

DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

The December monthly meeting proved to be a delightful foretaste of Christmas with several of our own groups joining forces to provide most enjoyable seasonal entertainment to a large number of Penrith and North Lakes U3A members. The large downstairs room at Penrith Rugby Club was full of an eager and attentive audience and amplified by a wide range of participants. An excellent start was provided by the Writing group, led by Chris Whittaker, who offered a range of prose and poetry written by the individuals who each read their own contributions. Next, by way of contrast, the Folk Dancing group led by Roger Burgin and Rose Johnson, took us through their paces with the Folk Music group under Neil Stretton accompanying them, again to the delight of the audience. The newly formed Recorder Group under the guidance of Sandy Wright, then made their debut with descant, treble and tenor recorder players offering lovely harmonic music interspersed with seasonal verses.

The grand finale was left to the particularly talented Folk Music team who played a lovely variety of music culminating in community singing of well-known carols, even providing the words for members who wished to join in the singing. By this stage, it was beginning to grow dark outside which added an extra seasonal feeling to the atmosphere. Despite the time, most people congregated in the bar next door for delicious refreshments provided by the excellent team headed by Beryl Armstrong. What a lovely, atmospheric start to the Christmas season! Very many thanks to all our members who contributed to such a special Christmas event!