



### **Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Ian Jameson gave an interesting talk on **Trams, Trolley Buses and the Metro**, but it was so much more. As well as starting at the origin of the word tram – the term for wooden beams used as tracks in mining– Ian took us on a journey of social history through his photographs, we saw bare-footed children and ladies in bustles, suited men on the beach then mini skirts. I hope those present enjoyed it as much as I did.

### **Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>**

David Gold **The Four Georges...** Kings in tights. The lives, loves and lust of the first four Hanovarian kings. We should be in for an interesting morning.

Our new style membership cards will be ready for collection, these have bar codes, which can be scanned at every meeting, meaning one less task for the committee, that of printing a list of all members each month, and will also save paper.

### **Third Age Matters**

A number of members have asked to receive Third Age Matters, a u3a-wide magazine. If you would like to receive a copy, please put your name on the list at the general meeting or email [u3aboldon@gmail.com](mailto:u3aboldon@gmail.com). The cost is £3 per year for postage.

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## **Outings from Kath Lodge**

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May     Beadlam Grange Farm/ Helmsley.**

After a delayed departure we travelled to Beadlam Grange farm shop where we were well looked after by their excellent staff and spoilt by their choice of menu (bacon sandwiches seemed to be a very popular choice!). On to Helmsley where it was market day. The market there is lovely, and plenty of trade was carried out by the pleasant traders, I doubt they normally do as well as they did that day. Jars of home-made jam and even handbags seemed to be flying off the stalls! Before leaving for home there was still time for a wander around the town. A pleasant day out helped along by the good weather.

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July     Kelso/ Floors Castle**

Cost £27 payable at the meeting on 20th June.     Cheques made payable to Boldon and District u3a (we no longer have to pay 40p per cheque handling charge). The coach leaves the Britannia at 9am and Floors Castle 4pm. We should arrive back approx 6pm.

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August     Thirsk/Newby Hall and Gardens .**

9am departure from the Britannia. We go straight to Thirsk, where there's a market, for morning coffee etc then on to Newby Hall. Here, we have a one hour guided tour of the Hall and access to the gardens, restaurant, Dolls house exhibition, Teddy Bear house, Zimbabwean Sculpture Exhibition and finally, for those so inclined, the Adventure playground, miniature railway (£3 extra) and 25 minute boat ride (£5 extra). We should return to the Brit by approx 5.30. It should be noted that the walk from the gardens to the Hall takes approx 5 minutes.

Cost £33 to £36 approx, depending on numbers. A booking form will be available at the meeting on 20th June. Payment will be due at the meeting on 18th July. Friends and relatives are welcome if there are sufficient places.

I am sorry this is an expensive outing, but entry charges to places such as Newby Hall have increased and also the rising price of fuel has made coach hire more expensive. The outing in September will be much cheaper.

## News of Groups

*The ethos of the u3a is to Learn, Live and Laugh, with members sharing their interests for the benefit of everyone.*

You can play a huge part the success of our u3a by helping to set up and run a new group based on your interests, with the full support of the committee. Contact Sue Soulsby at [u3aboldon@gmail.com](mailto:u3aboldon@gmail.com)

The **Line Dancing** group is taking a break over the summer, as numbers were low, Alternately, there is currently a class at East Boldon Library (0191 536 4368) on Friday afternoon, 3-4.30.

The **Contemporary Music** group enjoyed a Jubilee party on May 30<sup>th</sup>, Adam played a range of music from the last 70 years and Denise treated us to home made scones and cake.



Linda Snowdon is stepping down as group leader of the **Midweek Walking** group after nearly 10 years, thanks to Linda for her hard work researching and leading walks. Currently, nobody is taking over as group leader, but the group is going to continue meeting on the second Thursday of the month, with group members taking it in turns to organise and lead the walks. We will see how this works and hope that enough people volunteer to take responsibility for a

walk.

Christine has agreed to be responsible for putting the walk details on the website, so everyone should [check the page](#) regularly to see what is happening.

The continuation of the group depends on this arrangement working well, so fingers crossed for a success story.

The **Scrabble** Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 2.00 for a couple of hours in the Community Hut at Cleadon. We have a mix of members, some have played for a while, others have just recently joined. Usually we play 2 or 3 games with a break for tea/coffee and biscuits. We play for fun and this is not a competitive group !

New members of any ability are always welcome to come and give it a try.

The **Photography** group meets every 2 weeks, one meeting each month at an outdoor location and our other meeting at The Chapter House where we share our images and help each other to make the most of our photographs..

In the coming months we will be exploring an old process of producing single images (Cyanotype) and will be having a day trip to Allendale to take Landscapes.

New members are always welcome whether they have a phone camera or a DSLR.

There are some interesting **Regional groups**, such as IT, Real Ale Enthusiasts, Creative Words and a proposed iPad User Group. [link to regional web site](#) and choose Groups for more information and contact details.

If you feel you can help in any way, please email [u3aboldon@gmail.com](mailto:u3aboldon@gmail.com) for more information or see the committee at a General meeting.

**Remember you can always find the latest news on events and groups by visiting our web site [u3asites.org.uk/boldon/home](http://u3asites.org.uk/boldon/home) or by joining our Facebook group.**