

## From the Chair

I am writing this following the first Executive Committee meeting after our AGM on 18 April. Thank you to all who came out and supported us. It was a horrible morning with torrential rain, many dripping umbrellas and soggy raincoats. Nevertheless some cheery faces greeted me.

It seemed strange initially without the familiar faces of Vera Dyer, Ken Stringfellow and John Williams at the Executive Committee meeting.

Vera, always a strong addition to any team, has a naturally administrative mind, was always well-prepared, focused and eager to help anyone. She will remain in post as our YAHR representative so I look forward to meeting her on Sheffield station and catching-up on the train journey to Doncaster. Vera is also helping our General Coordinator with administrative duties and has become the treasurer of the Classical Concertgoers.

Ken Stringfellow has served the Executive Committee for four years and in that time coordinated the monthly Drop-In. It now has become a popular event in the SU3A calendar enabling people to meet up for a friendly get-together and we thank Ken for his contribution to its success.

Lastly, John Williams, our Links Editor, has also stood down. John has done a sterling job. He came on to the Executive Committee at one of the busiest periods we have experienced, the Silver Jubilee, and worked tirelessly.

I thank them all and wish them well in their future SU3A ventures.

I would like to welcome our new members. They are Jenny Emby, who has acted as Deputy Links Editor in a co-opted role and has now become Editor and a full Executive Committee member, and Richard Morton who for the past year has helped considerably in our Outreach work alongside the Publicity coordinator Pat Battams. In another part of his life Richard is very fit and trains people to become football referees. I think his whistle may be useful at meetings to keep order. Finally there is Stephanie Dixon whom we have co-opted on to the Executive Committee this year.

Those familiar faces that continue in office are Clare Chiba, our Web Coordinator, and Chris Cave our Treasurer. Our new Secretary is Jean Stevenson and our Drop-In Coordinator is Jane Whitehead. Dot Sutcliffe is the Events Coordinator and also heads the Weekenders team. Publicity is in the capable hands of Pat Battams and Jim Walker is the General Coordinator with 178 actively participating Groups under his wing. Last, but by no means least, are Dave Caborn and our reliable Minutes Secretary, Ann Barclay. It has been a pleasure presiding over them this year and I hope they have enjoyed it as much as I have.

The rise in price of first and second class stamps will of course make a big difference to the running costs of this organisation and is another reason for conducting as much business as possible online. I am aware that not everyone owns a computer or feels familiar with the workings of printers, emails etc. and that what is everyday for some can feel alien and frightening for others.

If you would like help and support as a new learner, we recommend the basic ICT courses which are available free of charge from Jonathan Roberts at Sharrow Community Forum. In addition our Web Coordinator, Clare Chiba, is restarting her excellent and popular ICT short courses later in the year. (See page 21) Perhaps there is someone out there who could help teach basic ICT to fellow members? If so, Clare would love to hear from you.

According to the local media, the Olympic Torch Relay will enter Sheffield via Ecclesfield and Parson's Cross reaching Sheffield City Centre, and Barker's Pool in the early evening of Monday 25 June 2012. The Third Age Trust (TAT) has the objective of having a U3A presence at every location that the torch relay passes through. If you, or any of your Groups, want to take part in the Sheffield event, banners for waving, complete with the U3A logo, are available from TAT. Just give our Secretary your details and she will order some for you.

TAT are also anxious for photographs of the celebrations to feature in Third Age Matters (the newly named U3A magazine). These photos will be sent to the National Office for inclusion on the Olympic website.

Trying to fit everything in my diary around a plethora of Bank Holidays is proving quite a problem. In this "Jubilympic" year we were forced to cancel the May Drop-In at very short notice and are having to move the June one to the SECOND Tuesday in June, that is June 12, because the CURC now has events of its own and need the room.

I apologise most sincerely if you turned up to the Drop-In during May and we were not there but we did our best to let everyone know.

With all these events to look forward to this summer we hope that everyone will find something to enjoy.

*Denise West*

### **Obituary: Kenneth Parkin**

Sadly, Ken died on March 22 in the Hallamshire Hospital.

He joined SU3A in 1990 and was the Treasurer of the Travel Group doing an amazing job for 10 years (without a computer) dealing with over £1,000,000 during his term of office. He was recognised for this by being made an Honorary Member of SU3A, an honour of which he was very proud.

He was also a keen walker being a member of A Group and, in the later years, Alpha coffee mornings. Local history was another of his interests in SU3A.

He was a keen follower of sport, particularly cricket and Sheffield Wednesday.

He was enormously proud to be a Yorkshireman, and according to him there was no better place in Britain.

Our sympathies go to Audrey, John and his family.

*"A gentleman passed this way."*

*Shirley Marney*

## Executive Committee Report

Here are the main points from the meeting held on 4 May 2012

**Drop-Ins:** As mentioned in the Chair's Report, we found out at short notice that we would be unable to use the CURC on 1 May as the Church wanted use of the whole building. Efforts were made to find another venue, but to no avail. We did our very best to inform members of the cancellation but, inevitably, the message did not get through to some.

We will also be unable to have the CURC on 5 June as the Church will be closed for Bank Holiday. We have therefore arranged to hold the Drop-In on **Tuesday 12 June**, instead. Once again we are trying to let as many people as possible know, via the Group Coordinators and on the website. So, please pass the word around. Thank you.

The **Askham Bryan event** on 15 August is galloping towards us! We have seven Groups participating (Country Dancing, Croquet, Play Reading I, Quilting, Scrabble, Singing for Pleasure and Story Writing) and are now taking bookings for the coach. Members of participating Groups travelling by coach will go free, or if going by car may charge 40p per mile per car. Coach fare for visitors travelling on the coach is £7.00 return. You will find more details and a booking form on page 9. You are urged to book early as places are limited (a number of places have been reserved for participating members).

We hope to publish the programme in August *Links*, but in the meantime we have been informed the event will open at 10.00 (official opening at 10.30) and close at 16.00. We do not yet know about early access on the morning of August 15 for Groups needing to set up.

**Equipment:** As stated at the AGM, it has been decided to invest in updating our equipment, mostly electrical. The first item to be updated is the public address system which will be much more powerful, more reliable and able to operate efficiently in larger venues. The second item is the purchase of a new laptop to replace the rapidly failing old one. Both these purchases are major expenditure.

