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From The Chair

Hello Again!

Firstly, please do not forget our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is at 11.15 am on Wednesday 12 July 2017, with entertainment from 10.30 am. I hope many of you will attend because all Executive Committee members, as laid out in our new constitution, have to be re-elected on an annual basis by SU3A members present at the AGM. More details can be found on pages 6 to 17.

The Group Coordinators meeting was successfully held in March with well over 100 coordinators attending. It was a chance for coordinators to meet and share in each other's experiences. There was a lively discussion, very ably led by Camilla Jordan, on Internet Safety which proved to be very useful for attendees. I received several phone calls after the meeting saying how useful and interesting the meeting was and that it was a great opportunity to meet up with other coordinators.

As I write this article the first New Members Meeting for 2017 is being organised for May. This meeting is by invitation only and is an opportunity for new members to discuss informally what is available within SU3A, to offer their skills to help with the running of our organisation and to meet and chat with the Officers.

The Deaf Awareness Working Group continues to investigate and review the support available for members with hearing difficulties and it is hoped that a final report will be available in a few months time. I understand that the proposed Deaf Awareness and Support Group, as advertised in April *Links*, has had a good response and I wish them success in their activities.

Unfortunately, due to personnel changes within the South Yorkshire Police and Fire Service, we have been unable yet to organise the personal safety sessions. We hope to be able to provide details in the October edition of *Links*.

I want to finish by mentioning the Travel Group visit I attended recently to Haworth, Keighley and Worth Valley Railway in April. As usual it was very well organised. However, what many of my fellow travellers may not have known is that there were over 118 applicants for this trip. To avoid disappointing so many members, the leader, Derek Shipley, decided the group would organise two coaches to go on the same day! It is hard work and takes a lot of time to organise one coach, let alone organise two. Thank you Derek and your fellow organisers, I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Until next time Samina

NEWS

Availability of Grants for the Purchase of an SU3A Asset

Grants towards the purchasing of capital equipment are now available for groups under the following rules:

- 1) Grants will only be made for SU3A capital equipment.
 - 2) Grants awarded will be for amounts between £50 and £250.
 - 3) Grants awarded will be up to 50% of the capital value.
 - 4) Grants will only be paid against a copy of a receipt or invoice.
 - 5) No further grants will be made to the group for similar purchase.
- Groups should build up reserves for future such expenditure.

Should any group wish to apply, please contact Barbara Lowe (groupscsheffield.co.uk) or Brian Cave (bpcavehotmail.com).

NEWS

U3A Yorkshire and Humber Region (YAHR) News

At the YAHR AGM, after serving on the committee for 4 years, Alan Swann stepped down as Chair and has been succeeded by Barbara Dransfield.

Denise West, SU3A group coordinator for World of Books, has stepped down from the YAHR Organising Committee after serving for 4 years. Jean Stevenson, member of the Weekenders Organising Group, has agreed to continue to serve for a further one year.

Summer Learning Break: 7-10 August 2017. There are still a few places available for anyone wishing to attend. For more details and application forms please go to the YAHR website <http://yahru3a.co.uk>

Lorna Baker 1946 – 2017



Lorna died on Friday 7th April, following a long battle with leukaemia. She was a caring and feisty lady who brought these qualities to SU3A when she took up the enormous role as our membership secretary in 2004. As if being an SU3A Officer was not enough, she also participated in a number of Executive Committee meetings, was a group coordinator and joined other group activities. She was highly valued and respected for all the work she carried out. Outside of SU3A, as well as being very active along with her husband in her local community, she was very committed to her Border Collie dogs, and in particular she was involved with obedience dog training. She will be sadly missed.

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NOTICE OF THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING U3A Yorkshire and Humber Region (YAHR) News

The 31st Annual General Meeting of Sheffield U3A will be held at 11.15 am on Wednesday 12 July 2017 at the Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield.

Only current 2017 members may attend and vote at the AGM. The final agenda for the AGM and 2016 minutes are published in this edition of *Links*. Members wishing to raise business under clause 14(ii) of the Constitution (see below) should have notified the Secretary, in writing, by 19 February 2017 as advertised in December *Links*, so that it could have been included in the final agenda.

Clause 14(ii) reads *"Every Annual General Meeting shall be called by the Executive Committee. This formal notice shall give at least 21 days' notice of the Annual General Meeting to all the members of SU3A. The notice shall specify that the meeting is the Annual General Meeting and shall set out the business of the meeting, including resolutions to be proposed"*

There will also be the opportunity for informal discussion (see agenda item 7) but no decisions can be made on these items at the AGM. There will be vacancies on the Committee. The Committee meets bi-monthly, usually on the first Friday of the month. **Nominations for election to the Committee should be made on the form opposite and should reach the Secretary no later than Wednesday 14 June 2017.**

Jenny Graaf, Secretary.

AGM AGENDA

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

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting.
3. Chair's Annual Report 2016/17.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Re-election to the Committee of existing serving members.
6. Elections to Committee, including vacancies.
7. Any Other Business (brought up informally but no decision can be taken at the meeting).

NOMINATION FORM

FOR ELECTION TO SHEFFIELD U3A COMMITTEE 2017

To be returned by Wednesday 14 June 2017 to the Secretary:
Jenny Graaf, Apartment 13, Wheata House, 3 Elm Gardens, Sheffield, S10
5AB.

Name of person nominated

Address

.....

Email Address

SU3A membership number.....Tel No.....

Groups to which nominee belongs

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Name of Proposer

SU3A membership number

Signature of Proposer

Name of Secondar

SU3A membership number

Signature of Secondar

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
12 July 2017.

Signature of Nominee.....Date.....

SHEFFIELD U3A

Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2016 at the Central United Reform Church, Sheffield

Present: around 132 members, with Samina Aslam in the Chair.

Apologies for absence: Clare & Rati Chiba, Richard Cooper, Barry & Pamela De Roeck, John Evans, Sharon Jennings, Chris Jones, Peter Jones, Sue Morton, Gillian Nottingham, Peter Pond, Barbara & John Robertshaw, Pat Roddis, Pamela Sandford, Derek & Maureen Shipley, Ann Ward, George & Val Wiley.

1. Minutes of the 29th AGM The Minutes of the AGM held on 6 May 2015 (previously circulated) were agreed as a correct record. Proposed Margaret Bullivant, seconded Stephanie Dixon.

2. Chairman's Annual Report The Annual Report had appeared in the April *Links* and on the website.

3. Treasurer's Report The Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015 had been circulated to members via the April issue of *Links*. CFC explained that from the membership fee of £10, the per capita payment to the national U3A was £3. The accounts were soundly based, and there was a small surplus last year. The money in the bank included the subscriptions for 2016.

A question was asked about the large bank balance, and the fact that a request from the Table Tennis Group for money for equipment had been declined. CFC said usually Groups were expected to be self-financing, and the EC through Pat Ryan had suggested this to the Table Tennis Group, but had received no response. CFC gave the Croquet Group as an example of a self-financing group which had raised approximately £4,000 to meet their needs. If they cannot raise the money themselves, they could make another request.

CFC mentioned that the form of the Independent Examiner's Report was laid down by the Charity Commission.

