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## From the Chair

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The mid-winter snow that held everything up for a couple of weeks is now well and truly behind us and spring is definitely on its way. During those dormant days I began to reflect over the past four years and how quickly time flies when you are enjoying yourself - and I have enjoyed myself immensely - but my time is up and this is my last report to you as Chairman of SU3A.

At the AGM on Thursday April 18 2013, Clare Chiba and I step down after our term of office is over and a new Committee will select my successor, together with other officers. I am sure that the transition will be smooth as willing volunteers are waiting in the wings.

There have been many changes recently and these reflect the mix of members as well as members' expectations. More and more of us are likely to be computer literate as it is now an essential skill in the modern workplace. It is also a common sight to see a computer in most homes and according to recent statistics it is fast catching up with the television. I must admit I like to keep up with my grandchildren who seem to have been born with the ability to surf the net or text at a faster rate than I could ever type.

Technology is difficult to ignore and we at SU3A have embraced it and it has certainly made life easier running a large organisation like ours.

The number and variety of Groups still seems to grow and some of the less conventional ideas often take off very quickly. Nationally, large U3As such as ours have problems in finding ways to get more people all together so our emphasis will remain on Open Groups in an attempt to counteract this. We are to enlarge the programme for the popular Lecture Series with their eminent speakers and we have a dedicated team researching some Short Courses.

One stumbling block we have yet to overcome despite numerous and various approaches to the Sheffield City Council leaders is an affordable, city-centre venue in good condition that will allow larger numbers of us to all get together. We are also in need of some kind person who can give house-room to our brand new sound system. If you can help us with either of these two long-standing issues please contact any of the Executive Committee whose details you will find on the website or on the inside cover of *Links*.

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*The cover picture was taken at Ladybower Reservoir*

There have been many highlights during my Chairmanship, far too many to report here. May I take this opportunity to thank the Coordinators who welcomed me wholeheartedly into their Groups. They were very friendly, open-minded and democratic and provided learning and sociability in equal measures. Becoming Chairman bang, slap in the middle of Jubilee year was a great learning curve but one made easier by the professionalism and dedication of the people I worked with. Ex Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Sylvia Dunkley, Ian McMillan and Gervase Phinn all gave their time and expertise for free because they believed in our organisation and the work we try to do for the "Third Agers" of this city.

The lows were few: the behaviour of some members who expect far too much for £10.00 per year and if they put as much effort into volunteering as they did into criticising we should all be richer for it. Fortunately, the vast majority of us understand that it is never easy to please all the people all the time.

Elsewhere in this issue is my Annual Report for the AGM and the Development Plan is on the website but I can not close without some very big thank-yous to some very special people.

May I please record here my tribute to the unfailing support of successive Executive Committee members and all the other office holders for the duration of my Chairmanship.

Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to identify each and every one for their particular strengths and generosity. Space prevents this happening but thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

It has been a privilege and an honour to serve this great organisation and I wish it, and all of you, well for the future.

*Denise West*

## **The 27th Annual General Meeting of Sheffield U3A**

will be held on Thursday 18 April 2013

at 10.30

at the Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, S1

The AGM papers can be found on pages 21-32

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# From the Executive Committee

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## **Workshops/Study Days**

There are several workshops planned, the first being two in Harrogate and one in Leeds. National subject advisers will be holding these workshops, mainly aimed at Group leaders in these subjects or prospective Group leaders. The two in Harrogate will be on *Textile Crafts* and *Creative Writing*; the one in Leeds on *Writing Your Life Story*.

More information is on the website.

## **Askham Bryan Video**

A video of the event held at Askham Bryan last summer has been produced. Any Group or individual wishing to view it please contact the Secretary.

## **Groups**

The number of Groups and subjects offered by SU3A is increasing and new Groups are springing up all the time. Maybe it is the season of the year. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities.

## **Short Courses**

The team involved with running Short Courses has lots of new ideas and new helpers so keep your eyes open for announcements during the next few months.

## **U3A Nationally**

The new Chairman of U3A, Barbara Lewis, has expressed interest in coming to visit one of the “large” U3As and has asked to come on a visit to see how we operate. The new Executive Committee will invite her once they are in office.

## **Postgraduate Students**

The number of students asking for our help in their research projects continues to grow. There are several new ones in the pipeline. If you can spare an hour or so, please answer their requests for help. It is all in a good cause and often fascinating to get involved in.

## **Summer Schools**

A reminder that Summer Schools will be taking place in August at Wentworth Castle and that places are still available on some of the courses. See the YAHR website at [yahru3a.co.uk](http://yahru3a.co.uk)

## Secure Storage in the City Centre

Do any members know of the availability of secure storage, i.e. a large locked cupboard up to a small room, which would be available to SU3A at a minimal cost somewhere in the centre of Sheffield? Access should not involve stairs and being able to back a car up to it would be ideal.

The problem of being a large organisation with no premises is that access to U3A equipment depends on members' cars and often physical strength. A central access point would be useful.

## AGM

The AGM will take place on April 18. Details are enclosed in this issue of *Links*. There are four places on the Executive Committee to be filled.

**Nominations should be in by April 4.** Also please note that any items of AOB not received in writing before April 1 can be discussed at the AGM but not voted or acted upon.

*Jean Stevenson*

*Secretary*



## Participants Needed for Human Perception of Vibrotactile Feedback

I am a postgraduate research student investigating the ability to perceive vibrotactile feedback on touchscreen devices in relation to age, with the aim of improving the design and usability of touchscreen devices for future generations.

We would like to include people of all ages in our project. No previous experience of using touchscreen devices is required. We would greatly appreciate one hour of your time in helping us.

The experiment will be held in the Sir Frederick Mappin Building at Sheffield University.



Further information can be found on the SU3A web site or by e-mailing me at [xueqing.zhang@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:xueqing.zhang@sheffield.ac.uk)

**I will be attending the April Drop-In on April 2** at the CURC and will be happy to give members more information.

Thanks in advance, Xueqing Zhang.

# Every Sheffield Child Articulate and Literate

## Can you help?

For the last four years SU3A members have taken part in the ESCAL Volunteering Project, a Council initiative working to make the goal above a reality. Volunteers are linked with a school which has children who, through regular one-to-one sessions, can be helped to build up their levels of reading and communication and develop the confidence to play a full part and gain the most from their school experience.

