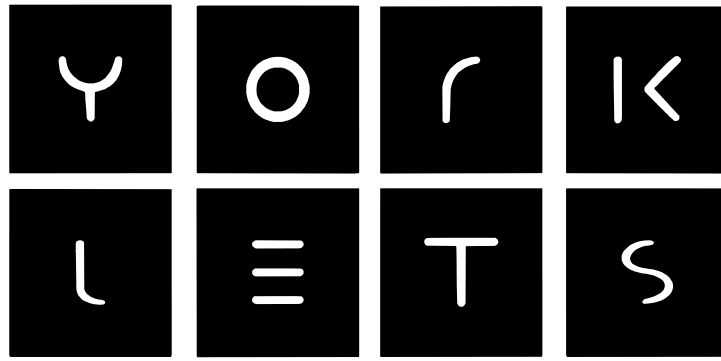


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Monday 5th July will see the 2010 YorkLETS Annual General Meeting (AGM), 7:30pm-9pm in the Seahorse Hotel.

The agenda will comprise a very brief round up from each of our seven current Core Group members. The main business of the meeting will then be to elect Core Group members for the forthcoming year. These roles comprise:

- Coordinator
- Yorcky Accountant
- Sterling Accountant
- Website Administrator
- Social Secretary
- Publicity Officer
- Membership Secretary
- Newsletter Editor

A number of long-standing Core Group members will be retiring from their positions this year, so we would heartily encourage you to consider whether you may be able to help us by taking on one of the above roles. They are vital to the continued smooth running of the group!

A final task for the meeting will be to review the situation of the YorkLETS social fund. This is a historical fund, to which members may optionally contribute a proportion of their Yorcky earnings. The fund is designed to assist YorkLETS members who find themselves in need of help. Sadly, the fund has become dormant in recent years, but we shall be reviewing its status during the AGM.

As ever, a small buffet will be provided, and we would be delighted to see as many YorkLETS members as possible attending! After the main meeting, the evening will gracefully descend in to usual banter and LETS trading, with ample opportunity to catch up with friends over a drink or two.

Renewals Time

The start of April marked the start of the new 2010/2011 YorkLETS year, and so once again it's time for everyone to renew their memberships. We will be writing to everyone shortly to ask for confirmation on their membership renewal for the year.

This year, we'll be using the updated membership of £12 or Y12 for the whole year, which will be payable as a single sum. Which currency (or mix of currencies) you use is completely up to you. If you choose to pay in Yorkys, we can even arrange to debit your account automatically so that you don't have to send in a Yorky cheque. Simple!

The deadline for renewals, as in previous years, is the AGM in July.



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Wanted

Electrician to move two ceiling lights to new position, first fix before plasterer/painter comes, then return to put up two new light fittings once decorating is done. Full Yorkys or part Sterling and Yorkys. Tel or email Lynn on 438264 or lynn-york@hotmail.co.uk

Forthcoming Events

I have been busy organising some more events for the next few months and am 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 tel me on 438264.

Thanks, Lynn Turner, Social Secretary.

Salad or Shared Lunch Saturdays

12th June Salad at Kay Watkins' Allotment, Plot 46, Holgate Allotments (opposite Fox Pub) at 1pm. Please ring or email Kay to let her know you will be attending so she knows how many to cater for. Tel 787120 or email kay.watkins@virgin.net

July To be confirmed

August 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 salads and provide some bread etc. or make the event a shared lunch. 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. These events will cost 2 Yorkys per person for drinks and hosting costs and an extra 1 Yorkey per person if food is being provided.

MAY EVENTS

Saturday 15th May, The Monty Python Film and Game night, 7.30pm

Monty Python And The Holy Grail will be shown, and the Monty Python game played. Numbers are limited to the size of my sitting room so hurry and book your place, this will be a shared supper buffet and drinks event so don't forget to bring some food and drink to share. The cost for this event will be 2 Yorkys per person and it will take place at Lynn's house, 106 Constantine Avenue, Tang Hall, YO10 3TB. Please telephone Lynn on 438264 or email on lynn-york@hotmail.co.uk.

Saturday 29th May, Hob Moor Fair, 2 – 4 pm

YorkLETS will be hosting another stall, trade your unwanted items and bake some cakes to raise cash or Yorkys. Help is required to run the stall so please let Lynn know if you can help.

Sunday 30th May, York in Transition Sports Day, Millennium Bridge, York, 2-4 pm

YorkLETS will be hosting a stall to recruit new members and sell unwanted items, cakes and drinks for cash or Yorkys, be sure to use this event to your advantage and raise some much-needed cash. As usual help is needed to run the stall so please let Lynn know if you can help. There will many other stalls at this event, it looks like it will be a great family day out.

