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Dear Bridlington U3A,



As I write this just before Christmas there is snow on the ground and the sun is shining. Bridlington is looking so beautiful. Now should I scrape the snow and ice off my car to collect that parcel from the Post Office or should I walk there?*



I do hope you all had a lovely Christmas. We are looking forward to a wonderful New Year for our U3A. (Please find time to complete the enclosed questionnaire so that we can respond to your suggestions to enable improvement). The growth of our interest groups is particularly remarkable and it represents the generosity of all those who volunteer their time and their talents to lead a group. Groups now take many different forms, from the one day workshop (I am still very proud of my Christmas decoration I made in a December workshop), to the courses of limited time and then those groups which just go on forever. Bright ideas for groups are always eagerly greeted by Jennie our Group Co-ordinator so be careful what you say to her...



I am planning a trip to India in February to catch up with old friends and visit old haunts. I lived there for five years. I then discovered that the U3A World Conference is going to be held during the time I plan to be there, so I am going to attend. I will be taking photographs and newsletters from Bridlington U3A with me - if I can get my visa sorted out in time. I am told there is a 'delay,' which sounds ominous. I have now heard that the U3A National Story Teller Co-ordinator from the UK has been invited so I hope to meet up with her. She has looked at our website and she is very impressed with all that we do here - but she makes a plea for a Story Telling Group to be established here (see page 2).



A final word of thanks to the Committee. You can never know what goes on behind the scenes in an organisation of this size, but all I can say is I have never worked with such a great group of people like the Bridlington U3A Committee. Thank you to each one of you for your enthusiasm, commitment and unfailing good humour.



A very Happy New Year to you all! See you at the meeting on January 18th 2010.

Sue Gollop (Chair)



*PS. I walked; then I met my grandchildren on their sledges so nothing else got done that day. Little did I realise how long the snow would last.

STORYTELLING

From the U3A National Storytelling Subject Network Co-ordinator

People have been telling stories for as long as the human race has existed. This oral ancient magical tradition predates the written word. Stories have been told and shared in every culture and in every land, as a means of historical record, education and to promote ethnic values.

The earliest forms of storytelling for many of the ancient cultures were primarily oral, combined with gestures and expressions. Traditionally, oral stories were committed to memory and then passed from generation to generation. Many ancient cultures painted symbols from stories on cave walls as a means of helping the storyteller remember the story.

To start Storytelling in your U3A and for advice, Start-up-leaflets, brochures, Newsletters, and stories, contact Stella Porter on the national U3A Website.

Editor's note: Is there anybody out there who wants to take up this challenge?



A Christmas table decoration made by the group leader Christine

Bridlington U3A: November meeting

There can be few people who face danger in their daily lives as many times as the men in our emergency services; policemen, paramedics, firemen, coastguards, all the people whom we hope we will never need but are so pleased to see when we do have to call on them. There are even fewer who give their life saving services as volunteers. The U3A listened, enthralled as two members of the R N L I told the 277 members present about the service they offer. Coxswain Stuart McKie and Glenn Walker took us through a day in the life of a lifeboat. We learned so much about boats past and present, where and how they were built, and how they rely totally on public donations and legacies. It was amazing to realise that these brave men and women are all volunteers, who often face life-threatening dangers when they are called out to sea.

The month didn't end there. In the evening, many met again for a Party Night at the Ransdale with our very own band U3Mix. Many thanks to Tim and Louise, our hosts at the Ransdale for providing this hospitable venue to enable fund-raising.

Hilda Slater

**Party Night
with U3Mix**

A Winter Celebration!



**The Revelstoke Hotel
Wednesday January 27th
7.00pm - 10.30pm
Entry £5
(includes light refreshment)**

Tickets available from Helen McGonigle on 01262 604930 or at the next meeting on Jan. 18th

Future meetings at the Spa-10.0am for a 10.30am start. Entry £1 - coffee/tea available £1	
• January 18 th	• May 17 th
• February 22 nd	• June 14 th
• March 15 th	• July 12 th
• April 19 th	No meeting in August

Bridlington Renaissance News: Calling U3A members !