Volunteers do not need to have qualifications or experience of teaching – grandparents, godparents or favourite aunts or uncles are probably already giving similar support – and some training and materials are provided. Minimum realistic time commitments are set but some volunteers have chosen to continue their involvement with their school, some even becoming governors. In arranging a link with a participating school, the Project will take account of your preferences for location etc.

Since SU3A first became involved the Project has expanded the age groups of the pupils targeted and the kinds of support volunteers can choose to offer. In the beginning the priority was preparing pupils in Years 5 and 6 for the challenges of secondary school. Now Junior Schools are asking for support for children from Reception up and the Project is also developing reading/talking support in Secondary Schools.

Faye Jeffrey from ESCAL says 'Thanks again so much for your volunteers. They are some of our best volunteers in Sheffield and I know the schools are absolutely thrilled with them!'

Why not join them? You can contact Faye on (0114) 250 6853 or check the ESCAL website at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/ESCAL](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/ESCAL)

Yvonne Rowland

(0114) 242 5201

### Do not miss out!

Once *Links* has gone to press we are unable to tell you about any **new events** scheduled for the following 8 weeks. These short-notice events are advertised **only** on the website or at the Drop-In. Make sure you do not miss out by visiting the website from time to time.

Just type [sheffieldu3a.org.uk](http://sheffieldu3a.org.uk) into your web browser

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# Events

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## Classical Concertgoers' Group

### Wednesday 14 August 2013

Our visit to Buxton this year will be to see the Classic Fest Opera Company's performance of Franz Lehar's The Merry Widow. Lehar was the Andrew Lloyd Webber of his day, writing popular music-theatre and revitalising the world of Viennese operetta. The opera is a study in flirtation and so the music is as beguiling as the heroine. Lehar conjures up the romance of Viennese waltzes and the Parisian gaiety of the galop and can-can. I think we shall enjoy an afternoon of pure escapism.

The coach will leave the bus parking bay at the bottom of Knowle Lane, near the junction with Millhouses Lane, at 11.00 to arrive at the Buxton Pavilion at around 12 noon. This will allow time to lunch before the performance at 14.30. If the weather is fine there is the opportunity to picnic in the Pavilion Gardens before a short walk to the Opera House.

The inclusive cost is **£32.00** to cover the price of a seat in the central stalls, your coach fare and driver's gratuity. Last year tickets sold very quickly so do send your application in early. Please remember to put your SU3A membership number on the form on page 34 and include the name and contact details of all members for whom you are applying, plus a small stamped self-addressed envelope, and send to: Pamela Sandford, 289 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0DA.

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**Four tickets remain for the Birmingham Concert on 22 May**

(see February Links)

This is a day visit.

Please contact me a.s.a.p. if you are interested.

Our visits are open to all SU3A members and no special Group membership is required.

*Pamela Sandford*

*Co-ordinator*

*(0114) 236 1815*



# Friday Lecture Programme 2013

Venue: Showroom Cinema 3 (unless stated). Free (unless stated).

Refreshments from 09.30; Lecture from 10.30 to 12 noon.

Half-price parking at Q-Park with a voucher from the Box Office.

## **19 April                      John Betjeman - Polymath**

Steve Jackson, Editor of the Betjeman Society Newsletter

## **17 May                        The American Civil War**

On the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address. How different is the picture today?

Professor John Ashworth, University of Nottingham

## **21 June                      200 Years of Steel**

– and Sheffield's role in its development

Dr Richard Thackray, Tata Steel Lecturer in Steelmaking, University of Sheffield

## **19 July                        British Journalism**

– a feral beast or a powerful force for social good?

David Holmes, Lecturer in Journalism, University of Sheffield

## **20 Sept                        The Human Face of Technology**

Recycling, Sharing, Empowering, Enabling Creativity

James Wallbank, CEO, Access Space, selected by Nesta as one of Britain's top 50 'New Radicals'. James will explain why.

Lectures scheduled for 16 August and 15 November will be included in future editions of *Links*.

Cinema 3 holds 200 and this number has never been exceeded. However, come early to be sure of your seat.

Enquiries:                      Shelagh Woolliscroft

(01246) 416 139  
[www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk)



## **weekenders**

### **Shakespeare at Stamford**

#### **'No More Yielding but a Dream!'**

On **Saturday 29 June** we will be having a return visit to the open air theatre at Tolethorpe Hall near Stamford to watch an afternoon performance of Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* performed 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 before the play to wander round and have lunch.

The cost of the trip is **£26.00** per person. This includes the coach fare, theatre ticket and the driver's gratuity.

Places are limited so if you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 20 and return it to Shirley Marney to arrive by **Monday 10 June**.

Please ring Dot Sutcliffe on (0114) 268 5918 for further information.

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## **SU3A Charity Quiz**

### **A fun evening in aid of St Luke's Hospice**

Presented by Peter Chatterton

**Saturday 8 June 2013**

At Abbeydale Sports Centre, Abbeydale Road South

.Open from 19.00 for 19.30 start

Tickets **£10.00** to include quiz and supper

Entry by ticket only. Deadline 25 May. No more than 6 in a team

Application form on page 20

Open to SU3A members, their family and friends

Ample parking and bar facilities available

For further information contact: Marion Edmondson (0114) 235 0313



## **weekenders     The Sheffield Blitz**

Come and join us on **Sunday 28 April** for a walk through part of Sheffield's history. Local historian and guide Ron Clayton will tell us the story of the Sheffield Blitz which occurred on the nights of December 12 and 15 in 1940. The walk will start at Lady's Bridge at 14.00 (meet 13.45) and end in Barker's Pool via High Street where Ron will lay flowers on the site of the Marples Hotel which received a direct hit, burying those inside. After the walk, which should last about 2 hours, we will visit the Grapes hotel on Trippet Lane for some well-earned refreshment.

The cost of the walk is **£5.50** per person (pay for your own refreshments). Places are limited so if you would like to join us please complete the form on page 14 and return it to Dot Sutcliffe by **Wednesday 17 April**.



## **weekenders     A Yorkshire Day Out**

Come with us on **Saturday 18 May** for a day out in Yorkshire! First of all we will visit Castle Howard, Yorkshire's finest historic house and estate. Designed by John Vanbrugh, it has been the home of the Howard family for over 300 years and was used as the location for both the TV series and the film of Brideshead Revisited. The house contains large collections of paintings, furniture and tapestries while the extensive grounds include woodland walks, lakes and fountains and an 18<sup>th</sup> century walled garden.