Regarding the Lease for Room 50 in the Victoria Hall, a member

questioned the cost of the rental, as only a small amount was recouped for the Group hire of the room. CFC pointed out that usage had improved during the current year, and another Group would be using it from August. The room was also used for storage and Committee meetings.

A member asked what the money in the bank account was for. CFC explained that a reserve was needed for running expenses, but that membership had increased quicker than inflation. He said if anyone had ideas for using some of the surplus they should let the Secretary know, and it could go on the EC agenda.

The approval of the Accounts and the Independent Examiner's report was proposed by Alan Simmonds and seconded by Jean Stephenson, and agreed by the majority.

4. Constitution Copies of the present Constitution and the proposed new one were on the website, together with explanatory notes, and hard copies were also available from the Secretary, as advised in the April edition of *Links*. John Lees reminded members that the matter had been discussed at the previous AGM. It was subsequently discovered that the Third Age Trust was in negotiation with the Charity Commission for a model template for all the U3As. After investigation by the EC, the proposed new constitution based upon TAT's model Constitution was considered a suitable alternative.

JL highlighted a key difference between the old and the proposed constitutions in Paragraph 7 regarding the election of EC members and their terms of office and reiterated what had been said in the explanatory notes on this topic.

He then went on to say that the EC recommended that the new Constitution should be approved.

In response to questions, the following matters were confirmed:

- If an EC member resigned during the year, and if there was a need, the EC could still co-opt from the SU3A membership to get help.
- The Trustees are the EC members.

The acceptance of the revised Constitution was proposed by Vera Dyer and seconded by Stefan West. This was approved by more than two-thirds of the voting members present.

5. Elections to the Committee Nominations had been received from four candidates:

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Chris Jones | Proposed by Chris Cave and seconded by Jenny Emby |
| Barbara Lowe | Proposed by Sabin Parsonage and seconded by Judy Bizley |
| Wendy Woodhouse | Proposed by Monica Stagg and seconded by Christine Gover |
| Richard Cooper | Proposed by Clare Chiba and seconded by Camilla Jordan |

Chris Jones and Richard Cooper were introduced in their absence, Wendy Woodhouse and Barbara Lowe introduced themselves.

The four nominees were individually elected unanimously.

6. Independent Examiner Robert Mellor was leaving after 4 years, and the Chair thanked him for his hard work. Gillian Nottingham was accepted by the meeting as the new Independent Examiner.

7. Any other business No matters had been formally notified in advance, and none were brought up at the meeting.

**Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 12 July 2017 11.15 am
1st Floor, Central United Reformed Church**

Entertainment from 10.30 am followed by the AGM
Singing For Pleasure and A Capella Singers

Compère: Brian Cave

Come along and support your SU3A

Chairman's Annual Report for the AGM 2017

Sheffield U3A continues to grow in both numbers and group activities. At the time of publication of this report in *Links* our membership is 3200, of which 50 are honorary members and 2140 chose to renew their membership or join online. We have 205 active groups.

2016 saw the introduction of the new SU3A constitution. One of the new key points is the way the Executive Committee members are re-elected within their term of office. No longer can an EC member be re-elected by the EC. Now all EC members will be re-elected by the membership attending the AGM on an annual basis. This will allow for greater transparency and increase opportunities for membership participation.

As we continue to grow, communication with members is critical and we continue to utilise our website, emails, monthly Drop-In sessions and *Links* magazine. The introduction of the *Links Open Groups Supplement* magazine has been very successful. The monthly Drop-Ins, supported by EC members and General Coordinators, continue to be very popular, especially with prospective new members wishing to enquire about our organisation in an informal setting. Continued IT/Web support provided during these sessions is proving to be equally popular and greatly appreciated. These sessions provide proposed new groups with invaluable opportunities to meet up and explore their group activities. As specific new groups are created, our Open Groups (Friday Lectures, Lunch and Lecture, Study Days, Travel Group, Weekenders, European Travel Group and Steel City Wanderers) continue their very successful work. In 2016 they again provided over 40 opportunities for the membership to participate in.

Our association with both our local universities remains strong as we continue to support their students' research projects. 2016 has seen Sheffield U3A support 6 of these projects. We continue to be involved in Outreach events.

We held two New Members Meetings and a Group Coordinators Meeting which proved to be very successful and useful, with over 220 attendees over the three meetings. The numbers of volunteers continue

to increase albeit at a slightly slower pace than the pace of those having to leave due to ill health and our organisation still needs more.

2016 saw the creation of a deaf awareness working group set up by the EC to investigate if SU3A is doing all it can to support our members with hearing difficulties. Work is ongoing and the aim is that 2017 will see a final report on the findings of this working group.

Some of our members attended the YAHR Showcase Event at Askham Bryan where groups from across the Yorkshire and Humber Region showcased their activities. Sheffield was very successfully represented by some of our singers and the Play Reading Group I.

Though we have seen an increase in usage of Room 50, Victoria Methodist Church Hall, and it continues to be used on a regular basis by several groups as well as the EC, and is used for storage of SU3A equipment and files, we still need to increase usage. For groups to rent the room the cost remains at £10.00 for a two hour session. The licence for the room has been renewed to June 2017.

2016 has seen the start of a review of our website to make it user friendly and relevant to everyday users.

Looking forward, the Deaf Awareness Working Group will conclude its work and the EC will review its findings and any recommendations. We will revamp our website and will look at the introduction of small grants for assets to support our groups and their activities.

Once again on behalf of the EC I thank all our group coordinators for organising a multitude of differing activities; the open groups who tirelessly work in organising a great variety of events; the General Coordinators for supporting our groups; all our volunteers who help with the running of the SU3A; the members who produce both our *Links* and *Links Open Groups Supplement* magazines; the Wild Apricot team who continue to provide support to ensure almost 70% of our members have renewed or joined on line. All of you continue to make SU3A the envy of other U3As in our region and nationally.

Finally, I thank my fellow EC members who have continued to enthusiastically investigate and debate each topic brought up, making my role as Chairman so rewarding and satisfying.

Samina Aslam, Chairman

January 2017

Sheffield U3A Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 12 July 2017

Nominations for the Re-election of Executive Committee 2017-2018

Chair: Samina Aslam

Proposer: Rita Webster

Seconded: Ann Barclay

Treasurer: Chris Jones

Proposer: Chris Cave

Seconded: Paddy Cassidy

Secretary: Jenny Graaf

Proposer: Shelagh Woolliscroft

Seconded: Barbara Dygnas

Committee Member: Maggie Bower

Proposer: Stephanie Dixon

Seconded: Peter Bower

Committee Member: Brian Cave

Proposer: Colleen Thomas

Seconded: Anthony Hobson

Committee Member: Clare Chiba

Proposer: Camilla Jordan

Seconded: Stephanie Dixon

Committee Member: Richard Cooper

Proposer: Camilla Jordan

Seconded: John Wragg.

Committee Member: Mike Granville

Proposer: Pat Ryan

Seconded: Ann Granville

Committee Member: Barbara Lowe

Proposer: Anne Miller

Seconded: Theresa Taylor

Committee Member: Wendy Woodhouse

Proposer: Chris Cave

Seconded: Chris Gover

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

I have reviewed the income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st December 2016 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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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: Gillian Nottingham ACA
23 Stone Delf, Sheffield, S10 3QX.

