

**With covid and flu around, please do not attend any meeting if you have any symptoms. You may also wish to wear a mask.**

## **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Extravaganza**

Unfortunately the sudden snow and ice discouraged many from attending our Christmas party, however those who did enjoyed the music of Tony and Sara. Turkey sandwiches, cake and a quiz added to the fun.



## **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023!**

**Bernard Hope** was booked two years ago pre-Covid and at last we are able to hear him tell us about **Eddie Chapman, North East Double Agent**. Doors open at 10.00 for a 10.30 start

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December BEAMISH AT CHRISTMAS – Cancelled

Message from Kath Lodge Hello Everyone. When I saw the snow early on Sunday morning, I realised that going to Beamish wasn't such a good idea after all. Walking on snow covered ice would be a risk too far; the consequences of anyone falling would be disastrous, and so I felt the only thing to do was to cancel. I apologise to those going if they were disappointed. The full amount of money paid either £20 or £8 will be refunded at the next meeting on 16th January. If you (or I!) can't make it, it will be refunded at the earliest opportunity afterwards. Best wishes for a happy and warm Christmas.

## News of Groups

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

Feel there is nothing for you currently in the u3a groups?

Then help 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)

On **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, the Art Appreciation group invite you to join us at our Christmas meeting with a talk from Jean Stokes, entitled the Three Kings, depictions of the Christmas story through art. It will take place in the Methodist Church in East Boldon, the session is £2. All u3a members are welcome. Access is via the entrance on Bridle Path.

In December the **Music Appreciation Group** are taking a Christmas break. Contact [Peter Winfield](#) for more information about the group.

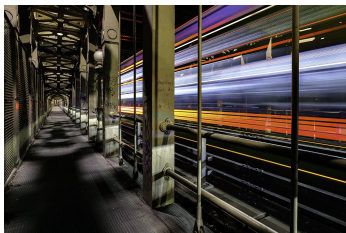
The **Contemporary Music Group** celebrated Christmas with music, dancing, good food and quizzes. The finale was a humorous rendition of Baby It's Cold Outside by Stephanie and John Yearnshire.



Photographs by two members of the **Photography Group**, Ian Henderson and Colin Dudley, were selected for inclusion on u3a Eye November on-line gallery. [CLICK TO VIEW THE GALLERY](#)



Ian Henderson Surf's up!  
taken in the Farnes in April 2017



Colin Dudley Bus driving over the High Level Bridge

The **Flower Arranging** group prepared for Christmas by making wreaths, before a buffet lunch.



If you want more information about any groups, please contact the group leader directly via the website by clicking the blue carrier pigeon.

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.

If you would like to join the Facebook group you can search for u3a Boldon in Facebook and fill in the form or send the email you use for Facebook to [u3aboldon@gmail.com](mailto:u3aboldon@gmail.com) and an invitation can be sent.