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Graham Mee of Leigh Estuary u3a, submitted this photo into Winter Watch

## 25 December ☆

Dear Derek,

Wishing all u3a members and friends a very happy Christmas Day or a very happy holiday.

**I hope you all have a day that is restful, happy and peaceful whether you have time to yourself or time with others.**

Sending you all my every best wishes on this unusual and special day.

With regards,  
Sam Mauger  
Chief Executive

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## Bitesize Newsletter

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## u3a Radio Podcast

### Special Festive Broadcast



Listen to the special festive episode released today from our u3a radio team and Sam Mauger.

Watch the video and all other u3a radio podcast episodes on our [u3a YouTube channel](#).

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## Social Media

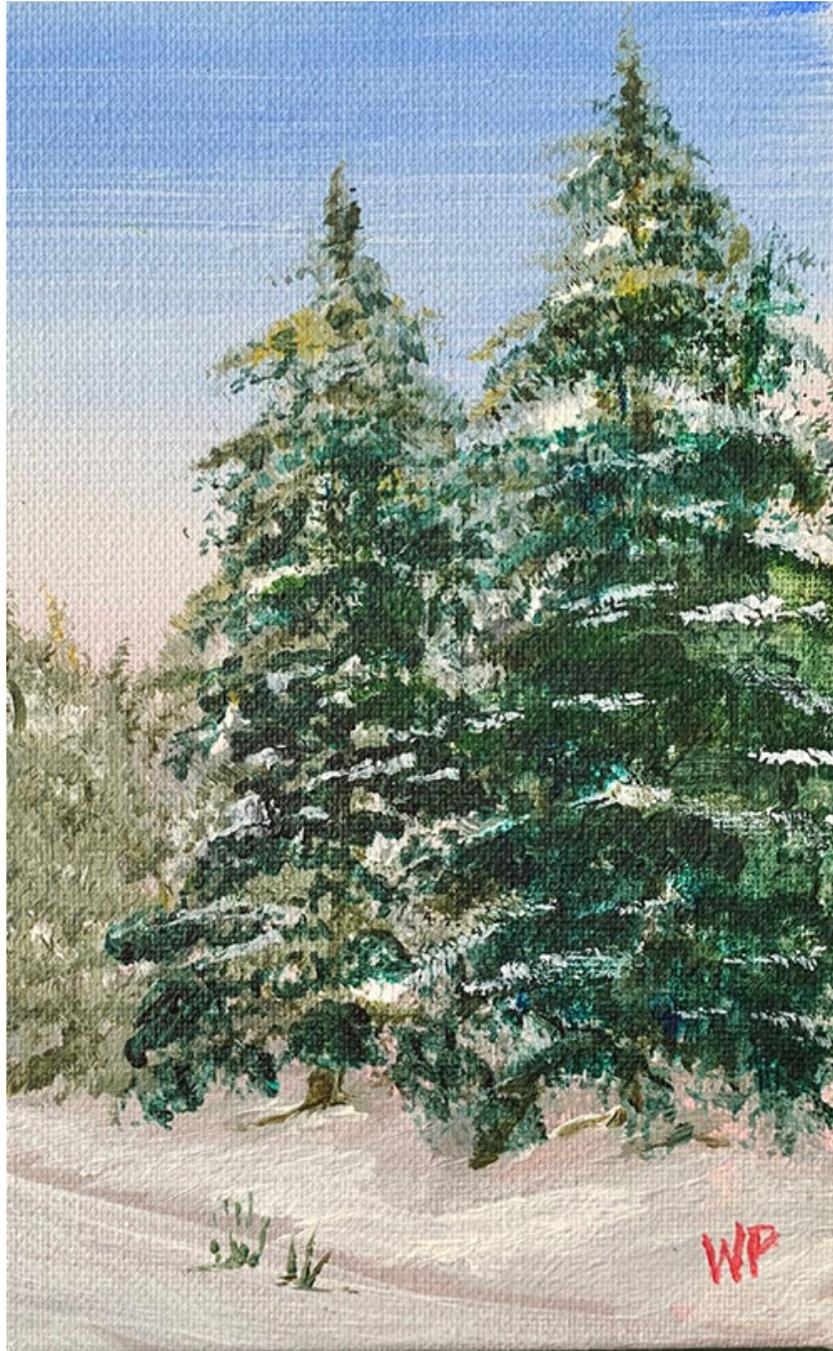
### 12 days of u3a

On our social media, we've collected thoughts from u3a members from across

the movement on their positive takes from a challenging year and the things they are looking forward to for the year ahead. From learning highlights to Mr Motivator work out videos, it's been a busy year for u3a.

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and be part of the conversation.

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This painting was shared by Wendy Parrett on the [u3a Keeping in Touch Facebook group](#).

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## Festive Quiz

Subject Advisor for Quizzes, Chris Wright, along with Stella Burton, Rob Wilcox, Peter Roberts, has created this [Bumper Christmas Quiz](#).

### **Christmas Knowledge - a taster:**

In which country did Christmas pudding originate?

If you sat down for your Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day at 14.00 in London, what time would it be if you were on the Christmas Island?

For good luck, which direction should you stir mincemeat?

Find the missing vowels to make a Christmas carol

WTHRKNNGSFRNTR (6 words)

GDKNGWNCCLS (3 words)

WHLSHPHRDSWTCHDTHRFLCKSTNGHT (7 words)

Christmas Anagrams

MUDDLING PUP (4, 7)

YETI DUEL (8)

STARFISH REMATCH (6,9)

**See the full quiz on the [learning pages](#), where the answers will also be posted on 12 January. See all the Quizzes that Chris has been creating weekly over the pandemic.**

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Graham Duro of Belper & District u3a which he submitted into [Winter Watch](#).

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## Keep Learning

We have many initiatives on our website to keep you busy. Whether you're into photography, maths or craft to name just a few, there will be something for you.

Get involved in these initiatives on [the learning pages](#).

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### Message from Ian McCannah, Chair of the Third Age Trust

"This has been a challenging year for all of us and yet for me it has also been an inspiring one.

Pre-covid, we all connected with each other face to face through our interest groups - an estimated 40,000 of which met every week meeting regularly. This model was taken away from us by the pandemic and yet, with typical energy and imagination, you rose to the challenge with a variety of initiatives to stay connected and keep learning.

By using a combination of Zoom interest group meetings and buddy systems, that keep those without access to the internet in touch and involved, the movement is well placed to pick up activity once lockdown is a matter of historical record.

Our u3a movement has stayed strong throughout and your commitment and energy will help it remain robust over the years ahead".



Westbury u3a member Dee Pesse shared this lovely photo of her dog in the snow on the [Keeping In Touch Facebook group](#).

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