u3a Monthly Newsletter Blyth & District

October 2026

At the meeting held on 23 October 2026, the following announcements were made:

Membership Fees

Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership renewal online or in person. For those yet to pay a reminder that payment of subscriptions is due now.
For those who paid online – membership cards are available for collection from Vanessa.

First Aid Course

A free course has been arranged on Wednesday 2 December at Blyth Town Football Club. Group leaders are encouraged to attend, but it is open to all.
Speak to Vanessa if you would like to attend.

Christmas Hamper

Items are needed for our Christmas Hamper draw. Tinned and packaged foodstuffs are needed, but please check expiry dates. Donations can be handed to any committee member or brought to November's monthly meeting.

General Raffle Prizes

Items are always welcome. Noreen Brent and Linda Wintersgill are now running the raffle, but committee members will accept donations – or bring to monthly meetings.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Are now on sale and cost £1 each. They will be available at November monthly meeting and also the day of the party.

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Tickets for Sale

a. Beetle Drive – Saturday 14 November at St Mary's – £2 each
b. Christmas Party – Friday 18 December at BTFC - £1 each

Available from Linda Wintersgill

Theatre Group

Money for Dreamcoats show is due now – as the show is on 13 November
Tickets have been reserved for several upcoming shows:

Wor Bella – March 2027
The West End Tenors – April 2027
The Lindisfarne Story – April 2027
Jive Talking, the Bee Gees Story – June 2027

See Maureen Turnbull for more information and to reserve your ticket.

Also speak to Maureen if there are any shows coming up that you would like to see.

Lunch Clubs

This month's Lunch Clubs are at **The Keel Row** on **Thursday 5 and Wednesday 11 November**.
The Sunday Lunch Club is on **15 November at the Melton Constable**.

In December provisional table bookings have been made at the **Brockwell Seam** for Christmas Fayre on **Thursday 3 December** and **Wednesday 9 December**.
Three courses for £19.99. A non-refundable deposit of £5 is required.

See Margaret Ridge or Linda Wintersgill for menus and more information.

Potential new Group

Phil Tweddell is considering starting a new group next Spring – **French Boules on the beach**.
More information to follow – but consider if you would be interested in this.

Exciting Christmas Party Activity

A bit like the Easter Bonnet competition at a previous party you are invited to bring along a Santa of any kind to the Christmas Party on 18 December. Knit, Sew, Draw, Construct (from toilet rolls and sticky backed plastic), or even dress up as Santa! Do whatever your imagination comes up with – so start thinking and get those glue sticks ready.
A prize for the best portrayal will be made, and all entries will be on display at the party.
Speak to Vanessa Storey, Linda Wintersgill, Iris Barrett or Kath Race for more information.