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CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

CLOSED FROM
Saturday 20th December
REOPENS
Tuesday 6th January

OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 10am to Midday
Wednesday 1pm to 3pm
Thursday 10am to Midday
Friday 10am to Midday



Chair's Message

Merry Christmas!

We are ending 2025 on a high as our application to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation has been approved by the Charity Commission. As Trustees we have a busy time ahead of us to set up the new charity which is called 'u3a York'. The name of 'University of the Third Age - York' will ultimately be removed from the Charity Commission's register. I'll keep you informed of progress but in the meantime business continues as usual.

Another change on the horizon is to the NewsMail. As you know, we sent out a survey, about communication and as a result will be making some changes to the NewsMail.

We know how many of you value the NewsMail and look forward to receiving it but when we looked at the articles you most liked to read we could see the need for change. In the future we will be reducing the content, and frequency, so that it is more focused on reports about what has already taken place, for example, information from the groups about their activities, travel trips and news in general. Stories did not score highly in the survey so we will look at other mechanisms for members to share these. The NewsMail will now come to you every 3 months.

To get more frequent, and up to date, information about future events, such as the Saturday Talks, Socials, Open Days, new groups etc. we will be publishing a monthly bulletin. This will also be provided to those who don't use e-mail, a gap in our communication at the moment.

To re-launch the NewsMail we are looking for a new name and we would like you to let us know what you would like to call it. To encourage participation, we are having a competition. The prize is a £25 multi-store gift voucher. Those of you on email will receive a link to an entry form. If you are not on email, there is an entry form at the back of the NewsMail which you can post to 'The Editors u3a York', 15a Clifford Street, York, YO1 9RG. You can also hand your entry in at the Office. ***The closing date is 8th January 2026.***

Entries will be judged by the Editors and the Trustees and approved at the January Board of Trustee meeting.

Back to Christmas. Thanks to our choir, we will be having our Carol Concert on Saturday 13th December and we have managed to acquire a larger room so we hope to accommodate everyone. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Last, but not least, I want to say a Merry Christmas and give sincere thanks to all of you for joining this wonderful movement and for participating in the events. Season greetings and thanks also go to all the Trustees, members of our operational team and Group Leaders, who spend a considerable amount of their personal time keeping the u3a going.

I wish you all a Christmas season full of kindness, love and laughter and a New Year that brings health, happiness and prosperity.

Editorial

Welcome to the December edition of York u3a Newsmail. Thank you to all members who have submitted articles; especially those with a festive theme! Thanks also to David Maughan Brown for proofreading the Newsmail. You were sorely missed in the last edition, and we apologise for the mistakes that occurred!

Members receive regular updates from the efficient communications team, but the Newsmail is a valuable resource for learning about upcoming events and recent group activities. Do remember that you can read a colour copy on line.

You will know from the Chair's report, that we are going to change the name of the Newsmail and are running a competition for members to come up with a more interesting name. We look forward to reading your suggestions.

Although we have over 130 diverse and engaging Interest Groups, there is always room for more, so if you would like to start a group, please contact Samantha, our Groups coordinator, on 07584121167.

To anyone who would like to submit an item of interest please send to editorYorku3a@gmail.com

Future editions will be published every 3 months and the closing date for the March issue is Monday February 24th.

We hope that all our members enjoy a wonderful Christmas and have a happy New Year.

Nick and Sue (Editors)

LISTENING TO LITERATURE

Do you enjoy 'listening' to your 'reading'? If so you would be welcome to join us. We meet to discuss literature that we've listened to. Members take it in turns to choose the books.

We meet at my home on Badger Hill, to the east of York off the Hull Road generally, on the third Friday each month, 1.45pm-3.15pm. There will be no charge.

19th December 2025 – The Land in Winter by Andrew Miller

16th January 2026 – Enter a Murderer by Ngaio Marsh

20th February 2026 – The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny by Kieran Desai

If you'd like to join us, but prefer reading a physical copy that will be fine, though what we listen to will not always be available in print.

