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Many on the committee will be leaving next year and we need some 'new blood' with fresh ideas.

Please think seriously about becoming a committee member. If you would like to come along and see what we do and how it works we would be delighted to see you at a committee meeting.

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[www.u3asites.org.uk/Callington](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/Callington)

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The next newsletter will be available on 5th February. All contributions for the newsletter to be with the editor by **Wednesday 24 January 2018**, at the latest, please.

If you are interested in joining us at the Callington U3A, go to [www.u3asites.org.uk/Callington](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/Callington) or come along on the first Monday of the month at 10.00 a.m. in Callington Town Hall

## VIEWS OF CHRISTMAS LUNCH

(With thanks to John Wheeley)



A full house



Agonising over the quiz



What it was all about

The ladies who make it all happen



The winning raffle ticket



If you are interested in joining us please go to [u3asites/Callington](http://u3asites/Callington) for information on groups and events.

*Next month on 5th February  
Christine Wiseman, Save the Children.*

# CONTACTS

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## GROUP NEWS

**Groups** - the **contact person** is available on the website, from the Secretary or at monthly meetings

### ALLOTMENTS

There is one vacancy on one of the shared allotments. 10 x 15 feet.  
Contact Ann Martin

### ART

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursday in the month at the Stoke Climsland Old School. from 10am - 1pm. All abilities welcome and any medium. Just come with your materials, or call Jane Black for further information on 01579 382187 The dates for January are 11th & 25th.

### BAKING

The table groaned under Christmas fayre at our last meeting. Bakes included Christmas cakes, chestnut meringue and gateau, festive pie and bread and apple terrine, all washed down with mulled wine. We were all filled with more than Christmas spirit at the end of the afternoon. We will not meet in January so our next meeting is on February 7th, 10.30 at David and Ellen's for Valentine treats. Our group is full at the moment but if you would like to be put on our waiting list please contact Jenny Wheeley on 351662

### BARN DANCING

We meet on first Thursday each month. The next session will be on 1 February, 10.30 a.m. in the Methodist Church. All very welcome. Contact Wendy Fader 01822 835985

### BOOKWORMS

For our December meeting we had a mini celebration for Christmas. We all brought a small snack item towards a proper tea (with cups and saucers!). The book under discussion was "The Age of Miracles" the first novel by Karen Thompson Walker. It is a futuristic story involving the coming of age of a young girl in a world where the length of day and night are constantly growing and the problems and conflicts which this causes while the population tries to adjust their lives. Unfortunately not many of us found this book as exciting as the reviewers did, but we all agreed that it caused us to have a worthwhile discussion. Our next meeting will be on the 19th of January 2018

### BRIDGE

Meet on Tuesday evening in the Methodist Church. New members welcome. Call Hilary on 350360

### CORNISH CULTURE



On the 11th December the Cornish Culture Group had their last meeting of 2017 at the The Royal, Horsebridge. The scene of a defeat of the Parliamentarians by the Royalist Cornish and the defeat of the Royalist Cornish by the Parliamentarians later. An excellent meal, with a wide range of choices followed by a range of puddings (we all said we didn't have room for) was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A letter of thanks sent by King James has been copied on wood and can be seen at Mary Magdalen Church in Launceston. A healthy and successful New Year to all. Anita and Tony Bowden 01579 350668

### CRIME FICTION

At our November meeting, 8 members discussed our recent Crime Fiction reading and swapped books. Amongst the many familiar authors, a few less well-known names were considered - Harry Bingham, Daniel Pembury, Paul Auster, Samuel Bjork and Frank Gardner. Thanks Jenny for the delicious teatime choices of chocolate brownies and a banana and cranberry loaf. Our next meeting is on January 25th 2018. If you are interested in joining us to discuss or learn more about crime fiction, please contact David Seward 384631

### FAMILY HISTORY

Family History meet at Eileen's Monday 22nd January, 2.30pm  
Contact Eileen 01579 350639

### FLOWER ARRANGING

Meeting to be arranged

### FOOD AND WINE

Contact maire .warwick@btinternet.com or 01579 350711.

### GAME ON

Contact Lucy Thomas 01579 350018

### HUMOUR

The humour group normally meet on the 3rd Monday of each month, so our next meeting and the first of a new year will be on 15th January 2018. Contact Helen Redden 01579 382612

# GROUP NEWS CONTINUED

### ITALIAN

We are currently full with 8 members meeting in our homes.

