

*Happy New Year*



Christmas Party – Last month instead of our usual monthly meeting we met at Wearside Farm to enjoy a Festive meal. As well as eating we also enjoyed a quiz, bingo and of course lots of chat. It was much enjoyed by all.



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As we start a new year, here are some events that we are planning: A series of interesting speakers is lined up for you, thanks to our speaker secretary, David.

In March we will be holding our Springtime Chatterbox Lunch.

We are thinking about places to visit, not too far away and where members can use public transport or car share, as hiring a coach is now expensive; although we hope to have a day out by coach later in the year.

The first of these visits will be to Redhills Durham Miners Hall, which has been recently refurbished and "alongside its past, is being reimagined as a centre for culture, learning and social action". Please sign the sheet at the back of the hall if you would be interested in joining this visit, the cost is £6.50 per person, including refreshments. We will book this shortly, for later in February or early March, and will be taking definite numbers and payment at next month's meeting.

On Tuesday 12th May Northumbria Regional u3a are hosting a festival of fun, music and learning at Ushaw House. The cost is £25 to include lunch and refreshments during the day. Our camera group will be running one of the workshops. If you would like to know more, please speak to Keith, who is currently Acting Chair for the Region. **Diana, Chair**

## Photography Group

The Photography group met on Thursday 8th January and shared photos from our photoshoot in Sunderland in November and discussed and saw examples of how photos could be used for a quiz to be shown later this year.



## Quiz answers

1. silly flighty person 2. I traitor or collaborator 3. C display a noble generosity 4. C polite or polished 5. I unprincipled or depraved 6. I irritable disposition 7. C having shapely buttocks 8. C pleasing to the ear 9. C pleasant and sociable 10. I hypocritically pious.

## STROLLS

On 16 th December, eleven strollers went on our annual Christmas visit to Beamish Museum. We walked to the 40's farm, where there were warming fires in the cottage and farmhouse, but no home baked goodies to sample this time. Then we walked onto the Edwardian town for refreshments in the café there. Next it was on to the 50's town to look in the shops and houses there. Finally we had a ride on a tram back to the entrance. **Diana**



On 30th December a small group of us re-visited Beamish to see the rest of the Christmas exhibitions. The best of these by far was a miniature trail of buildings adorned with Christmas decorations and elves hanging out of windows ....This was being enjoyed by children and adults alike and was well worth the return visit. At Pockerly Manor there were musicians playing, creating a festive atmosphere by the glowing traditional fire. **Linda**



**QUIZ** –For each statement say whether it is complimentary or insulting. (C or I)

1. Before we went to her house, Hannah told us her aunt was a flibbertigibbet.
2. During the war, Tony’s grandad earned a reputation as a quisling.
3. The billionaire’s magnanimity was a frequent topic on social media.
4. Darla thought her daughter’s new boyfriend was certainly urbane.
5. Kelly reconnected with her old friend and was surprised she’d become a reprobate.
6. Yasmin was ornery when it came to schoolwork.
7. The marble statue had a callipygian quality.
8. Oscar could hear his wife’s dulcet tones emanating from the shower
9. The old man was congenial with just about everyone on the bus.
10. The sanctimonious leader began issuing new proclamations.

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

<b>Local History</b> <b>Woodridge Gardens</b>	Wednesday 10:00 am 3rd in month – <b>Shirley Talbot</b>	<b>Film Club</b> <b>Woodridge Gardens</b>	Friday 2pm <i>dates and time vary</i> – <b>David Taylor</b>
<b>Day Outings</b>	As and when	<b>Dominoes</b>	Monday 2 p.m. Alternate weeks – <b>Diana Clark</b>
<b>Table Tennis</b>	Mon 1st in mth 11:15	<b>Woodridge Gardens</b>	
<b>Holiday Group</b> <b>Peacehaven Court</b>	Thursday 10.30 a.m Last in month	<b>Lunch – variable</b>	Friday last in month (variable time and place) – <b>Elvira Pirozzi</b>
<b>Monthly Meeting</b> <b>St. Andrews Church Hall</b>	Tuesday 10 a.m. 2nd in month	<b>Photography</b> <b>Millennium Centre</b>	Thursday 10 a.m. 1st in month – <b>Keith Allison</b>
<b>Quiz Group</b> <b>Millennium Centre</b>	Thursday 2 p.m. 2nd in month – <b>Shirley Talbot</b>	<b>Strollers</b> <b>Meet St Andrews</b>	Tuesday 12:30 pm – can vary – <b>Diana Clark</b>
<b>Walking</b> <b>Meet St Andrews</b>	Wednesday 9.30 a.m. last in month – <b>Brian Wilkinson</b>	<b>Whist</b> <b>Woodridge Gardens</b>	Monday 2 p.m. Alternate weeks – <b>Diana Clark</b>
<b>Walking Tennis</b> <b>Usworth Park</b>	Wednesday 11:00 am Summer only – <b>Sandra Cullen</b>	<b>Croquet</b> <b>Cleadon Croquet Club</b>	Tuesday 1:00 pm Summer only some dates – <b>Ann Thomley</b>

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