From Castle Howard we will travel to Scarborough with its two bays and castle for a breath of sea air. The cost of the day is **£27.00** per person. This includes the coach fare, entrance to Castle Howard and the driver's gratuity.

If you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 14 and send it to Shirley Marney as soon as possible.

Please ring Dot Sutcliffe on (0114) 268 5918 for further information.

**Future Weekenders events** will include a visit to Bolsover castle and a fish and chip night.

## Appreciating Architecture: Day Trip to York

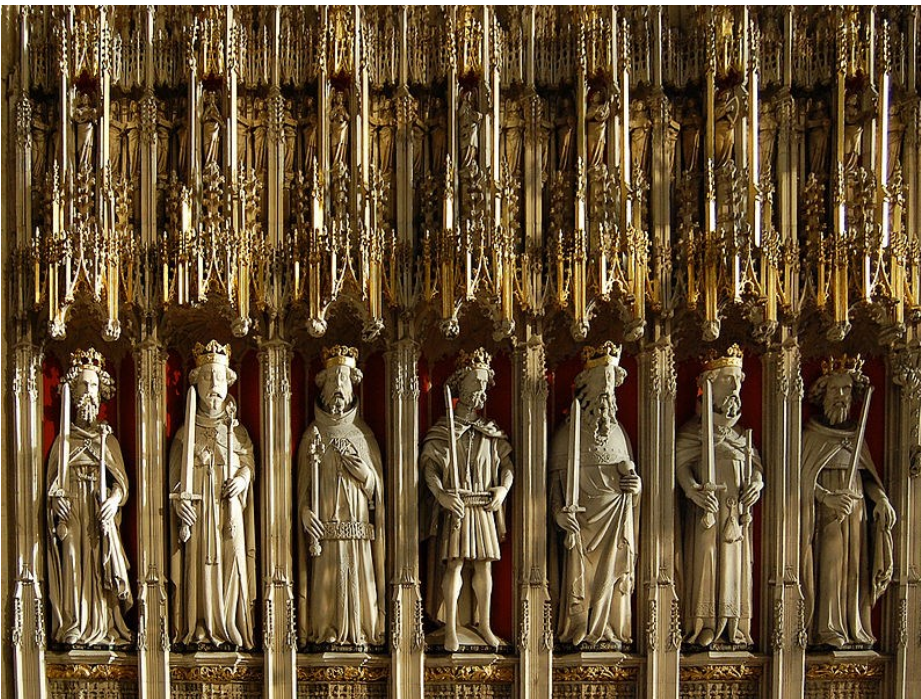
**Thursday 20 June 2013**

How is York Minster Renovated?

Join us on an interesting day trip to York Minster's Hidden Tours to see parts of the Minster that were previously off-limits to visitors and to observe the professionals who are working on the ongoing programme of the renovation of this wonderful Minster.

We will visit the Bedern Glaziers Studio to watch the glaziers at work and to hear the story of the repair of the East window. Then we will visit the Minster to see the amazing window.

In the afternoon we will tour the Stoneyard, taking in the workshops, and see the saws and tools that are used to prepare the stone. The tour progresses to the East Front from where it is possible to see fantastic views of the city.



There will be approximately two hours free time in York before we leave.

The cost is **£27.00**. This includes the cost of the coach, driver's gratuity and both the tours.

Because of the limited numbers allowed on the tours, there will be spaces on the

coach for SU3A members who wish to have a day in York. The cost for the coach alone is **£17.00**.

If you wish to join this trip please complete the application form on page 34 and send to:

Shirley Marney at 21 Everard Ave, Bradway Sheffield S17 4LY.



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# Group News

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## New Groups

### Performance Choir : We now have a **MUSICAL DIRECTOR**

He is Robert Spooner, at present singing with The Sterndale Singers, who has wide experience of many choirs across England, including many solo performances, and prepared himself for such challenges on a foundation of lessons from the renowned Ena Mitchell. Added to all this he has conducted several choirs covering a wide spectrum of musical genres.

The choir will require commitment and attendance weekly or fortnightly according to consultation. It will be run democratically and tackle a wide variety of styles from early music via classical repertoire to musicals and comic items etc.

Rehearsals are likely to be held on Monday mornings at the Victoria Hall Methodist Church.

Robert has very attractive ambitions for this performance choir. To realise these he now has:



- (1) a pianist and
- (2) a Coordinator to help organise the Choir

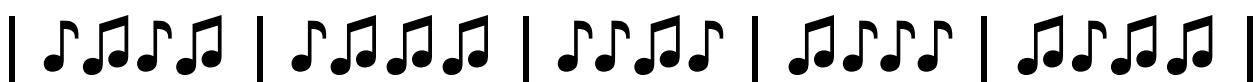
but would **welcome other offers** to assist in these tasks. Robert's contact details are: tel (0114) 258 5715, email [rmspoonerbtopenworld.com](mailto:rmspoonerbtopenworld.com)



**We request singers **should now apply****

Those who applied earlier declaring an interest should re-apply direct to Robert.

Jim Walker, Vera Dyer (General Coordinator and 'Assistant')





**weekenders**

## **Weekenders: Blitz Walk**

**Sunday 28 April 2013**

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

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

..... Postcode .....

Please reserve.....place(s).

I enclose a cheque for £ ..... (**£5.50** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**. Please return the form with a small s.a.e to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, Sheffield S10 5DA by **Wednesday 17 April**.



**weekenders**

## **Weekenders: Castle Howard**

**Saturday 18 May 2013**

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

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

..... Postcode .....

Please reserve.....place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ ..... (**£27.00** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**. Please return the form with a **small s.a.e** to Shirley Marney, 21 Everard Ave, Bradway S17 4LY to arrive as soon as possible.

### **Please indicate your pick up point:**

Old Mother Redcap	08.00	(....)
Ecclesall Road South/ Knowle Lane	08.15	(....)
Pond Hill (Penny Black pub)	08.30	(....)

## **Tailor-made Fitness Classes**

Are you wondering how to maintain or improve your fitness, agility and mobility?

Unsure what is suitable for your age, or if you are making the best of what is on offer? This proposed SU3A Group may well be what you are looking for.

Sessions would be arranged for small groups (six or seven people) with qualified, dedicated trainers at a venue not far from the city centre. Cost would be **£4.00** per 45 minute session, **£24.00** for each block of six, which would then roll on to become continuous.