8th May 2017

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | |
| Cost | 4,223 | 4,223 |
| Accumulated depreciation | 4,222 | 4,222 |
| Net book value | 1 | 1 |
| Current assets | | |
| Debtors and prepayments | 8,500 | 10,457 |
| Cash on deposit | 47,788 | 55,649 |
| Cash in hand and at bank | 17,495 | 4,710 |
| | 73,783 | 70,816 |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Creditors and accruals | 23,750 | 25,922 |
| Net current assets | 50,033 | 44,894 |
| Total net assets | 50,034 | 44,895 |
| Represented by | | |
| Accumulated funds at 1 January | 44,895 | 42,292 |
| Surplus for the year | 5,139 | 2,603 |
| | 50,034 | 44,895 |

Accounting policies

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

Samina Aslam
Chairman

Chris Jones
Treasurer

SHEFFIELD U3A
Registered charity 703147

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

| | 2016 | | | | 2015 | | 2017 | |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Actual | | Budget | | Actual | | Budget | |
| | £ | Per member | £ | Per member | £ | Per member | £ | Per member |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | |
| Subscriptions | 33,641 | 10.00 | 32,000 | 10.00 | 32,202 | 10.00 | 32,000 | 10.00 |
| Gift aid | 6,368 | 1.89 | 6,400 | 2.00 | 6,372 | 1.98 | 6,400 | 2.00 |
| Late renewal fees | - | - | - | - | 35 | 0.01 | - | - |
| Interest | 143 | 0.04 | 88 | 0.03 | 166 | 0.05 | 25 | 0.01 |
| Room 50 lets | 960 | 0.29 | 540 | 0.17 | 700 | 0.22 | 1,000 | 0.31 |
| Donations | 1,002 | 0.30 | - | - | 1,070 | 0.33 | - | - |
| Sundry | 10 | - | - | - | 53 | 0.01 | - | - |
| Total | 42,124 | 12.52 | 39,028 | 12.20 | 40,598 | 12.60 | 39,425 | 12.32 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | | |
| External | | | | | | | | |
| National Affiliation fee | | | | | | | | |
| U3A news | 11,771 | 3.50 | 11,269 | 3.52 | 11,005 | 3.41 | 11,500 | 3.59 |
| National AGM | 4,299 | 1.28 | 4,400 | 1.38 | 4,339 | 1.35 | 4,500 | 1.41 |
| Regional meetings | 12 | - | 450 | 0.14 | 190 | 0.06 | 500 | 0.16 |
| YAHR event | 12 | - | 90 | 0.03 | 11 | - | 90 | 0.02 |
| | 696 | 0.21 | 300 | 0.09 | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 16,790 | 4.99 | 16,509 | 5.16 | 15,545 | 4.82 | 16,590 | 5.18 |
| Membership | | | | | | | | |
| New members enquiries | 122 | 0.04 | 200 | 0.06 | 152 | 0.04 | - | - |
| New members meetings | 38 | 0.01 | 300 | 0.09 | 295 | 0.09 | 300 | 0.08 |
| Membership renewal | 3,666 | 1.09 | 3,511 | 1.10 | 3,372 | 1.05 | 3,270 | 1.10 |
| Publicity & outreach | 59 | 0.02 | 1,500 | 0.47 | 354 | 0.11 | 1,000 | 0.31 |
| Total | 3,885 | 1.16 | 5,511 | 1.72 | 4,173 | 1.29 | 4,570 | 1.49 |

GROUP NEWS

Gentle Aerobic/Zumba

Another fun, but worthwhile, fitness session, tailor made for SU3A members. If you feel the need to keep active, but have to take care, for whatever reason, this could be for you. Fully-qualified tuition for small groups. Now available on Tuesday at 9.15 am or Saturday at 10.15 am. Drop-in cost of £7, £30 block booking. The venue is Fairplay Sport, 7 Westbrook Court, 2 Sharrowvale Road, Sheffield, S11 8YZ.

Ann Evans tattyheadx2gmail.com (0114) 348 6607 /07810 657779

5-string Banjo

I'm wondering if there are any 5-string banjo players out there in Sheffield U3A? I've only been playing for 3 years (mainly old-time and some classic) but would love to form a group with other banjo enthusiasts to share tunes, play together and hopefully make some music – and yes, I do know all the jokes about banjos and music! Please do contact me if you are interested.

Liz Pickles (0114) 263 1640 lizliz-p.org.uk

Scrabble Group

Liz Barber, who founded the Scrabble group many years ago, has stepped down as coordinator. The group thanks her very much for all her hard work, time and expertise over the years. Liz was, (and still is), a champion Scrabble player. Her wordsmith ability included winning 'Countdown', showing she can add up as well!

The Scrabble group meets fortnightly on Fridays at The Old Sharrow Junior School **1.00 – 4.00 pm**. We are a friendly bunch with varying abilities and would positively welcome new members. If you are interested please contact:

*Rosemary Newall (0114) 236 0728 or
Sue Blackwell mickandsueaol.com*

Sheffield U3A Group and Activities Pages: June 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| Groups | Vacancies | Meeting | Area | Access | Coordinator | Telephone |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Art | Set D | General Coordinator Pat Ryan | | | | |
| Art (SE) | V | We.p.m.w | S13 | PVAL | Paul Garland | 268 3219 |
| Art I | V | We.am.w | S11 | PVHL | Daniel Merrills | 230 5952 |
| Art II | | Th.p.m.w | S11 | PV | Pauline Miller | 258 3678 |
| Art III | V | We.p.m.w | S11 | PV | Miriam Currie | 01246 414 274 |
| Aspects of Art I | V | Th.p.m.m | S7 | PV | Connie Jackson and Stella Harris | 263 1537 or 238 9653 |
| Aspects of Art II | | Th.p.m.m | S7 | PV | Valerie Wiley | 236 0726 |
| Outdoor Sketching | V | Fr.am.f | various | O | Daniel Merrills | 230 5952 |
| Arts and Crafts | Set D | General Coordinator Pat Ryan | | | | |
| Architecture Past and Present | | 2nd Tu.p.m.m | S8 | PV | Roy Pilkington | 255 8948 |
| Crochet and Knitting | V | Tu.p.m.f | S1 | PVAL | Jane Whitehead | 230 9312 |
| Dressmaking | V | Mo.am.f | S11 | PV | Eve Fawcett | 230 1023 |
| Handwork & Craft II | | Th.am.f | S11 | MH | Elspeth Eggington | 230 8755 |
| Knitting | | We.am.m | S10/11/17 | MH | Jane Harling | 230 9576 |
| Knitting II | | Th.am.f | S1 | PVAL | Helen Gwyddanes | 221 6380 |
| Patch & Quilt | | Mo.p.m.f | S17 | MH | Inge Davies | 236 0318 |
| Photography | V | 3rd Th.p.m.m | S7 | PV | Alan Zinober and Pat Robins | 2367001 or 01246 418850 |
| Quilting Hive | V | Mo.p.m. | S8 | MH | Lynne Brown | 237 7643 |
| Video Production (Documentary) | V | Varies | Sheffield area | MH | Ian Barkley | 01709 812 351 |
| Woodworking/Woodcarving | | Th.p.m.w | S7 | MH | Bob Adkins | 255 1988 |
| Bird Watching | Set A | General Coordinator Stephanie Dixon | | | | |
| Bird Watching I | | Mo.am.f | various | O | Robin Peel | 07942 920741 |
| Bird Watching II | V | We.-w | various | O | Malcolm Swift | 01246 908819 |
| Cards and Board Games | Set C | General Coordinator Barbara Lowe | | | | |
| Bridge - Friday I | V | Fr.p.m.w | S17 | PV | John Strange | 01246 416 558 |
| Bridge - Friday II | V | Fr.p.m.w | S10 | PV | Brian Jeremiah | 230 7250 |
| Bridge - Monday | V | Mo.p.m.w | S17 | PV | Colin Jessop | 266 3831 |
| Bridge - Thursday | V | Th.p.m.w | S17 | PV | Brenda Fryer | 236 5628 |
| Bridge - Tuesday | V | Tu.am.w | S7 | PV | Michael Brumby | 236 5676 |
| Bridge Stockbridge | V | Tu.p.m.w | S36 | PV | Bob Smith | 288 8624 |

