

# CALLINGTON U3A NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024

## Committee News

Kathy Wallis, Local Cornish Bard and Keeper of Tales came and told us about some of the seasonal tales of Cornwall while we all enjoyed mince pies with clotted cream as part of the Christmas festivities at our December meeting.

## Christmas Lunch

As most of you know this year's U3A traditional Xmas lunch was held at the new venue of Trethorne. This was a leap of faith for us all and thank goodness we have had positive feedback. It was so nice to be waited on in a well decorated "bijou" atmosphere. A big THANK YOU to all of you who supported us in making this year's Xmas lunch a success.

## Christmas Tree Festival

Some U3a members helped make and then display a Christmas tree at the recent Christmas Tree Festival in St Marys Church in Callington before Christmas. This proved to be popular and many thanks to the members whose time and effort helped make this happen.

The cake stall is back in action following the break in December. Slices available to eat at the meeting or wrap and take home at £1 a slice. Any baked donations gratefully accepted with a list of ingredients. All contributions go to the u3a funds.

## U3a Festival - July

You may already be aware if you have read the TAM magazine article or you receive the monthly email from u3a that the organisation is running a National Festival in York this year from Wednesday 18 - 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Every u3a member is welcome to attend the event. There will be workshops, speakers and much more covering the 3 day event It is taking place on the York University site and campus where accommodation has been arranged in the vacant student rooms on the grounds for us to book to stay. This makes it quite a safe environment to stay during this event. More details are available on the u3a website and we will be setting up a noticeboard with more ongoing information at the monthly meetings.

Early reminder Membership fees are due in April and will be discussed at the AGM that month.

## Condolences

We are sorry to report that some members have recently passed away. They are, Ray Geatches, Alan Sturt and Monica Pascoe. Cards have been sent to the families.

## Group News

### Pub Lunches

The pub lunch group meets after the monthly Monday meeting, on the first Monday of the month. We visit local pubs and restaurants. On January 8th we will be going to the Bull's Head, in November we went to The Engine House. If anyone would like to join the group, please email me

- [greenjo1951@gmail.com](mailto:greenjo1951@gmail.com)

Happy New Year!

### Crafts Club

A new Crafts group started on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 10 am in the Council Chamber. They shared the area with the Cribbage and Cards group to utilise the space and it seems to work. Bring along any craft you enjoy doing and share / show with others over a cuppa. Card making, knitting, macramé etc whatever you like to do. If you want to share your skill, we can arrange a workshop one month for you to teach us a new skill/craft. Start the new year with sharing your knowledge or

learning something new. Cost will be @£1 as sharing room costs. For more information contact Ann Moore 01579 641674 or [aemoore4521@gmail.com](mailto:aemoore4521@gmail.com)

### Hi-Fi Group

the group meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Lucy Thomas's home at 2pm. Anybody interested in this new group can contact Frank on email [frank.marshall@mail.com](mailto:frank.marshall@mail.com)

### Science of Astronomy

The next meeting will be on January 22nd 2024 at 1400 hrs.

### Baking

Sausage meat was top in the list of savoury ingredients for our Christmas baking meeting. We had sausage rolls with Stilton, port and caramelised onion, a tart with sausage, cranberry, pistachio and sage filling and a sausage, bacon, caramelised onion and nut filled plait. Also baked soft pretzels with a creamed cheese dip. On the sweet side there were mincemeat strudels, gingerbread brownies, a whisky and marmalade bread and butter pudding, pasticciotti ( a rich pastry filled with sugar, egg yolks and vanilla bean), and mini Christmas cakes. Truly a Christmas baking group feast.

For information please contact Jenny Wheeley on email: [Jenny@wheeley.plus.com](mailto:Jenny@wheeley.plus.com)

### Cribbage and Cards

The group was renamed to clarify what was on offer at the meeting. Come along and join in or share a new card game we can all learn. We meet in the Callington Town Hall Council Chamber on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 10am. The next meeting is on Feb 1st. If you are interested in joining please contact Carl Moore on email [aemoore4521@gmail.com](mailto:aemoore4521@gmail.com)

### Strollers

The weather was not particularly good in December but the group did go to Tavistock to see the Christmas trees in the Church, it was a bit of a disappointment as there were not so many trees as last year but they were very nice all the same. We also went along to Cotehele to see the wreath. Anyone wishing to join the Group should contact Anne Ellard on 01579 383864 or mobile 07443 473799.

### Rummikub

The Rummikub group were not able to meet in our usual haunt for the 1st meeting in December so we took the opportunity to have our, now traditional, Xmas meal . We chose the Engine House this time as the views are superb and the food is extremely good too.

Our 1st meeting in the new year will be on 5th January at 10:30 in the council chambers, so come along and join our happy throng by contacting Sue on 01579 532777 or email

[siouxmack@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:siouxmack@hotmail.co.uk)

Happy new year! To all my members.

### Jazz Appreciation

There was no meeting in December. The next meeting to ring in the year is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Should you need any more information please contact Rosemary 01579 370578

[rosemary.ralph@golitha.uk](mailto:rosemary.ralph@golitha.uk)

### Walkers 1

10 members of Walkers 1 made the most of the beautiful sunshine on Dec 1st as we enjoyed a lovely walk from Coypool park and ride to Saltram!! The sky was a perfect blue and the river Tamar was also a beautiful blue!! There was still snow in the distance on the moor!! How special to be able to sit out and enjoy the view at our coffee stop and borrow benches at Saltram for our picnic! Thank you to Marion for organising our walk and bringing us chocolates!!! Some of us then went to see the Christmas decorations in Saltram House!! Very twinkly and Christmassy!! If you would like to join this group please email: [gjhanns@gmail.com](mailto:gjhanns@gmail.com) for more information.

## Walkers 2

The next meeting of the Group will be Tuesday 9th January at 9.30 in the free car park. Anybody interested in joining this group please contact Helen Redden on 01579 382612 or email [ladywholunches3@gmail.com](mailto:ladywholunches3@gmail.com)

## Philosophy

If you want to join us come along to Callington Town Hall the last Thursday of the month 10am in the Committee Room or contact Gillian Brown email: [gillian.brown@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.brown@gmail.com)

## Humour Group

The first meeting of the year for the Humour Group will meet up on 15th January at 10.30 in the Council Chambers of the Townhall. Anybody interested in joining this group please contact Helen Redden on 01579 382612 or email: [ladywholunches3@gmail.com](mailto:ladywholunches3@gmail.com)

## Skittles

The Christmas Skittles day on Thursday 21st Dec was well attended. Cindy put on a lovely Christmas buffet and the group gave her a thank you present for all her hard work during the last year. 3 groups named Santa, Fairy and Elf played a close game with the Elves winning by 242 points with the Fairies close behind with 240. Santa's came in 3rd with 204. The 2 top scorers for the year were Richard Tavener and Jo Earl, who were presented with a framed certificate.

## Date for the diary:

The speaker for the February meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10 am will be David Nyler with a fascinating display with Uranium Glass.

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