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From the Chair

There has been some exciting news this month: Sheffield U3A recruited its 3,000th member.

We are highly delighted because we have almost reached this number several times. On each occasion it has been just before the annual renewal of membership and there have been a few people who have not rejoined and we have fallen short. This time we got there! It almost passed us by because there was no great explosion of triumphal fireworks, simply Lorna Baker, our Membership Secretary, doing her job.



SU3A

3,000 likes

Well done Lorna and well done SU3A members for being such an enthusiastic publicity tool. We recruit most of our new members by word of mouth and recommendations from existing members. A pat on the back to all of us. The new member, John Kirkwood, was presented with a certificate to commemorate the event (see page 31).

I know that some U3A groups feel that we are too big because we cannot have meetings for all members together, but in my own experience, having belonged to a smaller U3A in the past, I feel that the Executive Committee does a good job of getting out and about amongst the membership and meeting people. We also have a very efficient newsletter and website passing on information.

In August I attended the Yorkshire and Humber Region Summer School held at Wentworth Castle. It was a triumph of organisation and I would like to thank YAHR for organising it. Sheffield members took part in most of the subjects and we all felt that we had not only learned a lot but met new friends from other U3As.

I believe that YAHR plans to run another Summer School in two years' time. Let us hope that they do and that Sheffield will be as well represented as they were this time. On one of the evenings we were entertained by Barnsley U3A's Gelontology Group (that is fun and laughter to most of us). They proved to us just how good having a laugh with friends can make you feel.

For more about the Summer School see page 5.

In September I am attending the U3A Annual Conference in Nottingham. This is when we have the chance to find out what plans the organisation has, what other groups think and to come home filled with new ideas to try out.

There are rumours that this might be the last big conference because attendance numbers are dropping. It is not such a major trip for Sheffield as the journey to Nottingham only takes an hour or so, but for other groups it is a long trip and it is understandable that many do not send representatives.

We have sent photographs of events for the YAHR display and hopefully excerpts from our video will be shown.

Lastly, I have an apology to make: whilst I was away for a few days in August my telephone answer machine reached its full capacity and decided, for whatever reason, to wipe itself clean. So if anyone has phoned me, particularly the lady to talk about the prospective European Travel Group, please accept my apologies for not returning your call and please contact me again because I really do want to talk to you.

I am not ignoring your calls!

Jean Stevenson

Chair

From the Executive Committee

Your Committee

From our penthouse office suite in the gilded tower block that comprises SU3A HQ, silent minions scurry ceaselessly to carry out the orders of the numerous Executive Committee members who pause only from watching day-time television to call for more tea.

Or do they?

Keeping an organisation of 3,000 members going is hard work and if you would like to watch us at work - or even lend a hand - then drop in to our next meeting on Friday 1 November at 10.00 at The Circle in Rockingham Lane.

Even better, telephone the Secretary, Tricia Pulfrey, on (0114) 247 3741 and we will ensure that Dot has made enough of her wonderful cake.

Summer School 2013

Reflections by Peter Barclay



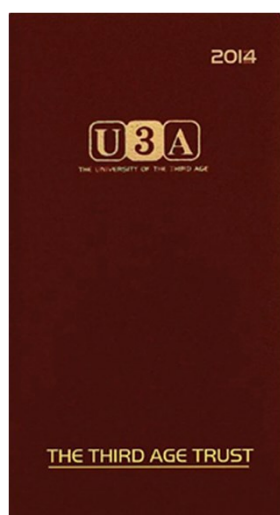
Wentworth Castle Remembered

In August, amidst the lush gardens of Wentworth Castle, our first summer school lifted off. From Tai Chi in the early morning to local U3A entertainers in the evenings, the Summer School was a vivid and lasting experience. But the classrooms were only a part of this YAHR enterprise. It was the mixing together over a bite of plain Yorkshire lunch, or a drink together before dinner, that provided chances to chat. We were only three days together but it seemed as if a new U3A had emerged amongst us. None of this would have happened without the planning and hard work of the YAHR committee and their magnificent band of voluntary tutors. They were a wonderful example to all of us in U3A.

