

January 2024



Ciao!
Buongiorno
che cosa?



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Welcome to this issue.

Throughout the newsletter we refer to our Garforth, Kippax & District U3A website.

Messages from Your Committee

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year of learning, laughing and living.



The layout for our monthly meetings going forward will be changed from January – the membership/information desk will be relocated to the balcony in front of the bar. This area will be available so that new members can meet us, look at what is on offer in our u3a, with copies of past newsletters and TAM (magazine) to view, other pertinent information, as well as complete forms. However, ALL members are encouraged to feel free to come and discuss any issues or queries that you may have, we will endeavour to have at least one other member of the committee available within this area. We will also have available small leaflets for handing out or distribution if you have any ideas as to where they can be useful.

1st National u3a Festival is to be held in York over 3 days: 18th to 20th July 2024 at York University. To date there have been over 90 offers of activities/workshops/talks from everywhere across the 4 nations.....and that doesn't include the music element! It's going to be a great coming together of u3a members where we can share our love of this great movement.

They are still looking for stewards/meeters & greeters, so if you would like to offer to help, please do get in touch.

More information is on the website here: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/festival-2024?highlight=WyJmZXN0aXZhbCJd> and if you would like to sign up for festival updates please do email festival@u3a.uk

Diary dates in January and February 2024:

Wednesday 10th January: Monthly social meeting: this is the first time we are holding a January meeting, and as this is a purely social event to catch up after the festive season there will not be a speaker, however a short picture quiz will be available for those who wish to take part. A number of our committee members will be around for any queries – just look for their yellow name badges.

A general invite will be sent to all U3A members. Doors open at 1.15 for a 1.30pm start. Please attend with your membership card/number.

Wednesday 7th February: Monthly social meeting, our speaker is Andy Wilson from Yorkshire Cancer Research. Title of his talk is Berenblum and the Bari bombs.

A number of our committee members, as well as our membership desk, will be around for any queries – just look for their yellow name badges.

A general invite will be sent to all U3A members. Doors open at 1.15 for a 1.30pm start. Please attend with your membership card/number.

If **any** of our members have a suggestion for speakers at our monthly social meeting, please contact our Speaker Co-ordinator Carol Glover via the website. If contact details are available, or where you have seen the topic/presenter, then please include these in your email

Our December Meeting:



If you missed our December Meeting you also missed a good time. Around 68 of our members turned up to enjoy a great social afternoon with entertainment from our own Swing & String group, a Christmas quiz and a free Raffle along with mince pies and a soft drink on us! The mince pies were a delight, really fruity with a sponge topping, we also had a gluten free version and shortbread available for those who do not enjoy the mincemeat. Many, including the attending committee, had donned their Christmas tops, hats and earrings.



Quiz: we are pleased to announce that 'Team of Four' from the top of the left balcony won our Christmas quiz – well done!

Raffle:

Our star prize of The Largest box of Shortbread with a Bottle of Wine was won by Les Green - well done!



Our other prize winners are listed below:

Lizzie Mussett:	Chocolates	Keith Hewitt:	Gift bag item
Susan Gable:	Diary	Linda Barley:	Xmas socks
Isi Todd:	Xmas cup set	Lynda Johnson:	Puzzle book
Vera Wright:	Ladies gift box	Margaret Matthews:	Hot Choc box set
Laurie Herbert:	Bottle of wine	Joan Brown:	Biscuit box
Jenny Evans:	Shortbread biscuits	Geraldine Ridley- Ellis:	M&S biscuits
Ann Hooker:	M&S biscuits	Janice Green:	M&S biscuits
Genise Green:	Jigsaw	Carol Glover:	Calendar & Diary
Shirley Leech:	Hand cream set		

Our local Interest Groups Round-Up

Art Group

The group meets on alternate Tuesdays at the Elders Retirement Life Community Lounge 10.30 – 12.30

At time of publishing no topic list available.

New members are always welcome, please contact convenor Jenny Evans on the website link.

Calligraphy Group

The group continues to meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays each month at GWMC at 1.30pm for 2 hours.

New members are always welcome, please contact convenor Lizzie Mussett on the website link.

Conversational German Group:

Come and join us for coffee and chat (kaffe klatch) to learn or improve your German in a light-hearted and fun way. We share our enthusiasm and knowledge to build our skills to enable basic chat and beyond. We meet in local cafes in Garforth on Thursdays at 14:30 for an hour and a half.

