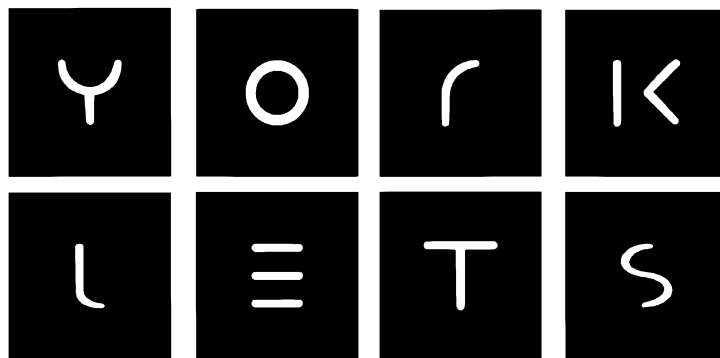


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YorkLETS held an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) on 1st February. The main issue for the EGM was a revision of the Fee structure. A new, simpler and cheaper structure of Y12 or £12 per year was proposed, which would replace the existing arrangement of Y5 or £5 per year with an additional Y1 per month. This change was deemed appropriate as the group running costs have decreased somewhat since the old fee values were set. A vote was taken, and those present voted unanimously to accept the new scheme.

A query was raised as to when the new payment scheme would start, and when payment would be taken. After some discussion, it was decided that the payment would kick in at April - the traditional start of the LETS year.

The second issue of the evening was a proposal to reinstate the role of Group Co-ordinator. The group originally had this role, but it was phased out many years ago. However, the core group now feel that the role of co-ordinator will help in the smooth running of the group. A vote was taken, and it was decided that the post was indeed a good idea. The post will be advertised, and the position filled during the AGM.

Ben Weaver

Special Priced Massage

I am becoming involved with the storytelling group at St Nicks and have found a wonderful weekend storytelling workshop in Devon, which is £150. I really want to do this course, it would be so beneficial! However, given my low income, it is not possible for me to do this on a whim. Therefore, to raise the funds I will be giving massages at the rate of £25 instead of £30 (and 5Y) during Feb/March. If anyone would like to book a massage (evenings or weekends) then do get in touch; they really are soothing, nourishing and a great booster for this gloomy time of year. I am ITEC certified, used to practice at Miller's Yard in town, and have written on massage for *Massage and Bodywork Magazine*.

You can contact me on 07531658914 or email at lee@lronald.freeserve.co.uk.

Women only please.

Thank you!

Lee Ronald

Welcome to new members

Christine Farrow-Paylor (Tel: 01904 479962, email: cfarrowpaylor@yahoo.com)

Offering: Hand baking, cooking & Knitting

Wants: Carpet Laying and Laminate Tile laying, Painting and Transportation of goods

Shelley Battles (Tel: 01904 672062)

Offering: Reflexology and Pet Feeding

Wants: Alternative therapy treatments

Shelagh Carr (Tel: 01904 795397, email: shecarr@yahoo.co.uk)

Offering: Child/Teen Mentoring/Escort, Sitter, Publicity presentations, House sitting, Shopping

Wants: Kitchen cupboard painting

Alex Lochhead (Tel: 01904 789055, email: info@alexlochhead-acupuncture.co.uk)

Offering: Acupuncture

Wants: Help with allotment/gardening, Window cleaner, Horse Riding

Hector & Bronwen Bracamonte (Tel: 427483, email: hbprofessionals@yahoo.co.uk)

Offering: Painting & Decorating, Handyman, Spanish conversation lessons, copy/audio typing, Cleaning

Wants: Guitar lessons, Driving lessons, Babysitting

Forthcoming Events

Hi there, I have been busy organising some more events for the next few months and happy to list them below; I do hope that you will be able to join us at them and if there are any queries or suggestions for more events then please let me know by email, lynn-york@hotmail.co.uk or phone me on 438264.

