

# Bulletin No2

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We can't ignore it any longer, the long dark nights are upon us and the festive season looms large so you may be pleased to know that, following last year's success, we have booked the Queen's Hall at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 294 Harrogate Road, Leeds, LS17 6LE at 12.30pm for 1.00pm on Tuesday, 12th December, 2017. Drinks will be available at the bar and Juste Nous, who catered last year, will again be serving their excellent festive menu.

There will be a maximum of 100 places available and tickets will be allocated on first come, first served basis. The cost of a ticket remains the same as last year at £15.00 and members may bring a friend if they wish.

**GROUPS:** The Circle Dancing group has spaces for more dancers so if you're looking to do some gentle exercise in a calm, welcoming environment, look no further - this could be for you! Circle dancing is an ancient tradition common to many cultures for marking special occasions, rituals, strengthening community and fostering togetherness. Circle dance can also be enjoyed as an uplifting group experience or as part of a meditation. The group meets alternate Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm at Moor Allerton Sports & Social Centre and is expertly led by Pat Gerwat who takes members through a wide range of dances and genres. Telephone 0113 289 9626 for more information.

**CHOIR:** Meets every Thursday at the new time of at 11am 12.30pm at H.E.A.R.T. Bennett Road, Headingley, LS6 3HN. You don't need to be able to read music and there are no auditions - new members are always welcome so contact Alison Brewster on 256 6203 to go along to see for yourself.

**BEGINNERS' GUITAR GROUP:** Is desperately seeking a new leader following Mike Lockwood's retirement. If you are a guitarist with an hour to spare between 2-3pm on a Wednesday afternoon, a group of guitarists need you - please get in touch if you can help.

**LANGUAGES:** Any retired language teachers out there? You are needed to start a new language group for those wanting to learn from scratch.

### 'HOW TIME FLIES ..'

Easter Bunny,  
Chocolate Eggs.  
Damp Sandcastles,  
Sunburned Legs.  
Halloween,  
Witches fly.  
Mischievous Night,  
Penny for the Guy.  
Toffee apples,  
Bonfires blaze.  
Advent calendars,  
Count down the days.  
Christmas Crackers,  
Hot Mulled Wine.  
Resolutions,  
Auld Lang Syne.  
Neaps & Tatties,  
Hogmanay.  
Goodness me.  
It's Good Friday!

**NEW GROUPS:** You will see for yourself that a number of groups are presently full to capacity and have a waiting list. This is frustrating for members who often seem to be waiting for ages for a space to become available. One way to address this might be to start a 'spin-off' group with the other members on the waiting list. It's worth thinking about. Our programme always has space for more interest groups so if you have a burning desire to pursue a particular activity have a chat with the Group Coordinator who will be happy to advise you and help you to get set up.

**SITUATION VACANT:** The committee is looking for Secretary who can do minutes and is familiar with IT/E-mail. Committee meetings usually take place on the first Friday of every month starting at 1.00pm in the bar area at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall, Harrogate Road and usually finish well before 3.00pm. If you are able to help, please get in touch on the enquiry line number or speak to a member of the committee.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS:** Have you ever wondered what makes our U3A tick? What does the committee do? How do you go about changing things? Why not come along as a guest observer to one of our committee meetings and find out? Get in touch for details.

**SPRING PROGRAMME SPEAKERS:** Our speaker finder Ann has prepared a diverse programme of talks on a wide range of topics. These will include talks on crime, a 'bloody' Yorkshire battle, a writer's life and a visit from a very affable deputy Lord Mayor from a neighbouring city with a tale or two to tell (complete with mayoral chains we hope). Look out for the Spring programme coming soon.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:** You will be pleased to know that the rate for 2018 remains at £12.00 and renewal forms and details of how to pay will be made available to all members in due course.

**NEXT BULLETIN:** Will be published in February, 2018. The closing date for items is 31st December, 2017.

Announcements, stories and photos from groups are particularly welcome.