| Groups | Vacancies | Meeting | Area | Access | Coordinator | Telephone |
|---|-----------|-------------------|--------------|--------|--|------------|
| Bridge Wednesday | V | We.am.w | S17 | PVAL | Jean Bowie | 230 1002 |
| Chess | V | Tu.pm. 4 wkly | S17 | MH | Sheila Hardie | 236 4498 |
| Evening Rummikub | | Mo.eve.w | S17 | MH | Chris Cave | 236 4648 |
| Mah Jong | V | We.eve.w | S7 | MH | Barbara Lowe | 248 6367 |
| Rummikub (SE) | | Mo.pm.f | S13 | MH | Joan Brown | 269 4829 |
| Rummikub (SE) II | | Mo.pm.f | S20 | MH | Barbara Steel | 247 4686 |
| Rummikub I | | Mo.pm.f | S27/8/17 | MH | Shirley Wilks | 438 0480 |
| Rummikub II | | Mo.pm.w | S10 | MH | Rita Webster-Carr | 230 8866 |
| Scrabble | V | Fr.pm.f | S7 | PV | Rosemary Newall | 236 0728 |
| Tabletop Gaming | V | Mo.am.w | S1 | PVAL | Keith Jones | 270 6648 |
| Whist contr'd & dble 12 Dominos | V | Su.eve.w | various | MH | Gerald Cartwright | 266 7032 |
| Discussion, Philosophy, Economics and Religion | | | | | | |
| | | | Set C | | General Coordinator Barbara Lowe | |
| Discussion I | | Tu.pm.f | various | MH | Claire Atwood | 280 8286 |
| Discussion II | V | Tu.am.m | various | MH | Mary Alexander | 255 6385 |
| Feminist Discussion Group | V | 2nd We.am.m | S1 | PV | Maggie McCarthy | 230 6600 |
| Feminist Reading Group | | 2nd.Tu.am.m | S1 | Null | Christine McMullen | Not listed |
| Meditating Together | V | 3rdTu.am.m | S7 | MH | Patsy Gbbon | 250 0663 |
| Personal Finance | V | Mo.pm.m | S11 | PV | Helen Marsh | 230 1622 |
| Philosophy- Hist/Classical | | 2ndMo.pm.m | S11 | PV | John Kirkman | 236 1971 |
| Practical Philosophy | V | Th.pm., 3 wkly | S10 | MH | Martin Manby | 230 6505 |
| South India - Talk and Travel | V | Su. | S11 | MH | John Wragg | 236 8475 |
| Sugar & Spice | V | Mo.pm.f. | S8 | MH | Eunice Southgate | 281 1876 |
| Gardening | | | | | | |
| | | | Set D | | General Coordinator Pat Ryan | |
| Flying Gardeners | | 5th. We.am | Various | O | Shelagh Wooliscroft | 255 8948 |
| Gardening (SE) | V | Tu.am.f | various | PVAL | Carol Wright | 251 0140 |
| Gardening C | | Mo.am.m | S10/11/1 | MH | Heather Curtis | 255 7228 |
| Gardening D | V | 2ndTu.am.m | various | PV | Helen Drury | 236 7053 |
| Gardening Greenings | V | 2ndTu.pm.m | S8 | PV | Jane Gregory | 274 9246 |
| Gardening at Whitrowbrook Park | V | 2nd & 4th We.am.m | S17 | Null | Shelagh Wooliscroft | 255 8948 |
| History | | | | | | |
| | | | Set A | | General Coordinator Stephanie Dixon | |
| European History | | 4thTu.pm.m | S1 | PV | John Evans | 230 1173 |

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| Family History I | | 2nd/6e am.m | S11 | PVAL | Annie Grassick | 230 2777 |
| Family History III | V | 2nd Tu.am.m | S1 | PVAL | Tim Smikins | 230 2656 |
| Family History IV | V | 4th We.am.m | S11 | PVAL | Monica Stagg | 07870 350271 |
| Greece and Rome | V | Fr.p.m | S11 | MH | Anne Thomas | 230 5281 |
| History I | V | Tu.am.f | S17 | PV | Janet Haigh | 230 3070 |
| Local History (SE) | V | We.p.m.f | S21 | PV | Margaret Troop | 287 4448 |
| Military History | V | Th.p.m.m | S7 | PV | John Green | 230 7768 |
| Visiting History | V | Tu.p.m.m | various | PVAL | Jenny Clark | 266 9395 |
| General Coordinator Ann Granville | | | | | | |
| Languages | | | Set B | | | |
| Cerde Francois I | V | Fram.w | S11 | PV | Tina Powell-Wiffen | 2551032 |
| Cerde Francois II | | Mo.p.m.f | S10 | MH | Margaret Platts | 230 2561 |
| Classical Greek | V | We.p.m.f | S1 | PV | Deidre Eastburn | 281 8446 |
| English Language | V | Tu.am.m | S11 | MH | Maggie Lyons | 236 6195 |
| French for Holidays | | Mo.p.m.f | S7 | MH | Usha Fitch | 236 5009 |
| French-Advanced | | Fram.w | S10 | PV | Lorrie Flannery | 273 1788 |
| French-Intermediate | | Th.am.w | S11 | PV | Pauline Wiley | 286 4085 |
| German for Improvers | | Mo.am.w | S18 | MH | Anne Bonell | 01246 416094 |
| German-Advanced | V | Tu.p.m.f | S68/10/17 | MH | Janice Forder | 236 4083 |
| German-Intermediate | | Mo.am.w | S11 | PVAL | Katharine Brown | 265 6477 |
| Italian | | Tu.p.m.f | S10/11/6 | MH | Brian Bailey | 266 4678 |
| Italian for Holidays | V | Fr.p.m.w | S11 | PV | Mike Hague | 236 6336 |
| Latin - Old School | | Mo.p.m.f | S1 | PV | Paul Cordwell | 237 3954 |
| Latin II | | 2nd & 4th Fram.m | S1 | PV | Jane Blockeel | 236 6861 |
| Latin III | | We.p.m.f | S10 | MH | Deidre Eastburn | 281 8446 |
| Latin Improvers | | Mo.am.f | S1 | PV | Rose Tanner | 245 0200 |
| Mandarin | | We.am.w | S10 | MH | Helen Gwyddanes | 221 6360 |
| Modern Greek | V | Th.p.m.f | S11 | MH | Margaret Halstead | 258 2541 |
| Portuguese Beginners | V | Mo.am.w | S11 | MH | Pat Cantrill | 230 8571 |
| Portuguese For Fun | | Tu.am.w | S11 | MH | Pauline Miller | 258 3678 |
| Sanskrit Improvers | | Th.am.w | S7 | PV | Kath Odonovan | 268 1833 |
| Scottish Gaelic | V | Tu.p.m.f | various | MH | Steve Clements | 255 8422 |

