

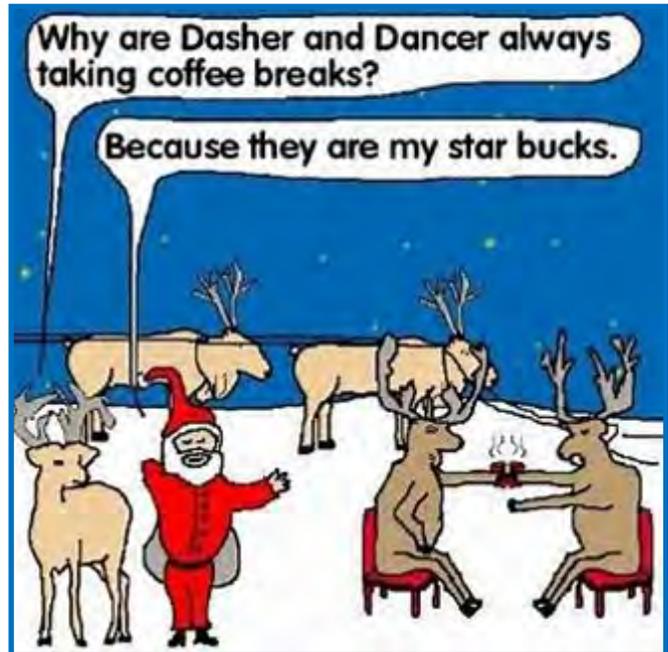
Hello and welcome to our Christmas newsletter. We hope you are keeping well and safe and that you are looking forward to participating in some of our u3a activities:

Open Meetings

As some of you will already know, we have had successful live Open Meetings in the last few months and we hope to continue having them - Covid and weather permitting.

There is, of course, no Open Meeting in December, so our next Open Meeting will be on Monday 17th January 2022. Due to the expected cold weather and the fact that we need to keep doors and windows open, we decided that this should be a Zoom Open Meeting.

We are featuring 'An Audience with Ken Dodd' recorded in 1994. This very funny and entertaining show will be the ideal tonic for those January blues and give us all a good laugh. The invitation will be emailed to all members along with the Meeting ID and Passcode; we hope you'll join us.



How did Mary and Joseph know Jesus' weight before he was born? *Answer: They had a weigh in a manger.*
 What do you call chess players bragging in a hotel lobby? *Answer: Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.*
 What does the Queen call her Christmas broadcast? *Answer: The One Show.*
 What's the most popular Christmas whine? *Answer: But I don't like Brussels sprouts!*
 When is a boat like snow? *Answer: When it's adrift.*

Theatre & Travel

For those of you who may be thinking of venturing out for some entertainment after the recent restrictions we've all had to suffer, the Theatre & Travel Group has some exciting trips arranged in the new year, see below for some of them. For more details of these trips and many more, please contact Christine Duffy at 01799 520173 (chrisduffy146@gmail.com) or Pamela Mugliston at 01799 521697 (pjmteddybear@btinternet.com), or why not come to our Theatre & Travel meetings every last Friday of each month (except December) at The Baptist Church 2:00 pm.

Date	Outing	Cost £	Pay by	Organiser
9th Feb.	'Behind the Seams': see the Strictly dresses incl. Champagne reception. Meal at Croydon Toby	41.50 (excl. meal)	Mid Dec.	Pamela
2nd March	Albert Hall 'Best of Broadway'	39	26 Nov.	Christine
17th March	Southend Palace Theatre: play 'Looking Good Dead' by Peter James	44	26 Nov.	Christine
26th April TBA	Leonardslee Gardens: incl. Dolls House Museum, gardens, cafés and wildlife (with wallabies)	TBA	March	Christine

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Groups re-starting

Alex Reeve will be re-starting an **Intermediate Latin and Classics group** each Monday at 11:00 am from his home. Interested members are welcome to come along and join.

Alex is also continuing his occasional **Landscape and Literature group** which will be studying local influences in Berkhamsted, primarily on Graham Greene's *The Human Factor* and *Our Man in Havana*. There will be a visit to the town sometime in the new year allowing members time to read the books. For further information on both

of these items, please contact Alex at alex_reeve@hotmail.com or phone 01799 522818.

EACH Carol Concert

The Saffron Walden u3a Choir will be performing at the EACH Carol Concert on the evening of Tuesday 14th December at The Baptist Church (no firm time as yet). Due to present Covid restrictions, we suggest you dress to keep warm as windows and doors will be open - we look forward to seeing you there on the night.

Please be advised that the Carol Concert may be cancelled should further restrictions be imposed.

Congratulations to Hugh Herdon, whose panoramic photograph of Bridge End Gardens in Winter recently achieved a 'Highly Commended' rating in the 'Images of Saffron Walden' photographic competition.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



from Saffron Walden u3a committee