



# U3A UPDATE



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

It's the annual August break from meetings and, even though the rain has been good for the gardens, we hope to see some sunshine too. It's a busy time for a lot of members, particularly those who will be on 'grandparent duty' for the long school holiday and those who have summer holidays booked but what about others? Do you miss your U3A in August? If you do, the U3A Committee is contemplating a change - they are thinking about continuing the General Meetings throughout the year - yep, even in August! You heard it here first folks.

The Autumn Programme has finally been distributed by e-mail and put on the U3A website. Hard copies have also been printed and are available at the fortnightly General Meetings for those without access to electronic mail.

The dreaded curse of the U3A Leeds programme has struck again with gremlins creeping in and sprinkling it with errors when no one was looking. It has been pointed out that Vince Mihill's Art Appreciation group at HEART is on the 2nd Monday of the month at 11.30am to 12.30pm and has vacancies.

The Shakespeare Reading group is on Thursday at 2.15-4.15pm and, at present has no vacancies. However, if you're quick about it, Book Group B, 2nd Friday in the month, 2.00-3.00pm at the Leeds City Library has space at the moment.

I know that it is frustrating when a group you've been wanting to join is full and the waiting list seems endless but, with help from the current leader or the group coordinator, it is quite possible to create a second (or third) spin-off group from those on the waiting list - think about it, it makes sense.

You will have noticed a gap in the programme where the wine group used to be. Tony Spice is hanging up his corkscrew. The loss of the Wine Group will be keenly felt as Tony's commitment to researching the subject and providing the necessary wines to taste has been excellent throughout. All credit goes to Tony, ably aided and abetted by Louise Cottingham who headed up group 2, for a first-rate job. They will be a hard act to follow but if you'd like to start up where they left off, let Pat Horton, Group Coordinator, know and get set up. We do need a new U3A Wine Group as soon as possible to cater for all the many wine lovers in our midst although it is a complete mystery to the Committee why this particular group has been one of the most popular with our members.

**PHILOSOPHY CLUB** - meets at 7.30pm every 3rd Monday in the month at The Inkwell, 31 Potternewton Lane, LS7 3LW. Demetra Ioannides is the Group Leader (tel: 07443 015665) and there are vacancies - many thanks to Michael Lockwood for holding the fort.

**LATIN** (every other Tuesday 10-11am) is on the move; from 1st August the group will no longer be meeting at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall but at a new venue which is currently under consideration - *vigilate haec locus* - details available soon.

The thirteenth is considered to be unlucky for some but not for your U3A Leeds Executive Committee. It was good to see so many of you at the Special Meeting on the 13th July and your support, as always, was very much appreciated. At that meeting Janet Keogh, Elaine Hazell and Penny Lucas left the committee. Their hard work behind the scenes is very much appreciated and we wish them all the very best.

## YOUR NEW COMMITTEE:-

Chairperson	Angela Hutchinson
Vice Chairperson	Robert Collins
Secretary	Rhonda Moss
Treasurer	Maureen Lewin
Membership Secretary	Shena Flower
Speaker Secretary	Ann O'Grady
Groups' Coordinator	Pat Horton
Travel Coordinator	Margret Quinton
Committee Member	Margaret Jones
Co-Opted Member	Steve Mcgrail
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Could **you** see **your** name up there? Could **you** be one of them? Could **you** shadow one of our committee members? If you think you'd like to have a try, just get in touch and go along to a monthly meeting to see what it's all about. You do not need to have any 'specialist committee skills' (although you will need to use e-mail). Most important is your willingness to keep the wheels of U3A Leeds turning and be part of the team that does just that.

### HOW TO KEEP IN TOUCH

Enquiry line: 07552 448834

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**HELP WANTED:** Does anyone out there have skills with presentation equipment??? If so we need you!

**PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS? PARLIAMO ITALIANO?** Could you teach a language from scratch? A number of members have expressed an interest in starting up a new group to learn a language from the very beginning. Get in touch if you can help.

**NEW TERM:** starts on the 5th September with a talk by John Thurley from S.S.A.F.A. followed by a full programme right through to the 12th December.