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Saturday Talks

Saturday Talks take place at 10.30 on (usually) the second Saturday morning of each month, in the Central Methodist Church Hall in St Saviourgate. Parking is available nearby and tea/coffee is served from 9.45. Admission is £3, payable in cash on the door, and tea/coffee is £1.

If you are unable to come in person, most can be attended on Zoom and we ask for a contribution of £3. A link will be sent out during the previous week and a recording made available after the talk.

Saturday 10th January

Printing in York: an extraordinary history Helen Smith

Helen Smith is a Professor of Renaissance Literature at the University of York, and Director of Thin Ice Press: the York Centre for Print. Helen's wide-ranging research interests embrace poetry, drama, and prose from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; the history of printing and bookmaking; feminist literary history and theory; religion and conversion, the history of reading; and questions of matter and materiality in early modern Europe and the ancient world. As Director of Thin Ice Press, Helen leads a major new centre for traditional printing and printmaking, with a mission to preserve the endangered craft of letterpress printing.

Helen's talk explores the past, present and future of printing in York. She will share the stories of the men and women who shaped York's extraordinary history of printing and bookselling, including stories of civil war, hidden geese, and printing on ice. Her talk will conclude by celebrating the revival of ancient printing techniques in the City, and looking ahead to the next half century of print.

Saturday 14th February

The Rarity Garden

Richard Baines

Richard's love of birds and wildlife started at age nine. He has worked in Nature Conservation and Wildlife Tourism all of his working life.

Having worked for East Riding of Yorkshire Council as a Countryside Officer since 1990, Richard moved to Flamborough in 1999 where he started living the birder's dream. At this time, he managed to combine east coast, birding with conservation work. Improving habitat for birds and people became his passion. Working for ERYC and in a voluntary role for Flamborough Bird Observatory, he generated over £100,000 of funding for the farming and community sector between 2005 and 2010. As a qualified ecologist he combines his detailed knowledge of the natural world with his passion for sharing this knowledge.

Richard has now published his first book *'The Rarity Garden'* about his years of living close to Flamborough Lighthouse on the Great White Cape. This talk is the story of those years between 2004 and 2014 and of the many amazing birds and insects of Flamborough Headland.

Liz Swinbank and Anna Baldwin

Joint Talks Secretaries

Travel Team News

The Travel Team have been busy organising day visits for the first three months of 2026 – come and celebrate the new year with interesting things to do! We start with a Mystery Visit – the date not quite ready for the Newsmail, so wait for an email on 1st December, confirming that this and the two trips mentioned below are open for bookings. Members without email will have flyers of details and booking forms with this Newsmail.

In February we have arranged a visit to the Jodrell Bank Observatory which is celebrating the 80th anniversary of its founding. Jodrell Bank was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2019 for its contribution to helping us understand the universe and our place in it.

As part of the University of Manchester, it is still doing important scientific research, but our visit will enable us to explore the history of what Jodrell Bank has done as well as enable us to visit exhibitions and explanations of the exploration of space.

Our March trip takes us to a different period of history altogether. We will visit Lincoln and Lincoln Castle. The castle was built in 1068, and has one of the original copies of the 1215 Magna Carta. You may also wish to visit the Museum of Lincolnshire Life or Lincoln Cathedral, both of which are close to the castle. If you fancy a visit to Lincoln's shopping centre, you can walk downhill very easily to find a variety of independent retailers. There is a shuttle bus to bring you back up to the castle!

Our most recent trips have been to Hull and The Deep in September and to Fountains Abbey and Ripon in November. At Ripon some of us made a visit to the Courthouse Museum where we became actors in an eighteenth-century trial of two criminals – very interesting! Full reports of these trips, complete with photos, are available on the Travel page of the website:

https://york.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/travel-uk/

For those without internet access, there are paper records in the u3a office of past trips, together with future trip details and booking forms, or else drop by the office before its Christmas closure (22 December – 6 January).

