

Bearsden and Milngavie Monthly Newsletter

<https://u3asites.org.uk/bam>

December 2022



Season's greetings and best wishes for a
healthy, happy, and peaceful New Year.

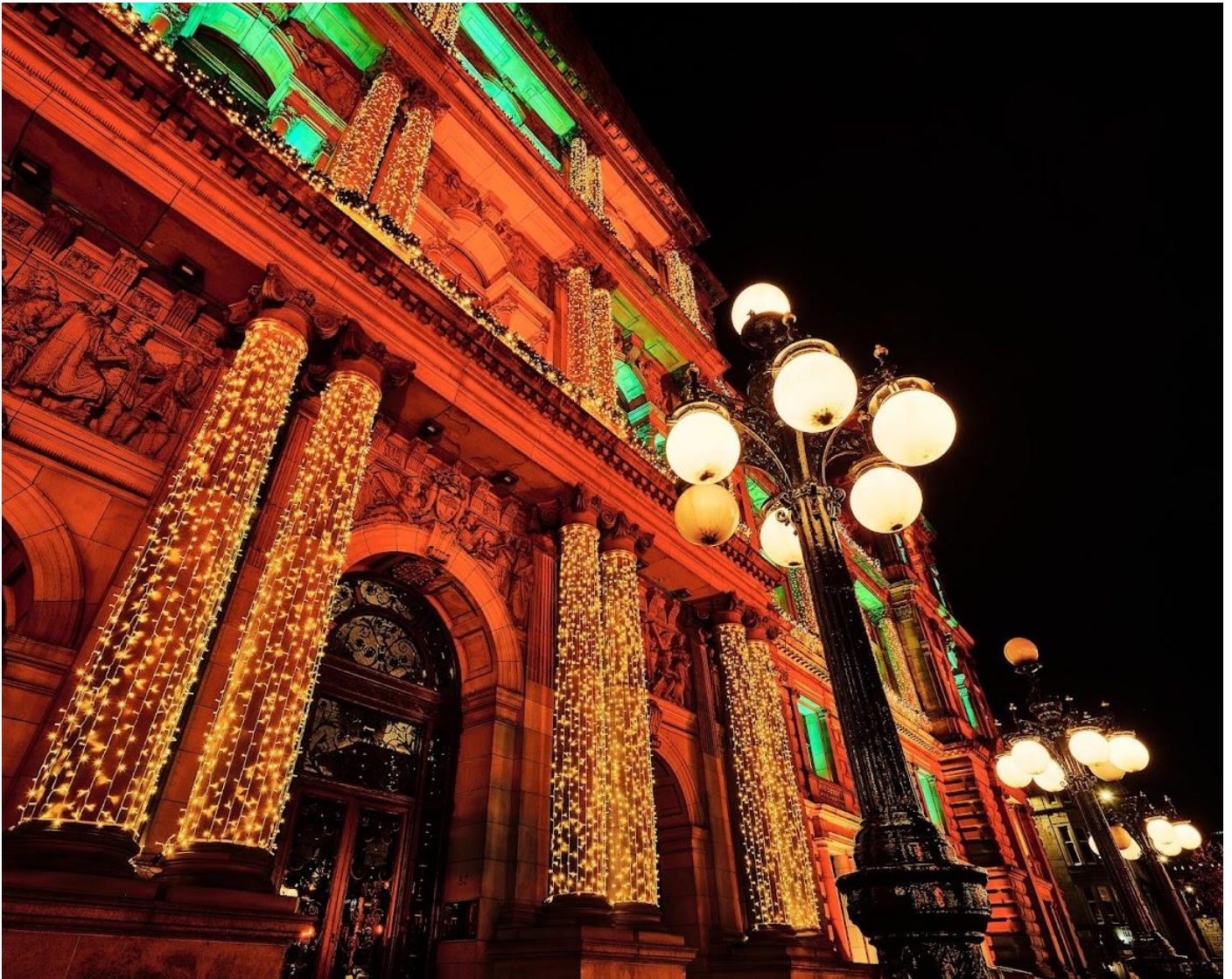


Photo Group 3

The Christmas Coffee morning was a very sociable event allowing members to meet over mince pies and festive cakes with carols and Christmas songs. The morning was ended with a light hearted quiz.