JUNE EVENTS

Saturday 12th June, Salad Saturday at Kay Watkins' Allotment, 1pm. See details above.

Sunday 27th June, Cemetery Green Fair, off Fulford Road, York, time TBC.

YorkLETS will be hosting a stall at this event, please use this opportunity to bring items for sale and cakes for the stall as they always sell well. Help needed at this event, please let Lynn know if you can help.

JULY EVENTS

Saturday 3rd July, Salad or Shared lunch Saturday venue to be confirmed, but anyone willing to host it please get in touch, thanks!

Sunday 11th July, Rowntree Park Birthday Party, time to be confirmed

YorkLETS will be running a stall to attract/sign-up new members, we will also be selling refreshments so there is a chance for you to make some money by making sweet or savoury snacks that can be sold on the night or bring items to sell for cash or Yorkys. Again, help will be needed on the day so please let Lynn know if you can help for an hour or so.

Sunday 18th July, Treasure Hunt in the City, 2pm, meeting place to be confirmed

This will be a treasure hunt designed for all ages to complete, entry 2 Yorkys per person.

There will be a picnic afterwards for those who want to partake in it.

AUGUST EVENTS

Sunday 1st August, Yorkshire Day Picnic in the Park, 2pm, park to be confirmed

A picnic to celebrate Yorkshire day, what more can I say?

Saturday 7th August, Hull Road Park Fair, 12 – 2.30 pm

YorkLETS stall, a chance to sell unwanted goods and cakes to the public or LETS members, help needed as usual.

Future Events in the pipeline are more Salad or shared lunch Saturdays which will turn into Soup Saturdays in the autumn, Hull Road Park fair, Acomb Green Fair, a guided wall walk and a games night. As always, if anyone has any ideas for events then please contact me, Lynn Turner, Social Secretary on 438264 or email lynn-york@hotmail.co.uk

YorkLETS Social Fund

When YorkLETS started in the early 1990s there was an account created called the Social Fund. This was different from the Admin account, which is used to pay our Yorkey admin fees into and pays volunteers for admin work. The Social Fund was in some ways like a voluntary taxation or tithing – some members paid a proportion of their Yorkey income into it, or made occasional donations, and members in hardship could request help from it. For example, one member who found that earning Yorkys was difficult because of disability, but found spending was easy, was offered the chance to have any Yorkey earnings matched by assistance from the Social Fund. The new YorkLETS Website allows this giving behaviour to happen very easily, and at the AGM there will be a motion to re-instate this system. If anyone wishes to discuss how it works, please contact me and I'll be happy to talk it through.

John Cossham

Events of interest...

Sunday 30th May, 2-4pm: Fishergate Ward Multi Sports Fun Day next to the Millennium Bridge, Fulford Side, organised by York Playground Action Group with a LETS stall.

Features 7m high climbing wall (£1.50 for 2 climbs), bouncy castles (50p unlimited goes), capoeira and break dance tuition, volleyball, football skills, fun runs (egg n spoon, etc), tug of war, coconut shy, circus skills, frisbee, rounders, music, crafts, face painting (donations), books, food and lucky dip by York Steiner School, stalls from York in Transition (willow weaving, May crowns), St Nicholas Fields, Friends of Rowntree Park (hook a duck), YorkLETS, Cycle City York, Sustrans, Police, First Aid. Picnic beforehand. Free, so no need to book. All ages welcome.

To bring a free stall to raise funds for your group or as a LETS member email anna@yogainyork.co.uk 07891 989310, 01904 654355. No tables or tents are provided.

No parking (other than for stall holders). Please walk, cycle or take the bus (551400 is bus info). Nearest bus stops are Fulford Road Barracks, and walk down Maple Grove or Butcher Terrace off Bishopthorpe Road. Nearest toilets are Rowntree Park. Funded by Fishergate Ward Committee.

