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Signs of spring in Sheffield Botanical Gardens

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From The Chair

Welcome back!

As we leave a rather wet and blustery winter and enter into spring we in Sheffield, I think you will agree, have been very fortunate with our weather compared to some U3As around the country. By now many of us will be busy with our group activities and looking at holidays and trips for the coming year, including those with SU3A. However, spare a thought for those members who have not been well or have experienced a recent bereavement. A phone call, an email or card can make a great difference to a member of your group who may have found themselves in these circumstances.

We are now approaching our AGM and I hope more of you will come to support our U3A. The AGM is also an opportunity to meet the Executive Committee and Officers. The entertainment before the meeting will be provided by Old Time Music Hall, Drumming and Singing for Pleasure. This year will see Chris Cave, treasurer, and John Lees and Shelagh Woolliscroft, co-opted general committee members, leave the EC. My thanks to them all and especially Chris who has been on the committee for 5 years.

To all our members I would like to remind you that if there is a group that is full or that you cannot find, we are a self-help organisation, so why not start one! Support and guidance are available from our website as well as from our General Group Coordinators.

As this edition of Links has to publish essential documents in preparation for our AGM, some articles have had to be cut or held back to the June edition... this also applies to the Chairman!

So, I briefly draw the attention of group coordinators to the upcoming Group Coordinators' meeting in April, a splendid opportunity to meet fellow coordinators and discuss issues and achievements. Don't forget the opportunity to showcase your group's work or achievements at Askham Bryan in August, whether it be your paintings/drawings, photographs or activities, e.g. Tai Chi, singing or croquet... Until next time.

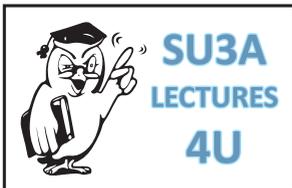
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NEWS

Group Coordinators' Meeting 6 April 2016

There will be a Group Coordinators' Meeting on Wednesday 6th April 2016 at The Friends Meeting House, St James Street, S1 2EW. The topic for this meeting will be 'Meeting the Challenges of Group Leadership'. Tea and coffee will be served from 9.45 am. The meeting will start at 10.30 am and end with a buffet lunch served at about 12.30 pm for those who have responded to the invitation and been given a catering number. NO NUMBER, NO LUNCH, but you would still be welcome to attend the meeting. All Group Coordinators should have received an invite a few weeks ago. If anyone has not, please contact Clare Chiba on datasheffieldu3a.org.uk or 01433 659864
We look forward to seeing you all.

Stephanie Dixon (General Coordinator for Set A)
Ann Granville (General Coordinator for Set B)
Pat Ryan (General Coordinator for Set D)
Clare Chiba (Groups Data Manager)
Camilla Jordan (Group Rolls Assistant)



Friday Lectures at the Showroom – start at 11.00

For more information see February Open Groups Supplement or SU3A website.

Shelagh Woolliscroft 0114 255 8948

15 April - **Beethoven and Beyond** - Fraser Wilson, Music in the Round

20 May - **From Plant to Page** - Jennie Hinton. NB Collection for Greenhill Library.

17 June - **From Hard-boiled Fiction to Film Noir** - Ruth Hawthorn

15 July - **The Cape Wrath Trail - Britain's toughest long-distance walk**

Friday Lecture – Sheffield U3A in the Community

The Video Production Group - one of the many groups that participated in the January Friday Lecture. Look out for a full summary of the event in June Links.



Web Deputy Vacancy

The Web Deputy is part of a friendly team responsible for the SU3A website. The Web Deputy's area of responsibility is the upkeep of all those pages listing information about the Groups, excluding the Group Home Pages.

All the information to go on those pages is provided by the Groups Data Manager or, occasionally, by one of the General Coordinators. The software used is Adobe's 'Dreamweaver'. Software and manuals are provided and some basic training is available. The time requirements are not onerous and the job mostly entails many small alterations at fairly regular intervals. A good level of accuracy is essential.

Please contact David Longson if you might be interested in this role.
07715360987 websheffieldu3a.org.uk

Information on Scams

In the January National Office Mailing, available to view on the TAT website, there is a paragraph regarding 'The Little Book of Scams' by the Metropolitan Police. This publication provides a general guide to many of the scams currently operating in the UK with a view to increasing awareness and covering easy steps you can take to protect yourselves. For a copy go to http://www.met.police.uk/docs/little_book_scam.pdf or members can contact the Metropolitan Police on 02072301228 or email sterlingmet.pnn.police.uk.

SHEFFIELD U3A

NOTICE OF THIRTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The 30th Annual General Meeting of Sheffield U3A
will be held at 11.15am on Wednesday 18 May 2016
at the Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield**

Only current 2016 members may attend and vote at the AGM. The final agenda for the AGM and 2015 minutes are published in this edition of Links. Members wishing to raise business under clause 13(viii) of the Constitution (see below) should have notified the Secretary, in writing, by 19 February 2016, so that it could have been included in the final agenda.

Clause 13(viii) reads "The agenda for the AGM shall be published in the last edition of the SU3A Newsletter to be issued to members at least 14 days before the AGM and shall include any other business notified in writing to the Secretary in sufficient time before publication".

There will also be the opportunity for informal discussion (see agenda item 8) but no decisions can be made on these items at the AGM. There will be vacancies on the Committee. The Committee meets bi-monthly, usually on the first Friday of the month. **Nominations for election to the Committee should be made on the form on page 13 and should reach the Secretary no later than Friday, 22nd April 2016.**

Jenny Graaf, Secretary

AGM AGENDA

Registration from 9.45am, when tea/coffee and biscuits will be served.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting.
3. Chair's Annual Report 2015/16.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Adoption of a revised constitution. In consultation with the Charity Commission and the Third Age Trust (TAT), the Executive Committee reviewed the constitution taking into account the latest best practice and the model constitution produced by TAT. Both the existing and proposed constitutions, plus explanatory notes, are available on our website. Hard copies can be obtained from the Secretary. Members are being asked to approve the new constitution."
6. Elections to Committee, including vacancies.
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner.
8. Any Other Business (brought up informally but no decision can be taken at the meeting).

SHEFFIELD U3A

*Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting held on 6 May 2015
at the Victoria Hall, Sheffield*

Present: around 115 members, with Jean Stevenson in the Chair.

Apologies for absence: Linda Stevenson, Beryl Barker, Rita Webster-Carr, Jenny Emby, Barbara Jowell, Vera Dyer, John Robertshaw, George & Val Wiley, Rati Chiba, J R Shaw, Anne Firth.

1. Minutes of the 28th AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 15 May 2014 (previously circulated) were agreed as a correct record.

2. Chairman's Annual Report

The Annual Report had appeared in the April *Links*.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014 had been circulated to members via the April issue of *Links*.

Barry De Roeck asked what were the items of equipment referred to in the accounts. It was reported that a new sound system had been purchased, and a printer for the Secretary. The computer upgrade related to the Membership Records Officer's system. The Treasurer was also asked about cost of the Wild Apricot membership management system. He reported that the system cost about £2,500 a year, with a transaction fee of 35p for everyone who joins. No one at the meeting was able to suggest a less expensive system.

The approval of the Accounts was proposed by Barry De Roeck and seconded by Judith Vernier. Agreed by the majority. The Treasurer thanked Robert Mellors for his work as Independent External Examiner.

4. Elections to the Committee

It was pointed out by John Richards that the new Committee members must be individually elected. Nominations have been received for:

Brian Cave - Proposed by Samina Aslam and seconded by David Longson
Jenny Graaf - Proposed by Samina Aslam and seconded by Dot Sutcliffe
Clare Chiba - Proposed by Rati Chiba and seconded by Tricia Pulfrey
Mike Granville - Proposed by Pat Ryan and seconded by Jean Stevenson

Mike Granville introduced himself and gave details of his career and interests, and Clare Chiba gave details of her past work for U3A. In the absence of Jenny Graaf and Brian Cave the Chairman read out statements from them. The four nominees were individually elected unanimously. The meeting was asked to vote en bloc for the continuing members of the Executive Committee - Samina Aslam, David Longson, John Evans and Chris Cave. Tricia Pulfrey would stay on the EC during the transition period to help the new Secretary, Jenny Graaf. This motion was agreed and carried unanimously.

