



Monday 18th September

Freda Thompson reminisces about **A night at the pictures.**

You can no longer enjoy a night at the pictures for 9d or 1s3d. How things have changed

Venue All Saints Church Hall, Cleadon, doors open at **10.00** for 10.30 start.

Visitors – potential new members – have been invited to our meeting via the local Facebook pages, please make them welcome.

We have 2 2024 u3a diaries left available at the meeting £4.10 each.



September 26th – There will be a practical session on how to use a defibrillator run by Sergio Petrucci of the Red Sky Foundation in the School Room at All Saints 10–12. If you have not already signed up a sheet will be available at the meeting on the 18th. You may remember that Sergio came to talk to us about the charity at the March meeting.

Why not join our **private Facebook** group.

It is a fun place, be first to hear about day trips, share photos and get news of group activities.

Members are welcome to add any posts which they think would be of interest.

To join, search Boldon u3a in Facebook and answer the basic questions.


Remember you can always find the latest news on events and groups by visiting our web site u3asites.org.uk/boldon/home

New website – a Sneak Peek

As many of you know, as well as compiling the newsletter, I edit the website using a u3a product called SiteBuilder. Over the next year or so, this is being replaced by a version of WordPress and I have downloaded a demo version to try out and, without training, have managed to tailor some of it for our u3a.


We now have a unique opportunity for anyone with technical experience to join me in the training sessions, over Zoom. Let us create a dynamic website together.

Contact me for more information. The demo version will be available to view at monthly meetings.

Boldon and District

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Events




Our full meetings take place on the 3rd Monday of each month at All Saints Church Hall, Cleadon. Doors open at 10:00am , at 10.30 a talk is given by a guest speaker on a subject of general interest. Refreshments are served after the talk.

Prospective members are offered ONE free visit to any of our general meetings. Come along – you will be sure of a warm welcome!

Forthcoming Events

Groups



One of the main benefits of joining the u3a is the opportunity to participate in our special Interest Groups. We have a wide variety of interest groups running very successfully – you can use the list on this page to find out more about each one.

You must be a u3a member in order to take part in our interest group activities. This is essential to ensure that your participation in our activities is covered by the u3a's insurance.

If you would like to join an Interest Group please contact the relevant Group Leader whose details you will find on each group's page.

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Groups listed alphabetically

- [Art Appreciation](#)
Status: Active
When: Monthly on Tuesday mornings
3rd Tuesday
- [Earth Sciences](#)
Status: Active
When: on Wednesday afternoons
- [Military History](#)
Status: Active
When: Meets occasionally. Please contact group leader for information.

News of Outings from Kath Lodge

PLEASE NOTE - If you park in the Britannia car park you will be fined.

Saturday 16th September Thirsk/Skipton - tickets issued

The coach leaves at 9.00 prompt from the bus stop opposite Cleadon Pond

Friday 6th October BINCHESTER ROMAN FORT.

Following the (approx 2 hr) guided tour of Binchester Roman fort, we go on to Penshaw Farmshop / tearooms for refreshments (payable on the day).

Cost £19 payable at Monday's meeting.

The coach will leave the bus stop opposite Cleadon pond at 9.30. We should be back approx 3.30.

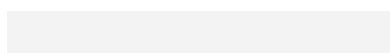
Thursday 9th November HAREWOOD HOUSE AT XMAS.

This outing includes full entry to the house, gardens and a Winter Artisans market, featuring over 100 local producers.

Cost- £29 payable at the meeting on **16th October**. Cheques payable to Boldon and District u3a.

The coach will leave the bus stop opposite Cleadon pond at 9, but could I ask everyone to be there by 8.45 please. This gives me time to check everyone on board and for us hopefully to be away on time. We leave Harewood at 4.30 and hopefully be back by approx 6.30.

IF ANYONE HAS THEIR NAME DOWN FOR THE ABOVE OUTINGS BUT WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO PAY, PLEASE CONTACT KATHLEEN LODGE, DETAILS IN THE COVERING EMAIL.



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

All groups have room for new members apart from Bridge and Contemporary Music. The best way to contact the group leader is via the Blue Carrier Pigeon on the specific Group page on our website. This may be at the bottom of the screen depending on your device,

New Poetry Group –Anne Witherington will host a small poetry reading group in her home. The group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 2pm – 3.30pm starting on September 20th. There are currently a few spaces available.

The iPad users group will meet at Boldon Golf Club from Thursday October 5th. All levels of experience are welcome, let us learn from each contact u3aboldon@gmail.com to join or for more information.

The next session of **Enjoy Singing** group is on September 29th. **If numbers do not increase at this session, the group may have to close.** The group meets on the last Friday of the month in Cleadon Methodist Church Hall at 10.30 and new members welcome.

Art and Painting group are back after their summer break meeting every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 2–4 in the Old School Room in All Saints. New members welcome.



Instead of pumpkins and skeletons, decorate your home for Halloween with a beautiful floral arrangement. Come along to our **Flower Arranging** group on Friday 13th October for some ghoulish fun at 10.30 in the School Room at All Saints. Using this image for inspiration, the group will create their own arrangements with guidance from Maureen Carrigan. New members welcome.

Art Appreciation: is back to the normal schedule meeting on the third Tuesday of the month in Boldon Golf Club. The subject for October 17th is Futurism. Contact Pat Devenport if you would like to join the group.

Following the cancellation of the September meeting, the next meeting of **Music Appreciation** will be on Thursday 19th October, the theme being composers beginning with I,J K. Bring along your composers and music. Contact Peter Winfield for more information.

Scrabble, a friendly group who play for fun, meet on the 1st Monday of the month. New members are welcome. We meet in the community hut behind the bus stop opposite The Britannia at 2pm.