### JAZZ APPRECIATION

At our December meeting, 9 of us met at Christine's for another members' choice session, some Christmas jazz, some with a tentative link to Christmas (Kiri Te Kanawa singing 'Summertime' for an antipodean Christmas!) and some just downright Bah Humbug to Christmas jazz! But a fun jazz-listening afternoon anyway. Our next meeting will be on Wed 10th January, 2pm at Christine's. We will start with a DVD of a Dave Brubeck concert, followed by a short members' choice. If you are interested in joining us to listen to some jazz in the afternoon, contact David Seward 384631.

### MUSIC APPRECIATION

Contact Pat Ferguson 01579 384402

### NEEDLEWORK

Contact Ann Martin

### OPERA

At our December meeting we watched a very festive version of The Mikado from The Sydney Opera house which was both colourful and highly amusing followed by Christmas refreshments. There will be no opera in January or February at my house but it is hoped to arrange two outings to see Opera on the big screen at The Wharf. Details to follow. New members are welcome to join us either at one of our regular sessions or on the proposed outings. Please call Carol Dowell after January 18th

### PHILOSOPHY

We meet as usual on the last Thursday of the month, at 10.00 in the Committee Room at the Town Hall. Contact Doreen Johnson 01579 343152

### PLAY READING GROUP

Meet at 2.00 p.m. in the library on the first Thursday of the month. Contact Jean Rose 01579 350029

### POETRY

In our last poetry session of the year we featured Christmas poems ranging from the classical sentimental from Anne Bronte, John Masfield and Longfellow to the more analytical 'Christmas Tree' from a previously unknown to some of us, the Lancashire born poet Robert W Service. We discovered the thoughts of those who experienced Christmas in India in a poem by Rudyard Kipling and two poignant poems from GK Chesterton The Donkey and The House of Christmas. Two contemporary poems completed our session one from Pam Ayres and another from an anonymous poet defining 'A Politically Correct Christmas' which as most amusing. There will be no poetry in January the next meeting will be February 9th and the subject will be 'Valentines'. Contact Pat Ferguson 01579 384402

### SCRABBLE

Contact Lesley Cheetham 01579 383632

### SCRIBBLERS

Contact Penny Beech 01822 834756

### SINGING FOR PLEASURE

We meet at the Methodist Church from 3.30 to 5 p.m., On the second and fourth Monday of the month. Dates for January are 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Why not come along and give it a try. Contact Ros Bunkum 01579 383171

### STROLLERS

Contact Pauline Husband 01579 350379

### TABLE TENNIS

We meet once every 4 weeks in the Methodist schoolroom from 7 pm to 9 pm. All equipment is provided and we make a small charge for the hire of the room. All our meeting dates will be on the website and on the notice board at the monthly meetings. All are welcome, hope to see you there. Ray Geatches.350638. .

### WALKING GROUP 1

New members always welcome.. Contact Doreen Johnson 01579 343152.

### WALKING GROUP 2

Meet on Tuesdays at 9.30 a.m. in Callington Free Car Park. All welcome. Contact Lucy Thomas 01579 350018

### CORNISH CULTURE

(Report held over from December Newsletter through lack of space, Ed.)



As our meeting's theme in November was poetry, songs and stories ,we had a jolly meeting.

Our poetry covered Mick Kevin Painter, a Cornish Bard, who was born in 1948, His poems have a contemporary theme. We enjoyed his poems, especially those with a rugby theme. Our other poet was John Harris, born in 1820

and died in 1884. He was a steamer at Dolcoath Mine who started work at the age of 12. He was so keen to write poetry he had to improvise with grocery paper and ink made from blackberries. Eventually although he had little formal education he made a success of his life becoming a scripture reader in Falmouth. He won a national competition writing about the Cornish landscape. We enjoyed both the 20th and 19th century poems. We also covered Kneehigh an innovative group of actors, now international. Mike Shepherd started the group in Penzance performing in schools, village halls, etc. Some small off shoots still come to local halls. They have now performed in many venues but have a permanent home called the Asylum (in the old meaning of Refuge) at Heligan. They also write music and we heard some songs from a CD. We had the story of St Piran and his arrival at Perranporth on a stone from Ireland. A discussion followed about the St Pirans Oratory on the sandunes at Perranporth. We had more songs about food, mackerel and gooseberries, skegs (fish) and tatties, Cornwall and its people. Our music included Brenda Wootton who was born in 1928 and started the Botallack Folk Club near Penzance. Brenda was very well known in Cornwall making many records some with John the Fish. A big lady with a great voice she was a warm personality who loved Cornwall, sadly she is largely forgotten. We then had a chance to sing as two of our numbers brought Shout Kernow with CDs of pub singing in Cornwall, so we all joined in "Going up Camborne Hill" - altogether a good meeting.