The Chairman reported that Robert Mellors had indicated he was prepared to continue as Independent External Examiner. This was agreed. Thanks were expressed to those retiring from the Committee – Jean Stevenson, Dot Sutcliffe, Jane Whitehead and John Wragg.

5. **Change to the Constitution**

The following motion was proposed:

To enable the posts of Secretary, Treasurer and General Coordinator to be held by non-Committee members by inserting in Clause 6(ii) of the Constitution “if there is no suitable candidate for the posts of Secretary, Treasurer or General Coordinator on the Committee, the Committee may appoint non-Committee member(s) to those position(s), such appointment(s) to be effective only until the next Annual General Meeting”.

Chris Cave, in proposing the motion, spoke about the problems of recruiting to the Committee people with suitable skills and experience. Roy Pilkington, Derek Cave and John Richards all gave reasons for being against the motion, including possible problems with the Charity Commission and with Gift Aid. An amendment was proposed by John Richards as follows:

That the following words be added before the text subject to consultation with the National Office and the prior approval “of the Charity Commission”... and following on with “if there is no ...”

The amendment was approved on a majority vote, with 3 against and 3 abstentions. The Chairman said the Committee would need to refer the matter to the Charity Commissioners and take advice.

6. Any other business

No matters had been formally notified in advance, but various points were raised in an informal discussion.

- (i) **Sound systems.** Judith Vernier mentioned that members with various degrees of hearing loss were having difficulties at some venues. Only venues with a reliable loop system would enable them to hear speakers, and it was not always made clear beforehand whether this was available. She requested that where the U3A uses various premises (other than members' own homes) any publicity should include whether or not there is a loop system available. The Chairman said the Committee would discuss this and produce a list of venues.
- (ii) **Executive Committee.** Pat Ryan thanked the Committee members who were stepping down.
- (iii) **Membership.** Margaret Bullivant asked what the current criteria in relation to addresses/postcodes were for accepting new members, saying the Travel Group received applications from people who lived in different areas but gave a Sheffield address of a friend or relative. John Lees, who had provided the recommendations when he was previously a Committee member, said that at that time people outside of Sheffield were taking advantage of the Travel Group, and that the problem had obviously re-emerged. The current rule was that anyone who could realistically travel to Sheffield for a normal day's Group activity could join SU3A.
The Chairman said that the new Committee would reconsider the matter from all aspects of modern life. She mentioned that the rule might be superseded by the proposed Travel Network, where any unfilled places on visits might be offered to other U3As
- (iv) **Book of Remembrance.** Shelagh Woolliscroft drew members' attention to the Book which was available for inspection in the hall.
- (v) **Links.** The Chairman mentioned that *Links* was only being produced 4 times a year instead of 6 because of a shortage of volunteers. A member suggested that a professional printer could be employed.

The Chairman thanked Ann Barclay for her work as Minute Secretary.

Chairman's Annual Report for the AGM 2016

Sheffield U3A continues to grow in both numbers and group activities. 2015's membership was 3223 with 195 active groups. As we draw to the end of the membership renewal period, members choosing to renew or join online is 2037, a great help that reduces the burden on our volunteers who help with the running of our U3A. As our numbers increase the Executive Committee debated and decided that we would not change the boundary criteria for membership of SU3A, following the U3A principle of being open and inclusive.

As we continue to grow, communication with members is critical and we continue to utilise our website, emails and the *Links* magazine. The EC discussed and took the decision in late 2014/early 2015 to reduce the number of *Links* publications to 4 due to the pressure on our volunteers. In late 2015, we introduced a *Links Open Groups Supplement* magazine which will be produced by the Open Groups for the Open Groups twice a year along with 4 publications of the *Links* magazine. This means that members will still receive a magazine every two months. This has made life easier for the travel schedules for our Open Groups and has also created space and opportunities within *Links* to highlight the activities of individual members as well as group activities.

The monthly Drop-Ins continue to be very active with a new organiser, volunteers old and new and the presence of EC members and General Coordinators to speak to any new or existing members, as well as supporting our local university students with their projects. 2015 saw our members involved in seven of these projects. We continue to provide IT/Web support on these mornings and these have proved to be extremely popular with our members. Existing groups continue to meet and we have seen the introduction of an eclectic mix of new groups from *Learning How to be Retired* to *Mah Jong*. All groups continue to be ably supported by our three General Group Coordinators as well as the EC when required.

In the spirit of self-learning and self-development some members went further afield from Sheffield and attended and enjoyed summer schools organised by the Yorkshire and Humber Region (YAHR) in Barnsley and Third Age Trust (TAT) in Cirencester. Two new-member meetings and a coordinators meeting were held and the feedback received showed them to be very useful to the members who attended. The feedback on the subject of volunteers from the coordinators meeting was particularly pleasing and very useful. On this topic we have seen a slow but steady increase in our number of volunteers due to the hard work of many officers and non-officers of SU3A. We still need more but are confident that we will slowly but surely increase these numbers with the support of a newly created non-officer role of Volunteer Coordinator.

Many of our members join the U3A movement to increase their social contacts. They may be new to Sheffield or have lost loved ones and are on their own. The Open Groups activities and the Drop-Ins provide an opportunity to do this. In total the Open Groups (Travel Group, Weekenders, European Travel Group, Classical Concertgoers, Steel City Wanderers, Friday Lectures, Lunch and Lecture and Study Days) provided over 40 opportunities for our members to participate in a wide variety of events and excursions during 2015. Our members who have taken these opportunities have reported how well organised, informative and enjoyable they found them.

2015 saw SU3A celebrate some of its longest serving members and the EC decided that any members over 90 yrs of age would receive free membership and become honorary members of our organisation. To date we have 47 honorary members.

The facilities provided by Room 50 (Victoria Hall), which is open to all groups to hold their meetings, are proving to be useful. The lease to use this room was renewed for another year until June 2016 despite the current charges not meeting the full cost of the lease. Though we have seen an increase in usage and it is now used on a regular basis by several groups as well as the EC, and used for storage of SU3A equipment and files, we still need to increase it. For groups to rent the room the cost remains at £10.00 for a two hour session.

2015 has also seen the start of a review of our constitution based on the national template for all U3As provided by Third Age Trust (TAT). Our constitution was last reviewed in 2004 and we will be following the legal guidelines as laid out by TAT whilst trying to retain flexibility for the running of our SU3A. TAT at the time of this report was in talks with the Charity Commission to ensure their guidelines are up to date.

Another topic that has been debated by the EC is that of paid tutors, following not only revised guidelines but also a strongly worded recommendation from TAT, that U3A groups should not accommodate groups with paid tutors as this is against the fundamental principle of the U3A movement, namely of self-help and self-development and can lead to problems with insurance and HM Revenue & Customs. The EC has discussed this topic and sought guidance from TAT as we in Sheffield have some groups who pay for tuition and have been successful in receiving from TAT some flexibility and strict guidelines for these groups to continue with paid tutors. At the time of this report the EC were nearing the end of their communications with these groups.

It may seem to some members that there has been an increase in the rules, regulations and guidelines required for running SU3A. This is not necessarily so. As the requirements to meet the Charity Commissions regulation change and guidelines or regulations from TAT are amended, we in the SU3A have to be flexible and accommodate them. In doing so we ensure that we do not jeopardise our charity status, we maintain the fundamental principles of the U3A movement, and we ensure that our members retain relevant insurance cover for our group activities and protect our coordinators and trustees (EC members).

