

Dear u3a friends,

I will send a Christmas newsletter in a couple of weeks when I will also report on our two big Christmas events: **10th Anniversary lunch at the Town Hall on Saturday December 7th** (if you are on the list for this, keep an eye out for your email reminder next week)

AND

u3a monthly Christmas meeting on Monday December 9th at 2pm. NB: this is at Littleborough Cricket Club. Ample parking. Member entertainments. Glass of fizz or a brew (Bring your cup please). All u3a members welcome. No ticket needed.

Other important notices:

1. **New member meetings** will be held on Tuesday January 28th and Friday April 4th 2025. Invitations will be sent to those who have recently joined but if you missed an earlier new member meeting and would like an invitation please let us know: contact Marilyn via the link for the Vice-chair on the website Contact page: <https://littleborough.u3asite.uk>

2. Dates for January: **Quiz Group** is Thursday January 9th

Craft Group Thursday January 16th – note Thursday will be 2–4pm Monday January 27th 1–3pm

Psychology – this new group will meet on Monday January 6th from 10.30 to 12.30 pm in Hare Hill House. If you are interested please come along.

Music Appreciation – this group welcomes new members. It currently meets in the United Reform Church in Littleborough on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month from 3 to 4pm.

You can contact group convenors by going to the relevant group page on the website (link above).

3. Look out for a copy of the glossy magazine called *Real Rochdale*, free to pick up in libraries and supermarkets etc. It includes an article about Littleborough u3a.

4. **Public Transport and the Bee Network:**

On behalf of u3a members, we recently wrote to Andy Burnham to complain about the reduction and sometimes unreliability of bus services to Littleborough. We have received two helpful replies and an invitation to participate in a survey designed to inform future plans for public transport links in Greater Manchester. This survey will focus on Rochdale throughout December so please take part if you can. Follow this link <https://gmconsult.org>

In brief, the responses from Andy Burnham and from the Bee Network said that the review of services will look at gaps in provision. However bus number 590 and 587 are not part of the Bee Network but are operated by companies in West Yorkshire. Both responses said that they are keen to hear from individuals and organisations.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you at one or both of our celebratory events very soon. Meanwhile very best wishes to you all.

Jo