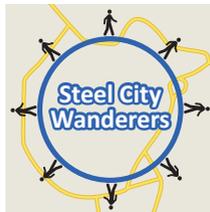
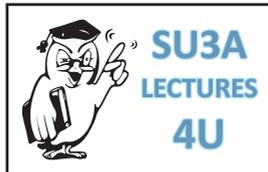
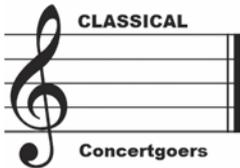


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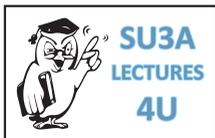
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Friday Lectures at the Showroom

No charge, no need to book unless indicated. Refreshments from 10.00.
New lecture start time of 11.00 and finish time of 12.30. Greeters with necklace badges. Half-price parking at Q-Park on Arundel Gate - collect a voucher from the Showroom Box Office. The Lecture Planning Group would welcome new members to help with future programmes. Please contact Shelagh Woolliscroft on 0114 255 8948.

19 February - Friendship under fire: the poetry of Graves, Owen, Sassoon - Charles Mundye, Head of Academic Development in the Department of Humanities Sheffield Hallam University. Charles is the President of the Robert Graves Society and the author of a range of articles on 20th century poets including Ezra Pound, Dylan Thomas, Edith Sitwell.

18 March - Does Prison Work? - Cormac Behan, Lecturer in Criminology, University of Sheffield Centre for Criminological Research. This lecture considers the objectives of imprisonment, explores why the prison emerged as a form of punishment and examines the place of prison in twenty first century society. It will also analyse imprisonment in other countries and reflect on whether the prison is an overused form of punishment.

15 April - Beethoven and Beyond - Fraser Wilson, Music in the Round Taking the towering figure of Ludwig van Beethoven as a starting point. Fraser explores some of the great music and musicians, discusses the fundamental humanity of music making, and offers a personal perspective on creativity and musical imagination.

20 May - From Plant to Page - Jennie Hinton. NB Collection for Greenhill Library. With a degree in education, a lifelong interest in nature, and a gift to draw, Jennie embarked on a teaching career with a desire to meld the Art with the Science. This talk expands on many aspects of her life and work, including the achievements of the Botanical Illustration Society which she founded in 1999.

17 June - From hard-boiled fiction to Film Noir - Ruth Hawthorn. This lecture will focus on the novels and subsequent film adaptations which introduced readers to two of the most iconic Private Eyes in literary history: Sam Spade and Philip Marlowe. Their creators Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler were keen to establish a distinctly American mode of detective fiction.

15 July The Cape Wrath Trail - Britain's toughest long distance walk Paul Jarvis and Jackie Payne of Walking Group F did the Cape Wrath Trail in May 2015. They walked about 225 miles from Fort William to Cape Wrath, through some of the wildest and most remote mountain areas in Scotland. They back packed and slept in bothies most of the time and it was the wettest, coldest May in memory. We can follow their progress in the comfort of our cinema chairs!

19 August - topic to be confirmed.

16 September - Shale Gas Fracking - how should the UK move forward? - Sarah O'Hara, Professor of Geography, and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Student Experience, University of Nottingham. (NB interim title) Sarah currently sits on the British Geological Society (BGS) Independent Advisory Committee and is an adviser to the Shale Gas Task Force. Last year 9,000 students followed her MOOC (Massive, Open, On-line Course) on the subject of Shale Gas Fracking: the Politics and Science, via the FutureLearn platform.

21 October - Social Realism in Film - Dave Forrest, Lecturer in Film Studies, University of Sheffield. Further details in June Links.

18 November - Benefits of Technology in the Fourth Age - Arlene Astell, Professor of Health Service Research, University of Sheffield. Details to follow.

16 December - Arrivals - Humanising Immigration - Jeremy Abrahams. This lecture explores the background to the setting up of Arrivals, a major exhibition on immigration at Weston Park Museum, from September 2016 to January 2017. The exhibition will celebrate the diversity of Sheffield's population through photographing one person who arrived in Sheffield from another country in each year from 1939 to 2016. Jeremy Abrahams has been an economist, teacher, and education adviser. He recently re-trained as a photographer, specialising in portraits and the theatre.



