



Littleborough u3a Newsletter January 2024

Happy New Year!

We hope that 2024 will continue to bring you warm
friendship and interesting activities in your u3a.

Dear Friends,

There are many things I would like to see for 2024 including peace for those caught up in wars and health and contentment for us all. I also wish for rather less rain...

In this newsletter you will find:

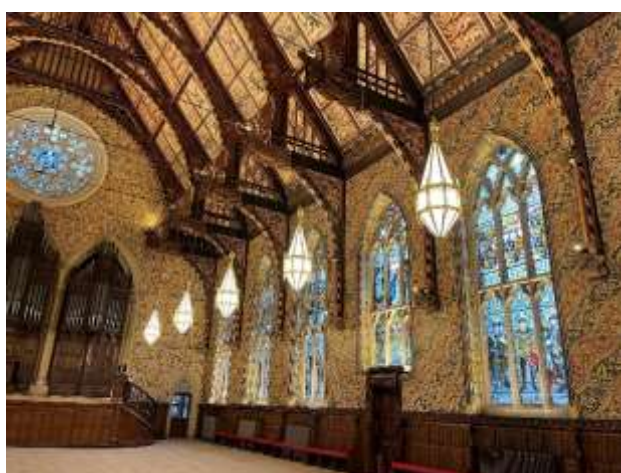
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1. News

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The big news for 2024 is that our u3a will be 10 years old this year. Unbelievable! It seems like only yesterday when Janice Bray and Lis Kay were inviting people to the initial meeting. The u3a started in September 2014 but it was formally registered in December 2014 so we are planning a big Christmas time celebration which we very much hope as many members as possible will attend. To make it extra special but still very local and to ensure that all members can come along, we are looking to hire the newly refurbished great hall in Rochdale Town Hall. Some of us went to have a look last week and I took a couple of photos – it is absolutely stunning!

Keep your eyes open for more details and meanwhile save **the date:**



Saturday December 7th 2024

Rochdale Town Hall newly renovated, opens in March 2024.

New Members Coffee Morning: If you have recently joined the u3a you will receive an invitation to meet with other new members and with committee members for a morning coffee and a chance to ask any questions or tell us your interests. We are hoping this will be on Wednesday morning February 7th in a Littleborough Coffee Shop. More information coming soon.

2. Monthly Meetings

Our next monthly meeting is on Monday next, January 8th at 2pm in Littleborough Coach House. The speaker is our u3a Treasurer **Mark Pearson** who will talk about '***Beating the Bounds: eighteen miles around Littleborough***'. I know I am bound to find out something about Littleborough that I didn't know.

The February monthly meeting is on Monday February 12th and features **Roger Brown** talking about '*The Great American Songbook*'.

We were roundly entertained at our Christmas meeting in December by our own members in the guitar group, the ukulele band, the choir, the Playreading group (a fun extract from Hobson's Choice) and by two Creative Writing groups. It really was an example of the creativity and skills of u3a members.

3. Outings and Foodies

Saturday January 27th: Beetle Drive at Hare Hill House at 2pm. Cost £5 per member. We will play 6 rounds in teams of 4 which will be made up on the day. If you don't know it, it's fun and simple to play.

There will also be a raffle, for which we are looking for prizes so bring your unwanted Christmas presents to the meeting on Monday as a contribution (or other things). This event is a fundraiser for the 10th Anniversary celebrations.

Tuesday March 19th: Coach trip to Llandudno to include lunch and time to explore the town and seafront. Cost £45.50. £10 deposit.

Please sign up for these at the meeting on January 9th or contact Sandra Kokocki (sandrakokocki12@gmail.com)

Our December Foodies event was the Christmas buffet at Harehill House. The room looked festive and the food was excellent as was the storytelling from Veronica Walker, based on the Dickens novel The Christmas Carol. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.