Local History North Group has been able to purchase a new projector and wireless presenter with laser pointer, together with Microsoft Office Suite software, thanks to a grant from the Freeman Trust. Whilst this equipment is primarily for use by Groups to the north of the city, it is also available to other Groups as long as they are prepared to collect and return it. The equipment is currently being held by Peter Hughes, telephone (0114) 245 1172.

**Promotional DVD:** Also as stated at the AGM, it has been decided to produce our own DVD showcasing our activities. Progress is being made and some footage shot, with more in the pipeline. As part of the DVD we want to show as many Group activities as possible – no mean feat with so many – so if you have photographs of your Group activities that you would allow to be used in the DVD, please contact our Publicity Coordinator, Pat Battams (contact information inside the front cover of *Links*).

Date of the next Executive Committee meeting is 6 July 2012.

This is my last report. The next one will be from your new Secretary, Jean Stevenson.

*Vera Dyer*

## **Have you missed out?**

Have you joined SU3A in the last two years?

Were you unable to attend your **new members' meeting**?

Would you like to find out all that is going on?

**then :**

for the next available date please contact the secretary, Jean Stevenson, by phone (0114) 327 6294 or check the SU3A website at:

<http://sheffieldu3a.org.uk/index.html>

**Please Note:** we now use the 24 hour clock in all items in *Links*. We are running out of space to publish everything and every little helps.

## **Treasurer's Report**

We regret that it was not possible to include the Independent Examiner's Report on the 2011 accounts in the last issue of *Links*, in which the accounts were printed. We now take this opportunity of publishing the report.

We would also like to take the opportunity of thanking Mike Brumby, who has now resigned as Independent Examiner, for his work as Independent Examiner over the last 12 years.

*Chris Cave*

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

I have reviewed the income and expenditure accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011 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); 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 Directions 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: Michael Brumby, 14 March 2012

67 King Ecgbert Road, Dore, Sheffield, S17 3QR

### **Can you help?**

With Mike Brumby's retirement we must find a new external examiner for Sheffield U3A's accounts. This is a once a year job that will help to pass those dismal January days. If you would be willing to take the job on, know someone else who may be willing, or want more information about it, please contact Chris Cave on (0114) 236 4648



*Walking Group L find some sunny weather!*

## **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Founding of U3A in the UK**

**Askham Bryan College, York**

**Wednesday 15 August 2012**

As you may know, there will be a regional celebration of the founding of U3A in the UK at Askham Bryan later this year. There are over 100 Groups from the region participating and it is good to report that seven Groups from SU3A will be joining in the fun.

The event will be open from 10.00, with the official opening being at 10.30. More details of the programme will be in the August *Links*. There will be plenty of parking space for those wishing to travel by car and you will be able to take a picnic if you wish, although there will be refreshments available on site. All members travelling by coach (transport is a double decker) need to fill in the booking form on page 9. Groups participating travel free; for other members the cost is **£7.00** return.

### **Mud, mud, glorious mud!**

It was like a scene out of "Bridge over the River Kwai" at Whirlow Brook Park on 9 May, when 24 intrepid members dug hundreds of buckets full of silt out of the upper pond at Whirlow Brook Park.

This was barrowed to the back of our woodland garden for use as mulch. The silt wasn't quite as 'niffy' as we had feared but we all needed showers when we got home, especially Steffon who had an unexpected mud bath. The masochists amongst us found it such fun that we are going to do it all over again on 11 July!

As well as pond-clearance we are maintaining the planted areas and tidying the hillside. Rhod. Wardii is currently in bloom and the hellebores are still going strong. Another task is to achieve a harder surface for the new paths, so that they can take wheelchairs.

Further planting will take place in November and donations are still welcome - please phone Alison on (0114) 274 6165. The Book of Remembrance has been completed for the first year of planting and was available at the AGM. We shall also endeavour to bring it to the Drop-Ins. It will be updated in January to include new donations.

*Shelagh Woolliscroft*



# Askham Bryan College, York

**Wednesday 15 August 2012**

Name(s)..... SU3A No(s).....

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Address..... Tel: .....

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..... Postcode.....

If you are participating, please indicate your Group: .....

Please reserve ..... place(s) for me. I enclose a cheque for  
£..... (**£7.00** per paying person), payable to **Sheffield U3A**.  
Please return the completed slip, with a small, stamped envelope,  
as soon as possible to:

Shirley Marney, 21 Everard Avenue, Sheffield, S17 4LY.

Please tick your preferred pick-up point below.

Old Mother Redcap, Bradway	07.30 (....)
Bus Bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South	07.45 (....)
Pond Hill, City Centre	08.00 (....)



*SU3A's victorious Racketball team. But where are the ladies? See p 25*

## **Friday Lecture Programme**

**Venue: Showroom Cinema unless stated.**

Refreshments from 10.00. Lecture from 10.30 - 12.00

### **15 June: Enigma, Bletchley Park and the Battle for the Atlantic**

Arundel Room, Millennium Galleries

Please note that this lecture is now fully subscribed.

### **20 July: Africa Up Close and Personal**

Ken Dunn FRGS MFA will speak on connecting schools in Yorkshire with developing communities worldwide, especially in Africa. Ken is Executive Director at Connecting Communities Worldwide Ltd.

A graduate in geography and geology and former Assistant Headteacher at City School, Ken is passionate about protecting the Earth's resources and developing sustainable solutions.

NB This lecture carries a Health Warning: "This presentation may lead you to share your skills and experience in a vibrant African Community!"

### **21 September: An Audience with Mr. Speaker**

John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons, will explain some of the mysteries of the parliamentary process and the role of the Speaker.

NB This event is free and is likely to be very popular. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that I can keep an eye on numbers.

The Lecture and Study Day Programme for 2013 is currently being put together. Please let me have your suggestions for topics and speakers.

*Shelagh Woolliscroft*

Tel: (01246) 416 139



## **weekenders If Music Be the Food of Love, Play On!**

The next Weekenders event will be on **Saturday 28 July** when we will visit Tolethorpe Hall, a 17<sup>th</sup> century manor house near Stamford, to watch an open air performance of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. This comedy, featuring shipwrecked twins, unrequited love and drunken revels, will be performed by the Stamford Shakespeare Company on their stage set in an enchanted 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 are areas in the grounds of the Hall in which to picnic before the show or you can buy a picnic from the venue (must be pre-booked) or eat in town beforehand.

