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# BRIDLINGTON U3A NEWS November/December 2011 no.27

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## 12 DAYS OF A U3A CHRISTMAS

1<sup>st</sup> day of Christmas. Wendy e-mailed me a U3A newsletter and the interest groups. My computer crashed. They were returned to Wendy.

2<sup>nd</sup> day of Christmas. Wendy re-sent the newsletter and the interest groups. After updating adobe to new version, eating cookies, and dangling the dongle, at least the interest groups arrived safely.

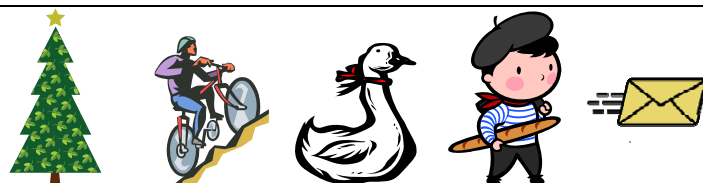
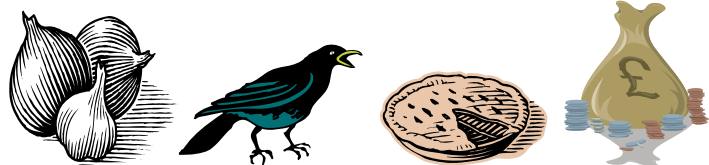
3<sup>rd</sup> day of Christmas. I received an invite to join the French conversation class. EEC regulations state I must not go wearing a beret, carrying onions or riding a bike as this tars the French with the same brush, but then the EEC also says you can't use tar. It would have to be synthetic road repair material.

4<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. The allotment group contacted me to ask if I could temporarily offer sanctuary to 4 blackbirds that are terrorising the veg patch and eating the winter cabbages. Still waiting for newsletter. Tried to cancel beret and the onions bought from eBay but threatening me with negative feedback.

5<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. I won 5 gold coins in Malcolm's monthly quiz. But I was in the loo so the prize went to 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

6<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. I found a goose. How was I supposed to know it was from the allotment and 5 others would follow? The RSPCA weren't happy and took the geese away. The offer to make the blackbirds into a pie due to lack of geese was met with threat of the Police. Sent Wendy a new email address for the newsletter.

7<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas The beret arrived but the courier refused to deliver the onions. The smell is making everyone ill. I told eBay to cancel them, but they heard about the problems with the geese and thought the onions would go well in the pie. Emails sent to Wendy are now coming back returned 'undeliverable'.



8<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. Had to get away from smell of onions and blackbirds so put the beret on and left via the back door on my bike to avoid the RSPCA. Nearly got arrested for impersonating a Frenchman. Wendy sent an email. She will post newsletter.

9<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. I joined the tap class. I didn't know it was dancing. Thought it was plumbing. The postman tried to deliver my newsletter. It was in a large envelope. There was not enough postage. Have to go to the post office to collect it.

10<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. Went to post office to collect letter. They couldn't find it so will redeliver it when they do. While I was there my bike was stolen. The RSPCA arrived with a warrant to release the blackbirds. The Allotment group wants to know why the Geology group dug up the veg patch. It's Party Night with U3Mix, so spent the evening leaping round the room. Slipped on some onion that was in the pie and broke my leg.

11<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. The recorder group visited me in hospital. Due to Health and Safety reasons they were asked to leave. It clearly states 2 to a bed. The blackbirds had to be shooed away from the window. They had escaped from the RSPCA and wanted to stay with me as the food was better than on the allotment. My letter has been returned to the post office.

12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. I was drummed out of hospital. The recorders were still playing, the blackbirds were still knocking. The Geology group had uncovered an ancient church on the veg patch. The U3A party goers came into hospital with food poisoning from a pie. There was a traffic accident on the way home involving a stolen pedal cycle and a string of onions. When I got home I found Wendy had sent an email with the next newsletter and interest groups. I opened the interest groups. The newsletter is still circling in cyberspace uploading and downloading. Here we go again...Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year!

Maggie Masters

P.S. A very Happy Christmas to you all - see you at the next meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> and for our Christmas Concert on December 19<sup>th</sup> followed by the U3A Christmas lunch.

All good wishes  
Sue Gollop (Chair)

### **A Project for Leaders?**

Or should I say a digital projector? Earlier this year, our Grants Committee secured a grant from the Community Support Fund Grant, and used it to purchase this amazing bit of kit, alongside a grant from the East Riding Small Funds Grant to purchase a laptop.

I personally was not all that enthralled until Roger Mockridge, who leads the digital photographic group, showed me how to use the projector. Photographs, I thought, and immediately produced the memory card out of my camera, stuck it in the laptop and there were my pictures (not very good ones) blown up to enormous size, on the screen. What an opportunity to bore large numbers of people all at once, with my holiday snaps

More seriously, this is a piece of equipment that groups can take advantage of. You just need your information put into a format for the laptop computer. By this I mean, on a disc, a memory stick or on a memory card. If you know how to access 'devices with removable storage' on the computer, then you can display your information through the projector and onto the wall or the screen. I have thought of a few possibilities; presenting information for the basis of discussion, pictures of Florentine art to inspire Italian conversation, watching a film. With modern camera equipment we can even make and watch our own films.