Sheila McKilligan

travelteamyorku3a@gmail.com

Socials, events and volunteering

Saturday Socials usually take place on the fourth Saturday of each month (with some variation depending on room availability) at the Friends Meeting House, typically alternating between informative and engaging talks and social events where members can play card or strategic games. Admission is £3, to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

The Saturday Socials will be taking a break over the holiday season, but we are developing an exciting programme for 2026, with the draft programme already on the website, so please do take a look.

What's coming up in January and February

Saturday Social Talk

24th January 2026 10am Penn Room, Friends Meeting House

You can't stop the rain, but you can take an umbrella – research into later life housing decisions. Speaker: Alice Walker

Alice has been undertaking a PhD alongside City of York Council, researching how people think about and make decisions about housing in later life and she will share some fascinating insights and findings which I am sure will be of interest to all of us.

This is bound to be an extremely popular talk so do keep an eye out for the email invitation and drop me a line on Sat to register to attend.

Saturday Social Games

28th February 2026 10am Penn Room, Friends Meeting House

On Saturday 28th February starting at 10am we will have the usual Saturday "Games Social" - typically, the morning starts with a half hour of chatting over some coffee/tea and the odd biscuit, followed by about two hours of games such as Scrabble, Canasta, Rummikub, ...plus any games brought along by enthusiastic participants (new games always welcomed!).

Members participating for the first time will always feel very welcome as the session is fully hosted and it is a great opportunity to meet like-minded members and make new friends. We were delighted that so many new members came to the last Games Social so would love to see this continue. Watch out for the email and please register to attend as spaces may be limited.

Feedback always welcome

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Thank you so much to all the members who have already contacted me with feedback or ideas, please keep them coming to eventsleadYorku3a@gmail.com.

Why not get more involved?

We always require new volunteers to take the place of others who are no longer able to undertake this work, or to take on new roles, so if you do find yourself with some time to spare, please do get in touch for an informal chat. For very specific requirements for volunteers we will continue to send out emails requesting assistance and explaining exactly what is required.

Beryl Oppenheim (Events and Volunteering Lead)

Films Plus

We are a group who all enjoy watching and discussing films. We watch a film I've chosen, bearing in mind members' suggestions, at City Screen followed by discussion at a local bar. We generally meet late afternoon/early evenings on Tuesdays. I email or phone out the info the previous week. Occasionally subtitled films are suggested, sometimes on different days.

New members are welcome. There is no obligation to come to all the meetings. Just come to the ones that interest you and fit in with your timing. We have members who come very frequently and others who join in only occasionally, those who know lots about films and those who know little. All are equally welcome.

Films are often foreign, sub-titled and sometimes have audio description. There's a lift up to the screens.

Recently we've seen and discussed 'Urchin', 'Better Days', 'I Swear', 'Brides', 'The Corpse Bride', 'Bugonia', 'The Choral', 'Come and see me in the good light' and 'Wicked: For Good'.

Elisa Main 01904 438976 Email: filmsplus@yorku3a.com

Eco Friendly Support Group

We meet once a month, on second Friday afternoons, to share and inspire each other in our efforts to care for our environment. We would welcome new members.

Topics are led by volunteers from within the group. In November the topic was 'Biodiversity'. On 12th December the topic will be....

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'Ocean Plastics' and on 13th February 'Overfishing'.

Timing - 1.30pm - 3.15pm

Venue - at my home in Badger Hill

There is no charge. If you are interested do contact me -

Elisa Main elisamain@yahoo.co.uk 1904 438976.

Singing Together:

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Singing Together, for anyone who still doesn't know, is a cheerful and friendly group that sings, for fun, popular songs of today and yesterday. We meet on the second and fifth Friday of each month at 1.30pm in the Fell Room.

Recently we found ourselves on the verge of being without a keyboard player, but a timely advert from Communications produced not one but two players, who will be starting next year. Our last meeting with me on the ivories will be 12th December (carols, mince pies and non-alcoholic bubbly), and Norma and Diane will be leading in the New Year, starting 9th January.