On behalf of the EC, I thank all our group coordinators for offering such a wide variety of activities; the Open Groups who work so hard and spend a great deal of time in organising events; the General Coordinators for supporting our groups; all our volunteers who beaver away in the background whether they be members of our refreshment team or non-EC officers, the Wild Apricot team who have successfully provided support to ensure almost 70% of our members have or will have renewed or joined online. All of you have made SU3A the envy of other U3As in our region and nationally.

Finally, I must thank my fellow EC members who have investigated the pros and cons of each topic brought up, voiced their opinions and thrown themselves into debates making my first year as Chairman both fruitful and enjoyable.

Samina Aslam, Chairman
19 January 2016

**Annual General Meeting:
Wednesday 18 May 2016
1st Floor, Central United Reformed Church**

Entertainment from 10.30 followed by the AGM.
Drumming, Old Time Music Hall and Singing for Pleasure.
Compere: Pat Ryan

Please come along and support your SU3A

NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION TO SHEFFIELD U3A COMMITTEE 2016

To be returned by **Friday 22 April 2016** to the Secretary:
Jenny Graaf, 12 Hayfield Close, Dronfield Woodhouse, Dronfield, S18 8RP.

Name of person nominated

Address
.....
.....

SU3A membership number Tel No
Groups to which nominee belongs
.....
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Name of Proposer
SU3A membership number

Signature of Proposer

Name of Seconder
SU3A membership number

Signature of Seconder.....

I am a member of Sheffield U3A and agree to be nominated as a candidate for election to the Committee of Sheffield U3A at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18 May 2016.

Signature of Nominee Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Sheffield University of the Third Age

I have reviewed the income and expenditure accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015 and the balance sheet as at that date and report as follows:-

Respective Responsibilities of the Executive Committee and the Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993) (*the Act*) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of *the Act*); follow the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of *the Act*) and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners and included a review of the accounting records and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of *the Act* and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of *the Act* have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Bob Mellers
12 Ryefield Gardens,
Sheffield, S11 9UD

19th February 2016

SHEFFIELD U3A
(Registered Charity 703147)
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER

	2015 £		2014 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>			
Cost	4,223		4,223
Accumulated depreciation	4,222		4,222
Net book value	1		1
<u>Current assets</u>			
Debtors & prepayments	10,457		8,038
Cash on deposit	55,649		54,492
Cash in hand & at bank	4,710		3,489
	70,816		66,019
<u>Current liabilities</u>			
Creditors and accruals	25,922		23,728
<u>Net current assets</u>	44,894		42,291
<u>Total net assets</u>	44,895		42,292
<u>Represented by</u>			
Accumulated funds at 1 January	42,292		40,959
Surplus for the year	2,603		1,333
	44,895		42,292

Accounting policies

- 1 The accounts are prepared on an accruals, historic cost basis.
- 2 Fixed assets are written off in the year of purchase.
- 3 Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.
- 4 The Committee consider that individual groups are special interest groups not undertaking charitable activities and as a consequence, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidelines, their accounts are not included in these accounts.

Samina Aslam
Chairman

Chris Cave
Treasurer

SHEFFIELD U3A (Registered Charity 703147) INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

2015					
Actual		Budget		2016	
£	Per member	£	Per member	£	Per member

INCOME					
Subscriptions	9.99	32,000	10.00	32,000	10.00
Gift aid	1.98	6,400	2.00	6,400	2.00
Late renewal fees	0.01	-	-	-	-
Interest	0.05	88	0.03	88	0.03
Room 50 lets	0.22	300	0.09	540	0.17
Donations	0.33	-	-	-	-
Sundry	0.01	-	-	-	-
Total	12.59	38,788	12.12	39,028	12.20

EXPENDITURE

External

National Affiliation fee	3.41	11,005	3.44	11,269	3.52
Third Age Matters	1.35	3,978	1.24	4,400	1.38
National AGM	0.06	700	0.22	450	0.14
Regional meetings	-	250	0.08	90	0.03
YAHR event	-	-	-	300	0.09
Total	4.82	15,933	4.98	16,509	5.16

Membership

New members enquiries	0.04	370	0.11	200	0.06
New members meetings	0.09	600	0.19	300	0.09
Membership renewal	1.05	2,927	0.91	3,511	1.10
Publicity & outreach	0.11	500	0.16	1,500	0.47
Computer system upgrade	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1.29	4,397	1.37	5,511	1.72

SHEFFIELD U3A (Registered Charity 703147) INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER Cont.

<u>Communication</u>									
Links magazine	10,308	3.20	9,390	2.94	10,425	3.27	9,960	3.12	
Website	176	0.05	200	0.06	185	0.06	390	0.12	
Bulk emailing	-	-	-	-	54	0.02	-	-	
	10,484	3.25	9,590	3.00	10,664	3.35	10,350	3.24	
<u>Groups</u>									
Coordinators meetings	1,101	0.34	1,500	0.47	1,104	0.35	650	0.20	
Start-ups support	59	0.02	300	0.09	99	0.03	300	0.10	
Insurance excesses	-	-	100	0.03	200	0.06	100	0.03	
	1,160	0.36	1,900	0.59	1,403	0.44	1,050	0.33	
<u>Committee & administration</u>									
Administration expenses	706	0.22	975	0.30	247	0.08	640	0.20	
Room hire	60	0.02	60	0.02	254	0.08	60	0.02	
SU3A AGM	80	0.02	150	0.05	68	0.02	150	0.05	
Sundries	91	0.03	250	0.08	112	0.03	100	0.03	
	937	0.29	1,435	0.45	681	0.21	950	0.30	
<u>Central activities</u>									
Drop-Ins	868	0.27	1,040	0.32	1,025	0.32	1,040	0.33	
Lectures	2,539	0.79	2,750	0.86	2,584	0.81	2,600	0.81	
Room 50 costs	2,283	0.71	2,272	0.71	1,242	0.39	2,401	0.75	
Study days	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Equipment	-	-	700	0.22	1,618	0.51	100	0.03	
	5,696	1.77	6,762	2.11	6,469	2.03	6,141	1.92	
<u>Total</u>	37,995	11.78	40,017	12.50	37,334	11.73	40,511	12.67	
<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>	2,603	0.81	-	0.38	1,333	0.42	-	0.47	

GROUP NEWS

Feminists Over Fifty

Many of us in U3A may have been part of the feminist movements of the 1960s, 70s and 80s, or have been drawn to feminist ideas and literature. I have started a fairly informal social group for feminist discussion and the exploration of feminist ideas, and what these mean for us in the third age. We are a very friendly feminist group, meeting monthly every second Wednesday of the month at the Showroom Cafe at 10.30 am. New members very welcome. Just turn up or ring Maggie:

Maggie McCarthy Tel 0114 230 6600 feministsoverfiftygmail.com

Are you interested in learning a new skill? Why not try Pottery?



The Art House in the centre of Sheffield are offering Sheffield U3A members the opportunity to learn Wheel Throwing and Handbuilding pottery in 10 x 2 hour sessions on Wednesday mornings 10.00 -12.00.

The course will cost £130 each, but includes full tuition, materials, refreshments, potters wheels, sculpturing tools and kiln. There are only 12 places available and will be allocated on a first come basis. If there is sufficient interest, a meeting will take place to select a group co-ordinator and to hand over details of the Art House offer. It is hoped that after this course some members may gain sufficient experience/knowledge to take this group forward independently. To register your interest please contact:

*Brian Cave Tel: (0114) 230 5312 Email: bpcavehotmail.com
73, Highcliffe Road, Sheffield, S11 7LP*

Sheffield U3A Group and Activities Pages: April 2016

To join Sheffield U3A please contact Rita Webster-Carr (Initial Enquiries Officer) on (0114) 230 8866, email enquiry@sheffieldu3a.org.uk

Anyone wishing to join a Group should ring the Coordinator first. If you find the Group is full, has a waiting list, or wish to suggest a new Group, please ring the appropriate Group Coordinator, or (01433) 659 864

Groups currently notifying they have vacancies are marked with V in the following pages. Full details and some Group programmes can also be found on our website - www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk.

