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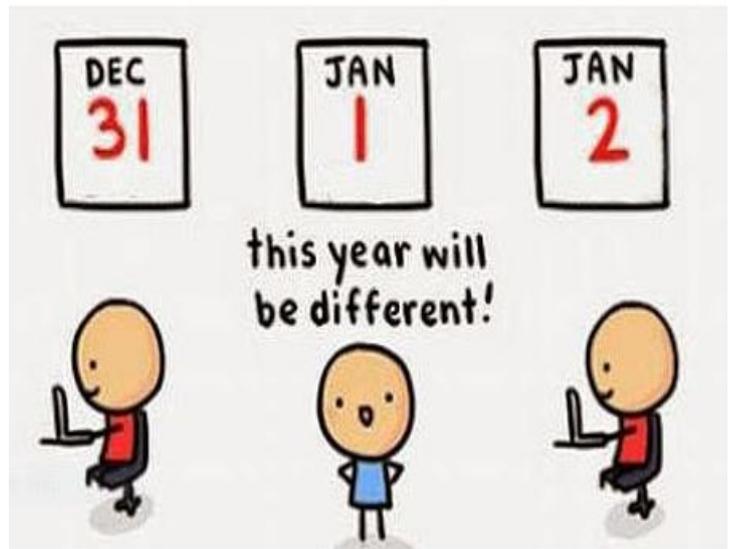
Halesworth and District  
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## Cheer Up!



## Here's hoping that.....



### A few words from our Chairwoman:

I hope that you were able to enjoy the festive season in spite of the rather dull weather and the continuing need to be Covid safe.

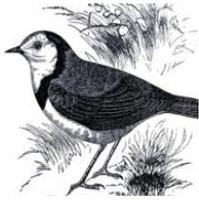
I am pleased to report the u3a Christmas Social Afternoon held on 14th December went very well. Mark Michels gave us a wonderful tour of Christmas around the world; tales poignant and amusing and above all, animated. He is an excellent speaker and was wearing the world's most stylish Christmas jumper.

The Cut did us proud. Refreshments were excellent and mostly made personally by the manager, Aafke. In all we numbered about 30 members and guests, which meant that we were able to spread out and yet we ensured that there was a convivial atmosphere in the Café. We were pleased that members from Bungay, Laxfield and Holton joined us for an enjoyable afternoon.



Members and the post - talk refreshments!

**Editor's Note.** This edition is the first of the new arrangement, agreed by the committee. From now on newsletters will be quarterly with the next one appearing on 1<sup>st</sup> April. The deadline for this edition will be 26<sup>th</sup> March. Will coordinators please use the dedicated email address and Arial font 11:  
[halesworthu3anews@gmail.com](mailto:halesworthu3anews@gmail.com)



**u3a Bird Watching Group** visited RSPB Abbey Farm last month on a chilly but dry day. Our thanks go to Graham for enabling us to visit this varied habitat site not usually open to the public. 40 species were recorded including Siskin, Tree Creeper and Water Pipit which was a new sighting for the group. We also saw 4 species of fungi including Candle Snuff, and Wrinkled Club. In total for 2021 the group has recorded an amazing 110 different species of birds.

For more information about the group or for the list of species seen please visit:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/halesworth/page/55482>

In January we will be visiting Southwold Town Marshes. Happy New Year to you all.



Water Pipit



Tree Creeper



Siskin



Candle Snuff Fungi

**Lunch on Friday Group.** In December the group enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Huntsman and Hounds, Spexhall, setting us up for the festive season. In January we will be visiting The Rumburgh Buck.



If anyone would like to join the group then please get in touch via the website. You will find a 'blue bird' on the Lunch on Friday page, or contact:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/halesworth/page/4104>

Happy New Year to all members.



**Music Appreciation Group.** We continue to meet in the ground floor room in The Cut on the second Tuesday of each month, from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon and our numbers have recently increased. The January meeting will be looking at the development of musical scores for films, featuring the classical composers who composed for this genre in addition to their usual oeuvre, including Arnold, Bernstein, Korngold, Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Walton and Vaughan Williams. The programme to July is on the website.

**The annual u3a summer outing will be on Tuesday 19th July to Bury St Edmunds.** This was postponed from 2020. The coach will leave Halesworth at 9.00 am (tbc).

There will be an optional guided tour of the cathedral, an opportunity to take a tour through time at Moyse's Hall Museum, or enjoy the Abbey Gardens, plus of course, a chance to indulge in some retail therapy! Further details will be given in the April newsletter.



*A Happy New Year!*

John Treadway.