



BRIDLINGTON U3A NEWS

July/August 2010 no. 19

www.u3abridlington.me.uk

Committee Members

Chair: Sue Gollop (01262) 601909 sue.gollop@tiscali.co.uk 48 Roundhay Road, Bridlington YO15 3JY

Membership Secretary: Wendy Brayshaw 07876571884 wendybrayshaw@btinternet.com

83 South Back Lane, Bridlington YO16 4AL Secretary: Anthony Stroish (01723) 518406 lakeside@timewarpuk.net

Vice Chair/ Treasurer: Christine Latham (01262) 851313 christine.latham4@btinternet.com

Group Coordinator: Jennie Copley (01262) 604729

Speaker Secretary: Rosie French (01262) 424260 Volunteer Co-ordinator: Malcolm Hall

Committee members and Centre Management Team: Tina Colley, Sylvia Crossland, Margaret Holmes



Dear Bridlington U3A

So the sun came out for the half term holiday! The South Beach was beautiful in spite of a huge crane swinging overhead with enormous blocks of concrete and metal. The regeneration of the sea front will hopefully be completed for summer, and it promises to look wonderful.

We are looking forward to our usual splendid turnout for the **AGM on July 12th**. Do please support this event. Even better, why not get elected to the best committee in Bridlington? We cannot run an organisation like this without a good committee; if you want to know a bit more do give me a ring. You will find enclosed nomination papers so get somebody to propose and second you and then send or give the nomination form to Wendy, please, by July 5th. The AGM is also an opportunity to put forward a motion-something which you feel strongly about, something that needs changing. As always, there will be some entertainment to oil the AGM wheels.

We have now established contact with the local group for people with Alzheimer's and their carers at the 'Memory Café'. I mentioned this at our last meeting in May and I then attended their last meeting. We are going to help support this group by providing activities and helping to run sessions. The organiser Louise is a wonderful young person and she is really wanting to revitalise this group which meets on the last Thursday of the month at the fire station. So far we have craft activities, line dancing, singing, and the Spoons lined up. Do contact me if you have any bright ideas or are willing to help with your group in any way.

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 13th** 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! (I won't mention the football...I am writing this after the second match.)

Sue Gollop (Chair)

P.S. Try and avoid September membership renewal queues by paying now-either by posting a cheque (£12.50) to Wendy, payable to Bridlington U3A, or by paying at the July meeting. Pink badges next year!

Monthly Meeting: April (Hilda Slater)

The monthly meeting of U3A members on April 19th was, as always, eagerly anticipated. The almost 250 members who attended the event at the Spa for the monthly meeting were not disappointed by the fascinating insight in to the work of Bill Tetlow with the Donkey Sanctuary.

When Bill Tetlow retired from his job as regional welfare officer for the sanctuary, he accepted the invitation to become a trustee for the charity. He told us about the work of the charity in the UK and all the farms they now own all with the same aim, the welfare and preservation of Donkeys. He went as far as Kenya to look at the work of the charity there. What Bill doesn't know about donkeys isn't worth knowing and so great was his delight at talking about them that his enthusiasm became infectious. We learned how this ordinary little animal, to which we give little thought to apart from a day with the children at the seaside, often plays a crucial part in the well-being of so many people and the economies of many countries. The talk was voted one of our best and we owe thanks to Bill.

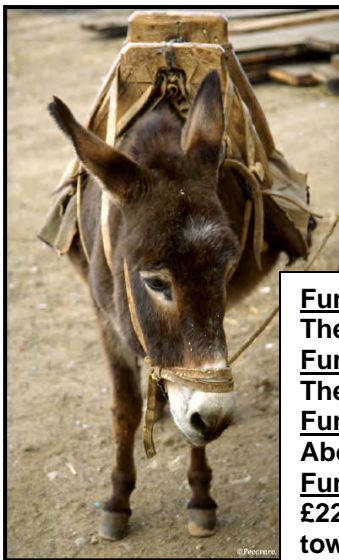


Nepalese Hats for a Bridlington Winter

Monthly Meeting: May (Hilda Slater)

The Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, a landlocked country in South Asia was the topic of our May meeting. Mr Ian Banks, a local farmer and now charity worker in Nepal, was invited to tell us about his time in Nepal and his work in supporting a rural school. His deep and enthusiastic knowledge of the people, the politics, the landscape and the history of this small country sandwiched between China and India, made for an informative morning. With the support of his colleagues working alongside him in Nepal, he brought a wonderful array of Nepalese artefacts and clothing to sell in order to raise money for the little school.

The Rotarians also asked for an opportunity at the meeting to raise funds for that wonderful organisation, the Samaritans.



