

GUISBOROUGH U3A NEWSHEET No. 18 – OCTOBER 2023

Next monthly meeting 2pm, 1 November 2023, at the Parish Hall, Bow Street.
Doors open 1.30pm. Meeting begins at 2pm.

Chair's Introduction

A big thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to our U3A open morning last month. The weather wasn't with us and consequently the number of "walk-ins" was less than our previous event but, in hindsight, that worked well as folk were able to take time to enjoy the performances and talk to the group leaders at leisure. This generated quite a bit of interest and we have gained 13 more members as a result. If you are new to our U3A, you are most welcome. If you have access to a computer, please take the opportunity to view the website for further information. Most of the groups have space for additional members – please contact the Group Coordinator.

Claire Bognar, the Redcar and Cleveland Community Development Officer, gave a brief outline of her responsibilities to our October meeting. She explained the working of the Guisborough Neighbourhood Action Partnership, which meets approximately every 8 weeks and is open to all residents to attend. I often attend and find it helpful to understand local issues and share concerns with our elected representatives. Claire can be contacted on Claire.bognar@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk and will happily add you to her circulation list.

Next month's meeting will feature the world premiere performance of our Hobby Band which will get our toes tapping. If you feel the urge to get up and dance, please do so and enjoy!

Dave, Chair.

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WANTED - SAFEGUARDING CHAMPIONS

Two of our three Safeguarding Champions have retired in recent months for personal reasons and we're seeking volunteers to fill these vacancies.

The law requires us to have in place provision for Safeguarding. The Committee feels it is appropriate for our Safeguarding Champions to be at a distance, independent and not involved with the Committee. To the best of our knowledge, no action has ever been taken within Guisborough u3a.

All reports and action taken are confidential and remain confidential to those involved.

There is comprehensive guidance, a national u3a policy and u3a and local Social Service support is available. If you're interested in learning more about this important role, please contact the Secretary.

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What's on?

11 October. 10am Local History talk about The Alum Folk by Peter Appleton, well known local historian. Saltburn Methodist Church upstairs hall, Milton Street. £2. No need to book, just turn up and enjoy the talk, a coffee and the opportunity to talk to the Speaker.

21 October. 10am – 2pm. Autumn Fair at the Parish Hall, Bow Street. You might find a bargain!

22 October, 6pm. 'In Memory Service' at St Nicholas Church. A service for those who would like to remember loved ones who have died, either recently or in past years. The names of those lost will be read aloud during the service and you'll be able to light a candle of remembrance. To provide your loved ones name in advance or for any questions, please contact the Rector: Revd. Alison Phillipson, 01287 632588, alisonphillipson@aol.com

1 November. Monthly Meeting at the Parish Hall in Bow Street, 2pm. Doors open at 1.30pm. **Featuring the world premiere performance of our Hobby Band.** Please come and support their inaugural concert.

1 November. Monthly Meeting (as above). **PAT testing will take place.** This is an annual electrical safety check and, although not a legal requirement for u3a, the Committee has decided to resume the testing that used to take place prior to Covid for safety reasons. Please bring any u3a equipment you hold to the hall before 1.45pm – if this is a u3a computer, please bring the lead with the box on it, too. If you use your own equipment for your group's activities, please bring that as well and let Pam know what it is, asap, for adding to the electrician's quotation. You'll be able to collect the tested equipment away at the end of the meeting.

3 November. 10am – 12 noon. The Victim Care and Advice (VCAS) Safer Communities Team will give advice on how to stay safe and avoid becoming a victim of the criminals who are constantly finding new methods to attempt to access our personal details and cash. At the Heritage and Information Centre, Town Hall, Guisborough. Free. No need to book.

13 December. 10am – 12 noon. Fabric Wreath making workshop. Saltburn Methodist Church, Milton Street. £2. A list of materials etc will be distributed in advance. Samples at the Monthly Meeting on 1 November. Please book with Pam.

EXCURSIONS:

Monday 16th October. Thorp Perrow Arboretum. Thorp Perrow is the home of one of the UK's finest collections of trees, including five National Plant Collections, and a leading centre for raptor conservation. The visit will include a curator led talk. Full details are available under the "Events" tab on the GU3A website. Cost £26.00. Waiting list in operation. Queries to Moira.

Wednesday 8 November. "Beyond the Barricade" at Billingham Forum. An evening performance of the UK's longest running musical theatre concert tour. It features past principal performers from Les Misérables and delivers over two hours of the best of Broadway and The West End. Cost £37.00. Coach will depart Fountain Street car park at 6pm and thereafter St Paulinus, The Avenue. For queries please contact Pauline. Waiting list in operation.

Thursday 7th December. Harrogate and Harlow Carr Glow Walk. An opportunity to enjoy some time in Harrogate before our coach will pick us up and take us to Harlow Carr where we will experience the "Glow Walk" - a walk through the RHS gardens lit for Christmas. Cost £31.00 (£25.00 for RHS members - membership number will be required at time of booking please). The coach will depart Fountain Street car park at 12.30 and thereafter St Paulinus, The Avenue. The coach will drop us off in Harrogate where you will be free to get some lunch, shop or simply look around the town. The coach will pick up again at 4.15pm and take us to Harlow Carr. Departure from Harlow Carr will be approximately 6pm. Booking continues at the November meeting. For queries please contact Pauline or Moira.

Following a break in January and February, excursions would resume in March.

Excursion booking: 1.30-2.00pm at Monthly Meetings.

