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# BRIDLINGTON U3A NEWS

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Dear Bridlington U3A

So once again the sun came out for the half term holiday! After a wet Monday Bank Holiday (and we so needed the rain) the beach was soon busy once again. I could tell it was Tuesday when I took this picture: the Pétanque crowd were out in force battling against a high afternoon tide.



We are looking forward to our usual splendid turnout for the **AGM on July 18<sup>th</sup>**. Do please support this event. We are looking for some more committee members so do think about this. You will find enclosed nomination papers so get somebody to propose and second you and then send or give the nomination form to Wendy Brayshaw, please, by **July 4<sup>th</sup>**. The AGM is also an opportunity to put forward a motion - something which you feel strongly about, something that needs changing. All proposals should be seconded and the proposer should be prepared to make a very brief address (no more than 2 minutes). All the officers must seek re-election but all of them are willing to stand for a second (and final) term. I enclose minutes in this newsletter of last year's AGM - please bring them to the AGM. As always, there will be some entertainment to facilitate the AGM. Let Wendy know if your group would like to participate.

Although many groups continue to meet in the Summer, there is no Spa monthly meeting in August. Meetings in the Spa start again on **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 10.00am for 10.30am. Meanwhile, a final thank you to our group leaders, to our volunteers and to the committee for all that you have done and continue to do for Bridlington U3A.

All best wishes for a lovely summer!  
 Sue Gollop (Chair)



## **SUMMER SPECIALS:**

- August 4<sup>th</sup> Rock Pool Family Safari**  
South Landing 1.0pm Picnic first - wear suitable shoes
- August 6<sup>th</sup> Sugar Flowers (cake decorations)**  
Resource Centre am / pm sessions £3
- August 11<sup>th</sup> U3A Family Picnic**  
South Beach Bring a picnic, children and the sun  
Base: Chalet 20 on QM Promenade 11.00am onwards
- August 13<sup>th</sup> Flower Arranging**  
Resource Centre am / pm sessions £3
- September 10<sup>th</sup> Cards for All Occasions Workshop**  
Leader's house am/ pm sessions charge for materials

## 2011/12 Membership Renewals

Please put your renewal cheque/money (£12.50) in an envelope with your name and number on the front of the envelope and place in the renewal box at the meeting, or post to Wendy (or put through her door). Blue badges for next year. These will be sent to you or made available at meetings if ready at the time.

We are also inviting those of you who bank online to make a direct payment ('pay another person') to Bridlington U3A ('destination name') - sort code 05 03 43 - a/c number 26517200 using as 'payment reference' your number followed by initial and surname eg. 38sgollop

**LOOK - NO PRICE INCREASE!**

**Present: the Committee** (Wendy Brayshaw, Jennie Copley, Sylvia Crossland, Rosie French, Sue Gollop, Margaret Holmes, Christine Latham, Anthony Stroish, Malcolm Hall)

**251 Members and 9 visitors Apologies:** Ann Barden, Lyn Buonocore, Joan Turner, Diane Leach

**Minutes of last AGM:** Approved **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising

**Chair's Report:** The Chair, Sue Gollop, delivered her report which was well received

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer, Christine Latham delivered the third year's financial report, and second full year's report based on the Statement of Accounts 2009/2010. She reported that the financial position of Bridlington U3A was good, that in spite of a capitation increase and the cost of setting up the Centre, there would be no need to increase membership fees this year.

**Proposed:** Christine Latham that the accounts are accepted. **Seconded:** Sue Gollop  
Membership vote: unanimous acceptance. Motion carried

**Proposed:** Christine Latham that the Independent Examiner Robin Taylor be approved. **Seconded:** Sue Gollop  
Membership vote: unanimous acceptance.

**Group co-ordinator's report:** The group co-ordinator, Jennie Copley, presented her report which outlined the development and continuing success of the interest groups. She thanked all the group leaders for their hard work and commitment. (see group co-ordinators' report). She announced a number of new groups, and summer specials.

**Introduction of nominees for election to the committee:** There were 6 vacancies following the resignation of Margaret Holmes, Malcolm Hall and Tina Colley. 1 Committee member, Sylvia Crossland, was nominated for re-election, and there was one nominee Clive Neale. The Constitution allows nominations from the floor and two members volunteered, Linda Musgrave and Frances Austin. All these nominees were voted by a show of hands that they be elected to the committee. The Chair thanked the committee members who were standing down for their hard work.

