



## SEATON THIRD AGE

### MONTHLY BULLETIN



January 2024



### MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday 23<sup>RD</sup> January 2024 2 PM



## The history, organisation and funding of the RNLI

A Talk by Dr James Taylor

Organised by the Programme and Publicity Team

#### Note:

You may remember that Stewart Raine, who was our speaker in November, donated his fee of £50 to the RNLI. He has provided a copy of the letter he received in acknowledgment and it can be read at the end of this Bulletin.

## COMMITTEE STUFF

Happy New Year to you all and hope you enjoyed Christmas.

I am particularly keen to welcome all the new members who have joined at and since our Open Day in September last year.

Unfortunately, so far no one has come forward to join the Committee and we urgently need a new Secretary. Without this post being filled Seaton u3a will not be able to carry on, so please someone come forward and join us on the Committee.

We also need a Publicity officer . This post does not require you to be a full Committee member but you can attend Committee meetings as and when necessary to tell us what you may be planning in order to get our word out to the Community. You can contact me regarding either post by phone (0129722661) or by email ([valnightingale67@yahoo.com](mailto:valnightingale67@yahoo.com)) or at the monthly meeting at the Gateway..

Val Nightingale, Chair

#### Also:

Volunteers needed to help with teas at the general meeting on Tuesday 23rd please. I need 3 people to help with teas for the January meeting as we didn't book anyone in advance due to Christmas. Please email me if you'd like to help:

[franshepherd48@gmail.com](mailto:franshepherd48@gmail.com)

Many thanks, Fran

## GROUP STUFF



## TENTH ANNIVERSARY

February 2014 to 2024



### THE JAZZ APPRECIATION GROUP CELEBRATES ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY IN FEBRUARY

The Group first convened on Tuesday 18th February 2014 at Winston's in Harbour Road and then moved to the Town Hall in September of that year and since September 2021 meetings have been at the Methodist Church. The first meeting was attended by 8 people and over the months membership gradually increased, when in November 2014 the group size reached 20, this number has been the average number ever since.

We meet monthly 11 times a year for 2 hours, but over the last ten years 15 months were lost to Covid between April 2020 and September 2021. For most months during that time 'The Seaton Jazz News' was produced with themed playlists, news, quizzes and poetry to maintain the group identity.

Incidentally, we are one of just 72 jazz orientated groups nationally in the u3a

Over the Ten-Year Period

- There were 95 Meetings with 95 different programmes made up of 77 audio presentations and 18 video programmes
- During the 77 audio sessions an estimated 1820 jazz tracks have been played
- The 18hrs of video covered jazz history, music and artists.
- There have been an estimated 1,600 attendances by Seaton u3a jazz enthusiasts over the ten-year period.

Further information contact Clive: [clivew40@uwclub.net](mailto:clivew40@uwclub.net)



### A NEW u3a GROUP IS STARTING VERY SOON



**Inaugural Meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2 - 4 pm  
at The Seaton Library**

Please bring along a piece of poetry that you enjoy so that you can share it with the group

Further details will be available at the u3a monthly meeting on 23 January  
or contact Madeline: [madswatson@gmail.com](mailto:madswatson@gmail.com)

## OTHER STUFF`

Here is the acknowledgment letter from the RNLI that was sent to Mr Raine, our speaker at the meeting last November:

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09 January 2024

Dear Mr Raine

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous gift of £50.00 from the talk that you gave at Seaton U3A. Every penny we receive is crucial to our lifesaving work and without supporters like you, we simply couldn't continue.

The RNLI continues to rely on voluntary contributions and legacies for income. It is only through kind gifts such as yours that we are able to provide our volunteer lifeboat crews and beach lifeguards with efficient boats; equipment and training that are needed to save lives at sea.

Last year, on average, our courageous lifeboat crews rescued 23 lives every day.

We launched our service a total of 8,244 times saving 238 lives and rescuing a further 8,356 people. The fact we can't predict how many times we'll be called out, and with the demand on our service continuing to grow, planning for the future is always a challenge.

On behalf of everyone at the RNLI, I would like to say thank you once more, and I hope that you'll support us in the future.

Yours sincerely



Alison Murphy  
Supporter Experience Manager

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