In the morning we will have a guided tour of Stamford with a Blue Badge guide before travelling to the Hall for the afternoon performance.

The cost of the trip is **£27.00**. This includes transport, theatre ticket and guided tour. If you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 26 and return it to Shirley Marney with a cheque made payable to **Sheffield U3A** and a small SAE to arrive by **Friday 22 June**.

Please ring (0114) 235 0801 for further information.

## **Going To The Dogs!**

And, for something completely different, we have planned a visit on **Saturday 11 August** to the evening meeting at Owlerton Greyhound Stadium.

The cost of the evening is **£19.00** which includes transport to the stadium, admission, a race card, chicken-in-a-basket, one drink and a £1 Tote Jackpot bet. If you fancy an evening out with a difference, please complete the form on page 26 and return it to Jane Whitehead with a cheque made payable to **Sheffield U3A** and a small SAE to arrive by **Friday 22 June**.

Please ring (0114) 230 9312 for further information.

## Advance Notice

### Lunch and Lecture – Friday 19 October 2012

We are pleased to tell you that Ian McMillan, the Barnsley Bard, has agreed to speak at the above event, so make a note in your diary now! Further information on menu choices and a booking form will be in the August edition of *Links*.

*Vera Dyer and Dot Sutcliffe*

### Inaugural Lecture, Sheffield Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Society (SAMS)

17.30 - 19.30, Tuesday 29 May 2012

Arts Tower, Lecture Theatre 8

Contact Dr Rebecca Fisher at the University of Sheffield for more information, or to register for the inaugural lecture.

Tel: (0114) 222 0217,

### Dr Philip Shaw: "A Hawk from an *Herodius*: The Origins and Fortunes of Old English *Wealhhafof*"

*Hwæt! Wes ha!* Come and join us for an evening's venture into the Anglo-Saxon and medieval world. Our varied lecture series will cover the literature, language, history, art and material culture of the Middle Ages. Lectures will cost just **£5.00** and are open to anyone. We will be meeting every three months on a Thursday evening.



### Thinking of Forming a New Group?

Always contact the General Coordinator to discuss your idea first.

*Jim Walker*  
(0114) 236 9687

## Sheffield U3A Activities and Interest Groups: June 2012

To join Sheffield U3A please contact Rita Webster-Carr (Initial Enquiries Officer) on (0114) 230 8866, email 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 General Coordinator, Jim Walker on (0114) 236 9687. Groups currently notifying they have vacancies are marked with a **V** in the following pages. Full details and some Group programmes can also be found on our website - [www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk](http://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. Accessibility of Group meetings and activities is listed using the following key -

### KEY TO MEETING DETAILS:-

This shows Day, Time & Frequency - e.g. *Mo.am.f* = Monday Morning Fortnightly. *We.pm.m* = Wednesday

<b>MH</b>	Member's Home - access variable; if you have any specific needs you are advised to contact the Group Coordinator
<b>A*</b>	Public Venue - meeting is fully accessible, including a hearing loop
<b>A</b>	Public Venue - meeting is physically accessible, but does not include a hearing loop
<b>X</b>	Public Venue - meeting access is limited; if you have any specific needs you are advised to contact the Group Coordinator.

Afternoon Monthly. *Tu.--.w.* = Tuesday All Day Weekly. *4w* = Every 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 General Coordinator.**

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TEL No.
<b>ARTS AND CRAFTS</b>						
Appreciating Architecture		3rdTh.pm.m	S8	A	Margaret Short	266 0269
Architecture Past and Present	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	A	Roy Pilkington	01246 416 139
Art (SE)	V	We.pm.w	S13	X	Paul Garland	269 3219
Art I		We.am.w	S11	A*	John Carr	230 8866
Art II	V	Th.pm.w	S11	A	Ruth Lamb	236 2807
Art III	V	We.pm.w	S10	X	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I		Th.pm.m	S7	A	Beryl Moore	268 6632
Aspects of Art II		Th.pm.m	S7	A	Valerie Wiley	236 0726
Card Craft	V	Mo.pm.f	S7	X	Margaret Lycett	269 0429
Cards 'R' Us		Fr.pm.f	S20	MH	Lily Taylor	248 0565
Digital Photography	V	3rdTh.pm.m	S11	A	Peter Else	230 5694
Handwork & Craft II		Th.am.f	S11	MH	Jean Davis	233 9784
Looking at Art	V	2ndTh.pm.m	S8	A	John Cooper	01909 567 279
Knitting	V	We.pm.m	S10/11	MH	Jane Harling	230 9576
Outdoor Sketching I	V	Fr.am.f	various	A	Daniel Merrills	230 5952
Outdoor Sketching II	V	We.am.f	various	A	Audrey Morris	236 3619
Patch & Quilt	V	Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Photography NW	V	1stFr.pm.m	S36	A	Harold Norton	288 6920
Quilting Hive	V	Mo.pm.f	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
Visiting Art	V	Tu.--m	various	X	Linda Jackson	235 0852
Woodworking/Woodcarving		Th.pm.w	S7	MH	Bob Adkins	255 1968
<b>BIRD WATCHING</b>						
Bird Watching I		Mo.am.f	various	X	Gillian Tutt	236 6237
Bird Watching II	V	We.--w	S11/17	X	Malcolm Swift	01246 412 737
<b>CARDS AND BOARD GAMES</b>						
Bridge - Friday I	V	Fr.pm.w	S17	A	John Strange	01246 416 558
Bridge - Friday II	V	Fr.pm.w	S10	A	Brian Jeremiah	230 7250
Bridge - Friday III	V	Fr.pm.w	S7	A	Rati Chiba	01433 659 864
Bridge - Monday	V	Mo.pm.w	S7	A	Patricia Latham	01246 419 106
Bridge - Thursday	V	Th.pm.w	S17	A	David Buckle	236 7893