You all receive the Bridlington Renaissance News regularly through your letterbox and therefore know about all the exciting developments going on in Bridlington now and in the future. What you may not realize is how easy and enjoyable it is to have your say in this process. I and at least 2 other Third Agers are members of the Town Team. This is a voluntary committee open to anybody with an interest in Bridlington's future. It meets at approximately 6-weekly intervals in the Town Hall from 6.30-8.30 pm (with refreshments).

Get yourself along to a meeting. It's very informal and there's no pressure to attend meetings. 2010 meetings are on: January 6th., February 24th., April 14th., May 26th., July 7th., August 18th., September 29th. and November 10th. at the Town Hall 6.15-6.20 for a 6.30 start. Any queries ring me, Tony Gurevitch, on 401188.

Bridlington U3A makes music

It has certainly been a year of music making for Bridlington U3A; singing (with two choirs), recorders, spoons, individual instrumental playing, an orchestra and a band (the U3Mix). The year culminated in two big events; the Christian Music Festival which involved the Entertainers Choir and the U3Mix band in separate concerts, and our final concert at the Spa on December 14th. This is how our roving reporter Hilda Slater described the meeting:

'On 14th December the University of the Third Age held their monthly meeting but it was a meeting that thought it was a party. With some days still to go before Christmas members celebrated as only U3A can. All the talent which made up the wonderful entertainment came from Members themselves; our own band, choir, recorder group, orchestra. and 'the Runcibles', a delightful group who spread a lot of joy as they play their spoons. The programme included contributions from the French and Italian groups and some Christmas poetry. Then the rafters rang as all the members joined in traditional carols. From the moment people walked in to be greeted by the band as they arrived, the atmosphere was electric. It was a great way to wind up a fantastic year for Bridlington U3A!'

The group leaders have given so much to enable so many people find enjoyment in music-making. For some people, it has been the realisation of a life-long ambition to learn to play an instrument or to sing with a group; for others it has re-awakened old enthusiasms and talents. Thank you to those of you who make music possible for so many!

♪ SOS Original Choir Members ♪

There are still some missing copies of 'Yesterday', 'Torches' and 'Land of Hope and Glory' that are on loan from Hull Library. Even if you think you have returned them please check all your music very closely.

Many thanks-Wendy

Wanted-an advanced Italian Speaker!



Parla italiano? Will you lead a conversation group? (Please talk to Jennie)



Choir, Orchestra and the Spoons at the Bridlington U3A Christmas Concert 2009

NEW GROUPS! NEW GROUPS! NEW GROUPS! NEW GROUPS! NEW GROUPS! NEW GROUPS!

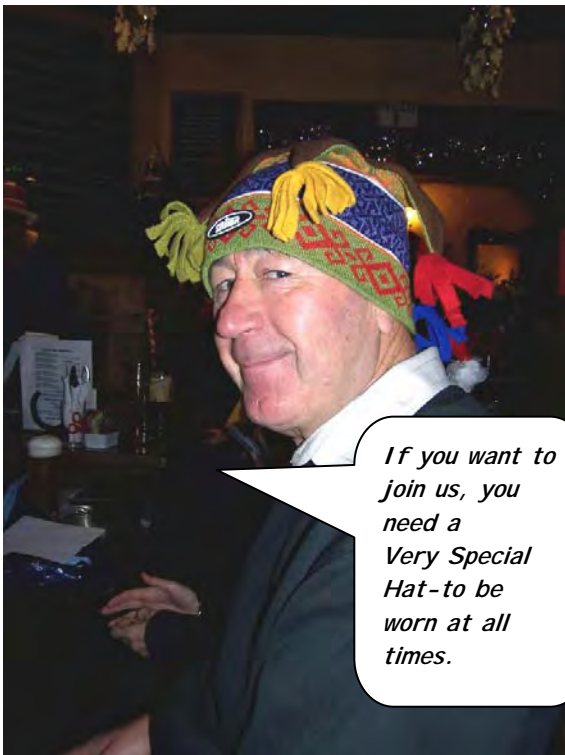
<u>Computers for Beginners</u>	<u>Silver Dream Bikers</u>	<u>Recorder Group 2</u>	<u>U3A Choir</u>	<u>Making Cards 2 Workshops</u>	<u>Computer Group</u>
Every Monday 3.30 - 5.30pm New Pasture Lane School £15 for 10 sessions Wendy Brayshaw 07876571884	2 nd Wednesday in the month Leader's home 7.00 - 9.00pm No charge Tony Gurevitch 401188	Alt. Fridays 2.00 - 4.00pm The U3A Centre £5 for 5 sessions Kath Evans 420901	Every Tuesday 2.30 - 4.00pm Emmanuel Church No break so bring a drink £5 for 5 sessions to cover the cost of the venue+ music Wendy Brayshaw	Saturday February 6 th . The U3A Centre Rosemary Gray 10.30 - 12.30 and 1.30 - 3.30pm cost from £1 - £2.50 includes materials (take own scissors and glue)	This is in the early planning stage: more details will be available at the next meeting