Please give the new management your support.

Peter Wells (Outgoing Leader)

Walking Group
































This Photo is of the Thursday walking group's last walk of the year. A shorter walk than usual from the Sir Tatton Sykes Memorial,



followed by a splendid lunch at the Triton Inn in Sledmere.

Mike Harnan

CHRISTMAS PICTURE QUIZ

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7				8		
9						
10						
11						

Simply say what you see

Water Fitness Group

There are still places for anyone who would like to join our water fitness group. You do not have to be a swimmer! We meet at the Better Energise Pool on Cornlands Road, Acomb every Monday (apart from bank holidays) from 1.30 to 2.30pm. The gentle exercises take place in the shallow end, where we have lots of fun whilst contributing to our general fitness. There is time at the beginning and the end of the sessions for a free swim for those who enjoy swimming. The cost is £25 for 8 sessions.

Many of us go to the café afterwards for a hot drink and “get together”. We are a gregarious group, who, like all u3a groups, have made many lasting friendships during our time with the water fitness group. We recently had a great time at our Christmas lunch, at the Plough Inn in Fulford.

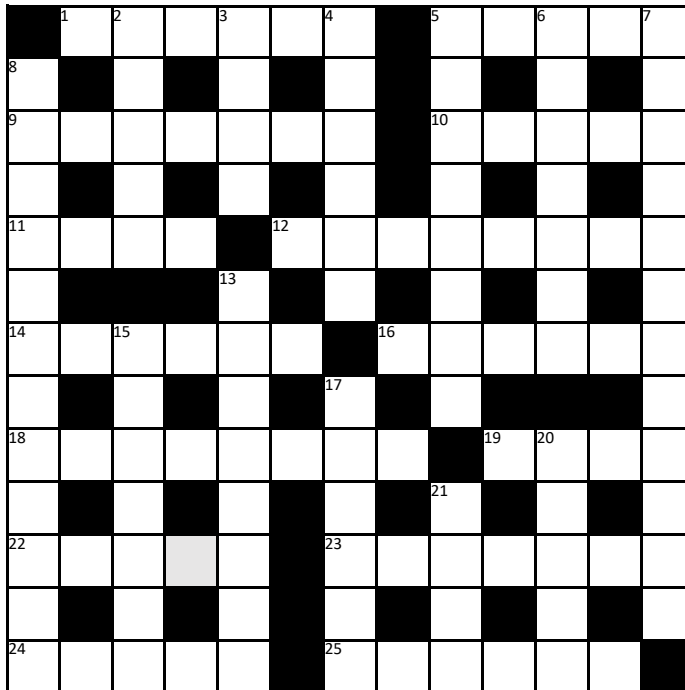


Anyone who would like to join the Water Fitness Group please contact :-

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Sue Tompkin (Secretary) email sunic911@gmail.com

Tel 07894831756



**Cryptic
Crossword**

**Brian
Waddington**

ACROSS

1. Parasitic bird hit the mountain top (6) 5. Santa's twinkling guides (5) 9. Trim at the top (7) 10. Tenderise doesn't start regularly (5) 11. Mite becomes a single thing (4) 12. Found off the east coast (5,3) 14. Cans the Spanish decoration (6) 16. Narrow bays may be silent (6) 18. Summary may be all in the mind (8) 19. Enormous cuddle to the point (4) 22. Burnt remnant found at the end of this month (5) 23. First move in the gateway (7) 24. Golfer's favourite bird (5) 25. Fresh fruit from melons. (6)

DOWN

2. I climb into a rumpled bed and remain (5) 3. Correct insect (4) 4. Rodent on power unit gets a share (6) 5. Wearing with pride by fair players (8) 6. Painter given direction to become a performer (7) 7. Father Christmas's small shelf pulled by Rudolph (6,6) 8. First lady follows the nativity but together they come earlier (9,3) 13. Home of a partridge for 12 days at Christmas (4,4) 15. Where Rudolph finds his food (7) 17. A body of whales where teaching is found (6) 20. This flag may signify a marriage (5) 21. A stack of paper about the morning (4).

