

Saltburn District



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Letter from the Chair - March 2023

Welcome to the start of spring issue! Years ago I joined an astrology group and I remember reading that if you ask people for their favourite season, a high percentage will give the season that coincides with the month of their birth. It worked for me (Spring - April) because from being a small child I always look for the first signs that the earth is waking up again after its winter slumber: the change in birdsong, the breaking buds, the snowdrops and crocus popping their heads out. It always gave me a sense of awareness of love and new beginnings...

This year will see the start of my final year as Chair; it also sees the start of the 6th year for two of our key committee members who will then have to take a year out. One of the challenges this year will be to recruit members who are willing to give a little time to help run SDu3a.

Remember that you need to renew your membership from 1 April and I hope you can make it to our AGM on the 5th May. I'll be presenting a report on our achievements for year 2022-23 and we will be voting in the 2023-24 committee.

Gaye Batiz – Chair Saltburn District u3a

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Editorial

It's coming up to that time of year again: time to renew your SDu3a membership. As you will read in the report of a talk by the Chair of Northumbria Region, many u3as are struggling to keep going or have even had to close. But thanks to our wonderful members and volunteers Saltburn District continues to thrive. And we have even managed to keep this year's membership fee at the bargain price of £10! Looking forward to another successful year in 2023-24.

Tricia Salt

“MONTHLY UPDATE”

THE APRIL UPDATE WILL BE ON FRIDAY MARCH 31ST

(AS THE FIRST FRIDAY IN APRIL IS GOOD FRIDAY.)

THIS UPDATE MEETING IS BEING HELD IN THE THEATRE & NOT THE HALL

ACCESS ONLY BY THE FRONT THEATRE DOORS (THERE IS AN EVENT IN THE HALL)

THE MAY UPDATE WILL BE ON FRIDAY MAY 5TH

(THIS MEETING IS ALSO THE AGM)

&

THE JUNE UPDATE WILL BE ON FRIDAY JUNE 2ND

At

SCAA (Saltburn Community Centre) & will also be available on Zoom
on Friday **MARCH 31ST** at 09.45 am, in the Theatre not the Hall

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.

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

MARCH 31ST

A Speaker will be decided nearer the date

MAY 5TH

A Speaker will be decided nearer the date

JUNE 2ND

A Speaker will be decided nearer the date

Article deadline for next newsletter is Friday May 18th

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



Preliminary Notice of the Annual General Meeting

Saltburn District u3a - Charity No. 1109691

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Saltburn District u3a will be held at Saltburn Community & Arts Association Ltd, Albion Tce, Saltburn by the Sea, TS12 1JW on :

5th May 2023 at 10:00am

A Zoom Link will be sent out prior to the date for those unable to attend in person.

You will be able to make your vote using Zoom.

At the Annual General Meeting, members of SDu3a will be asked to consider and vote on proposed resolutions.

According to our constitution the election of officers shall take place at the AGM.

Nominations for the committee should be received by the Secretary, by Friday 31st March 2023 or given to any member of the committee by that date.

Nomination forms will be available for download using the **committee** tab/button for the SDu3a website. They require a proposer and seconder; all must be current members of SDu3a.

Should nominations exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot at the AGM.

Current committee members who have served two years may apply for re-election.

Notice of any motions for the AGM, which must be seconded, must be received by the Secretary, or handed to a committee member by Friday 31st March, 2023.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/saltburn/home>

By order of the Committee of Saltburn District u3a

Group Coordinators report

Upcoming vacancy in 2024

Yes, I know we are still in the first third of 2023 but my time as Groups Coordinator comes to its end next year and I am hopeful that I can tempt one or more of you to consider shadowing me with a view to taking on this role. It is, undeniably, a busy role but in bursts rather than consistently and one that is immensely rewarding in the interactions to be had with group leaders and members.

Committee membership, while useful, is NOT a requirement for this role. There is a job description to guide the role but outside of these guidelines the role is very malleable to fit what the individual has time to do and wants to do. It is also a role that can be very successfully undertaken by two people working together as a partnership.

An expression of interest does not commit you in any way and I would be very happy to meet for an informal chat, preferably over coffee and cake, at a time to suit you. My email address is karinsladeu3a@gmail.com

Most of our groups require contact with the group leader before joining to make sure there is a space for them, but this is not the case for the Local History Group. Any of our members can simply turn up on the day and enjoy an informative and entertaining hour on an aspect of local history topped off with a hot drink and biscuit. This is a monthly group, and the current spring/summer programme is underway with the next meeting on Wednesday, 8th of March in the upstairs room of the Saltburn Methodist Hall on Milton Street. The programme can be viewed on the SDu3a website and further dates are 12th April, 10th May and 14th June – this latter will be a local outing. The cost of this group is £2 to cover any speaker charges. Starting time is 10am.

Thank you

Karin Slade

Membership News

Hello everyone,

We wanted to remind you that we are rapidly approaching our membership subscription renewal period which will begin on 1st April.

Thanks largely to our fabulous Treasurer managing the accounts so well, we are able to retain our current subscription cost of £10.00 for the year (plus £3.60 if you wish to have a copy of Third Age Matters magazine posted to your home address five times over the year.)

New membership forms will be available from 31st March and we will be operating our usual schedule of renewal sessions - **see details in the table below.**

“Do I have to fill in another form?” - This is a question we are asked every year and the answer is a simple - **“YES, please!”** Completing the form enables us to undertake an annual check that we have the correct details for you and ensures that any updated email addresses or phone numbers are correct.

We would also like to encourage members to complete the **emergency contact** section of the form. This is useful in case of accident or injury and will enable Group Leaders to get support from your nearest and dearest should the need ever arise!

Also a reminder that we will no longer be issuing membership cards. The email you receive, following payment and submission of your form, will confirm your membership number and can be used for proof of membership, should the need arise.

Obviously, this is a very busy time for the Membership Team and we thank you in advance for your patience. The team is supported by several volunteers during this period and we are all working together to make the process as simple and efficient as possible.

Louise and Mary - Membership Team

SDu3a MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SCHEDULE 2023

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Friday	31 st March	9:45 am to 10:30 am	SCAA Theatre TS12 1JW
Monday	3 rd April	11:00 am to 1:30 pm	Parlours Café TS12 1AE
Tuesday	4 th April	11:00 am to 1:30 pm	Parlours Café
Saturday	8 th April	9:30 am to 11:00 am	Theatre Group - Echo Centre TS12 1LE
Tuesday	11 th April	11:00 am to 1:30 pm	Parlours Café
Friday	14 th April	11:00 am to 1:30 pm	Parlours Café
Monday	17 th April	11:00 am to 1:30 pm	Parlours Café
Tuesday	18 th April	11:00 am to 1:30 pm	Parlours Café
Friday	21 st April	11:00 am to 1:30 pm	Parlours Café
Monday	24 th April	11:00 am to 1:30 pm	Parlours Café
Tuesday	25 th April	11:00 am to 1:30 pm	Parlours Café
Friday	28 th April	11:00 am to 1:30 pm	Parlours Café

GIFT AID



TICK THAT BOX!

As registered charities, u3a's are eligible to claim **Gift Aid** relief on membership subscriptions and donations.

This means that each year when you renew your SDu3a membership subscription or if you make us a donation, we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you subscribe and/or donate. That's as long as you've paid the basic rate of tax and make the donation from your own funds.

That means Gift Aid can increase the value of your contributions by 25%, so you can give even more to our fabulous u3a!

So, please give this some thought and if you qualify, consider ticking the box on the renewal form in April.

Thank you

£100> Gift Aid> £125