Thanks, Lynn Turner, Social Secretary

Soup Saturdays

6th March Ann Ciechanowski's, 1 Carl Street (off Bishopthorpe Road), York. **Please confirm your place by emailing Ann on taketoo2@aol.com** and let her know if you have any food allergies.

10th April To be confirmed

May To be confirmed

If you are willing to host one of these events please let me know; all you need to do is make a couple of soups and buy or make some bread. Usually members have a good old chat, find out what skills or services are on offer and have a cuppa after their soup, some trading has also been done at the events.

February Events

Brewery Tour on Thursday 25th has had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers (we needed 20 takers and only 3 have responded to a couple of emails that I sent to all group members); see below for alternative event!

Pub Crawl on Thursday 25th February. **Please let me know of any pubs that you would like to visit and I will organise them into a route!** Think we will be limited to around 4 pubs due to time constraint so let me know if you want to join us by email or phone call. Helen Mitchell is leaving us for a job with accommodation in Harrogate and we shall be having a farewell drink with her that night, to meet at 7.30pm in Black Swan, Peasholme Green.

March Events

Soup Saturday at Ann C's, as above!

Games Night on Saturday 20th March.

This will be held at Catherine Djimramadji's house, 5 Sandcroft Road, Dringhouses, YO24 2TD starting at 7pm. Please bring drinks and snacks to share with other LETS members and let Catherine or Lynn know you are coming. There will be a range of board games available to play and a chance to play charades or other parlour-type games so if anyone has any suggestions, such as their favourite game or one they haven't played for ages, then let me know and please feel free to bring along games on the night. Please let me know if you would like to attend this event.

April Events

Saturday 17th April, 7.30 -11pm, Priory Street Centre: **York in Transition's Green Ceilidh Dance** with live band Pugwash Convention, plus Transition Film and Eco Stalls. Bring your own booze. Light refreshments for sale. YorkLETS will be hosting a stall, details of contents of stall to follow, ie, cakes, snacks, other needs for stall.

£4 /£3 in advance/concessions. anna@yogainyork.co.uk 01904 654355

<http://transitiontowns.org/York/York>

Please remember, the first Monday of the Month' Core Group and Social at the Seahorse Hotel on Fawcett St, YO10 4AH, 7.30pm Core Group business (all welcome) and social/trading 8.15pm til 9.30pm (all welcome).

YorkLETS Events Report

The **Christmas Fayre** that we held on Friday 4th December was fairly well attended and enjoyed by all who came. Local MP Hugh Bayley visited us and there was plenty of entertainment, craft and gift stalls, a trading stall and refreshments (with lovely cakes provided by Lynn which went down well, as usual).

Entertainment was provided by singers, a magician, a story teller, balloon modeller and puppeteer and there were many prizes claimed from the raffle. Father Christmas popped in for a visit and gave gifts to the children who were present.

A profit of over £25 was put into YorkLETS funds which will help with running costs of the group and members traded in both Yorkys and Sterling at the event.

The **Christmas Social** took place after the December meeting on Monday 7th December at the Seahorse Hotel where members enjoyed a few drinks and some snacks they had brought along and had a good old catch up and shared festive cheer together.

Soup Saturdays

These monthly events started back in October and are steadily attracting more people each month.

Thank you to Marian Smales for hosting the January event which found two LETS members braving the deep snow to enjoy some delicious soup and bread.

The February event was hosted by Lynn Turner and saw four LETS members joined by a further four potential new members; again delicious soups and bread were provided for everyone to enjoy.

These events provide a good chance to meet and socialise with other LETS members, find out what skills, goods or services they have to offer and also offer a chance to trade unwanted items.

Everyone join in!!!

In these hard times of little cash and more time, now is the ideal opportunity to trade and make new LETS friends. Why not come along to the Soup Saturdays or regular monthly Core Group Meeting and Social with items to trade? Look through the directory for services wanted that you could do, or things offered that would usually cost you cash... the more we all use the System, the better it will be for all members. Make the LETS system work for you!