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Bridlington U3A News

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Dear Bridlington U3A

It is hard to believe this will be the last newsletter before Christmas. The year has flown by as usual but in that time we have seen our U3A grow and flourish. This time last year I wrote:

'This fledgling U3A has grown into a busy and enthusiastic organisation almost overnight. All over the town there are wonderful groups of people learning and doing things they might never have done before, sharing fresh experiences and enjoying new fellowship. Membership has grown steadily week by week and at the time of going to press membership stands at 176 with 29 interest groups established. We can no longer squeeze into the North Library and so our next meeting on December 3rd will take place in the Emmanuel Church Hall.'

And here we are one year later, with membership standing at 382, with more than 40 groups and activities and established in our third home, the Spa. Those of you who have been coming to the monthly meetings will know that we are still trying out different arrangements, timings and layouts. The November meeting will see yet another attempt to make things more comfortable and convenient for you all, with a different, but larger and more beautiful space overlooking the sea, for tea, coffee and the sign-up sheets.

Our December meeting will be a different affair-with contributions from our groups, extra time for socialising with each other and an opportunity to buy some Bridlington U3A branded articles, including our very own calendar (minus the Calendar Girls however). Contributions for the special Christmas raffle will be welcomed by our raffle manager Sally Wilkinson.

And finally, special thanks to all the wonderful group leaders, the committee and the many behind-the-scene helpers.

A very Happy Christmas to you all!

Sue Gollop (Chair)

FINANCE CORNER

Members will be pleased to hear that we have no deposits in Icelandic Banks and that as we continue to thrive, the affordability of the Spa as our meeting venue is no longer a concern. Due to our healthy membership recruitment, the meeting entrance fee and your ongoing generosity towards our fund-raising efforts, we can comfortably meet all our expenses. Thank you!

And don't forget that, upon showing a current membership badge, members can now receive a 10% discount on goods purchased at Bridlington Stationers on Marshall Street.
Christine Latham Treasurer



The First U3A Musicians Gig

Come and support us!

Please note the U3A Choir and Orchestra are performing at the **Emmanuel Church on December 10th at 7.30 pm**. There is no entry charge but we are making a collection for our local Lifeboat Association (RNLI) on the way out. The people performing have only recently started singing or playing so need your support; they even might surprise you with their skills. The first half is general but after tea and coffee the second half is Christmassy. In addition the Bridlington Excelsior Band will also be playing.

Wendy Brayshaw



Strictly Come - Sequence Dancing!



Want some fun?

Dance your troubles away with the Sequence Dancing Group at North Bridlington Library between 2.15pm and 4.15 pm on Monday afternoons about twice a month.

Singles and couples of all levels of ability are welcome, to dance old and new Sequence Dances with some Old Time. Modern Sequence Dancing is based upon the steps of Ballroom Dancing with everyone dancing the same set steps every 16 bars of music. There are many hundreds of Sequence Dances and new ones are being added all the time.

Apart from enjoyable social occasions benefits include improved strength, flexibility, aerobic endurance and confidence boosting. Dancing is a fun way to exercise the memory as well as coordinating the body.

No special equipment needed, apart from comfortable shoes. For further information contact Chris Harrison - 01262 400859

Email Newsletters

If you are on e-mail and do not receive your newsletter, or have problems receiving it, could you please email me at the following address and I will try to sort it out. wendybrayshaw@btinternet.com



The Alto Section of the choir practising hard

Allotment Group



We meet on Tuesday morning, weather permitting, but the allotment is available to members at any time 24/7. It is £10 to join (towards the rent etc.) then £1 per month. The allotment is on the Hilderthorpe site, behind Morrison's, on Allotment Walk.

We now have planted strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, rhubarb, asparagus and red currants. Our brassicas were badly affected by a plague of caterpillars. We have sown winter crops of rocket, broad beans, onions and garlic. Still lots of digging to do-so come and join us! Contact Ann Cairns 609432

Transport to the Spa

We are trying to organise transport (free if you have a bus pass) from the bus station to the Spa to enable you to get to the monthly meetings in time for coffee. Please make contact with our Welfare Officers Tina Colley (424404) or Sylvia Crossland (400625)



October Meeting of the Bridlington University of the Third Age (U3A)

Our meeting on October 6th at the Spa was attended by 178 members and 24 visitors. We were greeted on entry by handheld Quizdoms-those little gizmos which would enable us all to cast our



votes during the forthcoming presentation 'Judge for Yourself'. This was a fascinating session from the Local Crime Community Sentence team, led by magistrate Mike Bowman and probation officer Ray Priestley.

Future meetings at Spa 10.30am

(Coffee served at 10.00am: £1 admission)

- Monday, 1st December, 2008
- Monday, 19th January, 2009
- Monday, 16th February, 2009
- Monday, 16th March, 2009
- Monday, 20th April, 2009
- Monday, 11th May, 2009
- Monday, 15th June, 2009
- Monday, 13th July, 2009

STOP PRESS: Proposed new groups

Geology: find out more from the new leader of this group Richard Myerscough at the next meeting or ring 672711

Wine Appreciation: 2nd Thursday (pm) of each month-start practising now-Malcolm Hall 606344

Creative Textiles: sign up at the next meeting or contact Kath Brown on 674311

French Conversation: alternate Thursdays with Ann Saxton 850587

The aim of the session was to improve public community sentences. We were given a real scenario accompanied by a lurid press cutting and headline 'Pensioner mugged in the back of an ambulance'. We were able to express our collective outrage by voting almost overwhelmingly for a tough prison sentence rather than the 'soft' option, a community sentence.