After the final morning there was a sense of a community sadly broken up. We had sung together accompanied by ukuleles and ocarinas and laughed together. It had been like an Askham Bryan Regional Day – but distinctly more enjoyable.

[A fuller version of this article can be found on the YAHR website]

U3A 2014 Diaries



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This year, the cover is burgundy. The notes page now features the U3A logo.

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Members may be interested in this website which gives the standard or freephone landline contact numbers for many organisations and companies. Members of the public submit numbers they have found which enable you to ring direct without having to use premium rates.

www.saynoto0870.com/search.php

ESCAL

Every Sheffield Child Articulate and Literate by age 11



Helping Sheffield school pupils with reading and communication

With the beginning of the 2013/2014 school year, the ESCAL Volunteering programme is again hoping to recruit SU3A members to work one-to-one with pupils. These children need extra practice to build their confidence in reading, listening and understanding and making their own contribution to individual and class discussion.

A few hours of your time each week for ten weeks is the commitment requested - enough to give a boost to pupils' ability to get full benefit from time at school and ultimately to enhance their job prospects.

SU3A members have supported ESCAL Volunteering since 2009, consistently nearly a third of its volunteer total, and are very much valued.

Help is needed across a wide range of ages in every area of the city. You can be matched with a school in the location you prefer and teaching experience is not a requirement as training and learning materials are provided.

If you are interested, please contact ESCAL Volunteering, telephone (0114) 250 6853 or email escalvolunteeringsheffield.gov.uk

Flying Gardeners – next session

The gardeners will be flying to Meersbrook Park on Saturday 26 October to do a makeover of the herbaceous borders.

Everyone is welcome.

You just need to turn up at 10.00 at the main gate on Brook Road with gloves and stout shoes or boots. All tools and refreshments are provided and the session is over at 12 noon, leaving you to enjoy the rest of the day with a quiet glow of satisfaction.

Shelagh Woolliscroft

(01246) 416 139

Events

Literature Network: Change to advertised speaker

Lecture on Gabriel Garcia Márquez 30 October 14.00 at the Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James Street, Sheffield 1.

The speaker for the above talk will now be Dr Pascale Baker, Department of Hispanic Studies, Sheffield University.

The subject matter will be the same as advertised in August *Links*.

Pascale Baker is a specialist in Latin American Studies and, together with her research and teaching commitments, has worked in conjunction with Professor Philip Swanson on his recent *Cambridge Companion to Gabriel Garcia Márquez* (Cambridge Univ. Press 2010).

Belinda Barber

Coordinator

(0114) 230 4717

The Sustainability Group Autumn Harvest Event

Monday 7 October



Help pick surplus garden produce and redistribute the surplus.

SU3A members who would like to be part of this can get involved in two ways:

- volunteering your garden surplus for us to harvest, or
- helping to harvest fruit on the day.

If you would like to be involved please contact Jo Couldry at jocouldry@yahoo.co.uk,

telephone (0114) 268 5496.



weekenders

Back to School!

Saturday 9 November 2013 at 19.30

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Grove Road, Millhouses

Do you like quizzes? Then this is the Weekenders' event for you. The theme for this quiz is your old school timetable, so polish up your proverbs, dust off your dictionaries and stretch your memories back to the 50s and 60s. Let's show Mr Gove what 'Back to Basics' really means!

The quiz, with a pie and pea supper and prizes for both winners and losers, will be held on Saturday 9 November 2013. The cost is **£12.00** per person.

We are looking for teams of four people but do not worry if you cannot form a team yourself: come along anyway and we will put teams together on the night.

If you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 30 and return it to Dot Sutcliffe enclosing your cheque made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders** and a small stamped, addressed envelope by **Thursday 31 October**.

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

Just to whet your appetite here are a few questions:

Who was Catherine of Aragon's first husband?

How many yards are there in 3½ miles?

Which state of the USA and also the former USSR share a name?

Which novel begins with the words "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times"?

Which band asked how many holes it would take to fill the Albert Hall?