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| Spanish - Rapid Beginners 2 | | V | Tu.p.m.w | S8 | PV | Bill Horner | 249 4921 |
| Spanish Advanced | | | Th.am.w | S7 | PVAL | Stefan Frinka | 237 6132 |
| Spanish Improvers | | | Mo.p.m.w | S10 | MH | Israel Newton | 266 3138 |
| Spanish Improvers II | | V | Mo.am.w | S10 | MH | Diana Jackson | 0771 1636047 |
| Spanish Stage 2 | | | We.p.m.w | various | MH | Greta Pearnan | 236 3336 |
| Welsh Beginners | | | Tu.p.m.f | various | MH | Steve Clements | 255 8422 |
| Welsh Conversation | | | Tu.am.f | various | MH | Geoffrey Turner | 0114230354 |
| Welsh Intermediate | | V | Tu.am.f | various | MH | Nigel Thomas | 281 6611 |
| Literature and Drama | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Set B | General Coordinator Ann Granville | | |
| Book Group I | | | Fr.am.m | S17 | PV | Margaret Walton | 255 6363 |
| Book Group II | | | Fr.am.m | S17 | PV | Sally Carter | 236 2066 |
| Book Group III | | | 2ndTu.am.m | S17 | PV | Wendy Jennick | 289 7047 |
| Book Group IV | | | Fr.am.m | S17 | PV | Mary Whymys | 236 8628 |
| Book Group V | | | Tu.p.m.m | S11 | MH | May Brookes | 235 0180 |
| Bookworm | | V | Fr.p.m.m | S36 | PV | Angela Butler | 288 4778 |
| Creative Writing | | V | Fr.p.m.m | S36 | PV | Meg Jepson | 288 2929 |
| Drama Study | | | Tu.p.m.f | S11 | MH | John Parsons | 230 4932 |
| Enjoying Literature | | V | We.am.f | S7 | MH | Roger Smith | 07582 458050 |
| Film Appreciation | | V | Tu.p.m.m | S1 | PV | Lesley Dixon | 268 5881 |
| Novel Reading I | | V | Mo.p.m., 4 wkly | S10 | MH | Pam West | 266 2188 |
| Novel Reading II | | V | Mo.p.m.m | S11 | MH | Kay Beeston | 01433 631 247 |
| Novel Reading III | | V | 2ndFr.am.m | various | MH | Judith Vernier | 01246 418637 |
| Novel Reading IV | | V | Fr.am.m | S5 | MH | Anne Chatterton | 266 8988 |
| Play Reading I | | | Tu.p.m., 4 wkly | various | MH | Mike West | 266 2188 |
| Play Reading II | | | Last Tu.p.m.m | S10 | MH | John Lees and Irene Lees | 267 1857 |
| Poetry Study | | | We.p.m.f. | S11 | MH | Freda Green | 236 4882 |
| Poetry for Pleasure | | V | We.p.m.f | S17 | MH | Pat Parkin | 236 8009 |
| Reading for pleasure | | V | Th.p.m.m | S17 | MH | Susan Kirkman | 236 1971 |
| Shakespeare for Pleasure | | V | Tu.am.f | S10/11 | MH | Kay Nicholson | 266 6220 |
| Story Writers | | V | Tu.am., 4 wkly | various | MH | Margaret Briddon | 262 0301 |
| World of The Book | | | We.am.m | S1 | PVAL | Denise West | 274 6797 |

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| Music | | | Set C | General Coordinator Barbara Lowe | | |
| A Cappella Singers | | Tu.p.m.f | Various | MH | Stephanie Dixon | 247 0119 |
| Drumming | | Th.p.m.w | S1 | PV | John Lee | 233 8517 |
| Enjoying Opera | | Mo.p.m.f | S10 | MH | John Williams | 230 4568 |
| Guitar Group | V | Mo.p.m.f | S1 | PV | John Stevens | 236 3557 |
| Handbell Ringing | V | We.e.v.w | S35 | PVAL | Margaret Naylor | 236 0245 |
| Jazz Appreciation I | | 2ndTu.am.m | S10 | MH | John Green | 230 7768 |
| Jazz Appreciation II | | 3rdTu.am.m | S7 | MH | David Bone | 268 1016 |
| Music Appreciation | V | Th.p.m.f | S6 | PV | David Andrews | 235 3389 |
| Old Time Music Hall | V | 1stWe.am.m | S1 | PVAL | Graham Williams | 230 7756 |
| Recorder | | Fr.am.f | S1 | PVAL | Linda Evans | 230 1173 |
| Singing for Pleasure | | Fr.p.m.f | S1 | PVAL | Irene Lees | 267 1857 |
| Ukulele | | Fr.p.m.f | S8 | PVAL | Ann Beedham | 274 8331 |
| Vintage Voices | V | Mo.am.w | S1 | PVAL | Carole Hurst | 293 9163 |
| Physical Activities | | | Set D | General Coordinator Pat Ryan | | |
| Balance Aid | V | .Th.p.m.w | S11 | PV | Ann Evans | 346 6607 |
| Belly Dancing Stocksbridge | V | Tu.am.w | S36 | PV | Kathryn Smith | 263 1171 |
| Bowling Cn Grn (SE) | V | Th.am.w | S9 | O | John Hunt | 269 8811 |
| Bowling Crown Green | | Mo.am.Th.am.w | S8 | O | Tony Holson | 281 5373 |
| Country Dancing | V | Tu.p.m.f | S7 | PV | Anne Marples | 266 8794 |
| Croquet | V | We.am., Tu.p.m., Th.p.m.S11 | | O | Peter Jones | 230 5987 |
| Cyclists Midweek | | .Mo.f | various | O | Dave Jefferies | 266 3612 |
| Fitness: Tailor made for you. | V | Mo.p.m., Tu.am., Th.am.S11 | | PV | Ann Evans | 346 6607 |
| Fly Fishing | V | Various | Various | O | Stephen Taylor | 236 6420 |
| Non-Postural Yoga | V | Fr.am.f | S10 | PV | Wendy Mustill | 274 8276 |
| Pilates | | Tu.am.w | S18 | PVAL | Vera Dyer | 237 7854 |
| Racketball | V | Mo.am., Th.am.w | S17 | PVAL | Peter Keen | 236 4914 |