4. Groups

a) New Groups:

These groups are looking for members to express an interest in order to start up a new group. We generally launch a group if we have at least 6 members signed up. We only need a couple more for some of these so if you are interested, please contact Cindy Drinkwater, u3a Groups Coordinator on cindysdw@gmail.com

- French Beginners – for those who have little or no French
- French Improvers – for those who want to extend their knowledge of French
- Spanish Beginners
- German

Genealogy – we have a number of people signed up who want to start a new group so please let Gillian Pearson know if you are interested in joining at the start of the group. Contact gillianpearson_u3a@icloud.com

b) Group dates:

The regular meeting times for groups are on our website. Where dates or venues vary, group convenors email group members directly so you need to be included as a group member to receive information directly.

Quiz Group: Thursday January 18th in the Red Lion Pub, opening at 2pm for a start at 2.30pm

Craft Group: January 15th Woollen Hangings
January 25th: to be decided

All meetings at Hare Hill House

5. Quiz Answers

Here are the answers to the two Christmas quizzes from the last newsletter.

Quiz Number One

12 Days of Christmas Quiz Answers

- 1) Steve Coogan.
- 2) Donatello & Leonardo.
- 3) a. Chicken Cordon Bleu, b. Duck A L'Orange, c. Chicken Chasseur
- 4) a. Blackbird. b. Wren, c. Robin d. Nightingale.
- 5) Blue Yellow Black Green Red.
- 6) a. French, b. Spanish, c. Swahili, d, Maori, e. Welsh, f. Finnish
- 7) Swimmers :- Adam Peatty, Anita Lonsbrough, David Wilkie, Rebecca Adlington, Ellie Simmonds, Duncan Goodhew, Jazz Carlin.
- 8) a. Goat, b. Cow, c. Camel, d. Cow, e. Sheep, f. Cow, g. Buffalo, h. Donkey.
- 9) Dancers;- Susanna Reid, Kara Tointon, Faye Tozer, Denise Van Outen, Alesha Dixon, Natasha Kaplinsky, Abbey Clancy, Frankie Bridge, Rose Ayling-Ellis.
10. a) Tarzan, b) Macbeth, c) Dorothy L Sayers books, d) Shrek, e) Harry Potter, f) His Dark Materials, g) Game of Thrones, h) The Chronicles of Narnia, i) Blandings castle, j) Lord of the Rings.
11. a) Flute, b) Bagpipes, c) French Horn, d) Piccolo, e.) Harmonica, f) Trumpet, g) Oboe, h) Tuba i) Cor Anglais, j) Recorder, k) Trombone.
12. a) Come they told me, b) Karen, c) Pete Best. d) The Honeycombs, e) Cadbury Dairy Milk, f) Trinidad & Tobago g) Ringo Star h) 76 Trombones I) Circus Boy, j) Arm, k) Phil Collins, l) Steptoe & Son (Albert & Harold)

Quiz Number Two

Write the name of the language at the side of the greeting

1. Geseënde Kersfees	Boer
2. Boas Festas e Feliz Ano Novo	Brazilian
3. Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva is Novim Godom	Russian

4. Hristos se rodi	Serbian
5. Feliz Navidad	Spanish
6. God Juland (och) Ett Gott Nytt År	Swedish
7. Srozhdestvom Kristovym	Ukrainian
8. Nadolig Llawen	Welsh
9. Feliz Natal	Portuguese
10. Natale hilare et Annum Faustum!	Latin
11. Buone Feste Natalizie	Italian
12. Mele Kalikimaka	Hawaii
13. Froehliche Weihnachten	German
14. Joyeux Noel	French
15. Zalig Kerstfeest en Gelukkig nieuw jaar	Flemish
16. Judtline pivdluarit ukiortame pivdluaritio!	Eskimo
17. Glædelig Jul	Danish
18. Sretan Bozic	Croat
19. Zorion eta Urte Berri On!	Basque
20. Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah	Egyptian



And, finally, here is a little additional entertainment for you: Football teams and their nicknames.

I welcome contributions to the newsletter especially news

from our groups. I may not always be able to include everything you send me – I try not to overwhelm the readers – but I am happy to receive your stories.

Best wishes to you all.

Jo Wiggans