All are welcome, please contact convenor Wendy Bartholomew-Esders on the website link.

A Motoring Group article

Donated by Nick Huntridge



The Motoring Group were welcomed to the DBM Supercar Showroom at Leeds East Airport at ex-RAF Church Fenton for their September meeting. They're seen here getting details of some of the super cars for sale, There's a few million pounds worth of exciting sports and prestige cars one of which was over £1,000,000



The motoring group held their Xmas lunch at the Garforth Golf Club. They had a private room with a rectangular table which meant that all could share in the conversations, easier than along three pub tables drawn together and we appreciated the privacy. The food was excellent as was the service and the Chef assured one of our party that he would prepare a meal devoid of the spice that she was allergic to.

New members are always welcome, please contact convenor Nick Huntridge via the website link

Over 5-mile Walking Group

For our November long walk on Wednesday 22nd, four of us enjoyed some good weather for the time of year on a bright and fine day for an 8.3-mile easy walk. We set off from Boston Spa up to Thorp Arch before heading to



Wetherby along the old railway line and the Harland Way before heading back via Wetherby Ings and good woodland and roadside footpaths.

Our regular walks are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, with shorter walks in the first half of the month.

New members are always welcome, please contact convenor Wendy Bartholomew-Esders on the website link.

Quiz Group

Please note there is **no** December Quiz meeting therefore our next will be the January quiz afternoon on Wednesday 31st, 2.00 to 4.00 at GWMC.

The joint winners of Novembers quiz were Cold Feet & The 4: well done to both teams! New members always welcome, please contact Convenor Judith Robinson via the website link.

Scitech Group

Carol Jinks the convenor is in the process of arranging a visit (or two) to the green bin depot in South Leeds, to see how the recyclables are sorted. There has been a good response to this and two provisional dates are Tuesday 16th January and/or Thursday 18th January, meeting by 9.50am for an hour tour around the facility.

Anyone interested or who would like more information, please contact Carol via the website link noting all the dates you could attend.

Tech It Easy Group

Please see the table of events on the website for January topics, meetings are held on 1st & 3rd Monday, 10am at Kippax Library. New members are always welcome, please contact either convenor via the website link.

For information on any of our interest groups, check the website, with the group convenor or our Group Co-ordinator.

For Convenors: Any updates for any of your groups? Drop us a line or two please. Entries for our next newsletter need to be with one of the Editors by the 3rd Wednesday of each month, thank you

Blue Plaques Around Leeds

Donated by Lizzie Mussett:

St. Paul's House

St. Paul's House was built in 1878 in Park Square as a warehouse and cloth cutting works for Sir John Barran. It was designed by

cutting veneers at a furniture exhibition in 1858 and got Greenwood and Bailey to produce a band saw that would cut multiple pieces of cloth at a time and so the mass produced of ready-made clothing was born.

He soon outgrew his then premises in Park Row and so moved to St. Paul's House in 1878. The building was extensively altered and restore in 1976 with a whole new interior with the minarets which were originally terracotta being replace with fibreglass reproductions.

The blue plaque is situated on the front of the building in Park Square.



Thomas Ambler in an ornate Hispano-Moorish style, and it is a Grade II listed building.

In 1841 John Barran came to Leeds from Surrey to set up as a tailor and clothes dealer at Bridge End. By 1851 he had moved his shop to No. 2 Briggate and had set up his own workshops where made-to-measure garments were made. At this time a pair of shears could only cut out one garment at a time, but John Barran saw a band saw

