

# u3a learn, laugh, live



## Festivities and looking ahead to January

By Hazel Adamson, Chair of Hornsea & District u3a

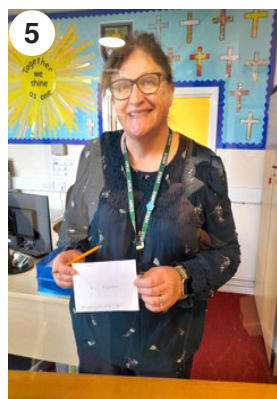
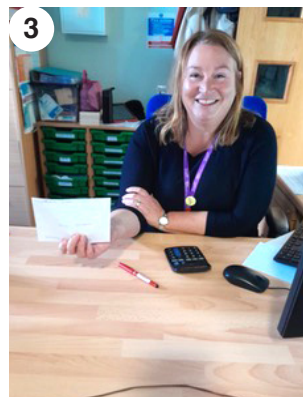
The weather has taken a turn, but that means we're not only approaching the season of winter, but also Christmas. At Christmas, and especially during its long build-up, people of all ages are thinking about the baby born in a stable long ago, almost without realising it. They're looking at God's salvation plan and starting to see its relevance to them. A plan with hope, joy and love. This of course is highlighted with the season of lights, our homes decorated with trees and lights inside and possibly outside. I love to see all the lights decorating people's houses and gardens and imagine the warm and cosy atmosphere inside. It is also a time to appreciate what we have; and realising our 'riches' are with family and friends. Christmas is also seen as a time of giving and receiving, so I do hope you all receive in your Christmas stocking something that you like and not something to put in the back of the cupboard for the next raffle prize! Whilst I am praising the celebration and happiness of Christmas, we need also to remember that many people will be alone. As soon as Christmas decorations etc appear in the shops there will be those who start to have a sinking feeling. A looming few days of isolation, so spare a thought if you know of anyone on their own this Christmas and spread the joy with caring and sharing. By the time you read this we will have been entertained by Malcolm Dorsey and sung Christmas Carols in preparation for getting mentally tuned for Christmas.

**The Christmas Tree** festival in St Nicholas Church will showcase our u3a tree; please visit and see what a great job Linda Sharp has done representing your u3a.

### Hornsea History

Presenting a USB stick of Memories from post war Hornsea to Michelle Bell Headmistress of Beeford CV Primary School. Pictured in image 1 are Angela Atkinson, who with her team helped organise the celebration in September, Hazel Adamson Chair of Hornsea & District u3a and receiving the USB stick are Sophia and Max Cammidge.

Other Primary schools in and around Hornsea were also presented with memory sticks by Rita (Photos: 2. Aldbrough, 3. Sigglesworth, 4. Hornsea Community Primary, 5. Leven, 6. Hornsea Burton and Skipsea Primary Schools.)



### Remembrance Day

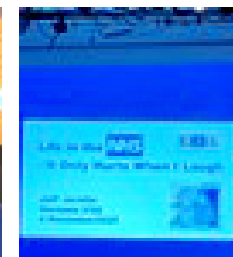
Here's Paddy, our Hornsea & District u3a Vice Chair, representing us for the annual Remembrance Day Service in the Hornsea Memorial Gardens.

### Focus on..... Gardening Group

Are you interested in gardening, and enjoy visiting a range of different gardens? Why not join the Gardening group as they travel to gardens in the local area for private tours. A programme of visits are arranged for the year. Times and dates vary. Interested? Contact the website and look under Groups. [hornsea.u3asite.uk](http://hornsea.u3asite.uk)

### Recap on November speaker

Jeff Jacklin took us on a journey through the beginnings of the NHS, with emotional trauma of how families existed before the NHS. He then made us laugh and laugh and laugh. Good news is that he will be back in October 2026.



### We Need Your Help

Could we ask our membership and anyone who reads this article, to remember Hornsea & District u3a when they shop in the Co-op. We have been nominated by the Co-op as their chosen charity and every time you shop in the Co-op there is the opportunity to enable us to receive funding. This will help us to achieve the many ideas/suggestions we have for 2026.

And last but not least for 2025 we welcome the newly elected Committee and New Committee members: Carl and Rita.

### 2026

Amongst your few or many resolutions, maybe you could consider being part of the committee, or 'ghosting' a current committee member with a view to taking over the role in the future. We have a couple of upcoming vacancies. "Help shape the future of your u3a".



### Kath writes.....

**Christmas Meal// Festive Lunch The Barn, Longbeach Caravan Park, Hornsea Tuesday 20 January 2026, 12.30 for 1pm dine, £25.**

This includes 2 course meal from the carvery with 3 vegetarian options, followed by dessert and entertainment. And complete with a raffle of wrapped bottles (of any description) as prizes. Last year this was well received and put a fun twist on the prizes. You could get a bottle of plonk, or a bottle of still water. Contributions would be appreciated.

To book your place please pay Kath Connor at the latest January 6th monthly meeting. If you will not be at the meeting contact Kath on 0741 9730809 to make arrangements to pay and receive your ticket.

### Do you know Hornsea and District?

Over this next year I will be featuring interest locations of Hornsea & District. If you have any 'out of the way' interest sites of Hornsea and District that you think people would be interested in and would like featuring, please let me know. [hornseau3a.chair@gmail.com](mailto:hornseau3a.chair@gmail.com)

**January 6th '26 speaker.** Steve Southcoat - speaker and author on 17c Medicine and Surgery. He would like a volunteer to experiment on please.

**Please note** that January is the month in which the Floral Hall do their 'deep clean'. So there won't be any refreshments available. Please bring your own if required.

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND AN INTERESTING NEW YEAR. Hazel**

The next meeting at the Floral Hall is on Tuesday 6th January with Steve Southcoat - speaker and author on 17c Medicine and Surgery. The doors open at 10am and we make a start at 10.30am.

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