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Welcome to the 2024 Spring Newsletter

This is an important time of year for Saltburn District u3a, as it is Membership Renewal time in April and we hold our AGM in May (on Friday 3rd). You will find detailed information later in this Newsletter about both of these, including a list of all the dates and places when you can pay your 2024/25 membership fees. And it will still only cost you £10 per year!

It is also the time that many of our officers on the Committee will be stepping down and new faces will be taking on their roles. We are sure you would like to join us in thanking them for all their hard work and for their invaluable contributions to the quarterly Newsletter.

We also have to say our goodbyes and thanks to Hugh Melvin who has decided to withdraw from the Newsletter team, but we will no doubt still be calling on him when we need great photographs!

Inside you will find news on Groups, Update Meetings, Membership Information, and a look back at some of the events and news since our last issue in December 2023. Look for The Valley of Light, u3a Festival, 50/50 Prize Draw, and an important message from our Chair.

The newsletter team would love to hear from you via the website - your views on the new style of the newsletter are most welcome. After all, it is YOUR newsletter – so anything goes. We need your views to make this newsletter something you want to read as soon as it arrives in your email inbox.

Howard Leake, Tricia Salt, Val Moore, Anne Menzies and Sarah Telfer
Your Newsletter Team

Message From The Chair

This is my last message to you all as Chair as my 3-year tenure is up and a new Chair must be chosen in May. Most of you know that I had returned from living in the USA and knew nothing about u3a apart from a good friend telling me they needed help with the committee. I expected to take on an admin role and work my way through the ranks; it was also that crazy time of Covid, Lockdowns, and Zoom meetings. Imagine my surprise when I ended up Chair! It's been a very interesting 3 years and oddly enough, it's only in the last 6 months that I have felt fully confident in the role. However, I will be staying on the committee in a different role but am not sure which yet.

I am pleased to say that we have a full slate for the upcoming committee with three members coming forward for election at the AGM in May. I'm also very happy with the response to my plea for Key Workers – we cannot survive without you – a BIG THANK YOU TO ALL who contribute to keeping our u3a district running smoothly.

The other message I want to send out is that being on the committee is not hard work; it can keep you busy at times especially if you cannot say NO: I never learn! I'd like to ask you all to think about being a committee member in the future – without people putting themselves forward, we would have to shut down and that would be hard on a lot of people who rely on u3a for social activities. We do have a lot of fun on the committee and I've seen some amazing teamwork during my tenure.

I'll finish off by saying it has been a pleasure being your Chair and I hope to continue to help Saltburn District u3a run smoothly.

Bye from me as Chair – Gaye Batiz



Dear Members

As you are aware it is membership renewal time. I know that our wonderful membership team will be assisting you in every way possible with renewals. But may I please take this opportunity to remind you to tick one very important box (if you are eligible).

This is the GIFT AID BOX. If you are a current UK taxpayer on any of your income please tick this box as it makes a big difference to us. For every eligible member, the Government credits us approximately 25% of your membership fee. In the last financial year, this equated to a little over £900.00.

With the ever-increasing rent costs of our venues, we want to do everything possible to keep our membership fee as minimal as possible. This is one way you can assist.

Please remember to only tick this box if you are a UK Taxpayer. A UK taxpayer has an income above £12571.00 per year and pays UK tax.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Best Wishes,

Paul Bradbury (Treasurer)

“MONTHLY UPDATE”

THE APRIL UPDATE WILL BE ON FRIDAY APRIL 5TH

&

THE MAY UPDATE WILL BE ON FRIDAY MAY 3RD

At

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

on Friday **APRIL 5TH** at 09.45 am, in 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

Article deadline for next newsletter is Friday **MAY 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.

FUTURE UPDATE MEETINGS

APRIL 2024 SIGHT LOSS PRESENTATION

MAY 2024 AGM

JUNE 2024 DESERT ISLAND DISCS

JULY 2024 SINGING FOR PLEASURE



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 :

3rd May 2024 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 Administrative Secretary, by Friday 5th April, 2024 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 Administrative Secretary, or handed to a committee member by Friday 5th April, 2024.

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

By order of the Committee of Saltburn District u3a



Yes - it will soon be April again and that can only mean one thing . . .

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS. Membership remains at **£10.00 for the year** or £13.60 (£3.60 delivery charge) if you would like five copies of

Third Age Matters magazine (*available free to all u3a members*) delivered directly to your home address.

As always, we will be providing multiple opportunities for you to pay your membership fees; including at the April Update meeting, April Theatre Group meeting together with various sessions at Saltburn Library. We are very grateful to the staff in the library for facilitating this for us.

The full list of renewal dates is provided below.

Please remember that we require a completed renewal form together with payment which you can make by bank transfer (preferred) or by cheque or cash. Forms will be available at each of the venues listed below and some Group Leaders may also provide these for their group members – just ask. You can also download them from our website; just go to "Links" at the top of the page and you will find the form there.

This year we will also have the use of a card-reader machine (for debit cards only) which will assist us in processing your payments more efficiently. **Please note however, that we are NOT able to accept credit card payments.**

2024/25 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS			
Day	Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday	3 rd April	11:00 – 1:00	Saltburn Library
Thursday	4 th April	11:00 – 1:00	Saltburn Library
Friday	5 th April	9:45 – 10:30	Update Meeting, SCAA Hall
Wednesday	10 th April	11:00 – 1:00	Saltburn Library
Thursday	11 th April	11:00 – 1:00	Saltburn Library
Saturday	13 th April	10:00 – 11:00	Theatre Group, Echo Centre
Wednesday	17 th April	11:00 – 1:00	Saltburn Library
Thursday	18 th April	11:00 – 1:00	Saltburn Library
Monday	22 nd April	11:00 – 1:00	Saltburn Library
Thursday	25 th April	11:00 – 1:00	Saltburn Library
Monday	29 th April	11:00 – 1:00	Saltburn Library

TICK THAT BOX!

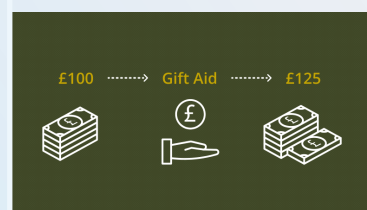
I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate our Treasurer's appeal. As registered charities, u3as are eligible to claim **Gift Aid** relief on membership subscriptions and donations.

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



Do you want to win cash prizes every month?

Then join our new 50/50 DRAW

Dear Members,

I am pleased to announce the start of a 50/50 draw which will take place at each Update meeting.

With the first draw to take place on the 3rd May 2024.

Tickets will be available initially via certain group leaders and will also be sold at the update meeting.

Tickets can also be purchased directly from myself by email at: 5050u3a@gmail.com making payment by bank transfer or cheque. However it would perhaps be better to purchase 6 months or more at a time. I will allocate you your monthly ticket number by a return email to you.

Tickets are £1.00 each and are valid for that month's draw only. Don't forget you can purchase more than one ticket per draw: there is no limit. The total amount of ticket sales per month will be divided 50/50 between cash prize and a group project fund.

Prizes will be allocated to the first 5 tickets drawn each month. For instance, if 120 tickets are sold, £60.00 will be returned in prize money and £60.00 will go to the project fund.

The project fund will be held by the treasurer and be ring fenced and only be available for groups to apply, to replace old and worn-out equipment or to equip new start up groups.

All winners will be advertised in the following quarter's newsletter. I will be running this as a group and will be the group leader.



Thank you

Paul Bradbury