



Our first meeting of 2018, the 'Catch-up and Renewals Day', on January 9 was well attended and got the Spring Term off to a flying start. It was great to see so many members enjoying time to chat with friends and fellow members after the long Christmas/New Year break - welcome back. Welcome too to the new members who came to join us; we hope you enjoy everything U3A and look forward to you getting involved in all U3A Leeds has to offer.

GROUPS NEWS

BRIDGE GROUP Tuesdays, 3.30-5.00pm, - Bridge Room, Moor Allerton Sports & Social Centre, Stonegate Road, Leeds, LS17 6EL Sue Friedman has taken over from Pam Smith as leader of this group. Our thanks go to Pam for her sterling work over the years and a warm welcome to Sue who will, I am sure carry on Pam's good work.

PHILOSOPHY CLUB 3rd Monday in the month 7.00-9.00pm at Inkwel Arts Café. Potternewton Lane. LS73LW Best wishes to Demetra who is soon off to pastures new leaving the Group in the capable hands of Keith Poyser who is leading the group pro tem. The meeting on January 15th was on the subject of '*Metaphysics of Love*' the difference between friendship & romantic love. The February meeting will be on Monday 19th when the subject will be, '*The Ethics of Abortion*'

CIRCLE DANCING GROUP This group has been a stalwart of the U3A Leeds programme for such a long time so it was sad to see the Circle Dancing Group reluctantly having to close at the end of last year. All our thanks and good wishes to Pat Gerwat, leader and leading light of this group.

HELP!: *Our hardworking Membership Secretary, Shena, needs an apprentice to learn her craft and help her out. Any Admin skills out there please? Speak to Angela or any Committee member*

NEW GROUPS

NEW SPORT - WALKING NETBALL Lawnswood YMCA, Otley Road, Leeds, LS16 6HE. We have been contacted by Nathan Jones from England Netball offering members the chance to try out *Walking Netball*. Nathan would be happy to organise a session at Lawnswood YMCA for U3A

Leeds members. If you would like to be included please leave your name and contact details at the next General meeting or on the U3A Enquiry Line (No 07552 448834).

U3A LEEDS BEGINNERS' FRENCH GROUP with an early 9.30am, start on either the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday in the month, Rob Pearson is seeking members interested in learning French from scratch. Venue to be arranged. If you are interested please forward their name and contact details to rob.pearson@virgin.net.

LEEDS CYCLING CAMPAIGN - TUESDAY MORNING CYCLE RIDES anyone wanting details should contact Rob Pearson:- rob.pearson@virgin.net

EVENTS

THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE REGIONAL U3A CREATIVE WRITING STUDY DAY 10.00 till 3.30 on Thursday 22nd March, 2018, Priory Street Centre, York YO1 6ET 'The Basics and Beyond! A Fun Day to stimulate your imagination and hone your skills'. Presented by Marcia Humphries (National Subject Advisor) and Jo Brooks. Open to all members. The cost £25 to include Lunch and refreshments payable in advance. Anyone wishing to attend, please email secretary@yahru3a.co.uk.

25TH ANNUAL GILBERT & SULLIVAN FESTIVAL on the 8-27 August, 2018 at the Royal Hall, Harrogate. Tickets go on sale on 8 February and are available from www/gsfestivals.org or by telephoning 01422 323 252.

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