



Community Newsletter

Summertime, and the living is ... cheesy!



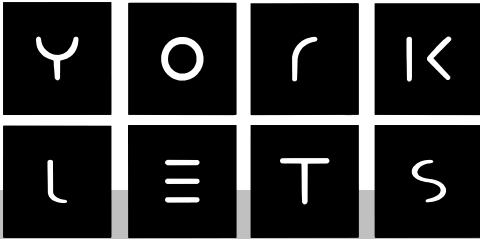
It's July, schools are breaking up, it keeps raining... it can only mean one thing: YorkLETS is about to have a cheese and wine party! A selection of cheeses and wines for your delectation and delight, and a welcome opportunity to meet up with your fellow LETS members for a chat, relaxation and trading. Bring along anything you'd like to trade, or just bring yourself:

Saturday 30 July, 7pm – 10pm at Woodyard Farm, Heslington

Don't forget you can earn Y7 per hour for hosting an event for YorkLETS members – as well as meeting some really great people. If you're interested in doing this yourself, why not contact one of the committee (listed next page) or drop in to the next monthly meeting?

AGM report

YorkLETS' AGM took place on 4th July. The Chair's report highlighted the huge improvements in governance that the organisation has achieved over the past year, as well as the increasingly well-attended social events and activities that have taken place. Both Yorky and Sterling accounts showed modest but healthy balances. Four of last year's five committee members were re-elected. Will Miles chose to step down for health reasons. The meeting recorded our gratitude to him for his excellent work looking after our finances.



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LETS Facebook group

Just a reminder that YorkLETS has a Facebook group. If you use Facebook, please join us there - it's a great way to chat with other LETS members and advertise goods and services to trade in a virtual space, and the more people that use it, the more useful it will be. Just type 'yorklets' in the search box at the top of your Facebook page to find the group.

Recent events

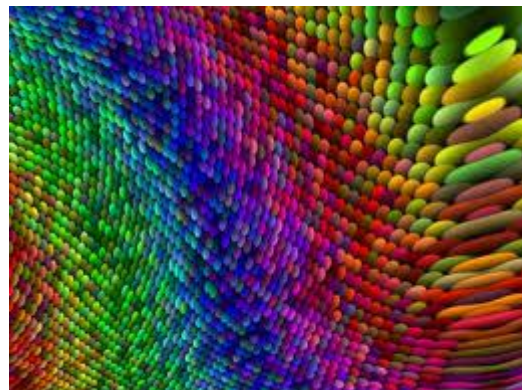
Nine of us enjoyed the riverside walk in Stamford Bridge in June. Despite unpromising weather forecasts, we completed the walk and were safely ensconced in the village pub eating lunch before the downpour started! It was great to get a chance to talk with lots of fellow LETS members, and especially nice that some members of Ryedale LETS came to join us.



Kay's 'Multi coloured swap shop' event took place on 7th May and was much enjoyed by all those members who attended.

The trading went well as did the wine and nibbles; we had one of our new members along so it was good for her to put faces to names and get to know us a bit more.

Good to have the last of the fabulous weather too.



Messing about in boats

As Ratty wisely pointed out at the beginning of 'Wind in the Willows':

“Believe me, my young friend, there is NOTHING - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.”

Local charity the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society takes this very seriously – run entirely by volunteers, the group is gradually restoring more and more of the historic Pocklington Canal, in order to make the most of it as a valuable community resource. The canal has a great range of wildlife living in the water and on the banks – its dragonflies and barn owls have been featured on BBC2! As well as hands-on conservation work, the charity runs boat trips on its barge the *New Horizons*. You can watch out for wildlife, and have a go at steering (under supervision!)



On Sunday 11 September, YorkLETS members, friends and families are invited to enjoy a short trip on the *New Horizons* to see for ourselves what fun it is, just 'messing about in boats'.

Meet 12pm outside the Melbourne Arms, Melbourne. The boat ride takes half an hour along the Pocklington Canal, and we shall have a bring and share picnic at the end. The charity does not charge for the trip, but any donation you are able to make is of course very welcome.

As this trip takes place outside York, if you require, or if you are able to offer, a lift to Melbourne on the day, please contact Melody Clarke on 01904 426358. Further information about the boat trips, the canal and the charity can be found at: www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org

Forthcoming Events

a selection of local events you may be interested in...

- **Sat 30 July** Cheese and wine party, 7pm – 10pm Woodyard Farm, Heslington, York. Bring anything you'd like to trade, or just pop in to enjoy trying out different cheeses and wine. All welcome. Any queries, contact Melody on 01904 426358.
- **Mon 1 August** YorkLETS monthly meeting at the [Seahorse Hotel](#), Fawcett Street. 7.30-8.00pm: committee meeting; 8.00pm onwards: social and trading evening – **all welcome**
- **Sat 6 August** Dudestock! Family-friendly music festival all through the day and deep into the night at Bustardthorpe, York Knavesmire. All kinds of fun and crazy kids' activities, together with loads and loads of live music. All profits go to York Special Care Baby Unit. Details and tickets from: <http://dudestock.co.uk/>
- **Sun 4 Sept** York Peace Festival 2011, 11am – 7pm, Rowntree Park, York. Cabaret, dance, kids' area, stalls, world music, comedy, good food... something for everyone! More info at: www.yorkpeacefestival.org.uk
- **Mon 5 Sept** YorkLETS monthly meeting at the [Seahorse Hotel](#), Fawcett Street - 7.30-8.00pm: committee meeting; 8.00pm onwards: social and trading evening – **all welcome**
- **Sun 11 Sept** YorkLETS Canal Boat Trip & Picnic. Meet 12pm outside the Melbourne Arms, Melbourne. 30 minute boat ride on the Pocklington Canal – learn how to steer a canal boat, or just sit back and enjoy the journey – followed by a bring and share picnic. Any queries please contact Melody Clarke on 01904 426358. Further information about boat trips is at: www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org
- **15 – 17 Sept** York Beer and Cider Festival, York Knavesmire. Tickle your tastebuds with some of the finest brews. Organised by CAMRA. Full details at: www.yorkbeerfestival.org.uk/2011
- **Mon 3 Oct** YorkLETS monthly meeting at the [Seahorse Hotel](#), Fawcett Street - 7.30-8.00pm: committee meeting; 8.00pm onwards: social and trading evening – **all welcome**

...hope to see you at some of them!