After a thoughtful, informed and lively session the vote was completely reversed. Probation officer Ray Priestley gave us insight into the power of the pre-sentence report and magistrate Mike Bowman made us reflect carefully on the purposes, impact and success of the custodial sentence and the alternative power and flexibility of the community sentence. We were left with no doubt that crime in its many forms is a highly complex subject and that the work of the 30,000 volunteer magistrates, ably supported by the Probation Service, deserves our respect and a greater need for informed opinion. Only then will we be able to uphold the democratic claims of 'Justice for the people, of the people and by the people'.

Many thanks to the presenters and to Lesley Mole from LCCS for organising this event.

Website

We are very pleased to announce the development of our new Bridlington U3A website. Many thanks to Mike Wilson for making this possible!

www.u3abridlington.me.uk

If you want to suggest additions or propose a contribution, please contact Sue Gollop 01262 601909 sue.gollop@tiscali.co.uk

Mike is launching his new local history book at the Central Library on November 20th at 7.00pm-all welcome

BRIDLINGTON U3A 'DROP-IN'

In response to some U3A members' request, we now hold monthly Drop-In sessions at the North Library in addition to our monthly meetings at The Spa. The aim of the Drop-In sessions is to give prospective U3A members an opportunity to find out more about the U3A movement and to register as a member of Bridlington U3A if they so wish. Current U3A members will also be able to access information regarding interest groups, theatre, opera and day trips, and pub lunches. There will be committee members and some group leaders available to answer any queries you may have. **Dates for Drop-In sessions** 12.30-2.30pm: November 14th, January 27th, February 24th

Interest Groups

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am	Monthly Open Meeting Music Appreciation Short Walks Spanish for beginners Discussion Group	Music learn to play or Orchestra Hearing Loss Allotments Geology	Art 1 Acrylics Short Walks Spanish for beginners	Getting Started in Italian	Yoga newcomers Yoga existing members
pm	Family History Canasta Sequence Dancing Spanish intermediate Singing for Fun	Computers Messing about in Boats Spanish Beginner French Continuing French	Knitting Crochet and Embroidery Creative handmade books	Conversational French Getting Going in Italian Getting there in Italian Beadwork Metaphysics/ Philosophy Meditation Book Group German Reading Wine tasting	Local History Swimming for beginners and improvers Scottish Dancing

Pub Lunches (12.30pm)

Thursday November 20 Redcliff Farm Shop £8 for 2 courses

Thursday 11 December or Wednesday 17 December

Christmas Lunch Sewerby Grange

£13.90 for 3 course meal

Thursday January 15th Ellie Mae's

£7.50 for 2 courses

Contact Margaret Holmes (424296)



Long Walks

The members of the Long Walks Group are notified in writing of the date of the next walk by that month's group leader

Short Walks December 8th Burton Agnes area

Meet in Burton Agnes car park at 10.30am (This is not a visit to the house but you could do this after the walk)

Leader Pauline Brayshaw 605242

Trips

- **YORK CHRISTMAS VISIT/DESIGNER OUTLET- WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER COST £7**

Pick up times 9.15am Tesco (coach park) and 9.30am Somerfield on Martongate

- **ROAST BEEF & YORKSHIRE BRASS-SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 25TH JANUARY 2009**

£22.50 (coach/theatre ticket); + lunch at Redcliffe Farm Shop: £7.95 main; £9.99 two courses; £10.99 three courses.

Followed by the wonderful Yorkshire Brass Band at the Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough. Many Yorkshire Brass Band regulars rated last year's concert as the best ever from the award-winning band. Marches, traditional tunes, classical, contemporary and show-stoppers are all here.

Contact Helen McGonigle; tel: 01262 604930 or Email: helenmcgonigle@btinternet.com. or sign up on December 1st

Theatre Trips

- **THURSDAY EVENING 29 JANUARY 2009. HULL NEW THEATRE**

EVITA. PRICE £31.

This is the story of the dynamic, larger-than-life persona of Eva Peron, wife of former Argentine dictator Juan Peron. It tells of her young and ambitious beginnings to the enormous wealth and power she gained and her ultimate rise to sainthood. Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's extraordinary musical includes classic songs 'Don't Cry for Me Argentina', 'On this Night of a Thousand Stars', 'Oh what a Circus', 'You must Love Me' and 'Another Suitcase in Another Hall'. This is a brand new production of the smash hit show.

- **THURSDAY EVENING 26 FEBRUARY 2009. HULL NEW THEATRE**

CABARET. PRICE £31.

This is a production by Bill Kenwright with a star cast including WAYNE SLEEP as Emcee. This sensational Double Olivier Award Winner and Variety Club Awards 'Best Musical', turns Weimar Berlin of 1931 into a sassy, sizzling haven of decadence. Cabaret features show-stopping choreography, dazzling costumes and some of the most iconic songs in musical theatre including 'Mein Herr', 'Maybe This Time' and of course 'Cabaret'.

PLEASE NOTE: Above prices include transport and there are two pick-up points: *SOMERFIELDS*, Martongate and *CENTRAL COACH STATION* next to Tesco. Bookings, with payments, for both productions may be made at the U3A monthly meetings or at the drop-in meetings at North Library, Martongate or contact Ann Barden on 01262 851837.

STOP PRESS!

THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2009. STEPHEN JOSEPH THEATRE, SCARBOROUGH (Production by Northern BroadSides)

OTHELLO starring Lenny Henry in his acting debut as Othello (No price as yet)