Flying Gardeners

We will be back at Beauchief Gardens (on the Totley side of the Abbeydale Hamlet pond) on Wednesday morning 30 March for a Spring makeover. If you feel like a bit of weeding, pruning or sweeping then do join us from 10 am to about 12 noon. No tools required, just sturdy boots and gloves. Parking is available on Abbeydale Road South adjacent to the garden and refreshments are provided. Enquiries to Shelagh Woolliscroft on 0114 255 8948.

Beamish – The Living Museum of the North Tuesday 10 May 2016



Our visit takes us back over a century in this unique open-air museum in County Durham, where we will enjoy a glimpse of local life between 1850 and 1914. The site covers 300 acres and includes a colliery and a drift mine, a reconstructed pit village, an 1870 farm, a railway station for Rowley,

the town with a pub, an early garage and various shops. You will see a working railway from 1825 and visit the local manor, Pockerley Hall. Restored trams and an early omnibus provide free transport around the site.

You can imagine daily life in an actual 1890 pit cottage and, in a live lesson at the 1897 Board School; you will be able to compare that with your own early days in the classroom.

Go underground in the mine and see the harsh working conditions. Finally, share the excitement of early rail passengers with a ride on the open 1825 Stephenson steam train.

The inclusive cost (coach travel, museum and gratuities) is **£25.p.p.** Refreshments are not included, but are available on the site. To reserve a place, please complete the application form and send, with a cheque and small s.a.e. to Derek Shipley as soon as possible.



Thursford Christmas Spectacular Wednesday 30 November - Thursday 1 December 2016

It is several years since the SU3A took a group to Norfolk for this show which has been produced at Thursford since 1977. It is something quite different from a theatre show or traditional pantomime. It is a fast moving celebration of the festive season with a cast of 130 professional singers, dancers, musicians and speciality acts. The show's popularity grows year-on-year and there is always a high demand for tickets, so we have acted as promptly as possible to book seats for the 2016 show.

We will travel to Thursford on the morning of Wednesday 30 November arriving in time to get some lunch before the afternoon performance. After the show the coach will take us to the Holiday Inn Norwich for dinner and an overnight stay. After breakfast there will be free time before starting the journey home. We will have a lunch stop en route and we aim to reach Sheffield by about 3.30 pm.

The cost of this two-day visit is £155 per person sharing a double or twin room and for single occupancy it will be £183 p.p. The prices quoted cover coach travel, show ticket, one night half board at the Holiday Inn Norwich, and gratuities.

If you wish to apply for a place, please complete the form in this issue and send it together with a Links size s.a.e and your cheque for the deposit of £50 per person. (The balance will be due by 31 July 2016)
Please apply as soon as possible – we have had to pay in advance and must be sure of covering the outlay on 45 places in order to make this visit viable.



**Travel Group Visit to Thursford
30 November – 1 December 2016**

Name(s) SU3A No(s)
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Address Tel.
..... Post Code.....

Room type: Twin/double/twin share/single

I enclose a cheque for £ (£50 per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the completed slip, with a Links-size stamped addressed envelope, as soon as possible to: Margaret Bullivant, 14 Kingsley Park Grove, Sheffield S11 9HIL



**Travel Group Visit to Beamish
Museum Thursday 10 May 2016**

Name(s) SU3A No(s)
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Address Tel.
..... Post Code.....

Please reserve place(s) for me I enclose a cheque for £..... (£25 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the completed slip, with a small s.a.e., as soon as possible to: Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, Sheffield S17 4LA

Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

- Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 07.30 ()
- Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 07.45 ()



Advance Notice: Travel Group Day Visits for 2016

25 May	Laxton Village, Notts. (April Links)
June	Lion Salt Works, Northwich and Little Moreton Hall (April Links)
July	Scampston Hall and Walled Garden (April Links)
July	New Four Churches visit (April Links)
August	Southport Flower Show (June Links)
September	Hat Museum and Bramall Hall, Stockport (June Links)
October	To be decided
November	Symphony Hall, Birmingham and Christmas Market (August Links)

Short Breaks 2016

15–19 September	Suffolk, Ipswich (April Links)
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European Travel Group

Trips under consideration for 2017 If you are interested in any of these trips please register your interest with Brian Cave or Samina Aslam.