Sheffield U3A is committed to the principles of inclusion and good access wherever possible. We are making every effort to ensure that our activities are available to everyone who wishes to actively participate.

ACCESS: to Group meetings and activities is listed using the following key -

MH : Member's Home - access variable; if you have specific needs please contact the Group Coordinator

PVHL: Public Venue - meeting is fully accessible, including a hearing loop

PV : Public Venue - meeting is fully accessible but does not include a hearing loop

PVAL: Public Venue - meeting access is limited; if you have specific needs please contact the Group Coordinator

O : Outdoors

MEETINGS: This shows Day, Time & Frequency - e.g. *Mo.am.f = Monday Morning Fortnightly. We.pm.m = Wednesday Afternoon Monthly. Tu.--,w = Tuesday All Day Weekly. 4w = 4 weeks. AREA:- The Postal Area in which the Group meets - e.g. (SE) indicates that the Group meets in the South East of Sheffield.*

Please notify any amendments to this list to the Group Coordinator team.

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Art		Set D	General Coordinator Pat Ryan			
Art (SE)	V	We.pm.w	S13	PVAL	Paul Gairland	269 3219
Art I	V	We.am.w	S11	PVHL	Darel Merrills	230 5952
Art II		Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Ruth Lamb	236 2807
Art III	V	We.pm.w	S11	PVAL	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I		Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Andrea Elson	236 4400
Aspects of Art II		Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Valerie Wiley	236 0726
Looking at Art	V	2ndTh.pm.m	S8	PV	John Cooper	01909 567 279
Outdoor Sketching	V	Fr.am.f	various	O	Darel Merrills	230 5952
Arts and Crafts		Set D	General Coordinator Pat Ryan			
Appreciating Architecture		3rdTh.pm.m	Greenhill	PV	Margaret Short	266 0269
Architecture Past and Present	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Roy Pilkington	255 8948
Craft and Create	V	We.pm.f	S10	MH	Diana Jackson	247 0614
Crochet and Knitting	V	Tu.pm.f	S1	PV	Jane Whitehead	230 9312
Digital Photography	V	3rdTh.pm.m	S11	PV	Alan Zinober	236 7001
Dressmaking		Mo.am.f	S11	PV	Ruth Bernard	258 9026
Handwork & Craft II		Th.am.f	S11	MH	Elsbeth Eggington	230 8755
Knitting		We.am.m	S10/11/17	MH	Jane Harding	230 9576
Knitting II		Th.am.f	S1	PVAL	Helen Gwyddanes	221 6360
Patch & Quilt		Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Quilting Hive	V	Mo.pm.	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
Video Production (Documentary)	V	Varies	Sheffield area	MH	Ian Barkley	01709 812 351
Woodworking/Woodcarving		Th.pm.w	S7	MH	Bob Adkins	255 1968
Bird Watching		Set A	General Coordinator Stephanie Dixon			
Bird Watching I		Mo.am.f	various	O	Robin Peel	07942 920741
Bird Watching II	V	We.--w	various	O	Malcolm Swift	01246 906819
Cards and Board Games		Set D	General Coordinator Pat Ryan			
Bridge - Friday I	V	Fr.pm.w	S17	PV	John Strange	01246 416 558
Bridge - Friday II	V	Fr.pm.w	S10	PV	Brian Jeremiah	230 7250
Bridge - Monday	V	Mo.pm.w	S7	PV	Colin Jessop	266 3831

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Bridge - Thursday	V	Th.pm.w	S17	PV	Brenda Fryer	236 5628
Bridge - Tuesday	V	Tu.am.w	S11	PV	Michael Brumby	236 5676
Bridge Stocksbridge	V	Tues.pm.w	S36	PV	Bob Smith	288 8624
Bridge Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	PVAL	Jean Bowie	230 1002
Chess	V	Tu.pm.4 wklly	S17	MH	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Evening Rummikub		M.eve.w	S17	MH	Chris Cave	236 4648
Mah Jong	V	We.eve.w	various	MH	Barbara Lowe	438 5629
Rummikub (SE)		Mo.pm.f	S13	MH	Joan Brown	269 4829
Rummikub (SE) II		Monday pm.f	S20	MH	Barbara Steel	247 4696
Rummikub I		Mo.pm.f	S7/8/17	MH	Shirley Wilks	438 0480
Rummikub II		Mo.pm.w	S10	MH	Rita Webster-Carr	230 8866
Scrabble	V	Fr.pm.f	S7	PVAL	Liz Barber	288 4113
Whist cntnct & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Sun.eve.w	various	MH	Gerald Cartwright	266 7032
Discussion, Philosophy, Economics and Religion						
Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	Set B	General Coordinator Ann Granville		
Discussion II	V	Tu.am.m	various	MH	Claire Attwood	250 8286
Feminist Discussion Group	V	2nd We.am.m	various	MH	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Meditating Together	V	3rd Tu.am.m	S1	PV	Maggie McCarthy	230 6600
Personal Finance	V	Mo.pm.m	S7	MH	Patsy Gibbon	250 0663
Philosophy- Hist/Classical		2nd Mo.pm.m	S11	PV	Helen Marsh	230 1622
South India - Talk and Travel	V	Su.	S11	PV	John Kirkman	236 1971
Sugar & Spice	V	Mo.pm.f.	S8	MH	John Wragg	236 8475
				MH	Eunice Southgate	281 1876
Gardening						
Flying Gardeners	V	5th We.am.m	Set D	General Coordinator Pat Ryan		
Gardening (SE)	V	Tu.am.f	Various	O	Shelagh Woolliscroft	255 8948
Gardening at Whirlowbrook Park	V	Fifth Wednesday of the mo	various	PVAL	Carol Wright	251 0140
Gardening C		Mo.am.m	S17	O	Shelagh Woolliscroft	255 8948
Gardening D		2nd Tu.am.m	S10/11/1	PVAL	Heather Curtis	255 7228
Gardening Greenfingers		2nd Tu.pm.m	various	MH	Helen Drury	236 7053
			S8	PV	Jane Gregory	274 9246

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
History		Set A	General	Coordinator Stephanie Dixon		
European History		4th Tu. pm. m	S1	PV	John Evans	230 1173
Family History I		2nd We. am. m	S10	PVHL	Annie Grassick	230 2777
Family History III		2nd Tu. am. m	S1	PV	Tim Simkins	230 2656
Family History IV		4th We. am. m	S11	PVAL	Monica Stagg	07870350271
Greece and Rome	V	Fr. pm. m	S11	MH	Anne Thomas	230 5281
History I	V	Tu. am. f	S17	PVHL	Geoff Moore	266 3024
History II	V	Mo. pm. m	S10/11/17	MH	Angela Jakubovic	236 3858
Local History (SE)	V	We. pm. f	S21	PV	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Military History	V	Th. pm. m	S7	PV	Marion Monaghan	01246 414 137
Visiting History	V	Tu. pm. m	various	PVAL	Jenny Clark	266 9395
Languages		Set B	General	Coordinator Ann Granville		
Cercle Français I	V	Fr. am. w	S7	PVAL	Alan Price	234 4172
Cercle Français II	V	Mo. pm. f	S10	MH	Margaret Platts	230 7300
Classical Greek Alpha	V	We. pm. f	S1	PV	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
English Language		Tu. am. m	S11	MH	Maggie Lyons	236 6195
French for Holidays		Mo. pm. f	S7	MH	Usha Fitch	236 5009
French-Advanced		Fr. am. w	S10	PV	Lorrie Flannery	273 1788
French-Intermediate		Th. am. w	S11	PVAL	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
German Conversation	V	We. am. w	S25	MH	Anne Greenhalgh	01909564464
German for Improvers		Mo. am. w	S18	MH	Dave Longson	07715 360987
German-Advanced	V	Tu. pm. f	S6/8/10/17	MH	Peter Gill	263 0640
German-Intermediate		Mo. am. w	S10	PV	Katharine Brown	265 6477
Italian		Tu. pm. f	S10/11/6	MH	Rosalind Rogerson	268 1426
Italian for Holidays	V	Fr. pm. w	S11	PV	Mike Hague	236 6336
Latin - Old Skool		Mo. pm. f	S1	PV	Paul Cordwell	3273954
Latin II		2nd & 4th Fr. am. m	S1	PV	Jane Blockeel	236 8861
Latin III		We. pm. f	S7	MH	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
Latin Improvers		Mo. am. f	S1	PV	Rose Tanner	245 0200
Modern Greek	V	Th. pm. f	S11	MH	Margaret Halstead	258 2541