Book Review
Fara Dakhoiwala
What is free speech? The history of a dangerous idea.
Allen Lane. 2025. Hardback. 472pages. £30. ISBN 978-0-241-34747-8

We're all in favour of free speech aren't we? But defining free speech is problematic and in many countries free speech as we know it doesn't exist. Pre-publication censorship is widespread worldwide and was the norm in most countries historically. Those, especially in the USA, who are loudest supporters of free speech are often themselves overseeing systems that actually restrict free circulation of different views.

This historical and legal study is all the more welcome in helping to understand one of today's top debating issues. The author looks into the origins of ideas about free speech in England. Puritans saw free debate about religious ideas as a way for truth to emerge, a view held by John Milton. But this did not apply to political expression and Milton himself obtained work as a government censor.

Later two journalists Thomas Gordon and John Trenchard published articles as "Cato's letters" promoting a secular idea of free speech as a political right and the foundation of all liberty. This idea proved highly influential in Europe and the emerging United States, shaping that country's First Amendment to the Constitution on freedom of speech. "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." A view described by the author as the absolutist position.

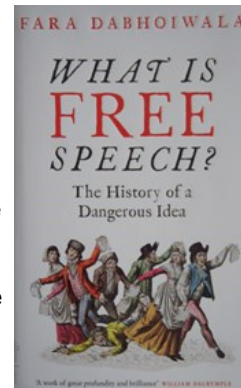
Later, John Stuart Mill's work "On Liberty" amplified these arguments which took hold in the English speaking world and in Scandinavia, though the UK and European use was more nuanced with a greater tendency to accept that some things should not be said. However, as the author notes from his Indian experience those promoting free speech in Britain did not encourage it in India and other colonies. Restricting slaves' access to information was even more important.

Even in the period just after the United States passed the first amendment it was recognised that it led to problems. Individual states soon developed their own interpretations and legislation. There were questions - was circulating fake stories and libels permitted as "free speech"? The author devotes considerable attention to the evolution of 20th century Supreme Court rulings on the subject. It is a complex history. Even today it is more difficult to win a libel case in the United States than most other countries.

Freedom of expression became tied up with questions about control of news media, particularly newspapers. This has become even more acute with the development of social media, where algorithms use "likes" to shape what a user sees, ignoring alternative views, so the debate has changed its form.

This book brings a welcome depth to many a layered debate. Reading will challenge many ideas but help a better understanding of what the debate really includes. This book is to be recommended highly.

Roger Backhouse



PHILOSOPHY – *The Love of Wisdom*
Martin Nathanael

Philosophy makes us rich not in outward possessions, but in inward consciousness. Philosophy stores up treasures within, where thieves cannot steal nor time corrupt.

- Manly P Hall

INTRODUCTION

In Greek, the prefix **philo** means love. It is used to form compound words like **philosophy** (love of wisdom), **philology** (love of words), and **philanthropy** (love of humanity), etc.

Sophia is wisdom; therefore, **philosophia** is “love of wisdom”.

A **philosopher** is someone who is attracted to wisdom!

Philosophy, in its traditional sense, the *love of wisdom*, is a search for insight into the nature of reality and an enquiry into selfhood. Free from abstract speculation, this pursuit begins in wonder and is guided by a desire to live well and understand deeply.

Rooted in the ancient world, from the dialogues of Plato to the meditations of Eastern sages, philosophy has served as a path toward self-knowledge, right living, and harmony with the cosmos. It asks not only about what is true, but also how truth might shape a life of meaning.

A new Philosophy course will begin in January. It will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month, 1.30 – 3.30 pm, in the Woolman Room at the u3a centre in Clifford Street. January 14th is the first meeting.

There is space for 5 or 6 new participants. If you believe this is for you, get in touch with the Group Leader

Martin Nathanael.