Schedule of Group Activities

Group	When & Where	Convenor
Art group	Tuesday fortnightly at 10:30am. The Elders, Great Preston	Jenny Evans
Bookworms	3rd Wed at 10.30am in members' homes (currently at capacity)	Judith Huntridge
Calligraphy	Meeting 2nd & 4th Monday 1.30 - 3.30pm Garforth Working Men's Club	Lizzie Mussett
Classical Ensemble	Meet fortnightly in members' homes (actively looking for new members)	Joe Burns
Conversational German	Ad hoc meetings in local café or members' homes (actively looking for new members)	Wendy Bartholomew-Esders
Easy Cycling	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, see website for details	Dave Swindells
French	1.30 - 3.00pm, 2nd & 4th Monday, Garforth Library	Sandra Daly
Garden visits	Meetings are Ad Hoc. Contact convenor for information	Susan Isley
History	2nd Wednesday 1.00 - 3.00pm. Ad Hoc outdoor locations. Contact convenor for details	Genise Green
Italian	Zoom or Face to Face, 2pm each Wednesday except 1st Wednesday at 3.00pm	Peter Jones
Keep Fit	Tuesdays between 10.00 & 11.30 am. Guides HQ, Barley Fields Close	Lynne Hill
Motorbike outings	Ad hoc. Contact convenor for details	John Mussett
Motor homes	On WhatsApp only	Sue Lakin
Motoring	2.00pm 2nd Tuesday, The Gaping Goose, Selby Rd.	Nick Huntridge
Play Reading	3rd Thursday of the month in members' homes (currently at capacity)	Sue Lomas
Quiz afternoon	Last Wednesday of the month, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Garforth Working Men's Club	Judith Robinson
SciTech	Ad Hoc visits: Contact convenor or see website for details	Carol Jinks
Singing	Currently on hold due to lack of accompanist	Catherine Sirrell
String and Swing	1st & 3rd Thurs, 1-30pm, Gaping Goose, Selby Rd. & 4th Tues, 1.30pm, Scout Hut	John Mussett
Tech it Easy	1st & 3rd Monday, 10am at Kippax Library, some may be Zoom presentations	Jenny Turner & Sue Lakin
Theatre group	2nd Tuesday of the month 2.00pm Oliver's Coffee Shop, Kippax High Street	Virginia Wright
Walking Netball	Wednesdays 3pm – term time only Kippax Sports Centre	Isi Todd
Walking over 5 miles	2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month	Wendy Batholomew-Esders
Walking Under 5 miles	2nd & 4th Thursdays each month	Diane McEwan

Puzzle Corner

Quick Quiz Questions

Quiz by Penny Brighten. Answers will be published in our next issue.

1	What nationality is former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash?
2	A Bellini comprises sparkling wine and what type of fruit puree?
3	Which city hosted the Summer Olympic Games in 2016?
4	What type of animal is a corn bunting?
5	In which English county is The Belfrey golf course?
6	Which British statesman issued the Tamworth Manifesto, which became the foundation of the Conservative Party?
7	Which TV cook is the joint majority shareholder of Norwich City FC?
8	For which 1940 Disney film was the song 'When you wish upon a star' written?
9	What meat is the basis for shepherd's pie?
10	Royal Mail issued a set of stamps commemorating which fictional Bear in the second half of 2023?

Answers from December 2023

1	Obtuse
2	Tommy Steel
3	A wild cat
4	Scout
5	Murdock
6	Cerberus
7	Six
8	Philosophy
9	Michael Palin
10	Otters

Sudoku solution for December 2023

8	2	5	9	1	7	4	6	3
6	7	1	4	5	3	2	8	9
4	3	9	8	2	6	5	1	7
9	5	7	3	6	1	8	2	4
2	4	6	5	9	8	3	7	1
3	1	8	2	7	4	6	9	5
1	9	4	6	3	2	7	5	8
5	8	2	7	4	9	1	3	6
7	6	3	1	8	5	9	4	2

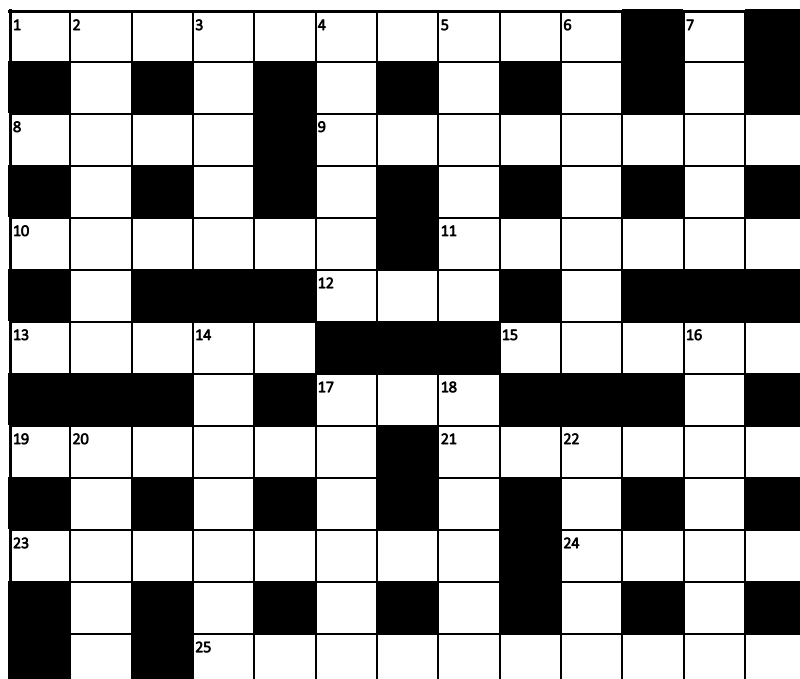
Sudoku for January 2024

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3	1	7	6		9	2		
	2	4			1			5
8				2		3	6	

