



FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to June's (the month) newsletter. The good news is that Leyburn and District u3a still have a committee and so we can continue for another year!

Thank you to all those of you who attended the AGM in May and your nominations for the following roles;

Chairperson - June Keeler

Vice - Chair - Richard Ferrier

Secretary - no nominations. .

Treasurer - Trevor Pitts

Membership Secretary - Susie Mellish will continue for a few more weeks until a replacement can be found

Group Co-ordinator - no nominations

Speaker Finder - Mary Sadler

Publicity - Elaine Frances

Co-opted members - Sue Peckitt

Newsletter Editor Anne Wood

Website Manager - Stella Swan

Minutes Secretary - Sheila Simms

A.O.B. - none

Date of next A.G.M will be Friday 21st May 2027.

The next committee meeting will be on Monday 22nd June 2026 at 4pm in the cafe at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. As you can see from the elected committee for this year we are looking for a membership secretary, group coordinator and business secretary. All roles require regular attendance at committee meetings. Training is available too.

This recent AGM followed a slightly different format and attracted 35 members. We hired a speaker, Lynn Ward a Leyburn artist, and a free raffle ticket for your attendance was rewarded with the chance to win a Campbell's hamper. Please pass your thoughts about this on to a committee member.

Looking ahead... National u3a Festival is taking place at the University of York between 1st and 3rd July for a celebration of fun, learning and the community that makes u3a so special.

Enjoy summer!

June

Living History on the Wensleydale Railway

In this novel approach Bob Coombs plays the 1920s Station Master at Leeming Bar, and explores the history of the railway through the lives and experiences of the people who worked there. The Living History team have researched the lives of the people they represent and their stories are told in character, resulting in a very entertaining and informative morning.

Our meeting on Friday 19 June at 10.00 for 10.30, is at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Doors open at 10.00 for 10.30 at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL. For details contact Membership secretary www.leyburn.u3asite.uk

NOTICES

U3a AT RIPON THEATRE FESTIVAL

Just spotted this:-

Calle Oche - a group of Ripon u3a musicians who enjoy playing music with a Latin beat will be at the Duck Hill end of Kirkgate, Ripon on Saturday 11 July, 3.30 - 4.00 as part of the Ripon Theatre Festival.

Pop down and see them if you're in Ripon, it's free.

www.ripentheatrefestival.org for more information.

Why not organise a Leyburn Latin band?

**Please could you put in a reminder for Litterpicking on
Wednesday June 10th at 2.00pm .New volunteers most welcome.
Many thanks Rose**

Croquet

I continue to search for a suitable place in Leyburn to play croquet and am still investigating playing at Thornborough Hall.

Please let me know if you would be interested in playing if we played in Leyburn. If there is not sufficient people to play I will stop trying to find a venue.

Thanks

Mary

CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP.

The topic for discussion at our meeting on 5 June was the recent local and mayoral elections and their implications. It was felt that the main implication was that a suitable form of proportional representation was essential to prevent one party winning a disproportionate number of seats with a minority percentage of the vote. At our next meeting on 3 July we plan to discuss the outcome of the Makerfield by-election and its implications. As always, we will make time to discuss any other news item that has cropped up since the previous meeting.

Garden Group

We had a very interesting trip to the Glebe Field near Wensley. The field is owned and managed by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Fertiliser or pesticides have never been used on the field for generations, so it is rich in wildflowers. Our guide, Jennie, led us around the perimeter pointing out many plants such as dog's mercury, crosswort and two orchid species- the early spotted and green winged.

Our June meeting is at Firby Hall, which is open for the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 7th June. For July we will visit Bellerby Open Gardens on Sunday 5th July.

Can I remind those of you who have booked for the coach trip to Yews in August that payment for the trip is due by July 1st.