

FILEY & DISTRICT U3A

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Christmas may seem some time ago now, but it is worth reflecting on some of the activities that U3A members participated in over the Festive season.

Early in December saw about 25 members congregating outside the Heron supermarket to begin the 'Festive singing' tour of the town. The group sang



seasonal songs to entertain the public and collect funds for St. Catherine's Hospice. We wended our way through the town, stopping at eight locations

to sing a medley of songs, one of which was the Remembrance garden, where we were joined by a cat mewing loudly. (Singing along, or complaining at the noise we were making?)

Yes, that is Howard, our treasurer, in the silly hat which played a merry tune at intervals along our route. We had a fun morning, despite the cold weather.

However melodious - or not - we were, our audiences were very generous with their donations and we managed to collect a total of £145.70 for St.

Catherine's. So it was a worthwhile endeavour – thanks to everyone who came along!

U3A Christmas tree

Some of you may already be aware that St. John's Church host a Christmas tree Festival event each year. They invite any group associated with the church to decorate a Christmas tree in whatever manner they please, and they are then set up around the church for a couple of weeks before Christmas.

The variety and inventiveness is quite inspiring and well worth a visit during the time the church is open for viewing. Although donations are collected, the object is to celebrate the time of year and display the talent and innovation of the participants.



Several U3A groups use St. John's rooms for their meetings, so our U3A contribute a tree each year (see photo above).

The 2019 donations collected are to be used towards the funds needed to refurbish the Church rooms where all the Festival participants meet and have their groups.

Table tennis groups – now full

Both table tennis groups are now full. Until the refurbishment of St. John's church room is complete, it will not be possible to accommodate any new members, unless someone is prepared to start another group on a different day. Alison and David Ward would be able to advise about this if you are interested in taking this on.

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Annual General Meeting

10.30am 26th March 2020

Your votes are needed!

Your current committee urges you to attend the AGM. We need you to vote for the members of the coming year's committee as well as voting on any motions submitted by the membership. Your ideas and enthusiasm will help to keep our club vibrant and relevant.

This is YOUR U3A – have your say!

Handicrafts group – 4 vacancies

There are currently 4 vacancies for new members in the group. Linda can't guarantee being able to help with every request, but has a wide knowledge of handicrafts and will do her best to assist with any subject you might wish to try. The group meets at the Filey Bowling club pavilion (behind the tennis courts; entrance beside the Sea Cadets hut in Southdene) on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 2-4pm. Contact Linda Evans on 01723 269977 or drop in for a chat at any of the meetings.

Rummikub – 2 vacancies

Wendy Hope runs this group on alternate Wednesday afternoons from 2-4pm at her home in Midhope Way. Please speak to Wendy on 01723 448203 if you are interested.

Creative Writing group

The new Creative Writing group is now up and running and has room for more members. Anyone interested, please contact Tony Dawson on 01723 563173.

Poetry group



The Poetry group are collecting together their literary output in order to publish it in a booklet. This should be ready within the next couple of months and will be well worth a read. Keep an eye out for the notification of when it is available for purchase.

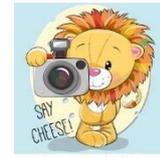
Woodcarving group

A woodcarving group has been proposed by a member. Would anyone interested in joining such a group please contact any member of the committee? We can then assess if this could become a viable group.

Digital photography competition

East Coast U3A network

You may have already seen the email announcement about this inter-U3A amateur photographers competition sent out recently. The categories for entries are:



- 1 Landscape – with emphasis on light and shadow
- 2 Working Yorkshire – from fishing to farming and anything in between

One entry per category is permitted, in black and white or colour, taken within the boundaries of Yorkshire within the years 2019-2020. The deadline for entry is midnight on 29th May 2020.



If you are contemplating entering your work and missed the email announcement, details of entry and method of submitting can be obtained from any committee member. Hard copies of the flyer sent out will be available at the next couple of monthly meetings also.