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phone 01904 691201.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS

1. Raptor 5. Stars 9. Haircut 10. Often 11. Item 12. North Sea
14. Tinsel 16. Inlets 18. Abstract 19. Huge 22. Ember 23.
Opening 24. Eagle 5. Lemons

DOWN

2. Abide 3. Tick 4. Ration 5. Sporting 6. Artiste 7. Santa's
Sledge 8. Christmas Eve 13. Pear Tree 15. Nosebag 17. School
20. Union 21. Ream

November e-bike Ride

There were only three of us who set out for the November e-bike ride - mostly because there was a bit of a blizzard when we set off from the Millennium Bridge. It takes more than a mere snow-storm to deter some of us though and, once the skies cleared, the views were well worth the effort.

Given that the temperature was somewhere around zero, we decided not to go too far and headed out through Askham Bryan to Wighill with a brief photo stop at Healaugh. As you can see, it really was beautiful, and once we got to the pub at Wighill, we were able to settle down beside a blazing log fire for a well-earned lunch.

Despite the cold, we all agreed that it's good to get out in the fresh air, especially at this time of year when the days are shorter. It's tempting to stay at home but, with the right gear, we try to make the most of what daylight there is - it just takes a bit more effort to get started. However, in all the time I've been running the cycle groups there have only been a couple of times when the weather has been so foul that I have had to abandon the ride altogether. There's always someone daft enough to come out with me.



Doreen Magill

u3a Jive Class at Guppy's Enterprise Club

It may be worth noting, as the male/female balance for the classes has now evened out, singles and couples are all cordially invited to what is now a very successful event! Meetings are held on Monday afternoons. Doors open at 1:40pm with class starting at 2pm until 4pm.

The only 2 days that the club will be closed over the Christmas period will be Monday 22nd and Monday 29th December, and shall be open again on Monday 5th January 2026.

Santa is a Yorkshireman

1. Santa is a Yorkshireman

of this I'm fairly sure
I heard him tiptoe in my room
at roughly ten to four
"I 'ope tha's fast asleep" he said
"Or tha'll get nowt mi lad
He smelled of Hi Karate
(must 'av pinched it from mi dad)
Just down stairs I'd left a treat
Santa loves a beer
He loves pork pies and single malt
That was Dad's idea

2. When I woke next morning

I ran downstairs to see
If Santa had been kind enough
to leave gifts under t'tree
he got our mam a nightie
and a pair of china pigs
Our Dad got socks and undies
and 200 Park Drive cigs

3. My sister got a Barbie

sat on a plastic horse
A One Direction annual
which she loved, of course.
When I unwrapped my parcels
My Yorkshire heart did sing
Each gift that Santa gave me
A truly wondrous thing

4. A flat cap for mi noggin

A vest of finest string
The ferret keepers handbook
Each gift fit for a King
So thank you Santa, thank you
You surely are a tyke
But can you please remember
Next year I'd like a bike

Taken from the Internet unattributed

Carole Green

u3a Military History Group & YAM Guide

FRIDAY the THIRTEENTH Part 2

When the idea to form a museum at Elvington started in 1983 it was a small affair in the old watch tower and only open infrequently from 1985. Over the years more buildings and land were acquired and from the outset it had been a major aim to have a complete Halifax on display as the type had flown from the airfield in WW2. I took over ten years from 1986 to 1996 to gather enough bits and build the bits that were missing until finally there was an externally complete Halifax Mk III.

The fitting out of the interior still goes on today as donations of original equipment still trickle in and are then fitted to make the interior as authentic as possible. Coincident with the completion of the aircraft in 1996 a T2 hangar was acquired to house it along with many other exhibits. The port side of the 'bitsa' is painted as LV907 Friday the Thirteenth and the starboard side as a French aircraft of 346 Guyenne Sqn as this unit served at Elvington in 1944/45 and there are close ties between the YAM and France today.