Because our excursions have become so popular and there's always a long queue, it would be very helpful to the Excursions Team if you could:

Write your cheque in advance, payable to Guisborough u3a: The costs are given above.

On the reverse of your cheque please write your:

U3a membership number. Telephone number. Preferred pick up point - Fountain St. or St Paulinus.

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### **Neighbourhood Alert Newsletter 2.10.23**

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2023-10/October%20newsletter%20draft%203.pdf>

### **Neighbourhood Alert – Make Your Voice Heard 5.10.23**

<https://survey.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/Survey/HASH/4BF54740554CE216842D283BD1DD5EEE>

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Woodland Trust. All about Bees:

https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2023/07/types-of-bee-in-the-uk/?utm_campaign=3306558_E23CO M029_Newsletter_General&utm_medium=email&utm_source=E23LOY001&utm_content=Blog&dm_i=2D76,1YVCU,9KEP5F,6YWZW,1

OK, so we know about Crime Stoppers, now we have 'FireStoppers'.

Barry Whitton from the Cleveland Fire Brigade spoke to the Neighbourhood Action Partnership meeting on 5 October. He's responsible for Arson Reduction and Community Liaison. I was surprised to learn how many different things they support the community with and was pleased to learn about the FireStoppers initiative.

"Deliberate fires destroy communities. Tell us what you know. 0800 169 5558. firestoppersreport.co.uk .

100% anonymous. Always.' Please spread the word. Ed.

Saltburn Community & Arts Association.

Enjoy a visit to this charming theatre in Saltburn. Please see their programme at www.saltburnarts.co.uk If you enjoy a panto, there are performances of Beauty and the Beast on 11,12,13,18,19,29 January (Matinees on the 13th and 20th). Parking is usually easy. They've asked for our support, because they need to raise £25,000 before the end of March 2024 – or they'll probably have to close.

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Another Winter's Tale will be touring villages and small towns in Yorkshire and Cleveland and Redcar in November. Produced especially for the winter months, the show is rich in original live music and puppetry, with humour, songs and an enthralling story. It includes shadow puppets, hand puppets and a Kamishibai, a traditional Japanese street theatre. Though it is suitable for children above 8 years old, don't be fooled by the idea of puppetry. It is above all, a ghost story.

The show draws upon tales of deepest winter from the frozen North, across Europe to Japan and much nearer to home. The stories could not be more diverse: from the joyful to the dark, the new and the familiar, all performed by the company of travelling strangers. It's also a celebration of seasonal songs, including the show's own composition, released to raise funds for the Crisis at Christmas charity. What's it about?

Two travelling entertainers, trapped after their latest show by a snow storm, pass the time waiting to leave by telling wintry stories accompanied by beautiful music, songs and enchanting puppetry. What could possibly be wrong? But why are they so keen to move on? Who or what is following behind them?

For more details of the show: <https://www.dogwoodproductions.co.uk/anotherwinterstale>

The tour dates are as below; I have highlighted the ones closest to you.

Burniston and Cloughton Village Hall on Saturday 11th November at 19.30

Sleights Village Hall on Sunday 12th November at 19.30

Goathland Hut on Tuesday 14th November at 19.30

Saltburn Arts Centre on Wednesday 15th November at 19.30

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall on Thursday 16th November at 19.30

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall on Friday 17th November at 19.30

Danby Village Hall on Saturday 18th November at 19.30

Driffild Community Centre on Sunday 19th November at 19.30

Hunmanby Community Centre on Tuesday 21st November at 19.30

Hutton Rudby Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd November at 19.30

Pickering Memorial Hall on Friday 24th November at 19.30

Norton St Peter's Church Hall on Saturday 25th November at 19.30

Whitby Flowergate Hall on Sunday 26th November at 16.00 (matinee)

How much does it cost?

Adults £12.50 but we are willing to talk block booking prices for groups above 10 in number. **If you are interested in block booking, please get in touch directly with us, do not purchase online.**

Best regards. Linda 0748 5128 996

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MISSION TO SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Shoe boxes are being collected for Seafarers far from home, who dock at Teesport over the Christmas period. I asked Graham for more information and he explained that some seafarers join ships in countries, thousands of miles away, in much hotter climates, wearing little more clothing than a T-shirt and shorts. And then they visit the UK in winter. 40 to 50 shoe boxes are donated in the Guisborough area, with more being donated from other towns. The shoe box gifts are all distributed and much appreciated by the recipients, if you'd like to contribute a box here are some ideas to fill one with: warm gloves, woolly hat, disposable razors, toothpaste and brush, bar of chocolate, biscuits, aftershave, shower gel and other similar items. (I always include a pack of playing cards or box of dominoes, so there is a bit of fun to be had, too.) Your Editor can collect, or you may deliver to Graham and Audrey.

Clarks Shoe shop can usually provide an empty box, or perhaps another size could be adapted. Ed.

National u3a Newsletter

<https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=25ed0dc4d9>

National u3a online Learning and Talks - fascinating and interesting online events. Learn and explore the world from home: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

u3a Festival 24

The first ever national u3a Festival is taking place **17-19 July 2024** at the University of York. It's an opportunity to bring members together to celebrate the joy of u3a membership.

Find out more about the festival on [the u3a website](#) and if you have any questions or would like to register your interest, please email festival@u3a.org.uk. Please share this with your members who may be interested and want to take part.

Deadline for the next Newssheet is 30/10/23. Contact Pam.