



**10 December. Flower Arranging group.** To be confirmed – possibly a Christmas Wreath demonstration or creative fun. 2pm, Sunnyfield House Bistro. £1.50. Contact Pat for further details.

**Natural History Strolls.** This is a Saltburn District u3a activity, to which Ken Bladen has invited Guisborough members. Outings are at 10am, every Thursday and usually involve a coffee somewhere. The pace is gentle, with time to look around and enjoy the treasures you find. Recent visits include Lockwood Beck, Stewart Park, Guisborough, and exploring the woodland at Kirkleatham. Contact Pam

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**EXCURSIONS:**

**Thursday 14th November. Newcastle. DEPARTURE TIME IS NOW 9AM FROM FOUNTAIN STREET CARPARK AND THEREAFTER FROM ST PAULINUS, THE AVENUE.** £17.00. Coach trip to Newcastle where you will be free to spend the day as you wish. Drop off and pick up will be the Theatre Royal, Grey Street. (The earlier departure time is due to traffic delays because of roadworks on the Tyne Bridge). Waiting list only. To be added, or for queries, please contact Pauline.

**Thursday 5th December. Christmas and Aglow Light Trail at The Auckland Project.** Cost £45. The visit will include Auckland Castle which will be transformed this festive season with traditional Christmas decorations taking visitors on a journey through time. The Neapolitan Nativity, a monumental 18th Century Nativity scene from Naples will surprise and delight visitors to the Faith Museum. Aglow will light up the skies of Bishop Auckland. Embark on a dazzling 1.5 mile journey through Auckland Castle’s gardens and grounds with 17 mesmerising installations. We will have exclusive early access to the Aglow light trail and enjoy a festive drink and mince pie. The coach will depart Fountain Street carpark at 2pm and thereafter St. Paulinus, The Avenue. Pick up for return journey will be approximately 6pm with anticipated arrival back into Guisborough at 7pm. There are a couple of places available - please contact Moira.

**Thursday 6th March 2025. An evening performance of “The Sound of Cinema” at Darlington Hippodrome.** Cost £30. Inspired by some of the greatest movie soundtracks of all time the BBC Big Band is joined by special guest vocalist Emer McParland to celebrate The Sound of Cinema featuring numbers from “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”, “Meet me in St. Louis”, “Alfie”, “Shaft”, “Pink Panther”, and “James Bond”. The coach will depart Fountain Street car park at 6pm and thereafter from St. Paulinus, The Avenue. Booking opens at the January meeting (which will be 8th January). Please book promptly as Darlington Hippodrome are not able to hold tickets. For queries please contact excursion coordinator Pauline.

**All information regarding upcoming excursions is available under the “Events” tab on the website”**  
<https://guisborough.u3asite.uk/events/>

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**THE HOBBY BAND** gave a great performance at the monthly meeting on 6 November and have invited us all to the Rugby Club one day next year, to hear more of their repertoire! The song booklets were great. Encores were enthusiastically requested and duly delivered to everyone’s pleasure. And the Sax was very moody.

Song No. 4 was Harvest Moon by Neil Young. The day before Boris shut everything down for covid, we had our last Circle Dance class in Marske. I think it was projected that 1 in 6 people wouldn’t make it through the pandemic. Harvest Moon was our last dance and I was crying because, according to the projections, some of my friends wouldn’t be returning.

It was frightening and confusing in those early dark days, when nobody knew what would happen, wasn’t it. A couple of months later I was driving round Guisborough delivering Newsletters, listening to Radio 4’s “Soul Music” which, to my joy featured Harvest Moon. I turned the radio up and the car windows down and sang my head off as the song was analysed and played repeatedly. There wasn’t much traffic around, so sadly there was nobody else to enjoy my singing and Harvest Moon at traffic lights. I was so pleased to hear the music, remembering my friends and the dance steps

Everyone did come back to dance, eventually. But I still find Harvest Moon very powerful. Thank you, Hobby Band. Ed.

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## FRIENDS OF GUISBOROUGH LIBRARY

As we mentioned in our September newsletter, the library will soon be closing for renovation, with the work expected to begin in January 2025. Whilst the library is closed our craft and talk events will be held at Sunnyfield House. When the work is completed we are planning to have a grand re-opening event - plus some new activities if all goes as we hope it will.

In the meanwhile, the rest of our 2024 events will all be held in the library.

**TALK: Friday, 29 November at \*2pm** – Michael Kirke talks about Christmas on Cannibal Island.

‘Travelling by boat through Papuan waters, jailboys and thunderboxes, a copra plantation and bare chested hospital orderlies.....’

There is a £3 entrance fee for the talks which includes refreshments.

**\*Although** the library closes at 2pm on Fridays our talks will still begin at that time.

**CRAFTS: A request please** – if you have any materials, ribbons, wool, in fact any small items that could be useful for our craft sessions, could you please take them into the library for Pauline or Teresa, who organise the craft sessions, to collect. They will be very pleased and it all helps to keep our costs down.

**END OF YEAR QUIZ: Friday, 6 December at 2pm** – our end of year quiz was really popular last year so we’ve decided to hold another one. Join us for fun and Christmas refreshments, with small prizes for the winners. Come on your own or with a friend and we will make up teams as necessary. Free entry.

