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Leeds U3A Newsletter

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Dear U3A Member,

We are pleased to introduce the newly formed U3A Committee and tell you a little about them all.

Chair	Janet Keogh
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Speakers	Eileen Fergusson
Travel	Margret Quinton-
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Groups	Pat Horton
Publicity & Information	Margaret Maiden
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New Members	Jan Rippin

Dear Member,

First of all, I'd like to thank Eileen Fergusson, Speaker Secretary, who arranged for author Iby Knill to speak at the last general meeting in July and all those members who came to hear her. It was both a privilege and an unplanned pleasure which brought the Spring/Summer programme to a triumphant close. Iby, a diminutive 91 year old lady, gave an account of her extraordinary life to a packed hall and the story she told was powerful indeed. Members listened to her in silence as she spoke candidly, in a quiet voice, of a history of appalling injustice and ill-treatment. It was a talk that stirred emotions but one which left you feeling both deeply moved and uplifted after having heard it. A



U3A Visit to Haworth in July

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Speaker Season begins with-

Environmental Studies Explained-Dr. Ralph Harrison (8th Sept.)

1st December-

U3A Christmas Party

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

From 5/10/15 supermarkets and others will be required by law to charge 5p for a plastic carrier bag so remember to use your U3A canvas bag and save money!

remarkable woman with a extraordinary story - 'The Woman without a Number'. You will be pleased to note that there are more talks arranged for the Autumn/Winter term as well as a Christmas Party along the lines of our Anniversary 'do' last April. Information and tickets will be available later in the year.

I hope you like the all-new newsletter but remember to keep us informed of what you're enjoying most about U3A and let us have photos of your group activities, trips and visits.

All good wishes-Janet Keogh Chair Leeds U3A

Spotlight on some of our Group Activities

Environmental studies - every 1st and 3rd Tues in the month - 2pm-3.30pm - HEART

Owing to illness the group is temporarily suspended until further notice.

Writing for Pleasure - 3rd Thurs in each month - 10am-12 noon - IHOM

Do you enjoy writing and feel you'd like a chance to write short stories, poetry or even a major best-selling novel? How about an autobiography? Call Jenny on 293 1997 to find out more.

Latin - alternate Tuesdays - 10am-11am - IHOM

Amo, amas, amat - we are a friendly mixed-ability group enjoying learning Latin from scratch or developing skills acquired at school many years ago. Were you a Latin teacher? Would you have an hour once a fortnight to assist with the intricacies of Latin grammar? Please help us if you can... ring Janet on 273 1745.

Bridge – Tues, 3.30pm - 5.30pm – MASSC

This is a long running Group. Pam Smith coordinates the Group and she is a regular player and teacher at Leeds Bridge Club. The group starts with a short lesson revising and reminding us of different conventions and plays and then we play!

We would love some new members and would invite anyone to come along and try it!



U3A BRIDGE AT MASSC

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE LEEDS U3A WEBSITE

WWW.U3ALEEDS.ORG.UK

The U3A Leeds web site has been going in its present form for a bit over five years. In that time, it has received over 160,000 page views. On an average day, 35-40 people visit the site, accounting for about 3,000 page views per month. If you have access to the internet, you can use the site to check details of forthcoming meetings, times and places where the various interest groups meet, and pictures of some of our recent activities. There are also pages where you can download a membership application form or a copy of a recent Newsletter, see who is on the Committee, read the most recent Annual Report, or find links to other related web sites.

One way in which the internet has changed in the past five years is that more and more people are using it on their tablets or smart phones. But a web page that looks good on a desktop or laptop computer can be hard to read on a small screen. The solution to this problem is to have two separate styles for each page, one for a large screen and one for a small screen. The home page of the U3A Leeds web site used to look like the left hand picture below, and still does on a larger screen. But if you go to the site using a smaller screen, you will now see it in the style of the right hand picture. The content is exactly the same except that most of the images are missing. But the layout is designed so that the text is large enough to read on a small screen, and you can scroll down the page without having to scroll from side to side. On some days, as many as half the visits to the site are from tablet and mobile users. I hope they will find this format more convenient.

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