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Portuguese For Fun		Tu.am.w	S11	MH	Pauline Miller	258 3678
Sanskrit	V	Th.am.w	S11	PV	Ronald Atkinson	274 5031
Scottish Gaelic	V	Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
Spanish Advanced		Th.am.w	S7	PVAL	Hilda Wisbey	275 1935
Spanish Beginners II	V	Mo.am.w	S10	MH	Diana Jackson	247 0614
Spanish Improvers		Mo.pm.w	S10	MH	Israel Newton	266 3138
Spanish Stage 2		We.pm.w	various	MH	Greta Pearman	236 3336
Welsh Beginners		Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
Welsh Conversation	V	Tu.am.f	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
Welsh Intermediate	V	Tu.am.f	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
Literature and Drama			Set B	General	Coordinator Ann Granville	
Book Group I		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Margaret Walton	255 6563
Book Group II		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Sally Carter	236 2066
Book Group III		2ndTu.am.m	S17	PV	Wendy Jenrick	268 7047
Book Group IV		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Mary Whyms	236 8628
Book Group V	V	Tu.pm.m	S11	MH	Mary Brookes	235 0180
Bookworm	V	Fr.pm.m	S36	PV	Angela Butler	288 4778
Creative Writing	V	Fr.pm.m	S36	PV	Meg Jepson	288 2929
Drama Study		Tu.pm.f	S11	MH	John Parsons	230 4902
Enjoying Literature	V	We.am.f	S7	MH	Roger Smith	268 6924
Film Appreciation	V	Tu.pm.m	S1	PV	Lesley Dixon	268 5681
Novel Reading I		Mo.pm.4w	S10	MH	Pam West	266 2188
Novel Reading II	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	MH	Kay Beeston	01433 631 247
Novel Reading III	V	2ndFr.am.m	various	MH	Judith Vernier	01246 418607
Novel Reading IV	V	Fr.am.m	S5	MH	Mary Simpson	245 2568
Play Group II	V	Last Tu.pm.m	S10	MH	Irene & John Lees	267 1857
Play Reading I		Tu.pm.4w	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188
Poetry for Pleasure		We.pm.f	S17	MH	Pat Parkin	236 8009
Poetry Study	V	We.pm.f.	S11	MH	Freda Green	236 4882

GROUP (Literature & Drama Cont)	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Reading for pleasure	V	Th. pm.m	S17	MH	Susan Kirkman	236 1971
Shakespeare for Pleasure	V	Tu.am.f	S10/11	MH	Kay Nicholson	268 6220
Story Writers	V	Tu.am.4w	various	MH	Margaret Briddon	262 0501
World of The Book	V	We.am.m	S1	PV	Denise West	274 6797
Music			Set A	General	Coordinator Stephanie Dixon	
A Cappella Singers		Tu.pm.f	S6/S7/S20	MH	Mike Maas	230 4435
Drumming		Th.pm.w	S1	PV	John Lee	233 8517
Enjoying Opera		Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	John Williams	230 4568
Guitar Group		Mo.pm.f	S1	PV	John Stevens	236 3557
Handbell Ringing	V	We.eve.w	S35	PVAL	Margaret Naylor	236 0245
Jazz Appreciation I		2ndTu.am.m	S10	MH	John Green	230 7768
Jazz Appreciation II	V	3rdTu.am.m	S7	MH	David Bone	268 1016
Music Appreciation	V	Th.pm.f	S6	PV	David Andrews	235 3389
Old Time Music Hall	V	1st We. Am.m	S1	PV	Graham Williams	230 7756
Recorder	Y	Fri.am.f	S1	PVAL	Linda Evans	230 1173
Singing for Pleasure		Fr.pm.f	S1	PVAL	Irene Lees	267 1857
Ukulele		Fr.pm.f	S8	PVAL	Ann Beedham	274 8331
Vintage Voices	V	Mo.am.w	S1	PVAL	Carole Hurst	293 9163
Physical Activities			Set D	General	Coordinator Pat Ryan	
Belly Dancing Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Kathryn Smith	283 1171
Bowling Crm Grn (SE)	V	Th.am.w	S9	O	John Hunt	269 8811
Bowling Crown Green		Mo.am.Th.am.w	S8	O	Tony Hobson	281 5373
Country Dancing	V	Tu.pm.f	S8	PV	Anne Marples	266 8794
Croquet	V	We.am.Tu.pm.Th.pm.w	S11	O	Peter Jones	230 5987
Fitness: Tailor made for you.	V	Mo.pm.Tu.am.Th.am.Fri.am	S11	PV	Ann Evans	348 6607
Fly Fishing	V	Various	Various	O	David Buckley	266 3183
Midweek Cyclists	V	Mo. - f	various	O	Dave Jefferies	266 3612
Pilates		We.pm.w	S18	PVAL	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Racketball	V	Mo.am.Th.pm.w	S17	PVAL	Peter Keen	236 4914
Racketball Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Elaene Smith	288 8624
Table Tennis		Mo.Th.am.w	S17	PV	Belinda & John Taylor & Warwick	230 4489 & 253 0789

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Tai Chi & Chi Kung Intermediate		Fri. pm.w.	S17	PV	Pat & Clare Ryan	236 8749
Tai Chi Stocksbridge	V	We.pm.w/Fri.am.w	S36	PV	Christopher Goldthorpe	01226 762 201
Yoga		Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Jenny Forster	230 3353
Yoga: Tailor made for you	V	Mo.am.w	S11	PV	Ann Evans	348 6607
Science and Technology, Social Science						
			Set B	General	Coordinator Ann Granville	
Civil Engineering	V	Fr.pm.m	S11/S8	MH	Anne Marples	266 8794
Environment	V	Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Cliff Ellis	250 0883
Geology	V	We.--m	various	O	David Edmonds	234 3604
Maths	V	Tu.am.m	S8	PV	Alan Zinober	236 7001
Natural History		Th.--m	various	O	John & Aline Roberts	230 6487
Science & Technology	V	Mo.am.m	S8	PV	Dave Cassy	247 4454
Sustainable Development	V	Mo.pm.m	Central	PVAL	Jo Couldry	268 5496
Social						
			Set D	General	Coordinator Pat Ryan	
After Hours		Eve/wk end	various	PVAL	Mary Entwisle	255 2368
Afternoon Tea	V	We.pm.m	Various	PV	June Jackson	236 4474
Dining Out I	V	Wed.eve.m	various	PVAL	Lorna Baker	236 9025
Indian Veggie Buffet	V	1st Th.eve.m.	various	PVAL	John Wragg	236 8475
International Diners	V	Various	various	PVAL	John Wragg	236 8475
Lunch Club	V	1stTu.m	S1/S6	PVAL	Margery Dobson	230 7725
Walking						
			Set A	General	Coordinator Stephanie Dixon	
Dippers "Too"(7-10mils)		Mo.-f	various	O	Margot Williams	266 7807
Dippers I (4-6mils)	V	Mo.-f	various	O	Donald Ward	236 3332
Gamets (5-7mils)		Mo.-f	various	O	John Lees	267 1857
Late Walkers (5mils)	V	We.am.w	various	O	Jill Whyms	258 9935
Strollers I (Public Trsp.)		We.--f	various	O	Michael Ball	287 9226
Strollers II (Public Trsp.)	V	Mo.-f	various	O	Sheila Hewitt	268 6891
Strollers II (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Norman Benson	236 1080
Strollers II (Tuesday)	V	Tu.am.f	various	O	Clive Williams	230 8177
Strollers III (Public Trsp.)		We.--f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Strollers III (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Angela Lam	01246 416 842