All our holidays are inclusive travel from/to Sheffield. They include 3* or 4* hotels on a B&B basis. Lunch or dinner is included for most days leaving you with the opportunity to explore and eat at a venue of your choice on at least one occasion during your holiday. The cost also includes entrance fees, gratuities tour manager and any extras shown in the specific tour details.

Avignon and La Camargue

This 7 day/6 night holiday takes us to the countryside and chateaux of the Provence. We will be staying in Avignon and will have time to explore this UNESCO listed town with its many museums, art galleries, restaurants and its famous bridge or Pont. From our base we will travel by dedicated coach out to the countryside and visit Le Camargue famous for its bulls and horses, the towns of Aries and Nimes and the footsteps of Cezanne to the Chateau de Lourmarin.

Cost will be under £1200pp (plus single supplement of no more than £150) and will be in the Autumn of 2017.

Cultural Amsterdam

This 5 day holiday starts and ends with an overnight ferry crossing to/from Holland and includes dinner and breakfast in both directions. During this trip we visit the recently reopened Rijksmuseum, and enjoy trips to Keukenhof Gardens, The Teylers Museum, Frans Hals Museum, Anne Frank Museum and also enjoy a night cruise of Amsterdam's famous waterways whilst enjoying dinner. We may also be able to visit the famous "Panorama Mesdag" a cylindrical painting, more than 14 metres high and 120 metres in circumference before catching our ferry back to the UK.

Cost will be under £600pp (plus single supplement of no more than £70) and will be in the late Spring of 2017.



The Grandeur of Iceland and the Northern Lights: February 2017



For many a holiday of a lifetime and by request from some of our members, we are pleased to add this to our list for 2017.

Specially tailored for SU3A for a group of 15-20 travellers, we will navigate Iceland by air and road from Akureyri in the north to Reykjavik, exploring dramatic

landscapes that include volcanoes, explosive craters, mountains, glaciers, fjords, geysers, lava fields, hot springs, waterfalls... natural wonders certainly aren't in short supply in Iceland. What's more, in the winter months, it's one of the best bets for catching a glimpse of the elusive Northern Lights!

Iceland is not only about dramatic scenery, included are visits to the most hallowed place in Iceland, namely Thingvellir where the first Parliament in the world was formed by the Vikings; Krafla the geothermal power station; several museums and fine dining at the world famous Perlan (Pearl Restaurant), which slowly revolves, high on a hill, overlooking the city of Reykjavik.

The cost of this 8 day/ 7 nights **full board** (excluding drinks) holiday will be approx. £1900.00 pp with a single supplement of £280.00. Please register your interest to Samina Aslam (0114) 235 1489 or Brian Cave (0114) 230 5312.

Stop Press: A few places still available!

Berlin and Dresden: 10-16 October 2016

Details and application form can be found in the December *Links* or on our website.



Harrogate Spring Flower Show Sunday 24 April 2016

After a long, wet winter many of us may be turning our thoughts to brightening up our gardens with a new array of plants and flowers. A visit to Harrogate Spring Flower Show will provide inspiration and masses of ideas to help achieve a spectacular display.

The Show also offers many other attractions including food demonstrations, crafts and gift stalls and a variety of places to eat ranging from a licensed restaurant to fast food outlets. Many of the exhibitors sell off their plants at the end of the day and plants may be reserved in advance.

The cost of the trip is **£28.50** which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity and entry to the Show. If you would like to join us, please complete the application form and return it to Jane Whitehead with your cheque, made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders, and a small SAE to arrive by Thursday 31 March 2016.**

You can also book online – login at <https://su3a.wildapricot.org> (See July 2015 *Links* for more help.) Please ring Jane on 0114 230 9312 for any further information.

