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Community Newsletter



EMERGENCY CALL-OUT!

YORKLETS WILL VERY SHORTLY FOLD UNLESS MEMBERS COME FORWARD TO FILL SEVERAL POSTS ON THE CORE GROUP:

- **YORKY ACCOUNTANT**
- **DIRECTORY COMPILER**
- **MAILOUT COORDINATOR**
- **MINUTES SECRETARY**

MEETINGS ARE INFORMAL AND FRIENDLY AND THERE IS TRAINING AVAILABLE FROM ALL OUTGOING OFFICERS.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ANYONE ON THE CORE GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED. THANK YOU!

Coffee Mornings, Garage Sales and South Africa

In the last couple of years I've held several Garage Sales. It's been a good opportunity for LETS members to meet up, enjoy coffee and biscuits and do some trading. Neighbours, friends and passers-by have come along too.

These occasions have also been part of my fund-raising for an education project in South Africa. Items that have sold for sterling have brought in over £200 and this money has gone to support students from a township on the outskirts of Cape Town where I worked in the 1990s. Three young people have been helped in particular: Simphiwe, Bathi and Inga. Simphiwe and Bathi are the 18 year old foster sons of my friend Nomhle. They are

completing their secondary schooling. Inga is a 13 year old boy who lives with his family in a shack in Khayelitsha. Last year, during a visit to Cape Town, Inga asked me if I could bring him back to the UK to go to school. As I didn't consider that was the best option for him I found people to pay him to attend a good high school in the city of Cape Town.

The need for financial help for some of the very poorest students in Cape Town continues so I shall be holding more of these sales. You are all welcome to the next Coffee Morning and Garage Sale on Saturday June 21 from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Liz Sibthorpe

Bring & Trade

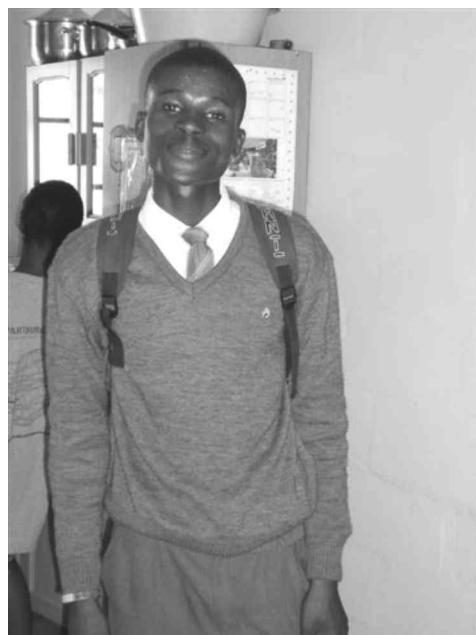
Liz Sibthorpe is holding a Bring and Trade this June.

A great chance to trade, chat, catch up with other Lets members.

Hope to see you there.

Saturday 21 June
8 Bootham Crescent

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Top right: Liz with Inga. Right: A picture of Bathi, who is an 18 year old High School student. Above: a pic of Simphiwe's school choir. They are very poor financially but have wonderfully powerful voices and came third in the national finals last year.

Summer walk

This July, YorkLETS will be having a summer walk at the Hole of Horcum, Yorkshire's most outstanding natural feature. Also known as "the devil's punchbowl" it is a section of the valley of the Levisham Beck in the North York Moors, upstream of Levisham and Lockton. The hollow is 400ft deep and stretches 3/4 of a mile across. Legend has it that it was created when a giant named Wade, who was in fact a Saxon chief, grabbed a 'handful' of earth to throw at his wife, Bell - the soil missed its target and landed to form the 800ft high hill of Blakey Topping which lies about a mile to the east.



We will meet at the Saltergate Inn, on the A169 between Pickering and Whitby, at 12 noon on Sunday July 13. The Coastliner bus No. 845 leaves York Station at 10:22 and reaches the Saltergate Inn at 11:47. There is a choice of return times - 13:53 arriving at York Station at 15:26 and 18:56 arriving at York station at 20:25. To check if the walk is definitely taking place in case of bad weather or not enough people going to make it viable, phone Liz at 624454.

We hope you can make it for what should be a fun day out.



Diary Dates



Core Group Meetings

Core Group Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at the Seahorse Hotel on Fawcett st. from 7:30pm, followed by a Social/Trading evening.

Upcoming meetings:

Monday June 2, Monday August 4,

Bring & Trade

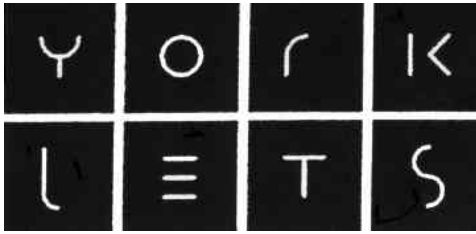
10:30 - 12 June 21

AGM

8:30 Monday July 7

Summer Walk

Noon Sunday July 13



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Annual General Meeting

Monday June 7

**Meet at 7:30 for a 8:00pm start
The Seahorse Hotel, Fawcett St,
(between Fishergate and the Barbican)**

(Contact John from the Core group)

The AGM is open to all Lets members, so we do hope you will come along as we need your voice, your spark, your feedback to make YorkLETS a vital community enterprise. As always, the formal part of the meeting will involve the making of financial and admin decisions, and there will be annual reports from members of the core group. If you would like to respond to our emergency call-out, this is the perfect opportunity to hear an overview of what the posts have involved across the previous year. The AGM also includes election/re-election of all core group positions.

There will be a free, vegetarian buffet - including chips - provided by the pub. There will also be an opportunity for trading. We look forward to seeing you.

Membership Renewal Deadline

PLEASE NOTE: for all those who want to renew their membership, your last chance to do so will be at the AGM. Membership renewal is now at a rate of either £4 or Y5

One off articles For Sale/Wanted

The traditional cut-off form is no longer available, so if you have any items for this section, please email me at dwfbellis@tiscali.co.uk

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