GROUP (Walking cont)	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Strollers SE (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Christine Edwards	01909 773 548
Sunday Ramblers	V	Sun.--f	various	O	Jenny Parker	236 0798
Sunday Walkers (7-9 mis)	V	Sun.--f	various	O	David Hydes	288 7815
Walk 'n' Talk German (5 mis)	V	Fr.am.f	various	O	Anjie Barker	268 3912
Walking Grp A (5-6mis)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Pat Crook	265 4731
Walking Grp B (6-7mis)	V	Tu.-w	various	O	Joyce Cooper	236 2730
Walking Grp C (5-7mis)	V	We.-w	various	O	Gilbert Smith	230 5769
Walking Grp D (9-11mis)		Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Richard & Maggie Hardingham	236 4449
Walking Grp E (5-7mis)	V	Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Chris Cave	236 4648
Walking Grp F (10-14mis)		Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Peter Digby	236 6821
Walking Grp G (5-7mis)		Th.am.w	various	O	Tim Caley	230 3212
Walking Grp H (9-11mis)		Mo.-w	various	O	Eric Bridgeand	250 8819
Walking Grp J (10-14mis)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Alan Heath	230 4898
Walking Grp K (4-5 mis) Pub Tspt		Th.--f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Walking Grp L (4-5 mis)		Th.am.w	various	O	Barbara Cassidy	262 0699
Walking Grp M (5-8 mis)	V	Fr.--w	various	O	Gordon Young	296 2402
Walking Grp N (6-7mis)	V	Fr.am.w	various	O	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Walking Grp NW (5-8mis)		Th.am.w	various	O	Mary Condon	288 5238
Walking Grp P (8-10mis)		Alt We./Th.w	various	O	Anne Fitzpatrick	236 0989
Walking Grp Q (5-7mis)	V	Tu.am.f	S5/S35	O	Anne Chatterton	246 2106
Walking Grp R (7-9mis)	V	Mo.-w	various	O	Camilla Jordan	268 5355
Walking Grp SE (8 mis)	V	Tu.--w	various	O	Kenneth Stringfellow	230 4063
Short Courses			Set A	O	Stephanie Dixon	
Learning to be Retired		Mo.pm.w	S1	PV	Julia South	255 8523
THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE ADVERTISED IN LINKS AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS						
Classical Concertgoers	Set A	various		PV	Pamela Sandford	236 1815
European Travel Group	Set D	various		PV	Samina Aslam	235 1489
Lunch & Lecture	Set B	twice yearly	S8	PV	Dorothy Sutcliffe	268 5918
Steel City Wanderers	Set D	3 or 4 times a year	various	PV	Pat & Clare Ryan	236 8749
Travel Group	Set D	various		PV	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102
Weekenders	Set D	Sa.Su.m	various	PVAL	Dot Sutcliffe	268 5918

Sheffield U3A Science and Technology Group Programme 2016

- Apr 11 Unsung Heroes and Heroines of Science
 Professor Charles Stirling
- May 9 Thermal Imaging
 Dr John Dixon
- Jun 13 Particle Physics and CERN
 Dr Lee Thompson
- Jul 11 All day visit, Coca Cola visit Wakefield
- Aug 8 Working in Alaska
 Dr Arthur Hughes
- Sep 12 The History and Use of Antibiotics
 Professor Vivien Hutson (group member)
- Oct 10 Where did Free Will Go?
 Professor Peter Redgrave
- Nov 14 Nuclear Waste Vitrification
 Professor Russell Hind
- Dec 12 Visit Tinsley Bridge new factory followed by Christmas Lunch

Venue: **DE LA SALLE SPORTS PAVILLION** next to Beauchief Hall, off Abbey Lane. Time 10.00 prompt. We are open to new members, **JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY**. Cost is £8 for the year, plus 20p for refreshments.

Dave Cassy davecassysheffieldyahoo.co.uk



Wanted: Travel Organiser - We are looking for someone who enjoys travelling to join our team and help organise trips in Europe. Access to the internet will be required.

If you are interested, please contact Samina Aslam on (0114) 235 1489 or email: sammas1747@gmail.com

Remember!

**Copy deadline for the June 2016 *Links*
is 26 April 2016**

Italian Improvers - New Group

A weekly class for those with some knowledge of Italian, listening to, speaking and reading Italian with some grammar. The group would meet each Friday at 1.00pm at 410 Redmires Road. If you are interested call Fay Ramzan or come to the April Drop-In and speak to Ann Granville, one of the General Coordinators to learn more.

Fay Ramzan 0114 230 5608

Walking Group E celebrate 20 years



Past and present members of Walking Group E recently came together to celebrate our 20th anniversary. It was a happy social event and included 13 of the 38 founder members and the 4 coordinators who have held the position over the last 20

years. Proof indeed that walking, in the words of the old advert, *Prolongs Active Life!* As well as good food and excellent company, Brenda McDermott presented an “*Ode to Walking Group E*” written for the occasion.

Ode to Walking Group E

We've rambled and scrambled up hill and down dale,
for the past 20 years give or take.
Through corn and through kale, in sun and in hail,
up holloway and down long rake.

We've tripped and we've stumbled, been seriously humbled,
when fallen and stuck in the mud.
But bloodied and sore we come back for more,
cause there's nought like it for stirring the blood.

For trespass we've been apprehended,
on land where cross farmer stood.
She came hurtling down on her quad bike,
but our leader had fled to the wood.

There's the day we lost Gordon, Keith's air ambulance rescue,
and John left asleep in the sun.
Pat stuck in the squeeze stile caused plenty of laughter,
but it wasn't a question of tum.

Then there's the lunchtime banana,
which way do you peel back the skin?
and do you hide it to rot in the country?
or take home for the compost bin.

Conversation is certainly not lacking,
it's part of the pleasure you see.
Some members see this as slacking,
for pacing less seriously.

Now joints are needing refitting,
hips, knees, and big toes reset,
Climbs bring on huffing and puffing,
but by golly, we're not finished yet.

And when in the long distant future,
confined to our chairs and our beds.
Once more we will set off walking,
but then it will be in our heads.

Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers

Why not come along and try handbell ringing with us? We meet every Wednesday at 18.30 for just over an hour at the Gatty Hall in Ecclesfield, and have great fun playing together. You do not need to be able to read music. We'd love to welcome new members so do join us.

Group Co-ordinator:

Margaret Naylor Tel: (0114)2360245 email: margaretnaylor@talk21.com

Poetry for Pleasure

The group "Poetry for Pleasure" can now offer two or three places. This is a very friendly and welcoming group. It is not an academic study group, so you do not need to be clever or have a deep knowledge of poetry. We are a sociable group of people who enjoy reading and sharing poems together. If you wish to know more or arrange to sample a meeting just phone.

Pat Parkin Tel 0114 236 8009 parkin-psky.com



Summer Showcase

Askham Bryan College ~ Wednesday 3rd August
10am to 4pm

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See yahru3a.co.uk for information about what will be on offer, group and competition application forms

Closing date for all applications ~ 30th June

- exhibitions
- site tours
- demonstrations
- displays
- competitions
- 'have-a-go'
- plant sales
- food & drink

The poster features a cartoon character in a red jacket and black hat holding a scroll and a bell, standing on a grassy field under a string of colorful bunting.



National Memorial Arboretum back by popular demand Saturday 14 May 2016

We decided to repeat this event as it was so popular last time that we had many people who were unable to get on the trip.



View over National Memorial Arboretum by NMA guide

The memorial, near Lichfield, is on a 150 acre site containing over 300 memorials, both military and civilian. There are memorials to various bodies and individuals who have served their country, even one to a ship's cat. One of the more recent memorials is the Wall of Remembrance which was shipped back from Afghanistan.

