



**Over 100 members attended the Ilkley & District u3a Christmas Cracker event held at Clarke Foley Community Centre in Ilkley on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