**Election of Officers:** No elections held for officers since their period of office has not yet expired.  
Officers for the coming year remain as follows:

**Chair:** Sue Gollop **Treasurer:** Christine Latham **Secretary:** Anthony Stroish **Membership Secretary:** Wendy Brayshaw

**Speaker Co-ordinator:** Rosie French **Group Co-ordinator:** Jennie Copley

**Members' Motions:** Motion proposed by Kay Kenny:

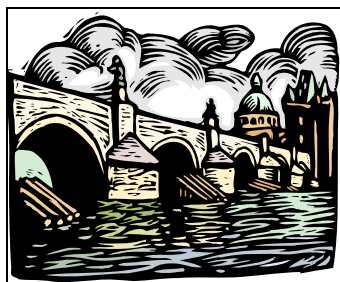
**'To consider that speakers and topics at the monthly meeting should be advertised in advance'.**

Kay felt that more people might attend if there was an advertised schedule. A speaker from the floor also noted that she did not like being 'kept in the dark'. Sue Gollop explained the meetings were exceedingly well attended and that people might decide not to attend if a topic did not appeal. This was supported by a member from the floor. Sue Gollop also noted that the meetings were not just about speakers; the meetings were also an opportunity for conducting the business of the U3A. Rosie French put forward reasons as to why they should not be advertised, noting in particular that the success of the speakers depended not so much on the topic under discussion but on the presentational skills of the speaker in such a large space and before such large audiences. It was made clear however that any member can ask for information prior to a particular meeting.

**Proposal put to general vote:** 6 for the motion. The motion was defeated overwhelmingly.

The meeting closed at 11.25am **Date of next Annual General Meeting: Monday 18 July 2011**

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**May Meeting: U3A@theSpa**

I love trains but I never realised how fascinating railway history could be. Our guest speaker David Walford gave us real insight into the impact of the railway on our history. 200 years ago most people lived, worked and died in the place in which they were born. The rise of the railways completely transformed this country from cottage industry to the Workshop of the World, with the consequent migration of people. David covered the key movers and shakers in this revolution, from the inventors, the engineers, and the bridge builders to the huge companies which owned not only the railways but also the ferries, the shipping fleets and the omnibuses. These companies remained largely unchallenged until the 1920s with the rise of the motor car. We moved on to the Beecham Report which resulted in the loss of about half the existing route mileage, through to privatisation and to the present which is witnessing a resurgence in the popularity of rail travel. Locally, intercity travel eg. Hull to York, only just covers costs. Commuter travel is massively subsidised eg. Bridlington to Beverley, whereas long distance eg. Hull to London is profitable. Next year all franchises are up for review. This region now has a voice to challenge Network Rail – David urges us to remain vigilant as our region seeks the best deal.

### Group News: Cards for all Occasions

I started card making about 6-7 years ago simply because I was always buying cards for different occasions. I am one of eight children and all are married with children, grandchildren except one brother. So, you can imagine how many cards that would take. As I love doing craft work and my work involves working with children and young people, I was always looking for new ideas for them - making cards was one of the activities I did with the young folk. A friend suggested that I do card making as a hobby to relax from work. I attended different craft groups as well as the Scottish School of 3D Decoupage and got hooked on card making.



I moved to Bridlington two years ago at the end of March and was keen to meet up with others who loved card making. A friend at Church mentioned that she attended the U3A and they had all sorts of interest groups. I had never heard of the U3A before, looked them up on the internet, and made contact. The next thing I knew was that Jennie Copley phoned asking if she could come and see me and mentioned that they would like to get a card making group off the ground and would I be happy to lead one in my home. After chatting this over with my husband, Roger, the group 'Cards for all Occasions' commenced in September 2009. We meet each fortnight on a Wednesday morning from 10am to 12 noon and at the moment there are 11 in the group.

Rosemary Gray

### Group News: The Long Walkers

The 15 Cleveland Way walkers recently completed 45.4 miles of the Cleveland Way. Everyone survived and some are clearly fit enough to challenge the SAS!

We had stunning views for three days from Sutton Bank to Kildale, we made a detour to see the glorious Rievaulx Abbey and we walked through countless woods carpeted with English bluebells. The most challenging section was from Osmotherley to Clay Bank where in one day we climbed five hills one after another, the highest being 1,414 feet above sea level.