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<b>CARDS AND BOARD GAMES continued</b>						
Bridge - Tuesday	V	Tu.am.w	S11	A	Michael Brumby	236 5676
Bridge - Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	X	Jean Bowie	230 1002
Chess	V	Tu.pm.m	S17	MH	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Evening Rummikub	V	M.eve.w	S17	MH	Chris Cave	236 4648
Rummikub I		Mo.pm.f	various	MH	Shirley Wilks	236 7673
Rummikub (SE)		Mo.pm.f	S13	MH	Joan Brown	269 4829
Scrabble	V	Fr.pm.f	S7	X	Liz Barber	288 1984
Whist cntrect & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Su.eve.w	various	MH	Gerald Cartwright	281 1499
<b>DISCUSSION, PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS AND RELIGION</b>						
Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Susan Hydes	255 2141
Discussion II	V	Tu.am.m	various	MH	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Ideas	V	Mo.am.m	S35	MH	Alec Jenner	286 2546
Jesus and Christianity	V	Sa.pm.m	S4	A	John Vincent	243 6688
Meditating Together	V	3rdTu.am.m	S7	MH	Patsy Gibbon	250 0663
Personal Finance	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	A	Helen Marsh	230 1622
Philosophy - Historical/Classical		2ndMo.pm.m	S11	A	John Kirkman	236 1971
Philosophy - Topics/Theme	V	3rdMo.am.m	S8	A	Janet Haigh	230 3070
Sugar & Spice	V	Mo.pm.f	S8	MH	Eunice Southgate	281 1876
Today's World		Th.am.m	various	MH	David Pierce	281 9414
Wealth & Poverty	V	4thMo.pm.m	S11	MH	Helen Davies	266 3276
<b>GARDENING</b>						
Gardening (SE)	V	n/a	various	X	Carol Wright	251 0140
Gardening A		Mo.am.m	various	X	Glennis Williams	230 5521
Gardening at Whirlowbrook Park	V	Wed.am.f	S17	X	Shelagh Woolliscroft	01246 416 139
Gardening C		Mo.am.m	S10/11/17	X	Susan Fielding	230 3987
Gardening D		2ndTu.am.m	various	MH	Hilary Hutson	225 8570
Gardening Greenfingers	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	A	Jane Gregory	274 9246

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<b>HISTORY</b>						
Classical Civilisation		<i>Fr.pm.m</i>	S11	MH	Anne Thomas	230 5281
Family History I		<i>2nd We.am.m</i>	S10	A	Ann Grassick	230 2777
Family History III	V	<i>Tu.pm.m</i>	S35	A	Paul Cordwell	327 3954
History I	V	<i>Tu.am.f</i>	S17	A*	Robert Bragg	281 9534
History II	V	<i>Mo.pm.2w</i>	S10/11	MH	Angela Jakubovic	236 3858
Local History (SE)	V	<i>We.pm.f</i>	S21	A	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Local History III		<i>Mo.am.f</i>	S7	A	Carmel Rogers	266 0792
Local History IV	V	<i>Fr.pm.m</i>	S11	A	Margaret Laycock	236 4109
Local History North		<i>Tu.pm.m</i>	S5/35	A*	Joy Fell	284 5481
Local History V	V	<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S7	MH	Margaret Etchells	236 3317
Making of Modern China	V	<i>4th Tu.pm.m</i>	S1	A	John Evans	230 1173
Military History	V	<i>Th.pm.m</i>	S7	A	Marion Monaghan	01246 414 137
Oral History	V	<i>Tu.am.4w</i>	S7	A	Vera Wibberley	255 4982
Visiting History	V	<i>Tu.pm.m</i>	various	X	Jenny Clark	266 9395
<b>LANGUAGES</b>						
Cercle Francais I		<i>Fr.am.w</i>	S7	X	Alan Price	234 4172
Cercle Francais II	V	<i>Mo.pm.f</i>	S10	MH	Margaret Platts	230 7300
Classical Greek Alpha	V	<i>We.pm.f</i>	S1	A	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
French - Advanced		<i>Fr.am.w</i>	S10	A	Audrey Sainsbury	230 7446
French - Intermediate		<i>Thu.am.w</i>	S11	X	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
French for Holidays		<i>Mo.pm.f</i>	S7	MH	Usha Fitch	236 5009
German - Advanced		<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S8/10/17	MH	Mike Maas	230 4435
German for Beginners	V	<i>Mo.am.w</i>	S18	MH	Shelagh Woolliscroft	01246 416 139
German - Intermediate	V	<i>Mo.am.w</i>	S10	A*	Rosalie Ayscough	262 1626
Italian		<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S10/11	MH	Rosalind Rogerson	268 1426
Italian for Holidays		<i>Fr.pm.w</i>	S11	A	Mike Hague	236 6336
Latin from Scratch	V	<i>Fr.am.f</i>	S1	A	Jean Hart	247 0566
Latin III	V	<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S10	MH	Audrey Ward	230 3423
Latin Improvers		<i>Mo.am.f</i>	S1	A*	Paul Cordwell	327 3954
Modern Greek	V	<i>Fr.pm.f</i>	S11	MH	Margaret Halstead	258 2541



