

BFA NEWS

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December at BFA

December saw the 'Big 5' at BFA. Starting at the end of November through until the Christmas Break. 1. We kicked off with our BFA Christmas Tree display at the Bridlington Christmas Tree festival for which we received commendations regarding its design and appearance. 2. Then we had the BFA Christmas Jumper Café with a performance of The Snowman by Jenny Bray and the Wolf Gang, with free Crafts and Treats. 3. The next of the 'Big 5' was the BFA Festive Afternoon Tea held at Clickham Grange which was spectacular and held within the farmhouse. There were homemade baked goods and it was decorated beautifully. 4. Was our BFA Christmas Lunch held at the Friendly Forester. Everyone who attended said the food was lovely and there was lots of conversations, laughter, cracker jokes and Christmas cheer.

January at BFA

After a great Christmas and New Year break we kicked off the year with our BFA New Year Café which was based around Health & Well-being. With speakers Ami and Hannah coming in from the My Dentist Oral Health Team, to give some great advice regarding oral health, what to look out for and the importance of oral hygiene.



They also gave some contact numbers for various services within the community that are displayed on the BFA Noticeboard at Cafes and Socials.

BFA Monthly Social



After a years gap we saw the return of John D Slater and his very entertaining New Show for 2026 'An Actors Life for Three'. John had us all laughing with his theatrical stories and stiches. Johns life has been varied and interesting and he has many stories to tell of his working life including working as a clown in a circus to doing a one man show at a theatre in Leeds. John sang amusing songs for us, with one even played on a ukelele. Everyone agreed it was a great show and the Fireman Sketch was hilarious. This marvellous octogenarian living in Bridlington is full of life, great stories and songs and is still working on his next projects. Look out for Johns Sing-along-a-thons in our community each month.

BFA Eatery Meals

BFA Eatery Valentines Lunch Links Golf Club	Tuesday 10 th Feb 12.30pm
BFA Eatery Evening Meal Manor Court, Carnaby	Friday 27 th Feb 6.30pm
BFA Eatery Lunch Eastfield Garden Centre	Tuesday 10 th March 12.30pm Potting shed restaurant
BFA Eatery Breakfast Brunch Trackers Café, Bridlington	Monday 23 rd of March 9.30am
BFA Eatery Easter Lunch Revelstoke Hotel	Tuesday 7 th of April 12.30pm 8 booked
BFA Eatery Evening Meal Aloha, Bridlington	Monday 20 th April 6.30pm
BFA Eatery Breakfast Brunch Friendly Forester	Tuesday 5 th May 9.30am
BFA Eatery Lunch Ransdale Hotel, Bridlington	Thursday 21 st May 12.30pm

Booking Required for all BFA Eatery Meals

Please Contact Tracey via: E: chairbfa@mail.com or

T: 07935980159



And finally our 5th 'Big 5' event was our BFA Community Festive Social. Attended by the Mayor Cllr Angela Walker and her consort Mr Graham Walker. There was a large Christmas Raffle, A Mini Christmas Quiz, Festive Cream Teas and the BFA Drama Group directed by Pam Dalley performed the Pantomime: Robin Hood and the Cheese Factory, thank you to all concerned it was a great pantomime. Well done everyone, we loved it!



Message from the BFA Chairperson

A Belated Happy New Year, January seemed to go in a rush but the Snowdrops are out, buds are appearing and we just need one more click of the Calendar for Spring to be Sprung! I hope you all had a warm cozy Christmas and were fortunate enough to spend it with family and/or friends. Ours was very busy in the South with my family this year and then we were fortunate to fly out to Spain for the New Year, some sunshine and a well earned rest!

It was lovely to have John D Slater back as our Social Speaker in January. It was his best talk and renditions yet and he had everyone present laughing and joining in. We have our BFA Valentines Chocolate Bingo coming up after the success of it last year. Please come along and support this fun event, there's even Free Tea and Coffee (and the bars open).