Crossword solution from December 2023

D	O	U	B	T	F	U	L		B	A	L	L
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Crossword January 2024



CRYPTIC

Across

- 1 Improve male ration somehow before start of exams (10)
- 8 Go round – it may be worth seeing (4)
- 9 He's funny but could be demoniac when upset (8)
- 10 It might hold (but shouldn't take in?) water (6)
- 11 Well bound (6)
- 12 Nothing will bring abstainer round for a drink (3)
- 13 It indicates star has shone more brightly (5)
- 15 Meet requirements – in a shop? (4)
- 17 Curved bit necessary in cellar ceiling (3)
- 19 Move fast with note to everybody taking operation (6)
- 21 Show disagreement with speaker (6)
- 23 Dismal send-off round the East (8)
- 24 Major heartlessly returns to prowl about (4)
- 25 Trying to contain fire can be really scaring (10)

Down

- 2 Pest controllers regular patients of doctor (7)
- 3 Leaves ship in various countries (5)
- 4 Mystical type of worship led by senior officer (6)
- 5 A learner reaching majority? Not quite! (6)
- 6 Second could be dense or entangled (7)
- 7 Unmistakeable flat area (5)
- 14 Let man have on unusual complaint (7)
- 16 Rogue, evil and conceited about it (7)
- 17 Be published in a paper (6)
- 18 It'll be hot part of S. America, it's said (6)

- 20 Be insulting to seaman over exploit (5)
- 22 Convey vehicle to railway (5)

COFFEE-TIME

Across

- 1 Make better (10)
- 8 Rotate (4)
- 9 Comic (8)
- 10 Liner (6)
- 11 Leap (6)
- 12 Toddler (3)
- 13 Film award (5)
- 15 Work for (5)
- 17 Part of circle (3)
- 19 Ride at top speed (6)
- 21 Barrack (6)
- 23 Gloomy (8)
- 24 Range (4)
- 25 Frightening (10)

Down

- 2 Mice Catchers (7)
- 3 Alights (5)
- 4 Secret (6)
- 5 Nearly (6)
- 6 Countersign (7)
- 7 Lacking beauty (5)
- 14 Illness (7)
- 16 Wrongdoer (7)
- 17 Seem (6)

Now, have *you* wanted to formulate a puzzle?

Please contact us via the links on the website and we will publish it in a future issue!

- **Quiz: Submit 10 questions and answers**
- **Sudoku: Submit a completed puzzle, clearly marking the numbers you wish placed as a starting point in **red****
- **Crossword: Submit your crossword grid with clues and answers**

CYGNET u3a

(Central Yorkshire Group Network of u3a's)

A reminder, our network group - Garforth, Kippax & District, Leeds, Selby and District, Tadcaster and Sherburn & Villages - have agreed an 'Open door' policy.

This means that – *if there are spaces available* – members may be able to join an Interest Group, class or event organised by another CYGNET member area by contacting the CYGNET single point of contact in their own u3a.

Please note this does not extend to any of their Monthly Members meetings.

Our contact is Wendy Bartholomew-Esders and she can be contacted via our website link.

Use these links to access group list at other CYGNET u3a:

CYGNET links:

<https://www.u3asites.org.uk/selby/welcome>

<https://sherburnu3a.org>

<https://u3asites.org.uk/tadcaster/welcome>

<https://u3aleedsweb.squarespace.com>

Keep checking our website for news updates:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/garforth-kippax/welcome>

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/garforthkippaxu3a>

From u3a's National Learning Programme

Further information on the following free talks is available on <https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes>

If you check the above website you'll see there are also many other ideas, themes and topics you can apply to join in with. Please note events which require members to book are at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

Endnote:

Please note that any contributions from our general membership and Convenors will need to be with us by the **3rd Wednesday of each month** for inclusion in the next edition.

Thanks!

Isi Todd and Penny Brighten

Newsletter Editors