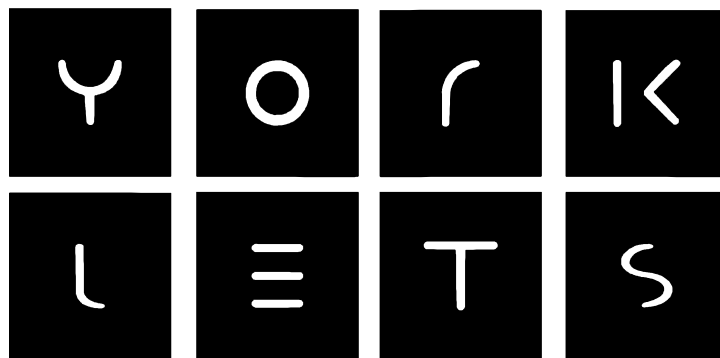


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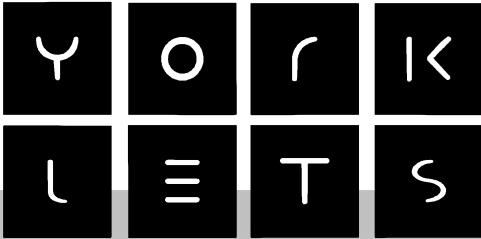


It's August, time for festivals, holidays, relaxation and maybe even a little sunshine...?! With that in mind, many of you will be looking for things to do this summer! If that's the case, check out our events guide on the back page of this newsletter – we've rounded up a selection of local events that we think look great!

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 2nd July. The Chair's report highlighted the improvements we've been able to make after receiving not one, but TWO grants in the past year! Both Yorky and Sterling accounts showed healthy balances. Melody Clarke and Sue Hulbert were re-elected to the committee, and we are very pleased to have two new committee members join us this year! Long-standing committee member John Cossham has stepped down this year, although he will still be an active member of the community, and the AGM concluded by thanking him for all the hard work he has put into YorkLETS.



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Thinking ahead...

Busy bees that we are, the YorkLETS committee is already planning our Christmas Fair trading and social. We're looking for a venue for this event – this could just be your front room, or if you have access to a village hall or similar, that would be fantastic! Remember, anyone who hosts a YorkLETS event earns Y7 an hour for doing so, plus getting to meet friends old and new. If this sounds like something you could do one weekend in November or December, please get in touch!



Recent events

It's been a quiet summer, with spirits dampened by the rain and gloom – not a lot has been happening in the world of YorkLETS! Happily, the weather seems to be getting better, and we've lots of events lined up for the autumn, so we hope to see you there!



YorkLETS Alternative Currencies Conference

YorkLETS is proud to announce that we will be hosting a one-day conference in York this October. The theme of the conference is alternative currencies, something that is not only relevant to our own interests (of course!), but also of vital importance globally in this economic climate. We are aiming to raise awareness of LETS systems and other alternatives, as well as thinking about practical ways to help York residents stretch their budgets.



The conference runs from 10am – 4pm on Thursday 25th October. Tickets cost just £5 or Y5 for York residents, and this price includes lunch and drinks. Why not come along and be part of the solution! Please make cheques payable to YorkLETS, and post to: YorkLETS, c/o Woodyard Farm, York YO10 5DX.

We already have a fantastic selection of speakers lined up, including a trustee of Letslink UK, the national LETS agency; a representative from the new York Timebank project; and our very own John Cossham, one of the founding members of YorkLETS.

If you have any bright ideas relating to the event, can think of any other speakers who you think would bring something to the day, or would just like to get involved and help out with the preparation for the conference, please get in touch! We can pay Y7/hr to any YorkLETS member who helps to get this event up and running, so this would be a great way to earn Yorkys as well as helping out.

Forthcoming Events

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

- **4 – 5 August** Holgate Windmill open weekend: a chance to get a closer look at our very own local windmill! The mill is now all ready to grind flour and will be open 11am-4pm. A fascinating day out, and with free entry for under-16s, and only £3 for adults, a great place to take the kids!
- **Saturday 18 August** York Maze “Beach Party & Barbeque” event! Fun for all the family, as well as the maze itself there will be limbo dancing, barbeque, music, and even a surf simulator! More info at www.yorkmaze.com
- **24 – 26 August** Galtres Festival – a local festival in Crayke, near Easingwold. This year’s theme is “Dragons and Knights”, so expect lots of mediaeval-themed fun! More info and tickets at: www.galtresfestival.org.uk
- **8 – 9 September** Festival of Cycling in Rowntree Park. A showcase of all sorts of bicycles, with a chance to have a go; plus stunt shows and guided rides as well as information on cycling and other eco-friendly modes of travel. Free entry, all-day event.
- **Monday 3 Sept** YorkLETS monthly meeting at the Priory Street Centre. 7.30 - 8.00pm: committee meeting; 8pm onwards: social and trading evening – **all welcome**
- **Saturday 22 Sept** YorkLETS ‘Harvest Festival’ members social and trading event, Woodyard Farm, Heslington – 11.30am – 3.30pm. Come along for family-friendly fun with refreshments and trading – a great way to meet new friends and earn some Yorkys. Email Melody on melody.clarke@yahoo.co.uk for more details.
- **Mon 1 Oct** YorkLETS monthly meeting at the Priory Street Centre - 7.30-8.00pm: committee meeting; 8.00pm onwards: social and trading evening – **all welcome**
- **Thurs 25 Oct** YorkLETS Alternative Currencies conference at the Friends’ Meeting House, Friargate – 10am – 4pm. Further details found in this newsletter!

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