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| Racketball | Stockbridge | V | Tu.am.w | S36 | PV | Elaine Smith | 268 8624 |
| Taie | Taie | | Mo., Th.am.w | S17 | PV | Belinda Taylor and John Warwick | 230 4489 or 253 0789 |
| Tai Chi & Chi Kung | Intermediate | | Fr.p.m.w | S17 | PV | Pat Ryan and Clare Ryan | 238 8749 |
| Tai Chi | Stockbridge | V | Fr.am.w | S36 | PV | Christopher Goldthorpe | 01226 762 201 |
| Science and Technology, Social Science | | | | | | | |
| Civil Engineering | | V | Mo.am.m | Set C | General Coordinator | Barbara Lowe | |
| Complementary Therapies | | V | Alt.Th and Fr.am.s.m | S10 | MH | Anne Marples | 268 8794 |
| Environment | | V | Tu.am.f | Various | PV/AL | Liz Lucas | 268 5966 |
| Geology | | V | We.-m | S11 | MH | Cliff Ellis | 250 0883 |
| Maths | | V | Tu.am.m | various | O | David Edmonds | 234 3604 |
| Natural History | | V | 3rd.Th.-m | S8 | PV | Alan Zimber | 2367001 |
| Science & Technology | | V | Mo.am.m | various | O | John Roberts and Aline Roberts | 230 6487 or 07752675363 |
| Sustainable Development | | V | Mo.p.m.m | S8 | PV | Roy Stanley | 230 2941 |
| Theoretical Physics | | V | We.p.m.m | Central | PV/AL | Jo Coudry | 268 5486 |
| Social | | | | | | | |
| After Hours | | | | Set D | General Coordinator | Pat Ryan | |
| Afternoon Tea | | | Even/week end | various | PV/AL | Mary Ertwisle | 255 2368 |
| Dining Out | | | We.p.m.m | Various | PV | June Jackson | 236 4474 |
| Indian Veggie Buffet | | V | Wed.eve.m | various | PV/AL | Ann Rock | 236 0315 |
| International Diners | | V | 1st.Th.eve.m. | various | PV | John Wragg | 238 8475 |
| Lunch Group | | V | Various | various | PV | John Wragg | 238 8475 |
| | | | 3rd.Th.m | various | PV | Diane Brooke | 01793 371800 |
| Walking | | | | | | | |
| Dippers "Too" (7-10m/s) | | V | Mo.f | Set A | General Coordinator | Stephanie Dixon | |
| Dippers I (4-6m/s) | | V | Mo.-f | various | O | Bill Barracough | 230 3945 |
| Garnets (5-7m/s) | | V | Mo.-f | various | PV | Jacqueline Smith | 07730 275989 |
| Late Walkers (5m/s) | | V | We.am.w | various | O | John Lees | 267 1857 |
| Strollers I (Public Trspt.) | | | We.-f | various | O | Jill Whyns | 258 9935 |
| Strollers II (Public Trspt.) | | V | Mo.-f | various | O | Michael Ball | 287 9226 |
| Strollers II (Saturday) | | V | Sa.am.f | various | O | Sheila Hewitt | 268 6881 |
| Strollers II (Tuesday) | | V | Tu.am.f | various | O | Norman Benson | 236 1080 |
| Strollers III (Public Trspt.) | | | We.-f | various | O | Shirley Tasker | 274 6986 |
| | | | | various | O | Pat Clifton | 251 0450 |

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| Walking (cont) | | | | | | |
| Strollers III (Saturday) | V | Sa.am.f | various | O | Angela Lam | 01246 416 842 |
| Strollers SE (Saturday) | V | Sa.am.f | various | O | Christine Edwards | 01909 773 548 |
| Sunday Ramblers | V | Su.-f | various | O | Jenny Parker | 236 0798 |
| Sunday Walkers (7-9 mls) | V | Su.-f | various | O | David Hydes | 288 7815 |
| Walk & Talk German | V | Fram.f | various | O | Anjie Barker | 268 3912 |
| Walking Gp A (5-6 mls) | V | Alt Tu./We.w | various | O | Pat Crook | 265 4731 |
| Walking Gp B (6-7 mls) | V | Tu.-w | various | O | Joyce Cooper | 236 2730 |
| Walking Gp C (5-7 mls) | V | We.-w | various | O | Gilbert Smith | 230 5769 |
| Walking Gp D (9-11 mls) | | Alt We./Th.w | various | O | David Levine | 258 9026 |
| Walking Gp E (5-7 mls) | V | Alt We./Th.w | various | O | Chris Cave | 236 4648 |
| Walking Gp F (10-14 mls) | | Alt We./Th.w | various | O | Peter Digby | 238 6821 |
| Walking Gp G (5-7 mls) | V | Th.am.w | various | O | Tim Caley and Pauline Caley | 230 3212 |
| Walking Gp H (9-11 mls) | V | Mo.-w | various | O | Ray Goulding | 230 6905 |
| Walking Gp J (10-14 mls) | V | Alt Tu./We.w | various | O | Alan Heath | 230 4888 |
| Walking Gp K (4-5 mls) Pub Trspt. | | Th.-f | various | O | Pat Clifton | 251 0450 |
| Walking Gp L (4-5 mls) | | Th.am.w | various | O | Barbara Cassidy | 262 0699 |
| Walking Gp M (5 - 8 mls) | V | Fr.-w | various | O | Gordon Young | 296 2402 |
| Walking Gp N (6 - 7 mls) | V | Fram.w | various | O | Sylvia McColm | 238 5872 |
| Walking Gp NW (5 - 8 mls) | | Th.am.w | various | O | Pauline Shaw | 07752 638350 |
| Walking Gp P (8 - 10 mls) | | Alt We./Th.w | various | O | Anne Fitzpatrick | 236 0989 |
| Walking Gp Q (5-7 mls) | V | Tu.am.f | SS/S35 | O | Anne Chatterton and Lorraine Brooks | 268 8998 or 246 1051 |
| Walking Gp R (7 - 9 mls) | | Mo.-w | Various | O | Camilla Jordan | 268 5355 |
| Walking Gp SE (8 mls) | V | Tu.-w | various | O | Kenneth Stringfellow | 230 4063 |
| Short Courses | Set | Meeting | | | Coordinator | Telephone |
| Map Reading for Walkers | Set A | Various | Various | O | Gordon MacNair | 258 5442 |
| THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE ADVERTISED IN LINKS AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS | | | | | | |
| Classical Conceptors | Set C | Null | Null | PV | Pamela Sandford | 236 1815 |
| European Travel Group | Set D | various | Null | PV | Samina Aslam | 235 1 489 |
| Lunch & Lecture | Set B | Twice yearly | SS | PV | Dorothy Sutcliffe | 268 5918 |
| Steel City Wanderers | Set D | 3 or 4 times a year | various | PV | Pat Ryan and Clare Ryan | 236 8749 |
| Travel Group | Set D | various | Null | PV | Barbara Robertshaw | 238 9102 |
| Weekenders | Set C | Sa. Su.m | various | PV/AL | Dorothy Sutcliffe | 268 5918 |

GROUP NEWS

Weekenders Visit to Quarry Bank Mill

The Weekenders' trip to Quarry Bank Mill, a National Trust Cotton Mill in Styal, near Manchester on 23 April 2017, proved to be an enjoyable day out. There was a glimpse of our industrial heritage, as the Mill, built in 1874, showed the workings and development of hand spinning and weaving through to machine processes, as the Industrial Revolution hurtled through Britain.