Last chance: Saturday 12 October

There are still a few places left on our Fishy Night Out to **Whitby's restaurant in Rotherham**. If you fancy some fish and chips in good company, then please return the form on page 26 as soon as possible or ring Dot Sutcliffe on (0114) 268 5918.



weekenders

Deck the Halls

Sunday 1 December 2013

Burton Agnes Hall

Start your Christmas celebrations this year by joining us on Sunday 1 December 2013 on a trip to Burton Agnes Hall to see it dressed for Christmas. The Hall, near Bridlington, has been in the same family since it was built in 1598. The architect was Robert Smithson who was also responsible for Longleat, Hardwick Hall and Wollaton Hall. It has many unusual features and has not been added to or altered.



The family decorates the house with natural products from the garden and the estate which provides the Christmas tree for the Great Hall. The Elizabethan and Jacobean parts of the Hall will be decorated in traditional style while the restored Long Gallery will have a modern theme to complement its stunning collection of modern and impressionist art.

After time for coffee, we will have a guided tour of the Hall lasting about 1¼ hours. There is a café which will be offering a seasonal menu, a Christmas shop dedicated entirely to Christmas while the Home and Garden shop and the Gift Shop will be stocking unusual presents.

The cost of the trip is **£24.50** per person which includes the coach, driver's gratuity, entrance to the Hall and the guided tour. If you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 30 and return it with your cheque made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders** and a small stamped, addressed envelope to Dot Sutcliffe as soon as possible.

Friday Lecture Programme 2013

Venue: Showroom Cinema 4 (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.

18 October Everest before the Tourists

– trekking to base camp the hard way

John Driskell, head teacher of Hazlebarrow Primary School, will talk about his 1960s' trek in a clapped-out Land Rover to Everest base camp

15 November The Spanish Civil War

Professor Mary Vincent, University of Sheffield

20 December O Little Town of Bethlehem

Jenny Bywaters

We now use Cinema 4 which holds 280 people. However, come early to be sure of your seat.

Enquiries: *Shelagh Woolliscroft* (01246) 416 139

Speaker: Mary Vincent

is Professor of Modern European History at the University of Sheffield. She is also currently Head of Department.

Her main research interests lie in the history of modern Spain, particularly in the period of the Civil War and the Franco dictatorship (1931-75). An interest in the social basis of Franco's support, particularly that provided by the Catholic Church, led her to write *Catholicism in the Second Spanish Republic*, (1996).

She published *Modern Spain 1833-2002: People and State* (2007), a general history of the Spanish state that focuses on the persistence of political violence and the historical problem of state legitimacy in Spain. Mary is writing a book on religious violence in the Spanish Civil War.

Lunch and Lecture: A few places left

"Waterways and Railways across the Derbyshire Peak"

Speaker: Mike Higginbottom

Friday 25 October 2013 at 12.00 for 12.30

At the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Sheffield Park, Chesterfield Road South, Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 8BW.

The beautiful upland scenery of the Derbyshire Peak presented a formidable obstacle to canal and railway engineers seeking to link the East Midlands with Lancashire and the Mersey. As a result, the area is rich in transport geography and engineering and full of dramatic examples of industrial archaeology, some preserved or awaiting restoration.

Please arrive at 12.00 for a 12.30 start. Cost **£15.50**

There is ample parking and the number 53 bus from bay A1 at the Sheffield Interchange stops outside the hotel. The number 75 bus from Ecclesfield via High Street stops near the hotel at Meadowhead.

The menu will be a choice from:

- a. Lasagne al forno
- b. Fish pie with salmon and prawns
- c. Caramelized shallot tarte tatin with goat's cheese and thyme

The dessert is warm ginger parkin with vanilla ice cream and a rhubarb and caramel sauce

Please ensure you fill in your choice(s) on the booking form

If you would like to book a place, please fill in the form on page 32 and send it with a cheque made payable to *Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture* to arrive no later than **Friday 11 October 2013**.