AND not a leotard or rows of gym equipment in sight!

If you are in any way tempted to find out more, come along for a free taster session on Friday morning 26th April at 10.30. Phone me for the location.

Not able to make that date? Feel free to contact me, anyway.

Ann Evans tel. (0114) 348 6607 or 07810 657 779,

email tattyheadx2gmail.com

## **Proposed Listening Group**

We believe there is a real case for having a small group, meeting in members' homes, dedicated to more personal and sensitive sharings of life. Each member has the opportunity to choose his/her level in this - or not, and instead to simply listen. One person speaks - others listen.

Enquiries to Margaret Rutherford (0114) 235 3191

John Wragg (0114) 266 3922

## **Journalism Group**

The Friday Lecture at the Showroom on July 19 is on '*British Journalism*'.

We are hoping this might spur on some people to start a Journalism Group in SU3A as there is rarely room in *Links* to publish original material. Perhaps a magazine showcasing Groups and members? Interviews with interesting Sheffield citizens? The history of Sheffield? Creative Writing? Stories? Comic strips? Cartoons? Scandals?

Green eyeshades and biros could be supplied . . . .

## Group News

### Call for new members . . . .

#### Study Group Jesus and Christianity

The Group continues its monthly sessions at the Burngreave Ashram premises on the first Saturday of the month between 13.30 and 15.30.

Our Group has room for new members. Please telephone me at (0114) 243 6688 or (0114) 242 7078.

*John Vincent*

*Coordinator*

#### Art Group 3

Ever wanted to paint and draw?

Join us on Wednesday afternoon at Ecclesall Church Hall between 14.00 and 16.00. New members will be given a warm welcome to a friendly Art Group.

*Miriam Currie*

*Coordinator*

#### New Transport Umbrella Group

We have successfully started this new Group, meeting monthly in members' homes, to explore a wide variety of transport interest subjects past, present and future. The nature of future meetings will be drawing largely on members' knowledge and resources. We also expect to arrange outings of transport interest, especially in summer months.

*John Wragg*

*Coordinator*

*(0114) 266 3922*

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## **Dressmaking Group**

We held our first meeting on February 11 2013 at Shipshape on Sharrow Lane. There is plenty of parking space and it is close to London Rd and its bus routes. We have hired a light, spacious room which has work tables and 5 sewing machines and there is a kitchen where we can make hot drinks.

We can book 10 session blocks and the cost will be shared by the members and payable at the beginning of each block - approximately £25.00 - £28.00 for 10 sessions (paid in advance). The cost depends on the size of the Group.

The Group meets on Monday mornings - 10.30 to 13.00. Dates for the rest of the first block are:

April 8 and 22, May 20, June 3 and 17, July 1 and 15.

Our founder members have a range of dressmaking and sewing skills and we look forward to sharing those skills and learning from each other. Our aim is to be the best dressed U3A members - come and join us.

*Ruth Bernard*

*Coordinator*

ruth.bernardvirgin.net, tel: (0114) 258 9026.

## **The reluctant pedestrian**

*My little black chariot could take me afar.  
It gave me such freedom: big boot, small car.  
To Chatsworth, the Peaks, and to croquet it went  
And happy the hours of driving I spent.  
It carried great loads, saved my creaky old legs,  
Kept me cosy and safe and looked after the eggs.*

*Sod the expense of my trusty old friend,  
With sadness for me, driving comes to an end.*

*Greta Pike*

## **Are You A Stroller?**

If you are, and would like to join our Group, Strollers III would be very happy to welcome you. We walk on every other Saturday throughout the year, usually in and around the Peak District or Sheffield. We usually cover about 3-5 miles in about 1½ to 2 hours, setting off promptly at 10.30, finishing off with lunch in a nearby pub or café.

Walks are decided upon up to 6 months in advance, and each one is led by 2 of our Group.



Do not worry if your knowledge of suitable walks is limited – some of our Group know lots.

If you think this might be for you, you can come with us to try us out before committing yourself.

For more information, please call Angela Lam on (01246) 416 842, or Judy Hillman on (0114) 266 7574.

We look forward to seeing you on our next walk.

*Judy Hillman*

*Coordinator*

## **Inspiration Group shifts to afternoons**

Seven members met recently. Our theme this week was to hear about the effective work of teacher Byron Katie. She seems to have the ability to transform people's lives by giving out some simple-sounding exercises in the form of questions. She calls this THE WORK.

At the meeting we took the decision to switch to the 3rd Monday in the afternoon. This social and light discussion Group meets in members' homes to explore and share inspirational thoughts, quotations and topics from around the world.

*John Wragg*

*Coordinator*

*(0114) 266 3922*

## Tai Chi for Balance Disorders

An article in *Spin*, the magazine issued by the Ménière's Society, reports on a presentation given at its Annual Conference 2012 by David Barrow, Tai Chi Chuan Instructor. Ménière's Disease is a disorder of the inner ear characterized by vertigo and balance problems, deafness and tinnitus. The paper discusses a clinical programme at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital developed for patients with balance disorders.

The programme is an adaptation of the standard Tai Chi exercises to make them suitable for those with poor balance control. This 'Clinical Tai Chi' course lasts for 12 weeks and has been conducted at the Royal Hallamshire for the past ten years. Hundreds of patients have taken part, with approximately 90% reporting an improvement in their condition. The feedback from participants shows that, compared to pre-treatment, their perceived symptoms decrease after practising Tai Chi. Their feeling of well-being increases together with confidence level, and this encourages them to take part in a greater range of day-to-day activities than previously. Many patients join regular Tai Chi classes after the hospital course in order to benefit from a structured health exercise programme and to maintain improvements in their balance.

David Barrow and his senior student, Ken Thomas, conduct *standard* Tai Chi classes in Stocksbridge on Wednesday at 13:00 and Friday at 11:30. There are vacancies at the Wednesday class but only a limited number of spaces on the Friday session.

For more information on the Stocksbridge classes contact Kathryn Smith on (0114) 288 6498.

*Chris Goldthorpe*

*Coordinator*

## Calendar of Events

There are so many things happening in SU3A that there is not enough room on the back page of *Links* to show them all.

For a full list see the calendar on our website at [www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk)



## Weekenders: Midsummer Night's Dream

**Saturday 29 June 2013**

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

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

..... Postcode .....

