

## Newsletter Christmas 2023



Happy Christmas and holidays to everyone and enjoy.

### AGM

Thanks to all who came to the AGM. Your new committee is Carole Barley (Chair), Kathryn Fyfe (Secretary), Guy Robson (Treasurer), Ian Hamilton (Membership Secretary), Kathleen Chirema, Charlene Pullan, Barry Brotherton, Jean MacDonald, Ben Cheung, Margaret Loftus, and Judith Lloyd. Thanks go to José Anderson vice-chair and John Hemsworth Group Coordinator who have stood down and we shall miss them. Both have worked hard on the committee on your behalf.



Thanks to Singing for Pleasure for the Christmas Carols.

We end 2023 on a good note. We have around 400 members and new groups have commenced. There is also interest in starting new ones. Despite some changes to the centre, we are thriving, and we should continue to do so. One of the new groups to start is the film group who at the showing of "Mrs Harris Goes to Paris" had 39 attendees. Initially there were problems as the u3a licence didn't cover some of the more modern films. Nevertheless, Barry and Ben pursued this. We now pay for a licence which gives a wider choice of films and hopefully a continuing audience but please bring your cushion as unfortunately we can't provide those seats used at cinemas.

### Trips

This year Jean MacDonald organised some successful trips and these will continue.

Below is your committee's programme of organised trips for the coming year. Dates haven't been finalised yet but if you're interested, please contact Jean at [jmacd27hc@gmail.com](mailto:jmacd27hc@gmail.com) or 07810120484.

**Golden Mummies exhibition at Manchester Museum, Oxford Road Holy Name Catholic Church, biggest church in Manchester is also just 300 metres away.**

Transport: Tram and/or bus to Oxford Road

Date: Week starting 12 Feb. Exact date TBD

**Chetham's Library near Victoria station**

Transport: Tram and/or bus to Victoria station

Date: Week starting 25 Mar. Exact date TBD

**Bus trips:**

**Arnside and Levens Hall**

Date: Mid-May. Exact date TBD

**Salts Mill and Hebden Bridge**

Date: End Jun. Exact date TBD

**Events January**

**Film: January 12<sup>th</sup> "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry."**

**Talk: January 26<sup>th</sup> "From Barrow to Baghdad by Philip Caine"**

Sale Moor Community Centre is now closed but it will reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>