



Over 100 members attended the Ilkley & District u3a Christmas Cracker event held at Clarke Foley Community Centre in Ilkley on Saturday 16th December 2023.

It is hoped this short report, pictures and video bring back happy memories of a super end to our 2023 as members of u3a





A few thoughts from a couple of the organisers

Lots of positive feedback from this free to attend event. A lovely morning, with lots of happy faces, all preparing for the festive break. Mince pies, excellent mulled wine, prepared by CFC Catering

Our member, Pamela Ravenscroft, made an appeal for Martin House Children's Hospice was met with a very generous response and £350 collected.

The u3a Poetry writing group shared a selection of topical and Christmas themed poems.

The Daytones Barbershop choir from Wetherby, were terrific, well rehearsed, very funny and entertaining.

Santa (David Hewitt) distributed some surprise gifts whilst members enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine and then led some carol singing (Gwen Hewitt on the piano) beginning with a super Santa Baby duet.





Pamela Brunger, Hon Sec Ilkley Friend of Martin House Children's Hospice has written to u3a

Thank you so much for allowing us to hold a collection for Martin House last Saturday and to talk about the valuable work of the Hospice. We are delighted to report that £350 was raised from your generous members. Please convey our thanks to all concerned. Kind regards





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Daytones Barbershop Harmony Chorus

Based in Clifford, near Wetherby, the Daytones enjoy singing together in a lively barbershop style and who have a good time in a healthy enjoyable activity

[Select here to view a video from part of their performance](#)











A huge vote of thanks to all who put so much effort into organising this final event of 2023