INTEREST GROUP SUMMARY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am	Monthly Open Meeting Music Appreciation Short Walks Spanish for beginners Discussion Group (1) Discussion Group (2)	Music learn to play or Orchestra Allotments Trim Intentions Knitting & Crochet Beginning French conversation	Art Acrylics Short Walks Spanish for beginners Spooning for Fun Card Making Digital Photography	Getting Started in Italian Family History (2) Art Watercolours Discussion Group(3)	Yoga Art Watercolours Art Portrait Painting
pm	Family History (1) Canasta/Games Spanish intermediate Singing for Fun: The Entertainers Art Acrylics Computers for Beginners New Pasture Lane Bridge	Beginning French Continuing French Let's Make a Band Hearing Loss & Lip Reading U3A Choir	Creative handmade books Progressive Whist Creative Writing (Beginners) Dolls House Miniatures Social Craft Fun Galore Board Games Silver Dream Bikers Indoor Bowling	German for Beginners French Conversation Getting Going in Italian Getting there in Italian Beadwork Metaphysics/ Philosophy Meditation Book Group A Little More German Reading Wine Appreciation 1 & 2 Line Dancing Card Games Horse Mad	Local History Swimming for beginners and improvers Scottish Dancing Indoor Bowls Play Reading Recorder Group 1 Recorder Group 2

Variable meeting days: **Geology** Long Walks **Trips** Theatre

THEATRE TRIPS!



If you want to join us, you need a Very Special Hat-to be worn at all times.

Message (above) from the Long Walkers...

MONDAY 1st MARCH 2010
STEPHEN JOSEPH THEATRE
'AND A NIGHTINGALE SANG'

(PRICE LATER)

A gentle comedy of how the Stotts, a Geordie family, wage their personal battles against the backdrop of World War 2 with air raid sirens and fears of poison gas. Filled with the music of the 1940s, this affectionate and moving play by C P Taylor tells of the family's daily survival in turbulent times.

FRIDAY MARCH 19TH

HULL TRUCK THEATRE at BRIDLINGTON SPA

'ME DAD AND ME'

(PRICE LATER)

A bittersweet comedy about a son taking a month off work to move back home with his dad to teach him how to cook after his mother dies. Fighting memories and occasionally each other and threatening the sanity of friends and neighbours, they burn pans and worse to avoid a pickled beetroot and jam sandwich diet. Can their relationship survive?

Contact Ann Barden on 01262 851837
or book at the next meeting on January 18th

Lunches: contact Tina or Margaret
Thursday January 21st at Broad Acres
12.30pm for 1.00pm (£8)

Wednesday February 24th at the East Riding
College (St Mary's Walk) MIDDAY (£7)



Short Walks:

Walks for February will be announced at the next meeting. Please sign in the black book or ring Pauline for news on 605242

NOTE: There is a Leaders' Meeting at The Resource Centre on Monday March 22nd at 10-30am.