Im pleased to say the Jolly Rogers Ukelele Band will be entertaining us in February with a brand new concert ! If you missed them the first time in 2025 I would recommend coming along to the February Social and seeing them perform. I would also like to ask members to come along and support our fab **BFA Monthly Quiz Nights**, Individuals, Couples or Teams would be made really welcome. The more the merrier!

There are some great BFA Eatery Meals booked in for you in 2026, they are shown on the website or you can add your names to the meal sheets at the BFA Cafés and Socials .

The first meal of the year at the Seacourt Hotel was a lovely meal with everyone enjoying it. The BFA Team and I look forward to seeing you all at many of the events over the next month and throughout 2026.

The BFA Website at: www.bridlingtonfriendsassociation.org.uk is a great source of information regarding up and coming events and we also have a NEW Facebook Page for you to join and find out information from. Its simply called Bridlington Friends Association and was started last week. My contact details are on the back of every BFA Newsletter so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

In Closing:
Id also like to say a very big thank you to my Committee and all our Group Facilitators including volunteers who help support BFA and its Members, its really appreciated. As always, I wish all our member's 'Good Health and Good Friends'.

Welcome to ALL new members too. I hope YOU enjoy BFA.

Tracey Hobson Chair of BFA

BRIDLINGTON FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

2026 BFA Monthly Quiz Nights



Come join the fun and laughter at the Town Bar, Queensgate 7pm for a 7.30 pm start

ALL WELCOME

All dates are the Last Thursday of the Month

THURS 29TH JAN	THURS 30TH JULY
THURS 26TH FEB	THURS 27TH AUG
THURS 26TH MARCH	THURS 24TH SEPT
THURS 30TH APRIL	THURS 29TH OCT
THURS 28TH MAY	THURS 26TH NOV
THURS 25TH JUNE	<small>The December Mini Quiz is part of the BFA Christmas Social on WED 18th December</small>

Everyone gets to play as part of a Team

Committee always present to Meet & Greet

8 Rounds of Questions with something for Everyone

Cash for Questions and a Raffle

Entrance is £2 per person with all entrance monies being paid out in Team Prizes

We are looking for **MORE** individuals, couples and teams to join in with our already Fab Quiz Night. Why not come along and have a great night full of laughter. Everyone gets to play as part of a Team. The Bars Open and there's a Raffle!

BFA TOWN BAR EVENTS

Wednesday 11th February
BFA Valentines Café with Chocolate Bingo Entrance £1, Free Teas and Coffees , Bar Open & Raffle **Time: 1-4pm**

Wednesday 25th February
BFA Monthly Social
Music: Jolly Rogers Ukelele Band £1 Entrance, Raffle , Bar Open **Time: 1 - 4pm**

Thursday 26th February
BFA Monthly Quiz Night: Town Bar, Entrance £2pp,Raffle & Cash for Questions. **Time: 7pm for 7.30 start**

Wednesday 11th March
Easter Craft Café. Try a Craft or Bring Your Own. Entrance £1, Free Teas and Coffees , Bar Open & Raffle **Time: 1-4pm**

Wednesday 25th March
BFA Monthly Social
Music: Easter Concert: Jenny Bray & Band £2 Entrance, Raffle , Bar Open **Time: 1 - 4pm**

Thursday 26th March
BFA Monthly Quiz Night: Town Bar, Entrance £2pp,Raffle & Cash for Questions. **Time: 7pm for 7.30 start**

Wednesday 8th April
BFA Café with Speaker: Richard Myerscough—
Geoarchaeology £1, Free Teas and Coffees , Bar Open & Raffle **Time: 1-4pm**

Wednesday 22nd April
BFA Monthly Social
Speaker: Stephen Carvill Sculptor £1 Entrance, Raffle , Bar Open **Time: 1 - 4pm**

BFA Strolling Group



Fancy some Fresh Air in Good Company

This group meets once a month at various locations to have a leisurely stroll around a place of interest or along a Seafront and then finish with Coffee and Cake/Lunch at or near the location.

The 12th BFA Strolling Group will take place in Bridlington, on Monday the 23rd of February at 11am onwards.