Donkeys as key contributors to many developing economies

Fundraising for the Donkey Sanctuary:

The meeting raised about £300 from the sale of goods and from donations

Fundraising for the School in Nepal:

The meeting raised about £500 from the sale of goods and from donations

Fundraising by the Rotary Club for the Samaritans

About £90 was raised through the sale of tickets for a Morrison's 'Trolley Dash'

Fundraising at the May Concert

£222 was raised at our concert, with £111 going to Help for Heroes and £111 going towards our own banner fund.

Fundraising at the June Meeting

About £190 was raised from donations for the British Red Cross



Bluebell Walk (Susan Earnshaw)

Bluebells, bluebells everywhere! Under the hedgerows, alongside the lanes, but most strikingly beneath the trees, where they stretched out in every direction as far as the eye could see. And they were delicate English bluebells in that vivid electric blue, not those paler, much larger Spanish bluebells that have invaded our woods in recent years.

This was just one of the highlights on the ten mile walk led by Brian Harrison on a warm, sunny day in the middle of May. Others included stunning views over the sunlit Wolds, occasional glimpses of Castle Howard shimmering like a fairy fortress on the horizon, and the deer which we disturbed and bounded away from us across a ploughed field. But it was the bluebell woods which created a lasting impression on this halcyon day in the Yorkshire countryside.

Meetings at the Spa
2010-2011

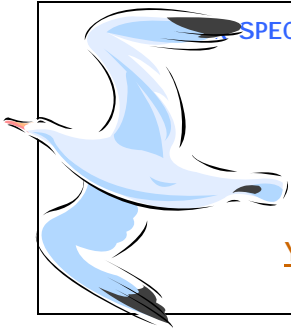
- ❖ September 13th
- ❖ October 18th
- ❖ November 8th
- ❖ December 6th
- ❖ January 17th
- ❖ February 14th
- ❖ March 14th
- ❖ April 11th
- ❖ May 16th
- ❖ June 13th
- ❖ July 11th

Our finances continue to be healthy, as evidenced by our newly formatted Statement of Accounts, attached. Robin Taylor, F.A.P.A., is our Independent Examiner this year and has provided us with a format which more accurately reflects our year-end situation and puts us in a better position for Charity Commission reporting which will be required when we become a full charity in our own right; this has become necessary because of our increased growth and level of income.

There will be no necessity again this year for an increase in membership subscription even though our capitation fee, payable to the National U3A, has increased. We are continuing, however, to pursue grants, donations and to implement our own fundraising efforts.

N.B. PUB LUNCH

The Bull and Sun lunch, cancelled because of the fire, will take place in September!



SPECIALS SUMMER SPECIALS SUMMER SPECIALS SUMMER SPECIALS SUMMER SPECIALS

Introduction to Feng Shui

August 10th at Bean There from 3.0pm-5.0pm (sign up-£3)

Family South Beach Picnic and Games

Tuesday August 17th from midday-our base is Chalet 15 on the Princess Mary Promenade. Bring food, the grandchildren and the sun!

Yorkshire Belle Boat Trip-LAST CHANCE TO SEE THE BEMPTON BIRDS

Wednesday July 14th 7-9pm £6 for U3A members-just turn up!



The Amateur Radio Group: 'CQ, CQ,DX this is M1DBB'

Coffee Mornings

All welcome!!

U3A Centre Victoria Road
Thursday 10.00am to midday
June 24th and August 26th
(but not July)



*Roz's Play Reading Group at the May Concert at St John's Burlington - well done Roz and Wendy for making it possible. Thank you to the play readers, the choir, recorders and the orchestra.
And what lovely banners - thanks to Jill Carol and Sue Mukherjee for all their hard work in making them*



INTEREST GROUP SUMMARY

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

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



♪ 'Shall we dance? Shall we dance...?' ♪

Ever wondered what the Long Walkers do in their 'water break' (like a tea break only healthier)? Well wonder no more - I can reveal all.

They practise for the next U3A Party Night Bash - evidenced by the attached picture.

This was the village of Nunburnholme which we passed through on our Warter Walk 26th May.

(Steph)
(Ed. 'Hope your leader knows about this pic Steph?)

Party Night again!

The Expanse Hotel
Friday October 8th at 7.0pm
Tickets (from Helen) £5
Refreshments included



THEATRE TRIP

COMMUNICATING DOORS at the Stephen Joseph Theatre. **MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER.** Price around £27. A comedy thriller written and directed by Alan Ayckbourn.

Have you ever wondered what lay behind that mysterious locked door in your hotel room? Ever fancied walking through it? Beware if you do - you may find yourself literally running for your life!