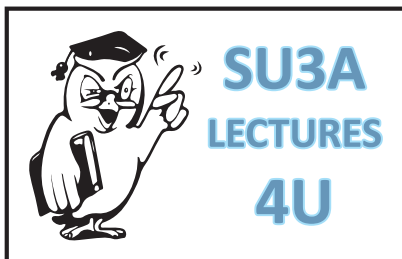
We also had a very interesting guided tour of the Apprentice House which gave a real feel of the conditions of the time. The gardens and short stroll to nearby Styal village were also on offer, as well as the usual café and shop. To complete our day the weather was very good, I would recommend a visit.



EVENTS

Friday Lectures at the Showroom Cinema

All members are able to attend these lectures free of charge. Occasionally there is a retiring collection for the speaker's nominated charity.



Lectures are held in Cinema 4 at the Showroom Cinema, Paternoster Row, on the third Friday of the month and start at 11.00 am, finishing at around 12.30 pm. A voucher, obtainable from the box office, enables half-price parking at Q-park on Arundel Gate. There is a greeter wearing a U3A lanyard badge to welcome new members.

The café opens at 10.00 am and refreshments are available before and after the lecture.

The team will endeavour to post last-minute changes on the website. There is no booking system - it is 'first come, first served'. Queries to Shelagh Woolliscroft on (0114) 255 8948.

Forthcoming Lectures

16 June - A Glass Slipper and Other Objets d'Art. John Parker, Emeritus Professor, Department of Materials Science, University of Sheffield.

One of Sheffield's hidden gems, the Turner Museum of Glass, has one of the most comprehensive collections of 18th-20th century glass. Professor Parker's illustrated talk introduces us to some of its most beautiful pieces. We shall also be told about the origins of glass and its place in modern technology today.



21 July - The Conservation of Peatlands. Professor Ian Rotherham, Reader in Tourism and Environmental Change, Sheffield Hallam University.

Professor Rotherham is an expert on a range of environmental issues, including urban wildlife, extreme weather, flooding and climate change. He currently chairs the British Ecological Society, Peatlands Research Special Interest Group and was formerly Director of the Ecological Advisory Service for Sheffield City Council.

18 August - The Role of South Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner. Dr Alan Billings.

Dr Billings served as a Church of England parish priest in four parishes, including spells in inner-city Sheffield and in the mining community of Beighton. He has also trained clergy at two theological colleges. In the 1980s Dr Billings was Deputy Leader of Sheffield City Council and a councillor for Walkley Ward. He served on the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales, which oversees the work of the criminal justice system for under 18s, was a member of the England Committee of the Big Lottery Fund and Director of the Centre for Ethics and Religion at Lancaster University.

15 September - The History, Recovery and Conservation of the Mary Rose. Aileen and George Wade, members of the Mary Rose Information Group.

No other warship has been able to tell us so much about warship design before the age of ships' plans, and the unusual manner of the ship's preservation has ensured that thousands of artefacts have survived intact in a Tudor time capsule, enabling us to learn much about the age of Henry VIII.

Shelagh Woolliscroft (0114) 255 8948 shelagh.woolliscroft@gmail.com



Saturday 22 July 2017 - Skipton and Canal Cruise

Come and explore the picturesque town of Skipton with its market, voted best small outdoor market in 2017, its myriad independent shops and cafés and its castle, one of the most complete and best-preserved medieval castles in England.

The highlight of the trip is a leisurely 3-hour canal cruise, where a cold lunch will be served as we meander along the Leeds/Liverpool Canal into the beautiful Dales.

The lunch menu will be one choice from:

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| a) Lakeland Ham | b) Tuna Mayonnaise |
| c) Pork Pie | d) Vegetarian Quiche |

Please make sure you fill in your choice on the booking form.

These will be served with various salads, bread rolls and butter. The dessert is apple pie and ice cream and tea or coffee is included.

The cost of the trip is £32.00 which includes the coach, the lunch and cruise and the driver's gratuity.

If you would like to join us **please book online** (login at <https://su3a.wildapricot.org> using your email address and password) or complete the form on **page 31** and return it to Jane Whitehead as soon as possible.

Please ring Jane Whitehead on (0114) 457 7740 for further information.

Why Book Online?

- You know you have a place immediately
- You save two stamps
- You save the organiser a lot of work





Saturday 22 July 2017 - Skipton and Canal Cruise

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address

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.....Postcode

Contact details (email/Tel number).....

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Menu choices (please indicate):

a)..... b)..... c)..... d).....

Please reserveplace(s). I enclose a cheque for £

(£32.00 per person) payable to *Sheffield U3A Weekenders*.

Please send to Jane Whitehead, 10 Storth Park, Fulwood Road, S10 3QH, with a small **s.a.e.**, as soon as possible. Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

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

Pond Hill (Penny Black Pub) 08.15 (....)



Skipton, Leeds/Liverpool Canal



Sunday 13 August 2017 - Hornsea Inshore Rescue Boathouse

After losing the Coastguard-run lifeboat, a group of volunteers ran a campaign to buy a rescue boat for Hornsea. Now, Hornsea Inshore Rescue is an independent rescue service manned entirely by volunteers.

We shall visit their boathouse, where, after morning coffee and biscuits, we will be given a talk about the work of the rescue service, followed by a tour of the boathouse. We will also be shown the equipment which the volunteers use and films of the boat in action. Afterwards we will be served a fish and chip lunch with bread and butter, tea and coffee.

Leaving Hornsea after lunch, we will travel to the Humber Bridge and drive across it for a visit to the Water's Edge Visitor Centre in Barton-on-Humber. Here there are great views of the bridge plus displays about the environment of the Humber estuary and its wildlife. There is a café and toilets.

The cost of the trip is **£28** which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity, the boathouse tour, refreshments on arrival and the fish and chip lunch. Places are limited so if you would like to join us, **please book online** (login at <https://su3a.wildapricot.org> using your email address and password) or complete the form on **page 33** and return it to Dot Sutcliffe to arrive as soon as possible.

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





Sunday 13 August 2017 - Hornsea Inshore Rescue Boathouse

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address

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Please reserveplace(s). I enclose a cheque for £
(£28.00 per person) payable to *Sheffield U3A Weekenders*.

Please send to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tipton Crescent Road, Sheffield, S10 5DA, with a **small s.a.e.**, as soon as possible. Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

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

Pond Hill (Penny Black Pub) 08.15 (....)



Water's Edge Visitors Centre, Barton-on-Humber



European Travel Group

Coordinator: Samina Aslam (0114 235 1489)

Email: sammas1747gmail.com



Registration of Interest

Cathedrals of Northern France

30th May – 5th June 2018



Amiens Cathedral

This 7 day, 6 night coach holiday in Northern France encompasses the Heritage and Cathedrals of the region. We follow in the footsteps of the kings of France for their coronation in the magnificent Gothic Cathedral in Reims, we also visit the UNESCO listed town of Arras with its Neo-Classical Cathedral, the UNESCO listed Amiens Cathedral, the Cathedral in Chalons en Champagne with its mixture of Gothic, Baroque and Romanesque architecture, one of France's early Cathedrals in Laon and the Cathedral in Cambrai.

All the Cathedral visits include a guided tour by an accredited guide and city walking tours are included in Reims, Chalons en Champagne, Laon, Arras and Amiens. The holiday also includes: a boat trip through Chalons en Champagne, a visit to the House of Perrier for a tour and tasting of their fabulous champagne, we cruise through the floating gardens of Amiens, we shall visit the famous Fossier biscuit factory and descend into the Carrier Wellington, a vast subterranean city constructed by New Zealand miners in 1916-17, where 20,000 men once sheltered.



