

Saltburn District



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Message from the Chair – December 2022

Season's greetings to you all.

2022 has been a very quick year for all of us; I think this might be because life has finally picked up to where it was prior to the pandemic and keeping busy makes time pass fast.

It's been a good year for Saltburn District u3a; we have seen our membership grow again to almost 750 members with 57 topics on offer at 67 groups and more coming. Our Update meetings are well attended and our 40th anniversary was very successful. We all really enjoyed the day and received lots of very positive feedback.

There have also been changes on the committee and I'm pleased to say that we have two volunteers to take on the Secretarial role. But we are still looking for a treasurer if anyone out there would like to help?

All this leads up to me saying a big THANK YOU to you all for being supporters of Saltburn District u3a and I hope our successes continue in the coming years.

Gaye Batiz – Chair Saltburn District u3a

On Behalf Of Everyone on the Committee, I Wish You a Very Peaceful Christmas and A Happy And Healthy 2023



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Editorial

Well, can you believe it, we are nearly at the end of another year and Saltburn District u3a is as strong as it ever was despite Brexit, Covid and all the other problems the world is facing at the current time.

So we need to remember that the u3a provides a welcome refuge from worldly cares. Our classes are well attended with new ones starting. We have had the 40th anniversary event with the inspired drone shot of members on the beach spelling out SDu3a .

I hope all of you who attended enjoyed the Update Xmas Extravaganza. A big THANK YOU to all the people who took part or helped to put it on. Lots of photos inside this edition.

It just remains for me, on behalf of the Newsletter Team, to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Howard Leake

“MONTHLY UPDATE”

THE JANUARY UPDATE WILL BE ON FRIDAY JANUARY 6TH

At

SCAA (Saltburn Community Centre) & will also be available on Zoom

on Friday **JANUARY 6TH** at 09.45 am.

The order of the morning will be:



- 9.45am – doors open
- Coffee/tea to be served until approx 10.15am
- 10.15am - Business, updates and notices

After the notices there will still be the opportunity to speak to committee members, sign up for groups, continue conversations etc, so don't feel you have to rush away!

Entrance fee remains £1.

FEBRUARY UPDATE MEETING - FEBRUARY 3RD A Speaker will be decided nearer the date

THEATRE COFFEE MORNINGS EVERY 2ND SAT 10 AM - ECHO CENTRE

Article deadline for next newsletter is Friday February 17th

By email to: h.leake@ntlworld.com

Or

By hand to any of the newsletter team.

Northumbria Messenger is available on the Newsletter web site page.

Gaye Batiz – Chair

Group News

It hardly seems possible that we are nearly at the end of the year! Groups have continued to thrive and expand. New groups have been added to the extensive range of activities on offer, the most recent being Italian Conversation which launched on the 30th of November.

The Christmas workshops have been well attended and, apart from proudly leaving the session with a decoration or edible treat, they are great social occasions with attendees meeting new people, learning about what happens in other groups and finding a surprising number of 'it's a small world' moments.

A very Merry Christmas to all with particular thanks to our hard-working group leaders (and their deputies) for making SDu3a a warm and welcoming second home for our members.

I would also like to say a thank you to all the volunteers who did such a lot of background work for both the 40th anniversary event and the Christmas Update Extravaganza – 'Team work makes the dream work!'

See you at the January Update when Helen and I will have a nice new pile of group lists ready for you.

Karin

Membership

We would like to thank our team for their support throughout the year at monthly update meetings. Without them the task of enrolling new members would be impossible.

We would also like to remind all members that the annual renewal process will begin again in April 2023. We will alert you to dates, times and venues for this nearer the time.

Until then we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Louise and Mary

Coming soon a new Poetry Reading group

Poetry Reading 3



Would anyone like to join a third Poetry Reading Group? Unfortunately the existing two groups are full and Bill Dobson, who recites regularly at the Cutty Wren Folk Club, would like to start a new one.

An interest sheet will be available at the next Update meeting on 5 January or you can contact me direct via our website or by email to: karinsladeu3a@gmail.com

Karin



Peter and the Winning Baguette

Bread is the most important food to any French person. It is eaten at every meal - the main ingredient at breakfast and always eaten, accompanying the lunch and dinner meals - used especially to mop up any sauce or soup. So during last Summer's session the French Conversation Group read with interest an article about a bread - a baguette - competition among the bakers' shops - les boulangeries - in Paris.

We learned that Monsieur Dedun had won Le Grand Prix de la Baguette, owning a boulangerie in Paris' 15th Arrondissement.

Peter, one of our group members, immediately announced that he was going to Paris in early September to celebrate his wife's special birthday. He was going to find this bakery and introduce himself and our group to Monsieur Dedun. So there was a great flurry of street maps of Paris and we eventually found the boulangerie

Our Autumn session began with Peter's account of his "baguette" expedition. Monsieur Dedun and all his staff were delighted to know that news of their success had reached the North East of England. Peter was duly gifted a baguette and he bought for our "pause-café" some delicious almond biscuits. Merci beaucoup, Peter.

Sally Melvin - Leader French Conversation Group.

Monsieur Dedun with Peter & a Baguette



Last minute PS. the 'humble baguette' has now been awarded World Heritage Statue. Its true!!

Tennants Auctioneers

The theatre group had an enjoyable day at Tennants Auctioneers at Leyburn. If you have never been then it's well worth a visit – Bargain Hunt it isn't!!

Set in the countryside, the company is now housed in purpose-built accommodation and impresses from the start. The very imposing atrium leads to galleries and show-cabinets – one of which displayed a painting by Lowry which had sold for £1.5M! Open to the public was a café, Bistro and shop (affordable) as well as beautifully laid out display rooms (see photo).

Barbara Spight had organised a 'behind-the-scenes' guided tour of the auction rooms which was fascinating. We were given interesting history and anecdotes about Tennants by well qualified guides. If you have (or want) 150 long-case clocks then this is the place to go!! An excellent lunch and tea was also part of the tour. Put it on your 'to-do' list.

Thanks Barbara.

Hugh Melvin

A Pleasurable Day at Tennants Auctioneers, Leyburn

