

Community Newsletter

Notice of YorkLETS EGM Revision of YorkLETS Membership Fees

1st February 2010 - 7:30pm - Seahorse Hotel, Fawcett Street.

It's a little way off yet, but here is an interesting date for your diary.

Currently the YorkLETS membership fees are like this: You pay an annual fee of £5 or 5 Yorkys to join for the year. Additionally, during the year, you are charged 1 Yorkey per month as administration fee. In total over the year, each member pays the equivalent of 17 Yorkys.

I feel it is time to review this fee structure. I believe that a lot of members would prefer something simpler. As a bonus, a simpler fee arrangement would be easier for new members to understand.

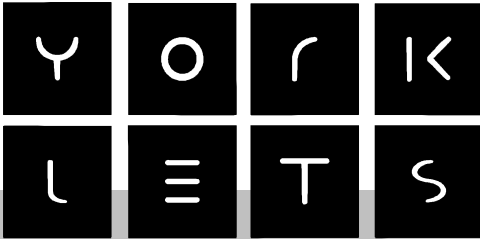
There is also some evidence that the overall administration cost of running YorkLETS has come down. Perhaps the most obvious example is the widespread adoption of email instead of postal mail. As our running costs have come down, I believe that it is only fair that the membership fees should be reduced too.

In place of our regular meeting on the 1st February, we shall have an EGM (extraordinary general meeting) to discuss the revision of the YorkLETS membership fees. The proposal I will bring to the table is in six parts:

1. We should revise the YorkLETS fees.
2. The revised fees should be £12 or 12 Yorkys per annum.
3. The choice of currency (Yorkys or Sterling) is left up to each individual member.
4. For simplicity, the fee is paid in a single lump at the start of each year.
5. The revised fees should start in the 2010 YorkLETS year.
6. In future, we should review the fee structure each year at the AGM.

During the meeting, we will discuss the above points, including any changes that may be necessary. At the end of the meeting we'll have a round of voting to decide whether we should adopt them. All YorkLETS members are eligible to vote, so please do come and have your say in this important aspect of the YorkLETS group.

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YorkLETS Events Report

Hi there, I have been busy arranging the Christmas event (more about that in a bit) but wanted to let you know how the events calendar has looked since the last newsletter.

Our stall at the York Green Festival on Sunday 6th Sept was a great success; we recruited six new members and saw one returning ex-member. The trading stall was a great opportunity for members to sell home baking, garden produce, books and other unwanted items for Yorkys but with there being so many members of the public at the event members who did bring things to trade went home with 'real' money in their pockets. **Don't miss out on any opportunity to trade at LETS events in future.**

Halloween Party at Lynn's house was a great success also, LETS members turned up in some great costumes, we enjoyed good food and drink and good company. There were Halloween themed games and new members, Emilie and Tom, entertained us with their guitar and singing. All in all a good night enjoyed by all who attended.

The first **Soup Saturday** was at Lee Ronald's house and was attended by six members who enjoyed some tasty and wholesome soups and homemade bread; they really were delicious and can be recommended. LETS members spent time socialising and traded some of their goods with other members. Look out for future events that should run once a month.

NEW MEMBER

Please extend a warm welcome to our latest new member, Annette Mariette, who has kindly agreed to be our Membership Secretary. She is a hairdresser, which is a great addition to the group; I am one of the members that has already benefitted from her skills and you will see below that she has been busy doing some other stuff too! Welcome and happy trading Annette! Here is her greeting to YorkLETS...

"Hello to all YorkLETS members, I've already met quite a few of you and I'm looking forward to meeting lots more. I'm a fully qualified hairdresser living in Acomb and I've joined York LETS because I love the idea of trading skills without any money being involved. I'm looking for painting and decorating skills so if any one out there can wall paper get in touch. I recently worked with LETS member David Bellis on a wedding photo shoot doing the hair and make-up on his model Jill Weaver who braved the Autumn weather with hubby Ben to be models for the shoot. The weather of course was temperamental, at first the sun shone gloriously and then it hid behind the clouds. The passers by were curious and some even tried to get into the photos just as the sun was coming out again. But all in all we had a good day. David took some great photos, Jill looked very glamorous in her dress and Ben was a model husband in more ways than one! You can contact me on 01904 331129 or at a_marriette@yahoo.co.uk."