**CHILDREN’S LUCKY DIP:** There will be a lucky dip tub by the desk from 25 November until Christmas, or until prizes are all gone. Each dip will cost just £1.00– ask the library staff when you call in.

**JIGSAW LIBRARY:** Our Jigsaw library continues to flourish and there is no need to worry about having enough jigsaws to see you through the winter without being able to pop into the Library. You can take as many as you wish up until Christmas, just signing for them as usual, looking after them and returning when the library re-opens.

**FACEBOOK:** We are very pleased to say that we have a new committee member, Bev, who has joined us to help run our Facebook page, where we share information and reminders about our talks and events, as well as other things that are happening in the library.

Some news about **GUISBOROUGH and DISTRICT ECO GROUP.**

Did you know that the Guisborough & District Eco group meets each month in the library? One of the things that their volunteers do is run a **Repair Cafe**, which has gone from strength to strength in the year since it began. Examples of things that have been repaired are - broken zips, minor repairs to torn or damaged clothing, soft toys that have been loved to bits and need some TLC, bikes with punctures or other niggles - and more. If you have something that needs attention bring it along to **Guisborough Methodist Church, from 9.30-11.30.** Please check with the Library or Facebook for the next Repair Café date.

**WARM HUB:** Although the library is still a Warm Hub, the offer of free drinks has come to an end.

However, you may bring your own hot or cold drinks, should you wish, use the free computers and meet friends. Our just spend time in a safe warm friendly place. You’ll be very welcome.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** In our January newsletter we’ll be able to let you know what is happening at the library and give details of the first talks and craft sessions of 2025, in our temporary home, Sunnyfield House. Until then, we wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year, and look forward to seeing you at one of our events soon.

Kate and Hannah, Membership Secretaries

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**TEESSIDE AGE UK, DIGITAL EXPLORERS** aims to help people over 50 to gain confidence and skills in using digital “things”. They can help with

~ advice on equipment purchase and help to get it working or reset it

~ advise on home connectivity

~ help accessing services.

For more information, please contact 01642 805500 or 07519 977949.





## The November edition of OUR NEWS is here

**We are pleased to bring you the latest edition of our newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch supporters across England and Wales.**

Here are some highlights in November's edition:

\* Registration now open for our November webinar series: [click here to visit the registration page on our website](#)

\* ERA shares advice on how to secure your home ahead of winter

\* Guidance and resources on harassment and stalking, ahead of White Ribbon Day on 25<sup>th</sup> November

\* Don't forget to claim your [exclusive Neighbourhood Watch member 60% discount with SimpliSafe](#) – available only until 6<sup>th</sup> November!

\* Remember to [play our Funding Communities Lottery](#) and win big prizes, while supporting our charity's work!

**[READ THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER HERE.](#)**

We hope you enjoy this edition – please share it far and wide with your communities!

Ruby Smart, (Neighbourhood Watch Network, Head of Communications and Digital, National)

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**Woodland Trust** <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

**[National Archives](#) – online talks and much more**

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/visit-us/whats-on/online-events/>

**[Imperial War Museum](#) – over 33,000 sound recordings, over 23,000 hours of moving images**

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections>

**[British Museum](#) – virtual tour of galleries** <https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/galleries>

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**[TEESSIDE HOSPICE SHOP, CHALONER STREET.](#)** If you're having a "turn out", the shop would be grateful for books please – especially thrillers, adventures, murders, who dun its, etc. They've had an offer "buy 3 books for the price of 2" and need to rebuild their stock.

**[MISSION TO SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES](#)**

Many Seafarers are far from home at Christmas. They may have joined their ship in a warm part of the world bringing only a tee-shirt and shorts with them. If you'd like to donate a shoe box packed with treats, here are some ideas to fill one with: warm gloves, woolly hat, disposable razors, toothpaste and brush, bar of chocolate, biscuits, aftershave, shower gel and other similar items. (I always include a pack of playing cards or sometimes a box of dominoes, so there is a bit of fun to be had, too.) Your Ed. has spare shoe boxes and can collect, or you may deliver – ask Pam for details. Closing date – 1<sup>st</sup> week of December.

**[REFUGEES](#)**

We hear a lot about refugees coming to the UK. There is an increasing number arriving through Teesport or being relocated/dispersed here and most have very little. If you're able to donate any clothes for all ages (babies, children, young adults and older) or could spare 'pre loved' household items eg duvet covers, sheets, towels, curtains, cooking items, china, cutlery (none of them have to match) or suitcases, your donations would be very welcome. There is also a great need to support the Refugees with learning basic English, filling in forms, learning about our way of life and all sorts of invaluable everyday ways to help them to integrate and build new lives. If you're able to help in any way, however seldom or would like more information, please contact the Rev. Billy Barnes of MAP, Middlesbrough on 07970 192841.

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**Northumbria Region u3a**, of which Guisborough u3a is a member  
<https://northumbria.u3asite.uk/about/>

**National u3a News** <https://www.u3a.org.uk/latest-news#top>

**National u3a online Learning and Talks** – Explore something new, free, from home, eg AI, The paradigm of plate tectonics, Live cookery demonstrations – and much more.  
<https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events> **You'll need to scroll down - Ed.**

**Deadline for the next Newsheet is 6/12/24. Contact Pam.**