another Summer School for 2019 after the great success of the last one in 2017. The venue will be the same – The Hawkills, Easingwold (www.thehawkills.com). Set within a 240 acre estate it has first class cuisine, a cosy bar, relaxing lounge and conservatory areas, double en-suite bedrooms, and the magnificent landscaped gardens open out onto woods with waymarked walks.

Course topics to choose from include the following:-

Landscape Painting	Jewellery Making	Climate Change
Literature	Magic Tricks and Skills	Philosophy
Art History	Festivals and Creative Tourism	

This year's event is offered at the same price as last time. Full Board Delegate £380 and Day Delegate £190.

More information is available on yahru3a.co.uk.

Follow the links to Events then Summer School 2019 and complete your application form

Study Day/Visit to Veolia Reclamation Plant, Leeds - Friday 24th May 2019.

Visit U3A Yorkshire and Humber Region website, yahru3a.co.uk – imminent flyer available.

2019 International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival at the Royal Hall in Harrogate from 7th to the 18th August. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 4th February (£18 to £37), and are available from www/gsfestivals.org or by telephoning the Box Office 01422 323252.

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