Please note there is no monthly meeting in December – we return in January 2023.

The talk for the January 17th Monthly Meeting will be given by Susan Morrison on the topic of Witches

Many groups now hold individual Christmas lunches or get together – please send in photos of your festivities.



BaM u3a website

The website has been unavailable for several weeks due to circumstances beyond our control. This problem is affecting most u3a websites. Work is ongoing to resume functionality and we hope it is up and running again as soon as possible.



Group News

A Yarn and a Stitch – New handcraft group

This **new group** will be for people to get together and enjoy knitting, crocheting, cross stitch or any similar handcrafts. We would hope that anyone joining be prepared to donate some of the items crafted to the Glasgow Children's Hospital shop in Buchanan Galleries.

Waitrose Community Room is available to meet in fortnightly on a Wednesday morning and they have confirmed it is available from the 25th January and going forward every second Wednesday morning. If you are interested, please contact the Group Coordinator, Allan Thompson, Groupscoordinator@bamu3a.org.uk

Spanish Conversation is Looking for New Members



This is an informal and friendly group which meets to practise Spanish. They meet every 2 weeks on a Tuesday at 2.30 in Massimo's, Bearsden. Please contact the convenor via the message bird on the website, or the Groups Coordinator. Groupscoordinator@bamu3a.org.uk



Glasgow West End u3a Latin Group



This group is not currently active because they have not yet achieved the number of members required. The main reason is that such members as they have are divided into two sub-groups: those who regard themselves as completely new to Latin and those who have some experience and would like to engage with existing Latin texts; e.g. Caesar's Gallic Wars. Their convenor is happy to run both or either group when they have sufficient numbers. They would welcome any members from the Bearsden and Milngavie u3a who would like to join either of their subgroups.

If you are interested, please contact via GWE u3a website <https://u3asites.org.uk/glasgow-west-end/groups>

Opera Music Entirely

This group is having their next meeting on Wednesday 11.01.2023.

Please contact the Convenor Patrick Shaw via the message bird or the Groups Coordinator for more information. Groupscoordinator@bamu3a.org.uk

Around the World Dining Christmas lunch at the Marriott. *Joan Cameron*



Outings group visit to Drumlanrig Castle last Saturday. *Alison Meikle*



Meet your new Trustee for Scotland, Liz Ervine.

As part of her role, Liz will be holding regular open meetings on Zoom to hear your views and questions on the u3a, its role and its organisation and feed these back to the Trust. The first of these will be held on **19th December 2022 at 12.30pm.**

Zoom link below: Liz Ervine, Trustee for Scotland.

Topic: Meet the trustee for Scotland.

Time: Dec 19, 2022 12:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us>



East Dumbarton Health and Social Care Partnership

Mandy asked if we could include a link to her presentation about their drop-in service for over 50s (she didn't manage to get it to us ahead of last month's meeting meeting). She hopes to return to give further information to us about this service at a future Monthly Meeting.

<https://1drv.ms/p/s!AhMZSJWN-2qO-TGL1kqnJNvT8vzp?e=DbmCAj>



Please Contact us

Should you have any questions, enquires or ideas for us – **here's how to get in touch:**

- Newsletter items (Julia Southcott & Jenny Maxwell) chair@bamu3a.org.uk
- General enquires (Maureen Smith) secretary@bamu3a.org.uk
- Website (David Bland) bamwebmaster@aol.com
- Groups (Allan Thompson) groupscoordinator@bamu3a.org.uk



Pardon the Pun

Have your-elf a merry little Christmas.

I love when Santa graces us with his presents.

The three phases of man – he believes in Santa Claus, he doesn't believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus.



The Crypto Puzzle is on the next page for those who like to print it.

Crypto Puzzle



Below is a well-known saying, which has been encrypted by substituting a number in the range 1–26 for each letter. To help you get started, one of the letter substitutions is shown in the following grid. Use the grid to record the other letter substitutions as you discover them. *David Watt*

Crypto-Puzzle 48A

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Crypto-Puzzle 48B

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Solution to Crypto-Puzzle 47A

The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now.

– Anon (Chinese proverb)

Solution to Crypto-Puzzle 47B

You may look up for inspiration or look down in desperation, but do not look sideways for information.

– Anon (Indian proverb)