Unfortunately the memorial at the centre of the site will be closed during 2016. Visitors will not be allowed up the mound whilst work is being carried out. However, there will be a temporary display nearby showing the memorial. We will arrive in time for members to attend the service of remembrance in the chapel if they wish and then there will be free time to wander around and maybe have some lunch. At 1.30 we are booked onto the land train which will take us around the site and we will be shown many of the more outlying memorials. Following this, we will be served cake and tea before our journey home.

If you would like to come on the trip, the cost is **£23.50**. This includes the coach, driver's gratuity, afternoon tea and the guided tour on the train. **Please book online** (login at <https://su3a.wildapricot.org> using your email address and password) or complete the form on **page 33** and return it to Jean Stevenson with your cheque, made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**, and a **small SAE as soon as possible**. Please ring Jean on 0114 327 6294 for any further information.



Stamford and the Open Air Theatre Saturday 11 June 2016

Do you remember reading *The Wind in the Willows* about Mole, Ratty, Badger and the madcap Mr Toad? Come with us to see these characters and their antics brought to life by the Stamford Shakespeare Company on their stage set in an enchanting glade. All the seats are under cover and no performance is cancelled because of rain. (A T loop is available for anyone hard of hearing.) There will be free time in Stamford to have lunch and wander around this interesting little town before attending the afternoon performance.

The cost of the trip is **£27 per person** which includes the coach fare, theatre ticket and the driver's gratuity. Places are limited so if you would like to join us, **please book online** (login at <https://su3a.wildapricot.org> using your email address and password) or complete the form on **page 33** and return it to Dot Sutcliffe to arrive by **Friday 20 May**.

Please ring Dot on 0114 268 5918 for further information.



Travel Group Short Break to Suffolk 15 - 19 September 2016

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me.

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 and cheque with a small s.a.e. as soon as possible to Margaret Bullivant, 14 Kingsley Park Grove, Sheffield S11 9HL.



National Memorial Arboretum Saturday 14 May 2016

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address

..... Postcode

Contact details (email/ Tel number)

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £
(£23.50 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 (.....)

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Stamford and the Open Air Theatre Saturday 11 June 2016

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address

..... Postcode

Contact details (email/ Tel number)

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £
(£27.00 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders.**

Please send to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tipton Crescent Road, Sheffield S10 5DA with a **small SAE** to arrive by **Friday 20 May**. Please indicate your preferred pick-up point:

Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane 08.30 (.....)

Pond Hill (Penny Black Pub) 08.45 (.....)



European Travel Group

Coordinator: Samina Aslam (0114 235 1489)

Email: sammas1747@gmail.com

Our trips are open to all SU3A members

Cancellations and Insurance: please refer to October 2015 edition of *Links* (available on our website).

Please note at the time of publication airlines had not finalised their 2017 timetable. Flights can only be booked once airlines are in receipt of names and deposit payments and are then subject to availability at the original price we have been quoted.



The Grandeur of Iceland and the Northern Lights 4 -11 February 2017

Full name/s (as on passport)

..... SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me. Room type: Double/twin share/single.
I enclose a cheque for £ (**£350.00** deposit per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A ETG** and a Links-size stamped addressed envelope. Applications should be sent to: Samina Aslam, 342 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0BY to arrive no later than 14 April 2016.

Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

Bus Stop Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane (.....)

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 (.....)



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Flying from Manchester we will make our way to Reykjavik for our onward domestic flight to **Akureyri**. During our stay here we will take a tractor ride up **Kaldbakkur** mountain for breathtaking views of some of the northern fjords and **visit Hrisey Island**, a renowned bird sanctuary.

Day three will see us make our way to the Myvatn area and we will visit **Godafoss**, (Waterfall of the Gods), **Dimmaborg**, (Dark City Lava stacks), **Hverfjall**, (an explosive crater), **Krafla Geothermal Power Station** and we end with a thermal dip in the Nature Baths before making our way to our 2nd hotel by **Myvatn Lake**.



View from our hotel - Akureyri

We will then fly back to Reykjavik and make our way along the south coast to **Dyrholaey** for a two-night stay. Included are visits to **Gullfoss Waterfall** which will be semi frozen as it plunges into a deep ravine, local cultural and craft museums, spouting geysers and **Thingvellir**, acknowledged by many as the world's first parliament. We will have an opportunity on each of the first five nights to try and catch the **Northern Lights**.

We will finish by staying two nights in Reykjavik. Included is a sightseeing tour of **Reykjavik** and there will be free time for shopping from the silversmith or wool shops or you can continue to explore the city before our farewell dinner at **Perlan**.

The cost of this 8 day/7 nights multi-centre holiday is **£1880.00pp** with a single supplement of **£249.00pp** and includes all transport by coach and air from and back to our designated pick-up points in Sheffield, 1 x 20kg checked baggage plus 1 x 5kg hand luggage, two guides and our own personal driver in Iceland, all excursions and entrance fees (excluding those you may wish to take in your free time), accommodation in 3 & 4* hotels, 3 meals per day breakfast, lunch and dinner (excluding drinks) and all gratuities (except for hotels which are left to individual's discretion). Information on clothing, footwear, currency etc. will be provided. **Please note this is a busy itinerary**

and some of the terrain will be uneven therefore moderate mobility is required to enjoy this trip. All applicants must have their own travel insurance. SU3A cannot be responsible for any claims. The itinerary is subject to change depending upon the weather. To reserve a place please complete the booking form on page 34 and send it with a deposit of £350.00pp to Samina Aslam by 15 April 2016.



Advance Notice – Cultural Holland 7th May – 11th May 2017

We are pleased to inform you we have sufficient interest to run this trip.

Return Executive coach travel from Sheffield via an overnight ferry crossing from Hull to Rotterdam in en-suite cabins. This all-inclusive half board trip to Holland includes breakfasts, evening meals, including a 4 course dinner cruise with drinks in Amsterdam, 2 nights' stay in the 4* **Fletcher Carlton Hotel** in Naaldwijk, all local taxes, gratuities and entrance fees where shown.



After a guided coach and walking tour of **Den Haag**, we visit the famous **Panorama Mesdag** followed by free time to explore Den Haag until it's time to go to our hotel for dinner.

After breakfast, we travel to **Amsterdam** and begin with a pre-booked tour of either the **Van Gogh Museum** or the **Anne Frank Museum**. (You can choose which to go on.) There will be free time for you to explore the city and purchase a light lunch before we move on to the newly refurbished and reopened **Rijksmuseum** for our pre-booked entry. There will be more free time for you to explore this fascinating city before we meet for our evening **Dinner Cruise**.

After breakfast and checking out, we visit **Delft, Haarlem** and the **Keukenhof Gardens** before returning to Rotterdam for our overnight cruise back to Hull. In the morning we enjoy an early breakfast on board before joining our coach for the return to Sheffield.

The full detailed itinerary with options for your free time on this trip is available from bpcavehotmail.com. **The application form for Cultural Holland will appear in the June issue of the Links magazine.**

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Advance Notice: Travel Group Day Visits for 2016

20 July	New Four Churches visit (June <i>Links</i>)
19 August	Southport Flower Show (June <i>Links</i>)
22 September	Hat Museum and Bramall Hall, Stockport (June <i>Links</i>)
October	To be decided
9 December	Tour of Symphony Hall, Birmingham and German Christmas Market (August <i>Links</i>)

Travel Group Visit to Laxton Wednesday 25 May 2016

Laxton in North Nottinghamshire is unique among the villages in England because only here has the open field system survived essentially unchanged since before the Norman Conquest. The system was once widespread in England, especially in the Midlands, but one by one the villages were enclosed until only Laxton was left. Today land around the village is still farmed according to the rules of “three course rotation” administered by a Field Jury answerable to the ancient Court Leet.

