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## Introduction from Sam Mauger

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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

## Festive Quiz

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Subject Advisor for Quizzes, Chris Wright, along with Stella Burton, Rob Wilcox, Peter Roberts, has created this **Bumper Christmas Quiz**.

### Christmas Knowledge

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

WTHRKN~~S~~FRNTR (6 words)

GDKNGWNC~~S~~LS (3 words)

WHL~~S~~PHRDSW~~T~~CHD~~T~~HRFL~~C~~KSTNG~~H~~T (7 words)

### Christmas Anagrams

MUDDLING PUP (4, 7)

YETI DUEL (8)

STARFISH REMATCH (6,9)



Answers on next page.

## In Focus

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### Ian McCannah, Chair for 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”.

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Answers to the quiz  
England, 21:00 (they are 7 hours ahead of London), Clockwise  
We Three Kings of Orient Are, Good King Wenceslas, While Shepherds Watched  
Their Flocks At Night  
Plum Pudding, Yuletide, Father Christmas