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<b>LANGUAGES continued</b>						
Portuguese For Fun		<i>Tu.am.w</i>	S11	MH	Pauline Miller	258 3678
Sanskrit	V	<i>Th.am.w</i>	S7	A	Roger Linstead	236 3640
Scottish Gaelic	V	<i>Mo.am.f</i>	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
Spanish Stage 2	V	<i>We.pm.w</i>	various	MH	Greta Pearman	236 3336
Spanish (Inter) I	V	<i>Th.am.w</i>	S7	X	Hilda Wisbey	262 1730
Spanish (Inter) III	V	<i>Th.am.w</i>	S7	A	Pat Smith	230 6432
Welsh	V	<i>Mo.am.f</i>	S7/8	MH	Sue Wormald	268 0487
<b>LITERATURE AND DRAMA</b>						
Book Group I		<i>Fr.am.m</i>	S17	A	Margaret Walton	255 6563
Book Group II		<i>Fr.am.m</i>	S17	A	Irene Voyce	235 2637
Book Group III		<i>2ndTu.am.m</i>	S17	X	Wendy Jenrick	268 7047
Book Group IV		<i>Fr.am.m</i>	S17	A	Mary Whyns	236 8628
Book Group V		<i>Tu.pm.m</i>	S11	MH	Mary Brookes	235 0180
Bookworm	V	<i>Fr.pm.m</i>	S36	A	Angela Butler	288 4778
Creative Writing	V	<i>Fr.pm.m</i>	S36	A	Meg Jepson	288 2929
Drama Study	V	<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S11	MH	John Parsons	230 4902
Enjoying Literature		<i>We.am.f</i>	S7	MH	Jackie Wilson	246 9095
Film Appreciation	V	<i>Tu.pm.m</i>	S1	A	Lesley Dixon	268 5881
Novel Reading I	V	<i>Mo.pm.4w</i>	S10	MH	Pam West	266 2188
Novel Reading II	V	<i>Mo.pm.m</i>	S11	MH	Kay Beeston	01433 631 247
Novel Reading III		<i>2ndFr.am.m</i>	various	MH	Judith Vernier	01246 418 607
Novel Reading IV	V	<i>We.am.m</i>	S5	MH	Mary Simpson	245 2568
Play Reading I		<i>Tu.pm.4w</i>	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188
<b>LITERATURE AND DRAMA cont.</b>						
Play Reading II	V	<i>Fr.pm.m</i>	S11	MH	Doreen Findlay	266 8577
Play Reading III	V	<i>Th.am.4w</i>	S17	MH	Mavis Frost	236 4249
Poetry for Pleasure	V	<i>We.pm.f</i>	S17	MH	Pat Parkin	236 8009
Poetry Study	V	<i>We.pm.f</i>	S11	MH	Enid Bennett	236 1379
Shakespeare for Pleasure		<i>Tu.am.f</i>	S11	MH	Kay Nicholson	230 7576
Story Writers	V	<i>Tu.am.4w</i>	various	MH	Margaret Briddon	262 0501

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TEL No.
<b>MUSIC</b>						
Enjoying Opera I		Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	John Williams	230 4568
Handbell Ringing	V	We.eve.w	S35	A	Hazel Bradey	234 2608
Jazz Appreciation		2ndTu.am.m	S10	MH	John Green	230 7768
Listening to Music II		We.pm.f	S8	MH	Ray Cottam	235 0536
Music and Film	V	Tu.pm.m	S2		Tony Allwright	264 5883
Music Appreciation I	V	We.pm.f	S11/17	MH	David Andrews	235 3389
Music Appreciation II	V	Th.pm.f	S6	A	David Andrews	235 3389
Singing for Pleasure		Fr.pm.f	S1	X	Irene Lees	267 1857
<b>PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES</b>						
Belly Dancing Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	A	Kathryn Smith	283 1171
Bowling Crown Green (SE)	V	Th.am.w	S20	X	John Hunt	269 8811
Bowling Crown Green	V	Mo./Th.am.w	S8	X	Keith Alcock	230 7813
Bowling Indoor - Mon		Mo.am.w	S36	X	Keith Alcock	230 7813
Country Dancing	V	Tu.pm.f	S8	A	Anne Marples	266 8794
Croquet		We.am.Tu.&Th.pm.w	S11	A	Peter Jones	230 5987
Midweek Cyclists		Alt.Tu./Wed.am	various	X	Yvonne Bland	283 0992
Pilates		We.pm.w	S18	X	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Racketball (Mon)	V	Mo.am.w	S17	X	Peter Keen	236 4914
Racketball (Fri)	V	Fr.pm.w	S17	X	Peter Hawksworth	230 7678
Table Tennis	V	Mo.&Th.am.w	S17	X	Anne Coghlan	236 4770
Tai Chi I	V	Tu.am.w	S35	A	Jenny Freeman	220 6670
Tai Chi Stocksbridge Friday	V	Fr.am.w	S36	A	Beryl Sharp	283 1392
Tai Chi Stocksbridge Wed	V	We.pm.w	S36	A	Beryl Sharp	283 1392
<b>SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>						
Environment I	V	Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Cliff Ellis	250 0883
Geology		We.--.m	various	X	tba	
Natural History	V	Th.--.m	various	X	Marion Edmondson	235 0313
Science & Technology		Mo.am.m	S8	A	Neil Lawrie	236 6294
Sustainable Development	V	Tu.pm.m	various	X	Jo Couldry	268 5496

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<b>SOCIAL</b>						
After Hours		<i>Eve/weekend</i>	various	X	Mary Entwisle	255 2368
After Hours NW		<i>Tu.eve.m</i>	various	X	Joyce Franks	234 8587
Dining Out I		<i>We.pm.m</i>	various	X	Lorna Baker	236 9025
Dining Out NW		<i>Tu.eve.m</i>	various	X	Pamela Conroy	288 7081
<b>WALKING</b>						
Dippers "Too" (7-10mls)	V	<i>Mo.--.f</i>	various	X	Margot Williams	268 2476
Dippers I (4-6mls)	V	<i>Mo.--.f</i>	various	X	Donald Ward	236 3332
Gannets (5-7mls)		<i>Mo.--.f</i>	various	X	John Lees	267 1857
Late Walkers (5mls)	V	<i>We.am.w</i>	various	X	Jill Whymys	258 9935
Peak in Bloom	V	<i>Su.--.f</i>	Pk Dst.	X	Wendy Taylor	230 9290
Strollers I (Public Trspt.)		<i>We.--.f</i>	various	A	Michael Ball	286 9226
Strollers II (Public Trspt.)		<i>Mo.--.f</i>	various	X	Sheila Hewitt	268 6891
1ω Strollers II (Saturday)	V	<i>Sa.am.f</i>	various	X	Norman Benson	236 1080
Strollers II (Tuesday)	V	<i>Tu.am.f</i>	various	X	Clive Williams	230 8177
Strollers III (Public Trspt.)		<i>We.--.f</i>	various	A	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Strollers III (Saturday)	V	<i>Sa.am.f</i>	various	A	Judy Hillman	266 7574
Strollers SE (Saturday)	V	<i>Sa.am.f</i>	various	X	Barbara Steel	247 4696
Sunday Walkers (7-9mls)	V	<i>Su.--.f</i>	various	A	David Hydes	288 7815
Walking Grp A (5-6mls)	V	<i>Alt Tu./We.--.w</i>	various	X	Pat Crook	265 4731
Walking Grp B (7-8mls)	V	<i>Alt Tu./We.--.w</i>	various	X	Anita Wall	233 1024
Walking Grp C (5-7mls)		<i>Alt Tu./We.--.w</i>	various	X	Gilbert Smith	230 5769
Walking Grp D (9-11mls)	V	<i>Alt We./Th.--.w</i>	various	A	Jan Taylor	230 2511
Walking Grp E (5-7mls)	V	<i>Alt We./Th.--.w</i>	various	X	John Ould	236 9606
Walking Grp F (10-14mls)		<i>Alt We./Th.--.w</i>	various	X	Peter Digby	236 6821
Walking Grp G (5-7mls)	V	<i>Th.am.w</i>	various	X	Tim&Pauline Caley	230 3212

