



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Wed 31 Jan **Open Meeting** Methodist Church 2.30 pm  
Rod Dimpleby "Entertainment with stories, poems and musical interludes"
- Wed 28 Feb **Open Meeting** Methodist Church 2.30 pm  
David Calverley "Curious Cathedrals"
- Wed 28 Mar **Open Meeting** Methodist Church 2.30 pm  
Roger Bartlett "The Chelsea Flower Show"
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**MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Wed 11 April **Anniversary Lunch** with guest speaker Dale Gibson, Executive Director (Racing) of the Professional Jockeys Association.  
- see details below
- 10 - 16 June **Ireland Holiday** - one twin/double room left - *contact Lesley ASAP*
- Tues 3 July **Volunteers Lunch** at Kirk Deighton Village Hall - *details to follow*  
**Anniversary Lunch**

**Booking forms and tickets** price £18 each will be available at the January, February and March Open Meetings or by post from: Mrs L Titchmarsh, 19 Oakwood Road, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS22 7QY.

Booking forms will also be available:

1. Inside the February Newsletter.
2. By email from Lesley at the address below.

If you are requesting tickets by post please remember to enclose a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

Lesley Titchmarch 581802 ltitchma@gmail.com

Please note Lesley's email address which was incorrectly quoted in the November. Newsletter - apologies.

**"Veronica's Bird"**

Our very own author, Richard Newman, who published "A Nun's Story" about Sister Agatha last year with great success, has now written a book about the life of Veronica Bird ex governor of HM Prison Leeds who spoke at our Open Meeting in July 2016.

"Veronica's Bird" was recently published by Clink Street Publishing price £8.99. It will be available on Amazon, on Kindle, at Waterstones and all good book stores. It was to be reviewed in The Sunday Times on Sunday 21 January. My e-copy arrived this morning so there will be more in the February Newsletter. Joyce

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## **NEWS OF NEW GROUPS AND COURSES**

### **Ideas for New Groups**

At the last New Members meeting we had some suggestions for possible new groups.

**Fly Fishing** Steve Jones would be happy to hear from anyone who would like to join him. He can be contacted on 01423 322025, 07866 245843 [sjrjones@btinternet.com](mailto:sjrjones@btinternet.com).

**Motor Racing** Clive Mills is interested in this. He has worked in the industry and would like to start a group to visit manufacturers, rallies and races. If you are interested please contact him. Clive Mills 572355 [clive.r.mills@icloud.com](mailto:clive.r.mills@icloud.com)

**Astronomy** This was another suggestion from a new member, I have tried before to get a group going but would like to hear from anyone who is interested now.

**Exploring World Religions** This group has proved very popular and has a waiting list. If you would like to join a second group please let me know.

Delia Wells 541517 [dewells24@gmail.com](mailto:dewells24@gmail.com)

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## **NOTABLE CHANGES & CORRECTIONS**

### **Bridge**

Bridge is now called Bridge Monday and  
Bridge (experienced) is now called Bridge Thursday.

### **German**

Now meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

### **Historic Houses 3**

New leader: Barbra Botterill 0113 2886246 [barbrabotterill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barbrabotterill@hotmail.co.uk)

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## **NEWS FROM THE ESTABLISHED GROUPS**

### **Reports from the Group Leaders**

#### **Canasta Thursday**

We have now completed a successful 3 months and are a happy cohesive group with varied stages of experience which works well. We have moved to a larger room and so we can take on new members. Fees are paid quarterly and are usually about £8 depending on numbers.

Go on, give us a try even if you have never played. You will soon learn as there are many helpful and willing people to guide you along the first steps.

For further information please contact one of us.

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Liz Minnis 581354/07895704679 [liz.minnis@tesco.net](mailto:liz.minnis@tesco.net)

#### **Days of Special Interest 1**

Our group is now into it's ninth year and we are still finding plenty of places to visit within a reasonable distance, thanks to the involvement and enthusiasm of our members in arranging the visits.

This year we start close to home with a visit to The Royal Mail Sorting Office at Wetherby followed by visits to The Jewish Heritage Centre in Leeds and Hazelwood Castle. Other visits already arranged for the rest of the year include Sunny Bank Mills

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at Calverley, Kirkstall Abbey, Ripon "In the steps of Lewis Carroll", Hartlepool Royal Navy Museum, Standedge Tunnel and Holgate Windmill.

Unfortunately the group is full, but names can be added to the waiting list.

Pat Baron 520165 baron.wetherby@btinternet.com

## **Film Studies 2**

Our Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7 pm. We take turns to choose a film and come prepared with information. After watching the film we discuss our opinions on what we thought the director was trying to achieve; whether he/she managed it; was the characterisation successful etc.

No one is an expert and all opinions are valid. We all agree that we see interesting films that are often not what we might have chosen but which we enjoy and which widen our horizons.

We have room for a few new members so if you fancy coming along please get in touch with me.

Jennifer Parkinson 07821691692 parkinson.j1@gmail.com

## **Historic Houses 2**

**Winter Talks for 2018** at St James Church Room (Scout Hall) at 2 pm.

Cost £3 to include tea/coffee and biscuits

Wed 21 February "Fountains Abbey", an illustrated talk by Mike Bevington

Wed 14 March "Lady Randy, Winston Churchill's mother ", a talk by Pat Osborne  
All U3A members and guests are welcome.

Connie Fox 587176 bev.con@talktalk.net

## **Memory Course**

Anyone interested in joining the **February** Memory course is invited to put their name forward for one of the few places still available. The course will take place on the four **Wednesday mornings in February**.

The next course will be held on four consecutive **Tuesday mornings in May** starting on 1 May. Full details will be in the February Newsletter.

Please contact me to apply or for more information.

Jen Scott 01423 339504 jenscott.pps@gmail.com

## **Painting Groups**

The three Painting Groups recently joined forces to fill two boards which formed a display for the U3A Christmas Showcase in December at the Engine Shed. Many thanks to all the members who contributed to the display and a thank you to everyone who came to have a look at our work. One of our artists was especially pleased with the event as it led to the sale of her painting to another member.

Barbara McLean and Barbara Duncan 584318 barbmiched@btinternet.com

## **Psychology Group - a new group?**

Psychology is the study of our minds, including our thoughts, emotions and behaviour - what we do and why we do it. The three current Psychology Groups are for those who are curious about human behaviour, enjoy lively discussions, and want to learn more in a friendly environment. We currently have a waiting list of eight members. With a few more and a willing leader we could look at starting a new group. If you are interested please contact:

Peter Wilson 584597 or 07798848738 wilsonpc@btopenworld.com

## **Walkers Ultra (10 - 15 miles)**

We walk on the first Monday of each month unless it is a Bank Holiday when an alternative date is chosen.

New members are always welcome. Follow the links on the website to see this year's dates and some of the walks that have been offered. You can also see where we went to in previous years.

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## **FORTHCOMING OPEN MEETINGS**

Wetherby Methodist Church at 2.30 pm unless otherwise stated  
£2 entry for non members

Wed 31 January, Wed 28 February, Wed 28 March  
and the last Wednesday in the month thereafter.

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This **MONTHLY MEMO** is a U3A news update for immediate ready reference. The **NEWSLETTER** is usually published in February, July & November and the **MONTHLY MEMO** on the remaining months except December.

See our website **www.wetherbyU3A.org.uk** for further information such as details of the group leaders and membership application forms.

**>> Closing date for final copy for Feb Newsletter will be Sat 10 Feb <<**

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