

HAPPY NEW YEAR

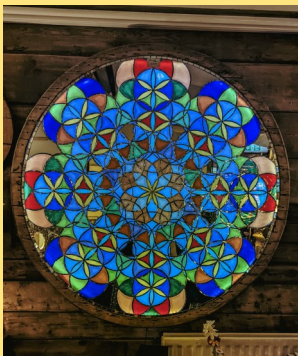
NEW YEAR QUIZ

Each of the photos below are from last year's newsletters. Have a chat and see if you can remember where we were and in which month. (Not which newsletter as that is a month later). When you've done that think of some suggestions of where to go and what to do this year!

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IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to hear that Anne Anderson died suddenly, just before Christmas. She was an enthusiastic member of our u3a and well known to many of us. During the last 2 years she had re-established the luncheon group, and put a lot of effort into organising it. She will be greatly missed.

(The funeral will be held on Tuesday 9th January at 3pm at Sunderland crematorium)

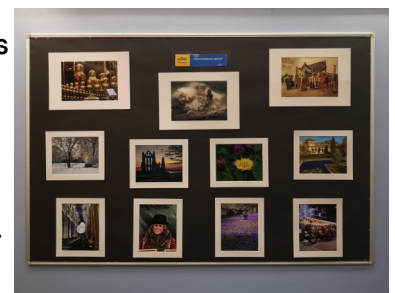
Book Group – Seven of us met at "All Caked up" for our first meeting of 2024 where we discussed "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin. This is a story in which we see inside the life of Charles Lindbergh but told through the eyes of his wife Anne. It was an interesting read with a mixture of fact and fiction and mostly enjoyed by the group. Until the library reopens, we are hoping to hold the next few meetings at "All Caked Up" at 10am. The book to be discussed on 6th February is "Where the Crawdads sing" by Delia Owens. *Isobel*

Strollers – Over the Christmas period, we have had two short strolls, both from Concord to Washington Village. It was the same stroll but we took in different refreshment venues, firstly in 'The Space' behind The Green Coffee Shop and then at The Cross Keys. When we came out of the coffee shop we were greeted by a very seasonal surprise of Santa and his helpers!



Our group is successful because it is a shared venture, members taking turns in planning and leading the strolls and we are now organised for Tuesdays in January and February. *Diana*

Photography group – the group welcomed 11 members this month, the highest number for many years. To start with David showed us the first draft of the video of our Christmas show – the first chance for some of those performing to see it. This will be shown at a monthly meeting when it is finalized. Afterwards we shared some photos and then some of us re-instated our board with members photos. You can see the board if you pop into the Millennium centre sometime. New group members always welcome!



Notices:

Craft Group: No meeting January – change of venue in February

Holiday Club – New venue at Peace haven – usual time 10:30 25th January