Our guide will be Stewart Rose, whose family farm is in the village. We meet him in the Visitor Centre for coffee and an introductory talk and video. Before lunch at the Dovecote Inn, Stewart Rose will take us to see the late 12th century Church of St Michael and some of the interesting buildings in the village. After lunch we will walk the fields with our guide and we hope to have access to the Motte and Bailey castle – a very fine example of its kind. We may expect the ground to be rough and uneven and who knows how much rain there will be around the time of our visit, so sturdy footwear is strongly advised.

The cost of this outing is **£23.00 per person**. This amount includes coach travel, gratuity for the coach driver, fee for our guide, coffee on arrival and assorted sandwiches and chips for lunch in the pub. Lunchtime drinks are not included but of course can be purchased at the bar. If you wish to apply for a place on this visit, please complete the booking form below and send it with a cheque and small s.a.e. to Valerie Wiley as soon as possible.



**Travel Group Visit to Laxton
Wednesday 25 May 2016**

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

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N.B. If you have any special dietary requirements e.g. gluten-free or dairy free, please include a note of it so that we can inform the lunch caterers.

Please reserve ... place(s) for me. I enclose a cheque for £ (**£23 per person**) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the completed slip and cheque with a small s.a.e., as soon as possible to: Valerie Wiley, 112 Button Hill, Sheffield S11 9HJ.

Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

- Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 08.15 (.....)
- Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 08.30 (.....)

Travel Group Visit to Lion Salt Works, Northwich and Tatton Park, Knutsford. Wednesday 22 June 2016

The Romans established salt-making in Cheshire over 2000 years ago. By 1850 the mineral rock salt supplies were exhausted and this resulted in a change to wild brine pumping. Henry Ingram Thompson constructed the Lion Salt Works in 1894 which ran on the site for almost 100 years, eventually closing in 1986. Thanks to a multi-million Lottery grant the Salt Works are now a restored historic open-pan salt making site in the village of Marston, close to Northwich. On our tour of the site and its restored buildings, we will discover how the salt works operated and the impact of salt on Cheshire's people, economy and landscape. We will have coffee on arrival and a light lunch in the café, before we continue our journey to Tatton Park in the afternoon.



Tatton Park is one of the most complete historic estates open to visitors. The early 19th century Wyatt house sits amid a 1000 acre deer-park and is opulently decorated, providing a fine setting for the Egerton family's collections of pictures, books, china and Gillow furniture. The theme of Victorian grandeur extends into the garden, with its Fernery, Orangery, Rose Garden, Walled Garden, as well as an Italian and Japanese Garden. A treat for Garden lovers!

The cost for the day is £35.50 and £26.50 for National Trust members. This includes coach travel, gratuities, admission, guided tour, coffee and lunch at the Salt Works and admission to Tatton Park for non-members of the National Trust. To reserve a place, please complete the application form on **page 41**, and send it with a small s.a.e. and a cheque to Barbara Robertshaw as soon as possible.



Travel Group Visit to Scampston Hall and Gardens Tuesday 5 July

Scampston Hall is the much loved family home of the Legard family since the 1600's. It is amongst the best examples of a Regency Country House, combining fine architecture with a wealth of art treasures and set in 18th century 'Capability Brown' parkland.

On arrival we will be served coffee and homemade biscuits, before we visit the Walled Garden. Created by internationally acclaimed designer Piet Oudolf, it has striking perennial meadow planting as well as traditional spring/autumn borders.

Following a buffet lunch, we will have a guided tour of the Hall, after which we will have time to buy plants, have a cup of tea or just relax.

The cost for the day is **£30**. This includes coach travel, gratuities, coffee and biscuits, buffet lunch, guided tour and entrance fee.

To reserve a place, please complete the application form below and send it with a small s.a.e. and a cheque to Margaret Langrish as soon as possible.



Travel Group Visit to Scampston Hall and Gardens Tuesday 5 July 2016

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Please reserve place(s) for me. I enclose a cheque for £ (£30 per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the completed slip with a small s.a.e., as soon as possible to Margaret Langrish, 19 Almshill Road, Sheffield S11 9RR.

Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

- Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 07.45 (.....)
- Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 08.00 (.....)



Travel Group Visit to Lion Salt Works, Northwich and Tatton Park, Knutsford. Wednesday 22 June 2016

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Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 08.00 (.....)

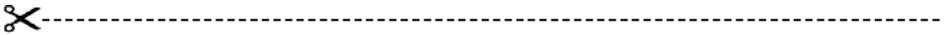
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N.B. Please state your choice of sandwiches and also any special dietary requirements, so the café can cater accordingly:

Ham on brown (.....) Ham on white (.....)

Tuna Mayo on brown (.....) Tuna Mayo on white (.....)

Cheese on brown (.....) Cheese on white (.....)



Travel Group Short Break to Suffolk Thursday 15 – Monday 19 September 2016

Our 5 day break will be based in the East Anglian river front town of Ipswich, staying at the Holiday Inn Orwell. Ipswich is one of the oldest continually settled Anglo-Saxon towns in England and much of the street pattern is unchanged after 1500 years.

We will have a Blue Badge Guide with us for a day visiting by coach some of the picturesque wool towns and villages including Long Melford, Sudbury and Lavenham with its fine timber-framed Guildhall. We will have a stop for lunch and time for a look around Bury St. Edmunds.



Probably the most iconic image from the Ipswich area is the Sutton Hoo mask (now in the British Museum). This mask was unearthed during the excavation of the ship burial site at Sutton Hoo, Woodbridge. The site and its visitor centre is an award-winning National Trust venue. Just across the river from Sutton Hoo is Woodbridge Tide Mill. The earliest record of a tide mill on this site by the river Debden is in 1170. After a chequered history, it has been restored and is in full working order – a remarkable example of

our industrial heritage.

After a morning in the genteel seaside town of Southwold, we return to Ipswich for a visit to Christchurch Mansion which has the largest exhibition of Constable and Gainsborough's work outside London. On our way back to Sheffield we will have a pub lunch in Colsterworth before visiting Woolthorpe Manor – the home of Sir Isaac Newton. The cost of this 4 night/5 day break is £340 per person with a single supplement of £60. This amount includes coach travel throughout, half-board at the hotel, all gratuities, entry to venues and one pub lunch. Anyone who is not a National Trust Member will need to pay £19 extra.

If you wish to apply for a place, please complete the form on **page 32** and send it as soon as possible to Margaret Bullivant with a cheque for £50 deposit per person. Please note that members are responsible for arranging their own travel insurance. Sheffield U3A cannot be responsible for any claims.



Don't Forget Booking Online is now available for Weekender trips.

(See October 2015 Links for more help)

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Calendar 2016

- April** 1 Lunch and Lecture: Magic
5 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
6 Group Coordinators meeting: 09.00-13.00, Quaker Meeting Hse
8 Classical C'goers: The Halle, Nottingham Royal Concert Hall
13 Travel Group: Visit to Lincoln Castle and Belton House, Grantham
14 Weekenders: National Memorial Arboretum
15 Showroom Lectures: Beethoven and Beyond 11.00
24 Weekenders: Harrogate Spring Flower Show
- May** 3 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
9-13 ETG: Alsace and the European Parliament
10 Travel Group: Beamish Living Museum of the North
18 **AGM: Sheffield U3A: CURC**
20 Showroom Lectures: From Plant to Page 11.00
25 Travel Group: Laxton Village, Notts
26 Classical C'goers: Birmingham: Russian programme
- June** 7 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
11 Weekenders: Open Air Theatre, Stamford
17 Showroom Lectures: From hard-boiled fiction to Film Noir 11.00
22 Travel Group: Lion Salt Works, Northwich and Little Moreton Hall
- July** 5 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
5 Travel Group: Scampston Hall and Walled Garden
15 Showroom Lectures: The Cape Wrath Trail 11.00
17 Weekenders: Carsington Water and Calke Abbey
20 Travel Group: New Four Churches visit
- Aug** 2 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
3 YAHR Summer Showcase, Askham Bryan
19 Travel Group: Southport Flower Show
19 Showroom Lectures: topic to be confirmed.

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