Forthcoming Events

The next **Soup Saturday** will be taking place on Saturday 12th December at 1pm at LETS member Lee Ronald's house; she lives at 7 Northfield Terrace, Dringhouses (off Tadcaster Road). Two homemade soups and fresh bread will be on the menu for the cost of Y2 + £1 (to cover cost of ingredients) and there will be a chance for members to trade afterwards, so don't forget to bring along unwanted items and your Yorky cheque book. Places are limited so you **MUST** book for this event. For further details you can contact Lee on 703089 or email her on lee@lronald.freeserve.co.uk

Christmas Fayre is on Friday 4th December, at Clementhorpe Community Centre, Lower Ebor Street (off Bishopthorpe Road), 4 – 7pm. Full details are on the advertisement in this newsletter. **Help is needed to run various stalls**, including refreshments, on the night, with set up from 3pm. **Donations are appreciated** towards the raffle and members are invited to bring their own items for sale on the YorkLETS trading stall and cake stall (for their own profit or as a donation). Further details are available from Lynn Turner on 438264 or email lynn-york@hotmail.co.uk.

Christmas Social will take place after our usual monthly meeting (Monday 7th December, 7.30pm at the Seahorse Hotel, Barbican Road, off Fishergate). The social part of the evening will begin at **8pm**, where members are invited to bring in nibbles and enjoy a drink and a chat with other YorkLETS members, there will also be a chance to trade so bring along any unwanted items and your Yorky cheque book.

Any ideas for events in the new year will be gratefully received by the YorkLETS Social Secretary, Lynn Turner on 438264 or email lynn-york@hotmail.co.uk

URGENT

We still need a **Father Christmas** for Christmas Fayre, so if you think you can pull off the role for approximately **ONE HOUR ONLY** or so please let me know as I would hate to have to let the children down. Outfit and beard provided! Respond to Lynn, 438264 or email lynn-york@hotmail.co.uk, thanks.

ITEMS FOR SALE

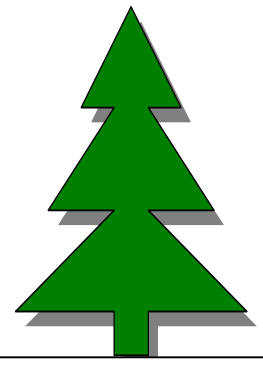
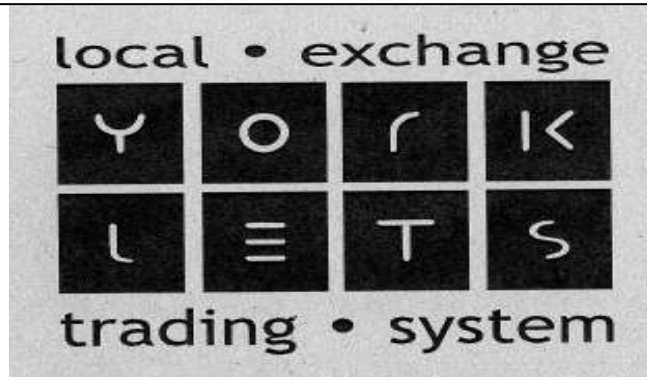
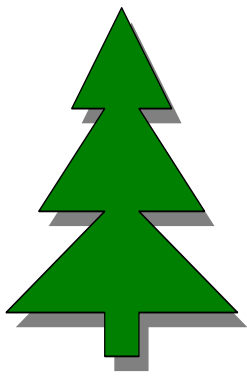
Everlast Pilates Door Gym, door mountable exercise system that works the entire body, complete with instructions and is suitable for Christmas present, Y5.

Viva Aromatherapy Body Massager, deep heat massager with 4 massage applicators and aromatherapy massage oils, box not as new and no instructions but contents sound, Y10.

Jet spa for bath, like a jacuzzi for your own bath, has suction cups to stick on bath side, comes with instructions, box not perfect but contents are like new, Y10.

Large, over mantel mirror, gold contemporary frame with cut off corners at top, size 100 cm wide x 70 cm tall approx, Y10.

Contact number for items for sale is Lynn on 438264 or mobile 07756 711152.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

CLEMENTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Lower Ebor St - off Bishopthorpe Rd

Friday 4th December 4.00 - 7.00

**Stalls Gifts for Christmas YorkLETS Trading Stall
Cakes and mince pies**

**Entertainment Balloon modelling Puppet Show
Magician Story teller and Singers**

**Plus!! Visit Santa Craft Activity
Decorate wooden tree ornaments
Face Painting Lucky Dip Raffle**

Refreshments

FREE ENTRY

For more information phone Lynn 01904 438264