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TEL No.
<b>WALKING continued</b>						
Walking Grp H (9-11mls)	V	Mo.--.w	various	A	Eric Bridgeland	250 8819
Walking Grp J (10-15mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.--w	various	A	Mike Gallivan	266 6797
Walking Grp K (5-7mls) PubTrspt.		Th.--.f	various	X	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Walking Grp L (4-5 mls)	V	Th.am.w	various	X	Barbara Cassidy	262 0699
Walking Grp M (6-8mls)		Fr.--.w	various	X	Gordon Young	296 2402
Walking Grp N (5-7mls)		Fr.am.w	various	A	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Walking Grp NW (5-7mls)	V	Th.am.w	S36	X	Mary Condon	288 5238
Walking Grp P (8-10mls)	V	Alt We./Th.--.w	various	X	Mollie Ibbotson	01246 412 849
Walking Grp Q (5-7mls)	V	Tu.am.f	S5/S35	A	Anne Chatterton	246 2106
Walking Grp R (7-9mls)	V	Mo.--.w	various	X	John Woolston	235 2181
Walking Grp S (5-7mls)	V	Fr.--.w	various	X	Mike Denial	235 0584
Walking Grp SE (8mls)	V	Tu.--.w	various	X	Kenneth Stringfellow	230 4063

#### THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE ADVERTISED IN LINKS AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

Classical Concertgoers'	various	various	MH	Derek & Maureen Shipley	236 6257
ICT	Tu.pm.w	S10	A	Clare Chiba	01433 659 864
Literature Network	various	S11	A	Peter Barclay	230 4327
Lunch and Lecture	V	various	A	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Weekenders	V	Sa&Su.w	X	Dot Sutcliffe	268 5918
Travel	various	various	X	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102

Group Coordinators are reminded that SU3A has a **YHA Group Card** which means that non-YHA members do not have to pay the £3 per night additional charge. Please contact Marion Edminson on (0114) 235 0313 for further details if you are planning a trip involving stays in Youth Hostels.

## **ICT Short Course on Email and the Internet**

Are you a beginner with email? Does sending and receiving attachments cause you problems? Are you nervous about shopping on the Internet? If so, this course is meant for you!

The course will run on Tuesdays 12, 19 and 26 June at Notre Dame School from 16.15 until 18.00. The cost will be **£4.50**.

If you are interested please contact me on (01433) 659 864 *Clare Chiba*

## **Memory Course**

### **Preventing Memory Problems**

This course has been designed especially for later-life learners in an informal adult learning situation by members of Aughton and Ormskirk U3A. Sheffield U3A is now in a position to offer the course to our members.

The course aids understanding of how our memory works, aims to reduce anxiety about memory problems and enables people to change their lifestyle behaviour, thus, hopefully, reducing the risk of developing dementia. It is also practical and fun.

The course consists of four, one and a half hour sessions, over a four week period, in a closed group of twelve participants. A booklet of handouts accompanies the course, which is delivered by two co-presenters, supported by other members of the administration team.

### **Want to know more?**

We are holding an information meeting on Friday 15 June, at 14.00 in the Arundel Room, Millennium Galleries.

This meeting is open to all SU3A members. Please come along.

To give us some idea of numbers likely to attend please, if possible, contact Stephanie Dixon, tel: (0114 2470119) and leave a message.

## Group News

### General Coordinator's Comments

Many Coordinators, I am sure, will be sad to hear that SU3A's previous Joint General Coordinators, **Doreen and Brian Bezant**, have left Sheffield to live in East Anglia. Before I took up this duty I shadowed Brian and Doreen and I was able to see what a mountain of work they so dutifully did for all members of SU3A, how perfectly they brought up-to-date all the data and materials they were handing over to me, and, I think you should know about the unrecorded intangibles - the sheer massive extent of **caring** they devoted to our membership. I will miss the support they continued to give me even after I took over. Thank you, Brian and Doreen.

This month in *Links* you have the insert detailing the 180 activity Groups we have in Sheffield U3A. Allowing for senile errors on my part, 117 of the entries in the centre pages should be accurate. The other 63 entries may not reflect the up-to-date status of the Group because I have not yet received the **Green Form or "Group Information" (GI) form**.

Many thanks to all those Coordinators who have submitted the GI form of information. If you have not yet completed it on the SU3A website on the Group Coordinator's Page please try to do so soon and let me have it. If you are having difficulty, get in touch with me and I will try to help.

I have to mention **computers** now, even though I know they engender rejection, loathing and nightmares in some of you. Computer power is essential for the efficient marshalling of all the working information the Committee uses to steer an organisation numbering almost 3,000 members. We have set out on a journey of IT improvement in the last year and Clare Chiba and Greta Pearman have helped effect huge improvements in the way we can use our IT facilities – but even so, I know that from them you *ain't seen nuttin' yet*.

**Assistance** has also arrived in the guise of Vera Dyer, our retired Secretary. I have come to regard her as insuperable in ensuring exactitude and superior to computers in information retrieval.

I am confident that Vera will greatly improve the essential caring operations of my job.

Very recently Clare, Greta, Vera and I met – not a triumvirate nor can it be a quadrumvirate because this word would be inappropriately sexist and does not exist anyway - and discussed how to improve what I try to do. So, apart from the subjects described above, we considered the **Coordinators' Spring and Autumn meetings**. Changes to their format are being examined and if you have any good ideas speak to one of us, or join us at a meeting. We have open, but not empty, minds.