The weather was kind to us: we had sunshine and showers every day. The company was fantastic: Barbara said it was like Christmas every evening; John said he could cope with the walking, but he wasn't sure that he could cope with the night-life! And at Osmotherley, Colin Firth ('*THE Colin Firth?*' Ed. question. '*Well he looked like him.*' Group Leader's reply) climbed through the window into Steph's bedroom!  
Susan Earnshaw



### Hunmanby Groups Take Off!

The new Hunmanby group has got off to a flying start with four pilot activities beginning this month. These are Bridge, Creative Writing, Social and Moral Issues Discussion Group and an Introduction to Yorkshire Studies. In addition to this there is to be a walk which will take in the historic medieval deserted village of Wharram Percy.

'We're pleased to say that these activities have all been located within the village,' commented Nina and George Sheeran who have helped to organise things. 'This provides opportunities for those people in Hunmanby who might find it difficult to get into Bridlington, while at the same time extending the reach of Bridlington U3A.'

All the groups have recruited to capacity. They meet mostly in members' homes except for the Introduction to Yorkshire Studies which has generated so much interest that it is being held in one of the meeting rooms at Cross Hill Methodist Church. Each of the pilots runs for three or four meetings. The plan is for members to put together longer courses of study arising out of group interests – watch this space!  
George Sheeran



The Hunmanby 'Gap'

## INTEREST GROUP SUMMARY

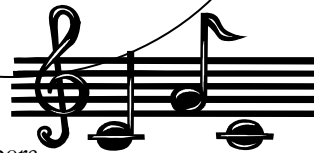
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am	Monthly Open Meeting <b>Music Appreciation</b> Short Walks <b>Spanish for beginners</b> Discussion Group (1) <b>Discussion Group (2)</b> Knitting and Crochet(2)	Music learn to play <b>or Orchestra</b> Allotments <b>Trim Intentions</b> Knitting & Crochet <b>Intermediate French Conversation</b> Spanish for beginners	Short Walks <b>Art Acrylics</b> Medium Walks <b>Spooning for Fun</b> Card Making <b>Spanish intermediate</b>	<b>Getting Started Italian</b> Art Watercolours <b>German for beginners</b> Family History <b>Poetry Appreciation</b>	Yoga <b>Art Watercolours</b> Art Portrait Painting <b>Mah-jong</b>
HUG	<b>Yorkshire Studies</b>			<b>Creative Writing</b>	
pm	Canasta <b>Singing for Fun: The Entertainers</b> Art Acrylics <b>Bridge</b> Amateur Radio <b>Desk Top Publishing</b> Tap Dancing	<b>Hearing Loss</b> U3A Choir <b>Writing Memoires</b> Let's Make a Band <b>Yoga (2)</b> Pétanque <b>Beginning French Conversation</b> Computers (Power Point)	<b>Creative handmade books</b> Progressive Whist <b>Creative Writing (Beginners)</b> T'ai Chi <b>Fun Galore Board Games</b> Calligraphy	French Conversation <b>Getting On in Italian</b> Getting there in Italian <b>Beadwork</b> Book Group <b>A Little More German</b> Reading <b>Wine Appreciation</b> Canasta <b>Meditation 1</b> Digital Photography <b>German Conversation</b>	Swimming for beginners and improvers <b>Outdoor Bowling</b> Play Reading <b>Recorder Group 1</b> Recorder Group 2 <b>Meditation 2</b> Indoor Bowls
HUG		<b>Bridge</b>		<b>Discussion Group</b>	

Variable: **Geology** Long Walks **Trips** Theatre **Silver Dream Bikers** Cycling for Fun **Wolds Churches**



**PUB LUNCHESES – WANTED**  
For many years now, Margaret Holmes and Tina Colley have organised our pub lunches. They now need a rest!  
Is there anybody out there willing to organise these happy outings? Please contact Jennie Copley.  
Thank you Margaret and Tina for all your hard work.

Tuesdays  
**Drop-In Sessions at the Resource Centre**  
Midday to 2.0pm  
Come and meet some of the committee-find out more about our U3A  
**Next Coffee Morning:**  
June 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00am



**U3A@the Spa 2011-12**  
10.00 for 10.30 am  
18<sup>th</sup> July 2011 AGM  
No meeting August  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2011  
19<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
16<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
11<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 AGM

### OPERA NORTH AND AN OPERA FOR BRIDLINGTON!

Lee Hall (writer of Billy Elliott) and Harvey Brough have composed an opera especially for Bridlington called 'Beached'. This will be performed at The Spa on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.0pm, and on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.0pm and 6.0pm. The production celebrates the end of Opera North's Sing Up Bridlington project. Many of our U3A members are taking part, so do come along and support this wonderful community venture. Tickets (£5 adults and £3.50 children) are available at the Spa.

### Group Leaders' Tea Party June 2011

Thank you to all our lovely group leaders