Advance Notice: Forthcoming Weekenders' Events

14 April	National Memorial Arboretum
11 June	Open Air Theatre, Stamford
17 July	Carsington Water and Calke Abbey



Kirkstall Abbey and Museum Armley Mills Industrial Museum Sunday 20 March 2016



Kirkstall Abbey in Leeds is one of the finest examples of a medieval Cistercian abbey in Britain. Set in wonderful parkland along the banks of the River Aire, Kirkstall Abbey boasts historic architecture amid a haven of wildlife and greenery. We will have just over an hour to explore the

Abbey and grounds before making our way over to Abbey House Museum where we will be provided with a soup and sandwich lunch.

There will be chance, after lunch, to wander around the Victorian streets and other exhibits of the museum before we leave for the short trip to the Leeds Industrial Museum at Armley Mills. This tells the story of Leeds and the city's industrial development which made it into a great manufacturing centre. The exhibits are housed in a vast woollen mill set on the banks of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. There is a chance to look around the mill and have a cup of tea, if required, before we leave for Sheffield. The cost of the trip is **£25.00** which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity, soup and sandwich lunch and entry to both museums.

If you would like to join us, please complete the application form and return it to Jean Stevenson with your cheque, made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**, and a **small SAE as soon as possible**. You can also book online – login at <https://su3a.wildapricot.org> (See July 2015 *Links* for more help.)

Please ring Jean Stevenson on **0114 327 6294** for any further information.



weekenders

Kirkstall Abbey and Armley Mills Sunday 20 March 2016

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Address Tel.

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Contact details (email/ Tel number)

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £

(£25.00 per person) payable to *Sheffield U3A Weekenders*.

Please send to Jean Stevenson, 3 Knowle Court, Button Hill, Sheffield S11 9HH with a **small SAE** as soon as possible. Please indicate your preferred pick up point.

Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane 08.45 (...)

Pond Hill (Penny Black Pub) 09.00 (...)

You can now book online as well as by post.



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Harrogate Spring Flower Show Sunday 24 April 2106

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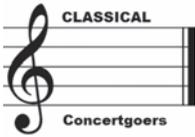
Please send to Jane Whitehead, 21 Bingham Court, Graham Road, Sheffield S10 3DZ with a **small SAE** by **Thursday 31 March 2016**.

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Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane 09.15 (...)

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Classical Concertgoers

Birmingham: The Symphony Hall Thursday 26 May 2016 2.15pm

The former Bolshoi music director Alexander Vedernikov will conduct the City of Birmingham Orchestra in an afternoon programme of Russian music. A rare performance of the violin concerto by “Russian Mendelssohn” Alexander Glazunov features popular soloist Tamsin Little.

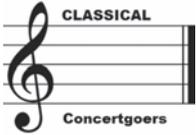
Tchaikovsky
Glazunov
Tchaikovsky

The Tempest
Violin Concerto
Symphony No. 5

The coach will leave the bus stop at the junction of Knowle Lane / Ecclesall Road at **9.45 am** to reach Birmingham in time for lunch. We expect to be back in Sheffield by early evening. The price of the ticket (**front stalls**), coach travel and driver’s gratuity is **£30.00**.

The rising costs of live classical concerts means that, on this occasion, we have purchased seats nearer the stage than usual. Regular concertgoers will appreciate that we try to hold the cost of the visit to a reasonable sum. To apply, please complete the application form.

NB. Some tickets remain for Nottingham on 8 April (See December Links). If you are interested please ring me by 12 February.



**Classical Concertgoers
Birmingham Symphony Hall
Thursday 26 May 2016**

Name(s) SU3A No(s)
Address Tel:
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..... Post Code

Please reserve place(s) for me (**£30.00** per person). I enclose a cheque for payable to **SU3A Concertgoers'** and a **small stamped addressed envelope.**

If possible I would like to sit with

Forms should be sent to Pamela Sandford, 289 Abbey Lane,
Sheffield S8 0DA



Steel City Wanderers (aka Sheffield U3A Street Walkers!)