**Drop-Ins** will involve **Groups' Waiting Lists** in future. Watch out for more news if you are a Coordinator suffering pressure or a member experiencing "full-up" notices when you call.

**Venues** are of perennial interest. I have had an offer of one in London Road near the old Harrison's Camera shop. There is another for evening hire in Division Street near John Lewis. Call or email me if your Group may want to view them.

Lastly, I alert you to the information in this issue about **Askham Bryan**. It is **UNMISSABLE**.

*Jim Walker*

[To anyone out there with linguistic facility – what word(s) or neologism can best encompass the new team of 4 described above? The most creative or amusing suggestions will be published in the August issue]



## **Thinking of Forming a New Group?**

Always contact the General Coordinator to discuss your idea first.

*Jim Walker*  
(0114) 236 9687

## New Groups

### **Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg**

Yn ogystal i'r Grŵp Cymraeg sy wedi'i anelu yn bennaf at ddechreuwyr, mae gynnwys ni erbyn hyn Grŵp Sgwrsio, lle mae dysgwyr mwy profiadol a Chymry Cymraeg at ei gilydd yn gallu ymarfer siarad yr iaith mewn awyrgylch anffurfiol, cyfeillgar a chefnogol. Cynhelir y sesiynau mewn tai aelodau, Dydd Mawrth 10-12 yn y bore, bob pythefnos. Am mwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch a Steve Clements, rhif ffôn (0114) 255 8422, neu Malcolm Barnard rhif ffôn 07751247601

### **Welsh Conversation Group**

In addition to the Welsh Group which is aimed principally at beginners, we now have a Welsh Conversation Group in which learners at intermediate and higher levels, as well as native speakers, have an opportunity to practise their spoken Welsh in an informal, friendly and supportive environment. The meetings take place in members' houses on Tuesday mornings 10.00 -12.00, fortnightly. For more information please contact Steve Clements tel. (0114) 255 8422, or Malcolm Barnard tel. 07751247601,

### **Early (Renaissance) Music Group**

Is anyone out there looking to play in a music group? This may interest members who have a basic playing ability, can read music, but do not feel capable of playing anything too challenging.

Early music tends to be quite easy to play technically, yet because it is played in parts can sound very effective when a number of instrumentalists are harmonising together. Possible instruments could include violin, viola, cello, flute, recorder or concertina. If you are uncertain about your chosen instrument or your level of ability, give me a ring and discuss possibilities anyway.

We are hoping to start up in the Autumn – plenty of time for practice. I look forward to hearing from you.

Steve Smith tel:(0114) 2468 215;



## Other Group News

### Poetry for Pleasure Group

We would like to welcome two more members. Our number has fallen to eight and ten is preferable. We do have one gentleman member who has fitted in very well with us all. Members of either sex would be well received. If you wish to come along and sample the Group or for more information telephone: Pat Parkin (0114) 236 8009.

### Racketball

#### Sheffield win the inaugural Yorkshire U3A Racketball Festival!

The inaugural Yorkshire U3A Racketball Challenge Event took place at Chapel Allerton Tennis and Squash club and was an overwhelming success. Three teams from Bradford, Leeds and Sheffield U3As took part. SU3A fielded five men: Peter Keen, Peter Hawksworth, David Fellows, Jim Tattersall and Rob Brace.

After lunch and much laughter, presentations were made to the winning team: Sheffield. Runners up Leeds were closely followed by Bradford. Rob Brace (Sheffield) was Top Man, and Lyn Aspland (Leeds) Top Lady. Sheffield U3A was asked to field some lady players next time!

The Bradford U3A Group has offered to host the next Challenge Event in October at Heaton Tennis and Squash club. If you know of any other U3A branches that might be interested in setting up a Racketball Group please suggest they contact Carol Cherry

Please note that the SU3A Racketball Group will continue through the summer, by popular request, from 10:00 – 11:30 on Mondays, at Abbeydale. More members are always welcome.

*Peter Keen*

*Coordinator*

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## Stamford: Twelfth Night

**Saturday 28 July 2012**

Name(s)..... SU3A No(s).....

Address..... Tel: .....

..... Postcode.....

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

Please send to Shirley Marney, 21 Everard Ave, Bradway, S17 4LY  
to arrive by **Friday 22 June**. **Please tick your pick up point:**

Pond Hill, City Centre 07.30 (....)

Bus bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 07.45 (....)

Old Mother Redcap, Bradway 08.00 (....)



## Visit to Owlerton Dog Track

**Saturday 11 August 2012**

Name(s)..... SU3A No(s).....

Address..... Tel: .....

..... Postcode.....

Please reserve.....place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ ....  
(**£19.00 p.p.**) payable to **Sheffield U3A**.

Please send to Jane Whitehead, 21 Bingham Court, Graham  
Road, S10 3DZ to arrive by **Friday 22 June**.

**Please tick your pick up point:**

Old Mother Redcap, Bradway 17.45 (....)

Bus bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 18.00 (....)

Pond Hill 18.15 (....)

## **Workshop and District U3A Swing Music Group**

As a result of our last advert in *Links* we have already added a new member to our trumpet section but we could do with even more.

All instrumentalists are required to enable us to field a full band for performances when some of our members are otherwise engaged. I find the main challenge as a Group coordinator is to guarantee a viable group, as most U3A members I know also have three or four lives outside the U3A. For more information please contact me *Tony Breed* Coordinator

## **Sheffield U3A Quiz, Saturday March 17 2012**

We would like to thank Marion Edmondson for organising this quiz night, which we thoroughly enjoyed. The event was held at Greens Leisure Centre where the friendly staff managed the queue for drinks and served the tasty pie-and-pea supper.

The teams assembled early to enjoy a pre-match drink and to work out their strategies. The quiz master, Peter Chatterton, provided a range of interesting and challenging quizzes starting with questions on Sheffield and current affairs. Then, during the supper he distributed two sheets of picture quizzes, showing celebrities past and present - some cleverly disguised - which raised high levels of discussion. In addition there were 'true or false' questions and a money raising game involving a flip of the coin.

The final scores were high with the winning team winning by the narrowest of margins: 1 point. The members of the three highest scoring teams all received a prize. However, this was a fund raising event and the real winner was the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Charity.