Please reserve.....place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ .... (**£26.00** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**. Please send to Shirley Marney, 21 Everard Ave, Bradway S17 4LY with a **small s.a.e.** to arrive by **Monday 10 June**.

**Please tick your preferred pick up point:**

Old Mother Redcap	08.30 (....)
Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane	08.45 (....)
Pond Hill (Penny Black pub)	09.00 (....)

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## U3A Charity Quiz

**Monday 17 June 2013**

Full Name(s) ..... Tel:.....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Please reserve .....places for me (**£10.00** per person). I enclose a cheque for £ ..... In favour of **SU3A Charity Quiz** and a stamped addressed unused self sealing envelope.

I would like ..... meat and ..... vegetarian options. Forms should be sent as soon as possible to arrive by **Saturday 25 May** to:

Marion Edmondson, 4 Alton Close, Sheffield S11 9QQ



**Sheffield U3A**  
**Twenty Seventh Annual General Meeting**  
**The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Sheffield U3A**  
**will be held at 10.30 on Thursday 18 April 2013**

**at the Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield**  
Registration from 09.45, when tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

**AGM Draft Agenda**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
3. Chair's Annual Report 2012/13
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Elections to Committee, including vacancies
6. Election of the Independent Examiner of Accounts
7. Any Other Business (previously notified in writing and which can be voted on)
8. Any Other Business (brought up informally but no decision can be taken at the meeting)

**Notice to members of the Executive Committee**, including those elected at the AGM: there will be a short Executive Committee Meeting immediately after the end of the AGM.

**Sheffield U3A**

**Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 18 April 2012**  
**at the Central United Reformed Church, Sheffield**

**Present:** around 75 members, with Denise West in the Chair.

**Apologies for absence:** Peter Barclay, Pat Battams, Mike Brumby, Mary Cox, Cliff and Pat Crellin, Stephanie Dixon, Andrea Elson, Shirley Marney, Greta Pike, Harold and Joan Schofield, Sallie Swann, Beryl Toplis, George and Val Wiley, Barbara Woodthorpe.

**1. Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 18 April 2011 (previously circulated) were agreed as a correct record. Proposed: Steffon West, seconded: Barbara Robertshaw.

**2. Chairman's Annual Report**

2.1 The Annual Report had appeared in the April Links. The organisation nationally was expanding steadily, with 832 U3As and 273,679 members. The Yorkshire and Humber Region had approximately 6.5% of the total UK membership.

There were currently 2780 members in Sheffield U3A, 178 activity groups, and 6 open groups. The membership was slightly down from the previous year and it was thought the main reason for fairly new members not renewing was they were unable to get into the Groups or activities they wanted.

2.2 The Chair introduced the Development Plan for 2012/13. The main points mentioned were:

- The importance of communication with members. This was primarily through *Links*, the Drop-Ins and the website
- Renewals. The facility for sending out renewal numbers by email was going well and was cutting down on time and costs to the organisation
- Open Groups. New volunteers had been found to run the Classical Concertgoers and Literature Network
- New Members' meetings. There were now to be three a year. These meetings emphasised the self-help aspect and the need for volunteers
- There were two Coordinators' meetings a year and a buddy system had increased the flow of information from the General Coordinator. The Group Coordinators' web pages now included Advice Sheets issued by the Third Age Trust
- New initiatives. An open Group, Weekenders, had been introduced in January to provide activities at weekends and study days were being organised in conjunction with exhibitions at the City's art galleries and museums
- Publicity. New members were being sought through Outreach work and short talks at Pre-retirement courses. A DVD about SU3A had been commissioned for use in promotional work
- Intergenerational activities. These included involvement with ESCAL (Every Sheffield Child Articulate and Literate) and providing reading support volunteers in primary schools. The book *Lest We Forget*, published by SU3A in the last year would be sent to any Sheffield school which had World War II on its curriculum, if requested
- Links with other bodies. Contact was being maintained with both Universities, the Lifelong Learning Forum, Voluntary Action Sheffield and the U3A's Yorkshire and Humber Regional Committee.

The Chair thanked the Committee members, especially Vera Dyer, John Williams and Ken Stringfellow, who were stepping down and Mike Brumby, Independent Examiner of Accounts for the past 12 years, who was also stepping down. She thanked the Officers and the members who had worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer introduced the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011 which had been circulated to members via the April issue of *Links*. He explained that the Independent Examiner's report had been slightly delayed and would appear in the June issue of *Links*. The Treasurer also thanked Mike Brumby for his work.

Generally, money had been saved against various items in the budget, including the lecture series and the Silver Jubilee event at Wortley. Sending out membership renewal numbers by email was also saving money on postage. Subscriptions were up slightly and Gift Aid had increased.

The accounts showed a larger reserve than was necessary and the Committee was looking at ways to reduce this, bearing in mind that Transitional Relief would end in the coming year, an upgrade of the Membership Records Officer's database was necessary and some of the Groups' central loan equipment would need renewing. The cost of the Lecture series would increase because eight lectures were planned for 2012 and funds would be required for the Regional event at Askham Bryan.

The Treasurer invited questions.

Derek Cave noted that the surplus on the year was c. £6,000, most of which was Gift Aid. The Government could end this scheme at any time and it was therefore necessary to ensure that the subscriptions covered running expenses.

The approval of the Accounts was proposed by Peter Digby and seconded by Shelagh Woolliscroft. Agreed by the majority.

### **4. Election of Independent Examiner of Accounts**

Mike Brumby had now stepped down and it was necessary to appoint an Independent Examiner. The Treasurer appealed for anyone interested in volunteering for the role to contact him.

## 5. Elections to the Committee

There were two nominations and two vacancies to fill. The nominees introduced themselves and gave details of their careers and interests:

Jenny Emby: Proposed by Jean Stevenson and seconded by Joan Maynard

Richard Morton: Proposed by Denise West and seconded by Pat Battams

Both nominees were individually elected on a majority vote.

The meeting was asked to vote in the continuing members of the Executive Committee *en bloc*. This motion was agreed and carried by a majority vote.

## 6. Any other business

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

- a) **Postage costs.** Anne Granville suggested sending out *Links* by email to members who chose to receive it in that form. The Chair said the Committee would consider the suggestion but the general feeling was that most members wished to receive the publication by post. Heather Walker suggested charging for a postal copy.
- b) **Membership figures.** Paul Wyman noted that membership was increasing in some U3As, e.g. Aughton and Ormskirk, whereas in Sheffield numbers were static, possibly because newer members could not get into suitable Groups. He pointed out that a large percentage of SU3A members lived in the Hallam area and met in people's houses: therefore the size of Groups was limited by the size of members' homes. He acknowledged the difficulty of finding reasonably priced central meeting rooms and reminded people to continue to look out for such venues. The Chair stated that the question of members' failure to get into Groups would be addressed in the coming year.

