

Monday 16th October

Giles Hodges from Boldon Auction Galleries will tell us about his work, then members are welcome to bring along objects which he will talk about and value. The more items the better. Let's get digging in cupboards, drawers and lofts! Venue All Saints Church Hall, Cleadon, doors open at **10.00** for 10.30 start.

Please remember your membership card for scanning, a card marked 'valid until March 23' is still valid.

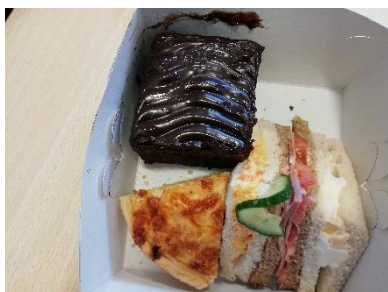
Monday 20th November

Molly Winton – Marie Curie Organisation

Monday 11th December

Christmas Party with **Tony and Sarah**

We all enjoyed the last Christmas party so much that we have invited Tony and Sarah again to entertain us. Sing, dance and wear something festive.



This year we are trying out the snack box from Juliet's in Seaburn, 3 sandwiches, quiche and cake, in a box so that you can take home any leftovers. I tried one out for lunch earlier this week and that is exactly what I did. Shown is an **example** of the contents.

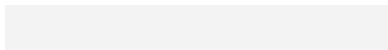
There will be an expression of interest at the meeting on 16th with payment of £6 due on November 20th. This will cover the cost of the venue and food, while the entertainment cost will be taken from general funds.



September 26th Members joined Sergio Petrucci for a practical demonstration of life saving using a defibrillator.

Hopefully we will never have to use one, but now have the confidence to remain calm and in control.

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



News of Outings from Kath Lodge

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

Friday 6th October BINCHESTER ROMAN FORT.

An interesting visit to the site of a huge Roman fort near Bishop Auckland, most still underground, made fascinating by our guide, Gordon Henderson.



Thursday 9th November HAREWOOD HOUSE AT CHRISTMAS

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

Cost- £28 payable at the meeting on **16th October**. Cheques payable to Boldon and District u3a.

The coach will leave the **BRITANNIA** car park 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 approximately 6.30.

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

Sunday 3rd December BEAMISH

Cost £25-£30 depending on numbers.

Those with unlimited passes have free entry and their cost will be £13-£18. The coach will leave the Britannia car park at 10 and beamish 3.30-4

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 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.

The next session of **Enjoy Singing** group is scheduled for October 27th (but may be cancelled if insufficient attendees). **If numbers do not increase, the group will close.** There will be an expression of interest sheet available at the meeting.

The **Bridge Group** now have a few spaces available and would like to invite members who have a basic knowledge of bridge to come and have a chat to see if they would be interested in joining the weekly meeting based at Boldon Golf Club.

The **Poetry Group** met for the first time in September. Everyone brought a poem of their choice, giving a reason for their choice. An eclectic collection of poems was chosen from humorous to poignant, and included:- Warnings by Jenny Joseph, Weeds by Norman Nicholson, Mr Nobody. By Anonymous, The Church Mouse by John Betjamen, The Fight by Ted Hughes and two poems by W.H.Auden. It was a good afternoon and we look forward to meeting up in October.

The iPad users group met for the first time at Boldon Golf Club. We watched an introduction video and tried out the tips with more experienced members helping anyone with problems. All levels of experience are welcome, let us learn from each other. In November we hope to connect with the regional iPad users group via Zoom (displayed on a TV) for more advanced tuition.

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.

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.

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.

On Monday there will be an expression of interest sheet for a **quiz group**. If you are willing to organise the questions or help, please indicate that when you sign up.

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