Bruce will meet you just before 11am in front of the Hall at Sewerby Hall and Gardens, Church Lane, Sewerby for a walk around the Gardens and Woodland Trail. Following this the Group will go to the Clock Tower Café for Refreshments.
(The location is FREE to enter this time of year)

This BFA Strolling Group location is suitable for people with Mobility Issues and those who use a Wheelchair or Mobility Scooter. There are plenty of places to sit dotted along the way. It's a great way to stroll with others and enjoy Beautiful Bridlington.

There is plenty of FREE parking at Sewerby Hall and Gardens.

The walk is 1-2 miles in total.

Bruce and the BFA Committee are always present and look forward to seeing YOU!

For more information contact Bruce:07882 305832




BFA Valentines Café 2026

When: Wednesday the 11th of February

Where: Town Bar, Queensgate, Bridlington

Time: 1-4pm

Chocolate Bingo

Bring Your Pens!

BFA will provide the Games Free of Charge



Chocolate Prizes in each Game!

Chocolates to Nibble while Playing!

What's not to Like!

Entrance £1 per person

Free Teas & Coffees

Town Bar open selling other Refreshments

Valentine Chocolate Raffle & BFA Information

BFA FEBRUARY SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY THE 25TH OF FEBRUARY 2026

TOWN BAR, QUEENSGATE FROM 1-4PM



THE JOLLY ROGERS UKULELE BAND



COME AND HEAR THIS FABULOUS BAND AT OUR BFA SOCIAL LED BY ALAN HART.

THE UKULELE IS A VERSATILE INSTRUMENT FROM HAWAII, IT HAS GAINED GLOBAL ACCLAIM FOR ITS MELODIC CONTRIBUTION TO MUSIC. ITS CHARM BRINGS A UNIQUE SOUND TO A MYRIAD

OF MUSICAL GENRES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A RAFFLE AND BFA INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE DAY ENTRANCE IS £1

BAR WILL BE OPEN SELLING REFRESHMENTS

BFA Friendship Café

Wednesday the 8th of April

Town Bar, Queensgate from 1-4pm



Speaker: Richard Myerscough

Flamborough FEAST Project



Richard runs a Geoaerchaeology Group within our community and has worked on many projects such as the Geo Park and the Roman Villa excavation.

This will be a very interesting talk.

Entrance is £1pp – Everyone Welcome

BFA Community Easter Concert

When: Wednesday March 25th, 2026

Where: Town Bar, Queensgate, Bridlington

Time: 1-4pm



Entertainment: Jenny Bray

Jenny's music and live performances are often surrounded by a plethora of the UK's leading musicians, including saxophonist Rod Mason, bassist Richard Hammond, guitarist Jezz Platt and percussionist Dave Walsh. She's also worked closely with Grammy nominee

Olive Joseph, an 'explosive' vocalist and original member of the Jenny Bray Band. Jenny recorded a fourth album in July 2025 at a Pennsylvania studio with members from her original US band.

This is an open **Community Event** please feel free to bring your Family & Friends

This is one not to be missed.

Entrance: £2 per person. Children Free

There will also be a Raffle, and the Bar will be open selling Hot and Cold Drinks

BFA Indoor & Outdoor Activity Groups

Community Partners:

Table Tennis
Short Mat Bowls (Seasonal)
Flat Green Bowls (Seasonal)
Yoga & Pilates
Pétanque (Seasonal)

BFA Diabetes Support Group
BFA Bridlington Chess Club
BFA Board Games & Cards
Geoarchaeology Group
BFA Drama Group
BFA Eatery
BFA Strolling Group
BFA Craft Cafes
Would you like to be a Group Facilitator? BFA can help.

To join a Group, Start a New Group, Become a Group Facilitator or you have an Idea for a New Group, please let us know. BFA contact details are below.

How to contact BFA Committee

General Info. & To book Eatery Meals & Membership

Chairperson: Tracey—Tel 07935 980159

Enquiries: Email: chairbfa@mail.com

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The 13th BFA Strolling Group will take place in Bridlington, on Monday the 30th of March 2026 at 11am onwards.