## 7. Introduction of new Regional Trustee

Anne Firth had stepped down as Regional Trustee for Yorkshire and Humber and David Morton had been elected. He introduced himself to the meeting and outlined the role of the Regional Trustee.

A Regional website had recently been set up and the SU3A website had a link to the Region's Newsletters. The details for Askham Bryan would appear in the next *Links*.



## **Annual Report. 2012/ 2013**

Sheffield U3A's membership stands at 2830 members re-subscribing or joining for 2012–2013. We are, according to statistics, the biggest U3A in the country once again, still offering the widest range of activities as our interest Groups stand at 183, including seven Open Groups.

Financially, SU3A remains in a healthy state. Whilst the 2012 income was at the budgeted level we saved money on some items of expenditure. We regularly review our financial controls to minimise any risk of loss.

The £10.00 joining fee remains the same for this year. We have re-visited our Governance Paper and revised the job descriptions of all the officers making them more fit for purpose for a large and busy U3A. This includes a new addition, an External Liaison Officer, who represents us with outside bodies across the city. This is not a trustee post.

We planned and carried out Outreach work in the city in 2012. In March we did a promotion in Heeley Green and in October one in Sharrow. The results were mixed with Heeley Green by far the best in terms of new recruits for the organisation. Although overall disappointing we shall continue trying to reach potential members in areas of the city where we are under-represented. We did not appear in the local media in 2012 but are aiming for a higher profile in 2013. We continue to maintain publicity materials in libraries and can confirm that Sheffield City Libraries' management has offered us free space to have Outreach sessions in its libraries. Two community events were undertaken by our colleagues in the north and 12 presentations to pre-retirement courses across the city. We commissioned and assisted in the making of a 3 minute promotional DVD which will be a useful publicity tool. This can be viewed from our website and on YouTube.

The monthly Drop-In is now well established and performs many roles. Existing members use the Drop-In to socialise. New Groups meet and form there. Postgraduate students use them to recruit volunteers and potential members come to learn about the organisation. Overall it is an extremely useful venue and is always manned by many of the Executive Committee and willing volunteers.

We now have 3 New Members' Meetings per year. Feedback is very positive and we have swollen the volunteer list considerably with a comprehensive list of initiatives that members can sign up for.

Our Web Coordinator reports that visits to the website have increased and now average out at 180 hits per week. There have been a number of links added this year and we can boast it is the most up-to-date medium to find information about the organisation. Coordinators can download much of the updated and revised paperwork needed to organise their Groups and the information they return online can be disseminated quickly and efficiently.

Along with renewal of yearly subscriptions online via the website we have saved valuable time for our hard-working volunteers and money for the organisation as a whole. The "buddy" system between Groups is still working effectively and over 70% of the entire membership have registered an email address. We are now equipped to send one email to all members online. Having this facility means that in an emergency we can contact the majority quickly, thus giving valuable information and saving time and perhaps wasted journeys.

The *Links* magazine is in the middle of a major change. It continues to be produced and distributed bi-monthly but from February 2013 it has been in colour and on better quality paper. Changes in layout and content will appear over a number of editions and at the same time we are looking at streamlining methods of collection and stuffing as receiving a hard copy is still the most preferred method of delivery.

With over 183 different activity Groups and nearly 3,000 members the job of the General Coordinator is not an easy one. This year we have tried to lighten the load in two ways. The General Coordinator's database is now the responsibility of a Database Manager. She ensures the centre pages of *Links* are up to date and collects Group information by data collection emails. Being updated automatically saves time and eliminates entry errors. These tasks having been taken over has freed the General Coordinator's time to deal with the other demanding aspects of the job.

Popular topic Groups sometimes have waiting lists but these have been reduced considerably by the formation of new Groups. This year many different and interesting new ideas have also emerged and are taking shape as I write. The regular two meetings per year held for Coordinators have changed slightly. The autumn meeting is for new Coordinators only but the spring meeting is unchanged. We try to get as many Coordinators as we can to take part, be it to air concerns or gather information.

Currently we are in the process of forming two Shared Learning Projects with Sheffield University and Sheffield Hallam University, new ventures for SU3A. We look forward to working with other organisations and U3As sharing knowledge and being involved in a more in-depth learning experience.

Our intergenerational activities remain strong. We are still involved with Sheffield City Council and their ESCAL scheme where our members help with reading support in primary schools in the city. We also work alongside the Sheffield City Council Parks and Gardens Department in our Memorial Garden project at Whirlow Brook Park.

Our links with both Sheffield Universities have become much stronger this year. We have responded to over 30 students and postgraduates who requested help with their research and many of you responded to sit on the Ethics Committee of Sheffield Hallam University. In return, we have welcomed their academics who have lectured to us for free and we have also been invited to take part in Sheffield University's Practical Public Engagement initiative which gives us a voice and a higher profile in the community at large.

As a large U3A we have little opportunity to gather together in any numbers yet the social side of the organisation is just as important as the educational one. We have introduced more open Groups such as the Weekenders, held more lectures this year and trialled some short courses. All have proved popular. Some well-established Open Groups have recruited new Coordinators; others continue to be well supported and some events and holidays could be filled twice over.

Overall, SU3A continues to thrive. At a time when retirement and older age are at the forefront of national consciousness, it is good to see the quality organisation we have become and what we mean to our communities. None of this would happen without the hard work, dedication and commitment of its Trustees, Officers, Coordinators and volunteers. Together we have built an organisation of which we can be extremely proud.