The bits that came together to make the YAM Halifax are as follows:

Forward fuselage and cockpit – built on site by volunteers.

The centre fuselage (known as the covered wagon section) – from a former Linton on Ouse aircraft.

Top turret – a garden find for the Perspex (being used as a cloche) and the lower bits from various sources.

Wings – post war the Halifax wing was used for Handley Page to produce a transport aircraft, the Hastings. There were only minor differences so the YAM wing is from Hastings TG536. This aircraft had been sent to the RAF Fire Training School at Catterick but the wings were rescued before they could be burnt! The outer sections were very corroded but a 'new boxed set' was found in a scrap yard in the South of England.

Engines – the Bristol Hercules engines were ex-Noratlas engines donated and delivered by the French Air Force in a Transall direct to Elvington in August 1967.

The propeller hubs came from a wreck in the Netherlands and the propellers were recently replaced by a computer printed set so that they are straight and true.

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The main under-carriage was built new by the firm of John Wilkinson of Pudsey and the wheels are stock Halifax hubs and tyres. The rear fuselage is the most unusual part and was the first bit obtained to start the reconstruction. Halifax HR 792 of 58 Sqn had crashed at RAF Stornaway and a large section of the rear fuselage was bought by a local crofter and used as a chicken house! It was recovered by Chinook and the apprentices at BAE Brough near Hull took on the cleaning and reconstruction. They also added the tail end including fitting the rear turret that had been donated by the Cotswold Aircraft Restoration Group.

The tail wheel was salvaged from France off a 466 Sqn Halifax that had crashed in June 1944.

Tail-plane and Rudders – a tail-plane was salvaged from a wreck in the Lake District and used as a basis to reconstruct both sides by the YAM volunteers. The rudders were made from drawings entirely by the YAM volunteers.

If you want to see the only full size and complete representation of a Halifax bomber and be awed by its presence



then you must visit the Yorkshire Air Museum at Elvington near York. You will also be able to see the only Mirage IV outside of France, 3 Blackburn Buccaneers, a Mk2 Victor tanker, a Nimrod and many more exhibits of both aircraft and artefacts. The museum continues to grow with the latest long term project being a Shackleton that in 2 to 3 years will again be able to run its mighty Rolls Royce Griffon engines.

Erik Mannings

**A Poem by Tony Ridge
December**

Winter

The Season of the Wind;
With festivity and merriment

With riotous symphony

The Old bows out, the New blows in:

The Wind before which arch the trees and strain their proud backs,
The Wind which lashes Autumn's leaves and sets the weeds to dance

In paroxysms of ecstasy and whirligigs of brown:

The Wind which strides a-roaring through the cloud-swept sky

Laying all creation waste, the withering breath of God

Sweeping Old Year's ills away, to be interred by Time

And by tomorrow's soft oblivion of the snow.

Christmas Picture Quiz Answers

1. Jingle Bells
2. Sleigh Bells
3. Reindeer
4. Midnight Mass
5. Father Christmas
6. Little Drummer Boy
7. Mistletoe
8. Holly and the Ivy
9. Seasons Greetings
10. Singing Carols
11. Frankincense



Christmas Concert York u3a Music Groups

**Saturday 13 December 2025: Concert 1030am
(Tea/coffee available from 9.45 am)
Central Methodist Church – St Saviourgate**

**Cost: Admission is £3, plus tea/coffee £1 payable at the door.
(please bring cash/coins as we do not have any credit
card facilities).**

No need to reserve a place.

Our annual Christmas concert has become a great York u3a tradition. This year, we are delighted that our Choir, Guitar and Ukulele groups will again be entertaining us with a programme of seasonal music. As in previous years, we can expect a variety of items - some well known, some less so - and perhaps an opportunity to join in with some of the singing.

The concert will take place in the Central Methodist Church, across the corridor from the hall where we usually meet. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall before the concert and, as has also become traditional, there will be mince pies.

Please note that the concert will not be Zoomed, so we hope you will be able to join us in person.