A representative gave a short talk explaining the aims of this Charity; and informed us that the money raised, through the quiz night, £540.00, would pay for one child from Chernobyl, to visit England during the summer.

We look forward to a similar event next year.

*Elaine and John Stringer*

## Travel News and Excursions

### Travel Organising Committee

#### Travel Organising Committee

Barbara Robertshaw	Coordinator	(0114) 236 9102
Barry De Roeck	Treasurer	(0114) 236 9169
Derek Shipley	Secretary	(0114) 236 6257
Margaret Bullivant		(0114) 296 2256
Margaret Langrish		(0114) 296 2251
Val Wiley		(0114) 236 0726

**Only members of Sheffield U3A are eligible to take part in our activities.**

**Insurance:** All members are responsible for arranging their own travel insurance to cover the costs of cancellation (whether the deposit or the total amount to be paid) through sickness, personal injury, accidents and loss of, or damage to, luggage or personal property. Sheffield U3A cannot be responsible for any such claims. Each member **must be** insured against such eventualities.

**Illness/Medical Conditions/Disabilities:** When applying you must inform the Visit Organiser of any problem or pre-existing medical condition. Please remember that all visits will involve some walking. Access to sites frequently involves steep slopes, steps and uneven surfaces. Always wear comfortable suitable footwear (e.g. flat shoes).

**Cancellations:** In case of cancellation, please contact the organiser or another member of the Travel Committee as soon as possible. Refunds for cancellations for deposits or for full payments in respect of day trips, short breaks or holidays, can only be made if a replacement can be found.

**Agreed Pick-up Point:** Please contact the organiser if you are unable to be at your pick-up point, or you wish to change it.

**Reply Envelopes:** Please remember to include a suitable **stamped addressed envelope** and the correct postage with your application. For day visits please use a small envelope and for short breaks and for holidays a *Links*-sized envelope (C5 - 229x162 mm).

**In case of problems or emergencies:** First try to contact the Visit Organiser or if he/she is not available any member of the Travel Committee.

# Visit to Four Churches in South Yorkshire

**Wednesday July 11 2012**

This will be a repeat of the visit we made in May with our guide Pat McLaughlin using the same itinerary as before. Because there were too many applications for places on the previous visit we have managed to organise another chance for members who missed the first outing.



Leaving Ecclesall at 09.20 and the Interchange at 09.30, we will meet Pat McLaughlin at St. Giles, Killamarsh. From there we will go to St. Peter's, Thorpe Salvin, and then on to Harthill for lunch and to visit All Hallows Church. Our final visit will be to the Todwick Church of St. Peter and St. Paul before leaving for Sheffield at about 16.00.

## *St Peter, Thorpe Salvin*

If you would like to take this opportunity to learn something of the history and architecture of these churches with examples of Jacobean bench pews, stained glass by Kempe, a Norman carved font and Saxon preaching cross, please complete the booking form on page 31 and send it with a cheque made payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and include a small stamped addressed envelope. The cost for the day is **£21.00**. This includes coach travel, gratuities, donations to the four churches and lunch prepared by the parishioners of All Hallows Church.



## *St Peter and St Paul, Todwick*

*Val Wiley and Margaret Bullivant*

# Visit to Melton Mowbray and Upton Hall

**Tuesday September 11 2012**

We visit Melton Mowbray, known as “The Rural Capital of Food”, on market day. It is the third oldest market in the country and registered in the Domesday Book.

There is so much else to see: St Mary’s Church with its doubled aisled transepts built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Pevsner called it the stateliest and most impressive church in Leicestershire. It has 48 clerestory windows with 15,000 panes of glass. There will be the opportunity to visit Anne of Cleves Inn, a pub dating back to the 1300's.

Melton Mowbray is renowned as the home of Stilton cheese and world famous pork pies: a pie making demonstration has been arranged as part of the visit. Bring a picnic to eat in Wilton Park or have lunch in one of the many cafés.

After our lunch, a short drive takes us to Upton Hall, home of the Horological Museum. We begin with a talk and a tour of the exhibits. The earliest clock dates from 1640. There are many English longcases, skeleton clocks and watches. Our visit ends with a cup of tea and a scone.

The cost of the day is **£25.00**. This includes travel and gratuities, admission to the Horological Museum and refreshments before we leave.

To reserve a place please complete the booking form on page 31.

*Margaret Langrish (0114) 296 2251*

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Address..... Tel: .....

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..... Postcode.....

Please reserve .... places for me (£21.00 per person). I enclose a cheque for ..... payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and small s.a.e. Send to: Val Wiley, 112 Button Hill, Sheffield S11 9HJ.

Please tick your preferred pickup point:

Bus bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 09.20 (....)

Sheffield Interchange Platform E5/6 09.30 (....)

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## Visit to Melton Mowbray and Upton Hall

**Tuesday September 11 2012**

Name(s)..... SU3A No(s).....

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Address..... Tel: .....

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..... Postcode.....

Please reserve ..... place(s) for me (£25.00 per person). I enclose a cheque for £ .... payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the completed slip, with a small stamped addressed envelope, as soon as possible to:

Margaret Langrish, 19 Alms Hill Road, Sheffield, S11 9RR.

Please tick your preferred pick-up point:

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5/6 07.45 (....)

Bus bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 08.00 (....)

## Ode to Rain

*composed during an SU3A April break*

To Kent we went with U3A  
And on our way  
Time we did spend at Audley End  
O what a lovely day.

Dover Castle our next call  
A fortress built within a wall  
By Kings of long ago.  
But here, alas, the wind did blow  
And down came the rain.

As pilgrims go to Canterbury  
We did get there in a hurry  
To miss the showers which fell for hours  
And we paddled through the rain.

Now Chatham Docks were all awash  
But never daunted, we  
Saw boats and ships and submarines  
And then we put to sea –  
(actually it was the Medway)  
And on our craft we made good headway  
Through ever worsening rain.

'Tis our last day that means Flag Fen -  
The settlement of Bronze Age men –  
And we will travel there together, never mind the awful weather –  
For we all know, I make it plain, as friends we'd do it all again . . . .

Without the rain.

*Pat Roddis*

<p><b>Reminder: The next Drop-In has been re-scheduled to Tuesday June 12 at the CURC</b></p>
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