Laon Cathedral

We shall be travelling in a dedicated executive coach throughout, and staying in the centrally located 3-star Grand Hotel Continental in Reims on a B&B basis. Lunch or dinner is included every day except on day 4 when you will have the opportunity to enjoy the many cafés, bistros and restaurants in Reims.

The cost includes the Dover-Calais return ferry crossing, the hotel, all entrance fees, guides, boat trips, meals as shown above and gratuities (except the hotel).

Cost £1,067 Single supplement £189

If you are interested in this holiday please email me at:

bpcavehotmail.com. Or write to me at 73 Highcliffe Road, Sheffield, S11 7LP. If there is sufficient interest, then we shall go ahead.

This is not a booking, the booking form will be printed in the August edition of the *LINKS Open Groups Supplement*.

Our trips are open to all SU3A members



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Advance Notice: Travel Group Day Visits for 2017

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| 2 October | St. George's Hall, Liverpool, River Mersey and Open-top Bus Tour |
| 25 November | Capesthorpe Hall at Christmas |
| 12 December | Chester |

Short Breaks 2018

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| June 3 - 7 | Kent |
| July | Sunderland incl. Tall Ships Race (4/5 days) |
| December | Thursford Spectacular (first week in Dec.) |

Remember!
Copy deadline for the October 2017 Links
is 25 August 2017

By popular demand – a repeat visit

Travel Group Visit to four South Yorkshire Churches Monday 31 July 2017

Our churches expert, Pat McLaughlin, has again chosen 4 beautiful South Yorkshire churches for this visit. The first church is St Leonard and St Mary at Armthorpe, where coffee and biscuits will be waiting for us. In essence a Norman church, it is mentioned in the Domesday Book, with later additions including excellent stained glass – some of it to commemorate the miners of Markham Colliery.

From Armthorpe we proceed to Kirk Sandall, the church dedicated to St Oswald, the Saxon king of Northumbria. Again, of Norman origin but with medieval stained glass and the splendid Rokesby Chapel, where we remember a distinguished incumbent, who became Archbishop of Dublin.



We hope to arrive at Barnby Dun St Peter and St Paul church for lunch at 12.30 pm. The church is of 14th century origin with its carved heads, gargoyles and 19th century stained glass and tiles. The tower dates from the 15th century, as do the font, the sedilia and piscina.

St Oswalds Kirk Sandall

Our final visit, due north of Doncaster, is the village of Arksey and All Saints Church. Begun in the 12th century with much of the earlier building surviving, it was modified in the 17th century and its fine furnishings by local craftsmen also date from this period. Closely associated with the Cooke family of Coates in Lincolnshire there is, in the north transept, a fine 7th century bust of Sir George Cooke “who awaits Christ’s second coming”.

At 4.00 pm the coach will be ready for our journey back to Sheffield. The cost of this outing is **£26.50** per person. This amount includes coach travel, gratuities, donations to the churches, lunch, tea and coffee and payment to our guide.

If you wish to apply for a place on this visit, please complete the booking form **below** and send it with a cheque and small s.a.e., to Valerie Wiley as soon as possible.



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Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South

07.45 ()

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5

08.00 ()

Travel Group Visit to York and Sutton Park Wednesday 16 August 2017



Our visit will start with a 45-minute river cruise through York City and countryside. We will enjoy York from a different perspective and can admire the scenery from the comfort of the boat while listening to informative comments by the Captain. (Refreshments available on board). After the cruise there will

be free time to explore the city further on your own or to revisit some favourite places, such as the Minster, the Treasurer's House, the Shambles and the Railway Museum. Further information and maps will be given out on the coach. You will have plenty of time to have lunch in one of the many restaurants, pubs and cafés, or you might prefer to bring a picnic.

The afternoon venue had to be changed from Bishopthorpe Palace to **Sutton Park** near York. This is the Yorkshire home of Sir Reginald and Lady Sheffield. Early Georgian architecture and magnificent plasterwork by Cortese, as well as a rich collection of 18th century furniture, paintings and porcelain make this a most inviting house to visit. The award-winning gardens attract enthusiasts from home and abroad. The Tea Rooms will be open for refreshments.

The cost of the day is **£22.50 per person**. This includes coach travel, driver's gratuity, the river cruise and guided tour of Sutton Park. If you wish to apply for a place on this visit, please complete the booking form on **page 40** and send it with a cheque and a small s.a.e., to Barbara Robertshaw as soon as possible.



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Sutton Park

Travel Group Visit to Port Sunlight Thursday 7 September 2017

Port Sunlight is one of the finest surviving examples of an industrial garden village in the UK. In 1888 its founder William Hesketh Lever wanted to create decent and affordable housing for the employees of his new Lever Brothers Soap Works.

The village is run by the Port Sunlight Village Trust and has attractive houses, parks, a Museum and an Art Gallery. There is some public sculpture on display including a Grade 1 listed War Memorial. After a welcome cup of coffee, we begin our day by visiting the award-winning Museum which has a special exhibition showing a century of the history of the village. Leaving the museum, we board the coach for a guided tour of the village to see its many different features.

In the afternoon, after lunch (included) we visit the Lady Lever Art Gallery, founded by William in memory of his wife, Lady Lever. Its newly refurbished South End Galleries are the result of a £2.8 million grant and well worth a visit. Explore the rest of the Gallery to see a major collection of Pre-Raphaelite paintings. Don't miss the "Sunlight Soap" paintings which began Lever's fascination with art.



Lady Lever Art Gallery



The cost for the day is £28.00. This includes coach travel, gratuities, coffee and biscuits, lunch and guided tour and the entrance to the Museum. To reserve a place, please complete the application form below and send it with a small s.a.e., and a cheque to Margaret Langrish as soon as possible.



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Calendar 2017

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| June | 6 | Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC |
| | 14 | Whirlowbook Park Open Day |
| | 14 | Travel Group: Hull City of Culture |
| | 16 | Showroom Lectures: Turner Museum of Glass |
| | 17 | Weekenders: Stamford Open Air Theatre |
| July | 3 | Travel Group: South Yorkshire Churches |
| | 4 | Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC |
| | 11 | Travel Group: Gunby Hall & Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre |
| | 12 | AGM: Sheffield U3A: CURC |
| | 21 | Showroom Lectures: Peatlands Environmental Research |
| | 22 | Weekenders: Skipton Canal Cruise |
| | 31 | Travel Group: South Yorkshire Churches |
| Aug | 1 | Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC |
| | 13 | Weekenders: Hornsea Inshore Rescue |
| | 16 | Travel Group: York Boat Trip and Sutton Park |
| | 18 | Showroom Lectures: South Yorks Police & Crime Commissioner |
| Sept | 5 | Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC |
| | 7 | Travel Group: Port Sunlight |
| | 12-16 | Travel Group: East Anglia Short Break |
| | 15 | Showroom Lectures: Mary Rose |
| Oct | 3 | Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC |
| | 1-7 | ETA: Avignon and the Camargue |
| | 20 | Showroom Lectures: Sheffield Advanced Technology Park |

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