Steel City Wanderers is an open group which explores the culture, geography and energy of Sheffield in the form of short, guided walks. In 2015 subjects as diverse as Urban Art in the back streets, Poets and Poetry and Sheffield's Musical heritage from the 60's to the 90's were explored.

In 2016 we are planning:

A creative writing walk to explore atmospheric locations in Sheffield and listen to original work specially written by U3A members. Did you know we used to have "a house of help for those in moral danger"? Just one of the locations that will feature in this walk which will also be on the programme of the Off The Shelf 2016 Literary Festival.

Sheffield remains the UK capital for urban art which appears, disappears, is demolished and refreshed. In 2016 we shall repeat our exploration of some of the seldom trodden streets of Sheffield, revisiting some favourites and discover new work; we hope to be joined by an Urban Artist and visit a gallery specialising in "public space art works".

On the horizon for 2016 is a walk, still in such an early planning phase that the running title is "Sheffield in Microcosm – recumbent cows, stables, poems, industry and a tall tale or two", also in 2016 we will have a follow up to the 2015 music walk titled "*How Long to the Lexicon Of Love*" with Brian Clark back as your guide, much more on these later in the year.

Our walks are short – it's the exploration, the pushing back of intellectual or imaginative boundaries and the new experiences that matter.

If you would like to explore areas of Sheffield and its culture that you would not normally associate with the U3A, or contribute to any of the walks, or indeed have an idea for a walk of your own, please email us to be alerted to future walks. If you have been on one of our walks, we will already have you on our emailing list to receive invitations to 2016 walks.

Pat & Clare Ryan *drpjryan gmail.com*

Lunch and Lecture

You are invited to lunch at the Doubletree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 8BW on **Friday 1 April 2016**.

Frank Dewire

Frank was born and bred in Sheffield. He has been a member of the Magic Circle for a number of years and will tell us about the history of magic, together with practical demonstrations. Prepare to be amazed!

Please arrive at 1200 hrs for a 1230 hrs start. Cost **£16.00**

There is ample parking and the numbers 24, 43 and 43a buses from the city centre stop outside the hotel. The number 75 bus from Shiregreen via High Street stops near the hotel at Meadowhead.

The menu will be a choice from:

- (a) Maple & thyme roasted chicken supreme with a smoked bacon & sherry sauce
- (b) Braised beef & button mushrooms
- (c) Ricotta & spinach crepes with a tomato & basil sauce

The dessert is:

- (d) Lemon tart with mascarpone and raspberries
- (e) Fruit salad

Should you have a special dietary request, please contact Dot or Vera, details below.

Please ensure you fill in your choices on the booking form and note that this is a set menu, so once you have made your choices you cannot change your mind.

If you would like to book a place, please fill in the application form and send it with a cheque made payable to Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture, to arrive no later than **Monday 21 March 2016**.

Lunch and Lecture

Dot Sutcliffe/Vera Dyer (0114) 268 5918/(0114) 237 7854
Lunch and Lecture: Frank Dewire

**Doubletree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield Road
South, Meadowhead, S8 8BW**

Friday 1 April 2016 at 1200hrs for 1230hrs

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel.

..... Post Code.....

Menu choices (please indicate):

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e)

Please reserve place(s) for me (**£16.00** per person).

I enclose a **small stamped addressed envelope** and a cheque for
£..... payable to **Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture**

Forms should be sent to arrive **no later than Monday 21 March 2016**
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Feb	2	Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	6	Classical C'goers: EU Chamber Orchestra, Leeds Town Hall
	19	Showroom Lecture: Friendship under fire: WW1: 11.00
Mar	1	Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	10	Travel Group: World of James Herriot, Beningbrough Hall, York
	18	Showroom Lectures: Does Prison Work 11.00
	20	Weekenders: Kirkstall Abbey and Museum Armley Mills
	30	Flying Gardeners at Beauchief Gardens 10.00-12.00
April	1	Lunch and Lecture: Magic
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	6	Group Coordinators meeting: 09.00 – 13.00, Quaker Meeting Hse
	8	Classical C'goers: The Halle, Nottingham Royal Concert Hall
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	15	Showroom Lectures: Beethoven and Beyond 11.00
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