Bruce will meet you just before 11am, at the Cenotaph, Wellington Road, Bridlington and walk through the Town to Bridlington Harbour via the ramp opposite the public toilets in Queen Street, then skirt the Harbour and walk along the seafront to Jerome's for refreshments then back through town to finish at the Cenotaph.

This BFA Strolling Group location is suitable for people with Mobility Issues and those who use a Wheelchair or Mobility Scooter. There are plenty of places to sit dotted along the way. It's a great way to stroll with others and enjoy Beautiful Bridlington.

There is plenty of parking in the Wellington Road Carpark and in the surrounding roads. The walk is approx. 2 miles in total.

Bruce and the BFA Committee are always present and look forward to seeing YOU!

For more information contact Bruce: 07882 305832



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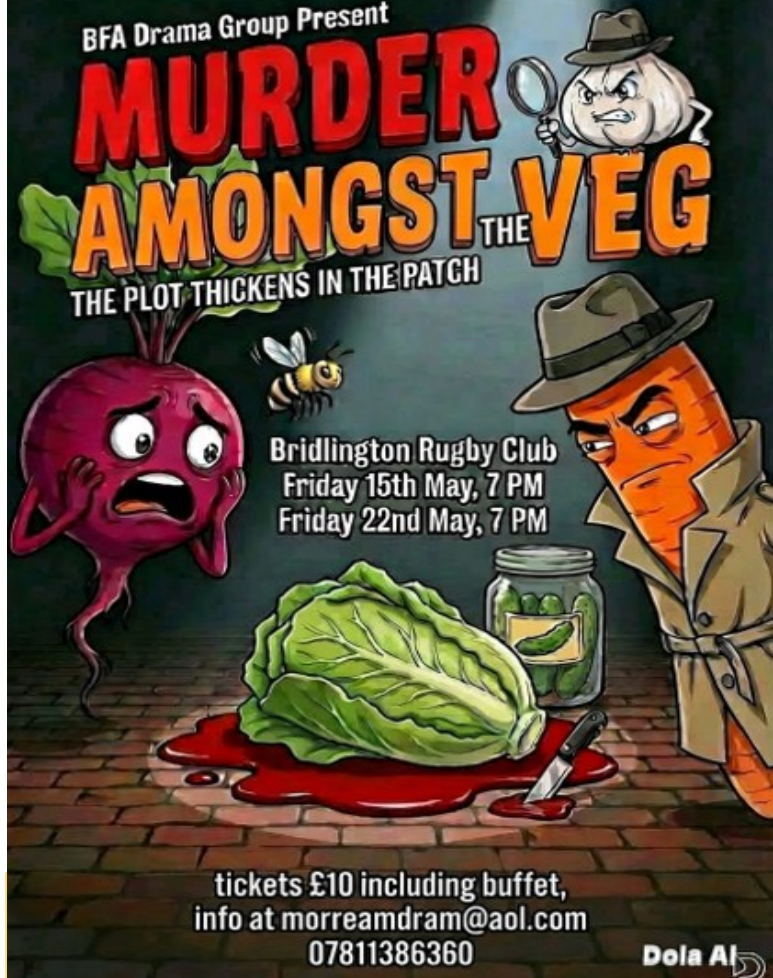
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BFA Drama Group Present

MURDER AMONGST THE VEG

THE PLOT THICKENS IN THE PATCH



Bridlington Rugby Club
Friday 15th May, 7 PM
Friday 22nd May, 7 PM

tickets £10 including buffet,
info at morreamdram@aol.com
07811386360

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Please have a look at our BFA Website with all up to date information on:

<https://www.bridlingtonfriendsassociation.org.uk>

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PALMS LEISURE CLUB

Palms Leisure Club is an exclusive Health & Fitness Club working with BFA to offer our members a

Heated indoor swimming pool
Relaxing sauna, steam & jacuzzi
Fully equipped gym

Corporate Membership available to BFA Members. The Palms Leisure Centre is based at Carnaby, Bridlington.