Leaders, if your group would like to use the projector, please contact me, Frankie Austin, at [frankiaustin@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:frankiaustin@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone 01262 606149, to book the equipment. It is quite logical and easy to set up and the instructions have been rewritten so they are simple to follow. The Tuesday 'Drop in' sessions at the Resource Centre also provide an opportunity to show you what to do. **Frankie Austin**

### **A Personal View of 2011 U3A National Conference & AGM from our Vice Chair Clive Neale**

It was with some trepidation that I journeyed to Nottingham for the National U3A Conference/AGM. Being a shy, retiring person the responsibility of representing Bridlington was weighing heavily on my shoulders. I should not have worried. Once



**Baroness Estelle Morris addresses the Conference alongside chairman Ian Searle**

the formalities of finding a parking space, registering and being allocated a room were complete it was time to mingle in the bar (where else?) and meet like-minded souls. It was similar to the first time I set foot in our monthly meetings. Other attendees were friendly and interested in finding out about other U3As and passing on information about their own.

Specific details of the AGM and of the Presentations are reported in U3A News. I have also added a more comprehensive report plus Conference details – copies of slides, accounts, agenda etc together with an electronic copy of the slides and audio recordings – to the information located in the Resource Centre. It is true to say that each speaker produced truly thought-

provoking material which ranged from the humorous, to the downright worrying from Professor Benyon. The worrying information relates to what we have all known but not seen in such bald terms, that we are an ageing society. Indeed one fact alone – that by 2050 there is expected to be 250,000 people 100 years old or over is mind boggling. How will the Queen cope signing all those cards? The abiding memory from chatting to delegates, and in some cases our esteemed National Officers and Committee, is one of easy friendship and a genuine desire to make the most of our lives in this Third Age.



### **FOUR OF OUR ART GROUPS TO DISPLAY AT THE GALLERY@THE SPA!**

**Watch out for Rosie's Mixed Media groups and Brian's Watercolour groups - they are displaying their work in the Spa Gallery from November 15<sup>th</sup> to November 25<sup>th</sup>**



This print is taken from George Walker's 1814 book on 'The Costume of Yorkshire', which is full of many beautifully coloured illustrations of everyday life and work in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

These Bridlington bathing beauties were on display in George Sheeran's recent lecture on 'The Discovery of the Yorkshire Coast: Polite Tourism 1680-1830 at the October meeting at the Spa

**Sea bathing in Bridlington**

**THE HUNMANBY GAP**

We are continuing to recruit new members from Hunmanby and the surrounding area, who are delighted to find that there are now a number of U3A interest groups running in the village itself, as part of Bridlington U3A. Most groups are operating at full capacity, but the Bridge Group will be able to accommodate some more beginners after Christmas.

If you enjoy finding out about Yorkshire history, George Sheeran will be giving a talk on 'Hunmanby Houses' to Hunmanby Local History Society on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30 in the Community Centre, Stonegate, Hunmanby. There will be wider references to traditions of building in the East Riding, so if you want to know more, do come along. (After all, Hunmanby was part of the East Riding until 1974!) **Nina Sheeran**

**Millau welcomes Bridlington - and 24 members of our U3A**

I was fortunate to go on the biennial twinning trip to Millau, which this year was celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To my great surprise and pleasure, I discovered that of the 80 travellers, 24 were members of Bridlington U3A, a number of whom were first time visitors like myself. The trip was a wonderful mix of superb scenery, new culinary experiences and cultural exchanges and most importantly, meeting friendly, warm-hearted people who quickly became friends. Highlights of the visit included the Millau Viaduct - one of the most impressive civil engineering feats of modern times, how Roquefort cheese is made, incredible caverns and gorges, the beautiful city of Montpellier, a mayoral reception, ten pin bowling and beating our hosts at pétanque. ('Not very tactful?' Ed. Note) I, for one, cannot wait to meet our French counterparts on their visit to Bridlington in 2012, and hopefully I can take part in the next visit to Millau in 2013.

**Clive Neale**



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# INTEREST GROUP SUMMARY

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

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

Pub lunches are now back!

Thanks to Kevin Fradley and Tina Colley, we now have a list of dates. The next outing is in January at Rags - book at the December Meeting (£9.95)

- Thursday 5th January 2012 Rags
- Wednesday 1st February 2012
- Thursday 1st March 2012
- Wednesday 4th April 2012
- Thursday 3rd May 2012
- Wednesday 6th June 2012



Please remember to pay for your Christmas Lunch at the next meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>! Cheques payable to Bridlington U3A £12.50 or £15.00



**Spa Meeting dates**  
10.00am for a 10.30am start

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2011 | 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2012   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2012  | 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2012     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2012 | 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2012    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2012    | 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2012 AGM |



Next Coffee Morning  
November 24<sup>th</sup> 10.0am to midday  
The Resource Centre (next January 26<sup>th</sup>)  
Special thanks to Kay for all her work alongside Jill - Kay is now taking on a new challenge



Saturday November  
19<sup>th</sup> 2.0pm  
at the Spa  
East Coast Festival of  
Choirs and Voices  
Both our choirs will be  
singing! Tickets  
£6.50 from the Spa