*Denise West*

*Chair*

**Sheffield U3A**  
Registered Charity 703147  
**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER**

	2012 £	2011 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>		
Cost	4,223	4,223
Accumulated depreciation	4,222	4,222
Net book value	1	1
<u>Current assets</u>		
Stocks	-	355
Debtors & prepayments	6,185	8,205
Cash on deposit	45,349	40,037
Cash in hand & at bank	340	138
	51,874	48,735
<u>Current liabilities</u>		
Creditors and accruals	17,253	23,203
<u>Net current</u>	34,621	25,532
<u>Total net assets</u>	34,622	25,533
<u>Represented by</u>		
Accumulated funds at 1 January	25,533	18,668
Surplus for the year	9,089	6,865
	34,622	25,533

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 considers that individual groups are special interest groups not undertaking charitable activities and as a consequence, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guideline, their accounts are not included in these accounts

Denise West  
Chairman

Chris Cave  
Treasurer

# Sheffield U3A

Registered charity 703147

## INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

	2012				2011		2013	
	Actual		Budget		Actual		Budget	
		Per		Per		Per		Per
	£	member	£	member	£	member	£	member
<b>INCOME</b>								
Subscriptions	29,510	10.00	28,500	10.00	28,680	10.00	29,000	10.00
Gift aid	5,812	1.97	5,579	1.95	6,313	2.20	5,438	1.88
Interest	323	0.11	275	0.10	172	0.06	275	0.09
TAT grant	120	0.04					-	-
Sundry	251	0.08	-	-	19	0.01	-	-
<u>Total</u>	36,015	12.20	34,354	12.05	35,184	12.27	34,713	11.97
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>								
<u>External</u>								
National affiliation fee	10,015	3.39	9,800	3.44	9,836	3.43	10,259	3.54
U3A news	2,591	0.88	2,800	0.98	3,005	1.05	3,045	1.05
National AGM		-	250	0.09	1,183	0.41	500	0.17
Regional meetings		-	175	0.06	-	-	100	0.03
	12,606	4.27	13,025	4.57	14,024	4.89	13,904	4.79
<u>Membership</u>								
New members enquiries	252	0.09	175	0.06	268	0.09	250	0.09
New members meetings	575	0.19	270	0.09	243	0.09	600	0.21
Membership renewal	542	0.18	1,000	0.35	1,125	0.39	500	0.17
Publicity	104	0.04	1,000	0.35	344	0.12	250	0.09
Outreach	140	0.05	250	0.09	-	-	1,000	0.34
Computer system upgrade	1,074	0.36	1,100	0.39	-	-		-
	2,687	0.91	3,795	1.33	1,980	0.69	2,600	0.90

(Income and Expenditure account cont)

Communication

2012			
Actual		Budget	
£	Per member	£	Per member
4,538	1.54	5,900	2.07
519	0.18		
230	0.08	125	0.04
5,287	1.80	6,025	2.11

2011	
Actual	
£	Per member
4,927	1.72
119	0.04
5,046	1.76

2013	
Budget	
£	Per member
9,200	3.17
-	
250	0.09
9,450	3.26

Groups

Coordinators meetings	77	0.03	250	0.09
Start up support	338	0.11	500	0.18
Equipment	-	-	1,200	0.41
	415	0.14	1,950	0.68

225	0.08
100	0.04
234	0.08
559	0.20

2,400	0.83
500	0.17
1,500	0.52
4,400	1.52

Committee & administration

Administration expenses	645	0.22	740	0.26
Room hire	317	0.11	330	0.12
Insurance	135	0.04	275	0.10
SU3A AGM	65	0.02	185	0.06
Sundries	-	-	100	0.04
	1,162	0.39	1,630	0.58

927	0.32
302	0.10
212	0.07
99	0.03
126	0.06
1,666	0.58

840	0.29
330	0.12
275	0.09
125	0.04
100	0.03
1,670	0.57

Central activities

Drop-Ins	927	0.31	940	0.33
Lectures **	1,546	0.52	2,035	0.71
Equipment	1,614	0.55	2,500	0.88
	4,087	1.38	5,475	1.92

827	0.29
241	0.08
587	0.21
1,655	0.58

1,000	0.35
2,500	0.86
3,500	1.21

Projects

Silver jubilee celebrations	40	0.01	-	-
SU3A history	-	-	-	-
Regional jubilee	642	0.22	1,171	0.41
	682	0.23	1,171	0.41

2,123	0.74
1,266	0.44
-	-
3,389	1.18

-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Total

26,926	9.126	33,071	11.60
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28,319	9.88
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35,524	12.25
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9,089	3.07	1,283	0.45
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6,865	2.39
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811	0.28
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\*\* - net of related income



## **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<sup>st</sup> December 2012 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

1st March 2013

12 Ryefield Gardens, Sheffield, S11 9UD

# Nomination Form

## for Election to Sheffield U3A Committee 2013

To be returned by Thursday 4 April 2013 to the Secretary, Jean Stevenson, 3 Knowle Court, Button Hill, Sheffield, S11 9HH

Name of person nominated .....

Address .....

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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 Thursday 18 April 2013.

Signature of Nominee .....

Date .....

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# Short Courses

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## New Style ICT Courses



Do you have a laptop?

Would you be willing and able to travel to Hathersage for an ICT Course?

I no longer feel I have the energy to spare to run big ICT Groups at Notre Dame but I would be very happy, with Adrian Simmerson's help, to run small groups with their own laptops in my home, near the top of the hill in Hathersage.

We would hope to make these courses more closely tailored to the needs of those attending and are sure people would find it very useful to be working on their own machines where we can deal with their specific problems.

If you want to attend please would you contact me, letting me know your level of experience and any area that particularly interests you.

Clare Chiba, [clare.chibabtinternet.com](http://clare.chibabtinternet.com) or (01433) 659 864

## Memory Course

Thank you to those who have applied for the Memory Course. We have received quite a number of application forms and hope to run the next course on 4 Thursday afternoons in May. We will be in touch with those selected before Easter. Another course will hopefully be held in October and we already have enough applicants to fill that.

Applications will close soon, so anyone interested please look on the website for more details or call in at the Drop-In where information will be available.

We are still on the lookout for someone suitable with a professional background, either medical or teaching, with some counselling experience to join our small team.

*Stephanie Dixon*

*Coordinator*

## Classical Concertgoers': Buxton Opera House

**Wednesday 14 August 2013**

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

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

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..... Postcode .....

Please reserve.....place(s) for me (£32.00 per person). I enclose a cheque for £.....payable to **SU3A Concertgoers'** and a **small stamped addressed envelope**. If possible I would like to sit with:

.....

Forms should be sent as soon as possible to : Pamela Sandford, 289 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0DA

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## Appreciating Architecture: York Minster Tours

**Thursday 20 June 2013**

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

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

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..... Postcode .....