Saturday 19th June 10am – 1pm: Community Supported Agriculture Event at the Environment Centre. St Nicholas Fields York Organic Group's food co-ops and keeping chickens in urban gardens. There will be lunch. Please book if possible to gauge numbers for lunch. Book with info@stnicksfields.org.uk 411821

Also... **4th July: Energy Independence - a York in Transition Event** 3-6pm at Anna Semlyen and Graham Smith's - 24 Grange St, off Fulford Road YO10 4BH
On the hour talk and demo solar thermal and solar electricity talks and demo
On the half hour talk and demo of solid wall insulation with Sempatap and help with ward funding bidding.
followed by events planning for York in Transition at 7pm

Saturday 17th July 10am – 1pm: Mending, Handcrafts & Bike Maintenance York in Transition Event at the Environment Centre, St Nicholas Fields. Sewing, mending, knitting & crochet workshop with Lynn Turner of York LETS. Bike Maintenance with Peter Gay. Plus **Ward Funding Bidding** forms with Anna Semlyen on how to complete a simple one page form to apply for council money for anything with a community benefit. Please bring, if you can, old stretchy tee shirt material, balls of wool, bits of material, old umbrellas, lace, broderie anglaise, trims, etc. Plus your bike if it needs mending.

YorkLETS Events Report

Soup Saturdays

These monthly events started back in October and attract a steady amount of people each month; the members that do come to them get a chance to meet other members, sell or buy goods for Yorkys and arrange other trading.

Thank you to Ann Ciechianowski for hosting the March event, which saw over ten LETS members and one potential new one enjoying some delicious soup and bread and socialising.

The April and May events were hosted by Lynn Turner and both saw half a dozen LETS members socialising and trading over a shared lunch.

Please try to come to these events as they 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.

Games Night in March

Although only six members turned up they all had a great time; they played a selection of games and enjoyed snacks and drinks and laughed till their sides ached.

It was agreed that night to hold another one in the future and, because of a card game based on Monty Python films, there is going to be a film night in May.

York in Transition Ceilidh

YorkLETS had two stalls at this event, one for trading and recruitment and the other for cakes and drinks. The cakes and drinks stall meant that the members who made items for sale sold almost £100 worth of refreshments; it's always worth baking a few cakes for these events as the return on them is very worthwhile and often in ready cash rather than Yorkys!

St George's Day Shared Supper

This is the second year that YorkLETS have celebrated St George's day, at Lynn's house again. There was a delicious shared supper and drinks, an English quiz and a chance to vote on who should be the next King of England. Anna won the quiz and was given the privilege of crowning Prince Charles as the King of England for the night.

The monthly Saturday events have now become either shared lunches or Salad Saturdays; please consider hosting one at your house in the future as you can invite people in the group that you know and even your own friends that are not already members of YorkLETS.

Anyone who hosts an event will earn Yorkys for doing so; from June every member will be asked to pay 2 Yorkys per person to cover hosting expenses, including tea and coffee, etc. When Soup or Salad is provided there will be an extra cost of £1 per person.

For Sale

Brand new size 9 Hi-Tec squash shoes. White leather and suede with green lining. 25Yorkys.

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Guitar: nice tone, good condition 40Y

Purple shoes: handmade, size 5 1/2, worn once but unfortunately don't fit with orthotic insole. Very beautiful - like ballet shoes with buckle. Soft leather - very comfortable - made by Terry of Roosters shoes. Cost £70. Offered at 50Y.

Hiking boots: size 8, handmade by Terry of Roosters. In good condition. Very well made. 30Y

Ankle boots: size 8, handmade by Terry of Roosters. Brown. Good condition. Very well made. 30Y

Red woollen jacket, made by Black Yak. Size large. Unworn. Bought wrong size by mistake (it was raining....) Cost £60. Offered at 45Y

Fan heater. Good working order. 10Y

Gas heater. Good condition. 20Y

Two 15kg cylinders available for cost of deposit (£30 each) plus 5Y each
Also available one gas heater that's seen better days - free

Computer desk: beech-effect, on wheels, pull out keyboard shelf; lower shelves for tower, printer etc. 27" (70cm) x 19 1/2" (50cm). 30 1/2" high. 10Y

Selection of educational resources (books, software etc) for a home educating family. Free.

Rubble/hardcore: Small-medium trailer load; includes some old bricks (half/broken). Free.
(Have trailer for hire for 25Y if needed)

Plant pots - loads! All sizes! Free!

Wanted

Someone to buy me a DVD on Amazon! I'll pay cash for the DVD plus Yorkys for the service. The DVD I'd like is a German comedy called 1 1/2 Ritter and is not available in UK except via Amazon.

(Unless someone already has it and we can borrow it?)

Lawnmower - buy or borrow. Must be easy to start! (Gave ours away to Steiner school because too weak and feeble to pull cord...sigh!)

Help lifting paving slabs into trailer (nr Tockwith) and out again at allotment (in Tang Hall) (too weak etc., see above!)

Phone Marit on 01423 358937 or email maritparker@hotmail.com