I enclose a cheque for £ ..... (£27.00 per person) for the tours, or £ ..... (£17.00 per person) for the day trip payable to **Appreciating Architecture**  
Please send completed form and a s.a.e. to Shirley Marney, 21 Everard Ave, Bradway Sheffield S17 4LY.

I am a member of Appreciating Architecture Yes/No

I am a member of Architecture Past and Present Yes/No

**Please indicate your preferred pick up point:**

Pond Hill (Penny Black Pub) 07.45 (....)

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

Old Mother Redcap 08.15 (....)

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# Travel Group Events

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## 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.

## Travel Group Visit to Four South Yorkshire Churches

Wednesday 17 July 2013 : **note the change from the advertised date**

**N.B. This will not be a repeat of the visits made in May and July 2012**



Guided by Pat McLoughlin, formerly of 'Heritage Inspired' and known to many of us, we will begin our four churches visits at St Peter, Conisbrough. This is the oldest building in Yorkshire, dating from the eighth century and with a medieval altar slab, piscinas, a sixteenth century font and medieval stained glass windows. There are also some furnishings by Robert Thompson, 'The Mouseman'.



From Conisbrough we will go to the church of St John the Baptist at Mexborough. The present church dates from the fourteenth century, with beautiful stained glass windows and stalls made by Robert Thompson. With the church restoration in 1890, the plaster and whitewash were removed from the North Aisle to reveal the Lord's Prayer and the Commandments.



Next we go on to All Saints, Wath upon Dearne, with its medieval roof bosses, including animal and human faces, an impressive reredos, Norman stone carved heads and abundant monuments. James Montgomery may well have worshipped in this church. We will have lunch here,



Leaving Wath, we will make our way to Wentworth, with its two churches, the old Holy Trinity Church, dating from the thirteenth century and the new church, commissioned by the Earl Fitzwilliam in memory of his parents. We will move from the medieval church, cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust, to the nineteenth century church, designed by the Victorian architect J. L. Pearson and with stained glass by Kempe.

We plan to leave **Wentworth at 16.30 to travel back to Sheffield.**

**The cost per person is £22.50.** This includes the coach fare, gratuities, donations to each of the churches, buffet lunch and tea or coffee.

If you would like to apply for a place on this visit, please complete the form on page 38 and send it as soon as possible with your cheque and a small stamped addressed envelope to Valerie Wiley.



## **Travel Group Visit to Thrumpton Hall and Clumber Park**

**Monday 17 June 2013**

Thrumpton Hall is a privately owned Jacobean House built in 1607 about seven miles from Nottingham. Among its many attractions are: a magnificent Carolean carved staircase, a secret passage, a priest's hiding hole, a panelled saloon by Webb and a fine collection of paintings and furniture. Memorabilia associated with Byron the poet can also be seen as he visited his relations here. A landscaped park and gardens complete the setting. We will have a guided tour by a member of the family.

On arrival we will have tea or coffee and biscuits after which we will be divided into two groups. One group will have a guided tour while the other can relax in the beautiful gardens. After the tours a finger buffet will be served in the Rose Garden or the Library.

At around 14.00 we will depart for Clumber Park to visit the church and the Walled Kitchen Garden (free for National Trust members or £3.00 for non-members) or stroll near the lake. We will depart for home at approx.17.00.

The cost for the day is **£30.00** per person. This includes coach travel, gratuities, coffee on arrival, guided tour and buffet lunch. To reserve a place, please complete the booking form on page 38 and send it with a cheque and a small stamped addressed envelope to Margaret Langrish as soon as possible.

### **Advance Notice**

#### **Travel Group Day Visits for 2013**

Saturday	3	August	Eden Camp and Scarborough
Wednesday	4	September	Grimsthorpe Castle
Wednesday	9	October	Bletchley Park (repeat visit) (applications will be in August Links)
Thursday	28	November	York to visit 'Chocolate Story' and Fairfax House
Wednesday	4	December	Performance of "War Horse" at the Lowry Theatre in Salford

## Travel Group: Four South Yorkshire Churches

**Wednesday 17 July 2013**

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

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

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**Please tick your preferred pick up point:**

Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 09.00 (....)

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 09.15 (....)

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## Travel Group: Thrumpton Hall and Clumber Park

**Monday 17 June 2013**

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# Calendar 2013

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April	2	Drop-In Session:10.00-12.00: CURC
	11-15	Travel Group: London: Short Break
	17	Lit. Network Lecture: Camus: Quaker Meeting House: 14.00
	<b>18</b>	<b>SU3A AGM: CURC: 10.30</b>
	19	Showroom Lecture: John Betjeman: 10.30
	25	Travel Group: Harrogate Spring Show: Day Visit
	28	Weekenders: Sheffield Blitz Walk: Lady's Bridge:13.45
	29	Deadline for Links Copy
May	7	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	7-11	Appreciating Architecture: Northern Italy: Short Break
	15	Working day at Whirlowbrook: 09.00 - 12.00
	17	Showroom Lecture: American Civil War: 10.30
	18	Weekenders: Castle Howard and Scarborough: Day Visit
	21	Travel Group: Cheadle Church/Adlington: Day Visit
	22	Concertgoers: Matinee concert, Birmingham: Day Visit
June	4	Drop-In Session:10.00-12.00: CURC
	6-10	Travel Group: North Norfolk: Short Break
	8	SU3A Quiz: Abbeydale Sports Centre: 19.00
	17	Travel Group: Thrumpton Hall and Clumber Park: Day Visit
	20	Appreciating Architecture: York Minster: Day Visit
	21	Showroom Lecture: 200 Years of Steel:10.30
	29	Weekenders: Midsummer Night's Dream, Stamford: Day Visit
July	2	Drop-In Session:10.00-12.00: CURC
	8-10	Travel Group: Durham/Lindisfarne: Short Break
	17	Travel Group: Four Churches: Day Visit (change of date)
	19	Showroom Lecture: British Journalism:10.30
August	2-4	Weekenders: Edinburgh: Short Break
	3	Travel Group: Eden Camp and Scarborough: Day Visit
	5-8	Yorkshire Summer School: Wentworth Castle, Barnsley
	14	Concertgoers: Buxton Opera: The Merry Widow: Day Visit
September	4	Travel Group: Grimsthorpe Castle: Day Visit
	14-19	Travel Group: Devon and Cornwall: Short Break
	20	Showroom Lecture: The Human Face of Technology: 10.30
October	9	Travel Group: Bletchley Park: Day Visit

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