Dot Sutcliffe (0114) 268 5918

Vera Dyer (0114) 237 7854

Classical Concertgoers

Sunday 19 January 2014

The Academy of St Martin in the Fields at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester with Joshua Bell

Often referred to as the 'poet of the violin', **Joshua Bell** is one of the world's most celebrated violinists who enchants audiences with his breathtaking virtuosity, sheer beauty of tone and charismatic stage presence. Some of you may have caught his commanding performance of Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto at the Proms, broadcast on BBC4 on 26 July. If so, I hope it will encourage you to come to this concert, one of the Bridgewater Hall International Concert Series. If not, come along to see why he has been appointed Music Director of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. **Bell will show his versatility as soloist, part of a duo, and as leader-director** in a programme by the great Bs of German music:

J. S. Bach Concerto for two violins in D minor

Beethoven Symphony No.1 in C

Brahms Violin Concert in D. Op 77

We will leave from the bus stop at the bottom of Knowle Lane, Ecclesall, at 16.30 to allow plenty of time to reach Manchester for a pre-concert drink. Light refreshments are usually available at the Bridgewater Hall but you may prefer to bring sandwiches to eat on the journey.

The cost is **£33.00** to cover your ticket, coach seat and the driver's gratuity. Please send the booking form on page 32 to me, Pamela Sandford, at 289 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0DA and enclose a stamped addressed envelope. The closing date for applications is **30 November 2013**.

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

STOP PRESS Birmingham Symphony Hall 10 October.

The organisers on the day will be Pat Roddis, Sheila Harris, Vera Dyer and Judith Gilbert. If you have any concerns in the week before the visit please telephone Pat Roddis on (0114) 296 0980.

Pamela Sandford

Coordinator

(0114) 236 1815

Group News

New Groups

Dressmaking II

If you are interested in dressmaking with some past experience of sewing and would like to join a like-minded Group, please contact me as detailed below or come to the Drop-In meeting on Tuesday 1 October.

The sessions would be fortnightly, probably on a Tuesday or Thursday morning, at Sharrow, for two hours for a total of ten sessions.

Ann Granville ann.granville1 btinternet.com (0114) 230 9754

Bridge for Beginners

For those interested in learning Bridge with a view to joining an SU3A Bridge Group, Erica Jeremiah will be giving a series of introductory lessons at Ranmoor Parish Centre on Friday afternoons from 13.30 to 16.30 starting Friday 11 October until the 6 of December. There will be a small charge for room hire.

As in all SU3A activities non U3A-members are allowed to attend twice but will need to join SU3A thereafter.

Brian Jeremiah b.jeremiah btopenworld.com (0114) 230 7250

Awareness Through Movement

Since discovering this rare system of profound movement about a year ago, where a qualified Feldenkrais practitioner gives verbal guidance to a group of participants, I have come to recognise the potential value of this for U3A members.

In the class the participants are generally lying or sitting on the floor and very gently exploring a sequence of movements. This approach can assist an easier path through everyday life.

This new opportunity in Ecclesall is to initially attend four classes during October on Wednesday afternoons with the potential of establishing a regular Group.

John Wragg Coordinator (0114) 229 5181

Sheffield U3A Activities and Interest Groups: October 2013

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 General Coordinator, Jim Walker on (0114) 236 9687.

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

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

MEETING: 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 = Every 4 weeks. AREA:- The Postal Area in which the Group meets - e.g. (SE) indicates that the Group meets in the South East of Sheffield.*

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

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
ART						
Art (SE)	V	We.pm.w	S13	PVAL	Paul Garland	269 3219
Art I	V	We.am.w	S11	PVHL	John Carr	230 8866
Art II	V	Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Ruth Lamb	236 2807
Art III	V	We.pm.w	S11	PVAL	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I	V	Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Beryl Moore	268 6632
Aspects of Art II		Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Valerie Wiley	236 0726
Looking at Art	V	2ndTh.pm.m	S8	PV	John Cooper	01909 567 279
Outdoor Sketching I	V	Fr.am.f	various	O	Daniel Merrills	230 5952
Visiting Art	V	1st We.-m	various	PVAL	Linda Jackson	235 0852
ARTS AND CRAFTS						
Appreciating Architecture		3rdTh.pm.m	Greenhill	PV	Margaret Short	266 0269
Architecture Past and Present	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Roy Pilkington	01246 416 139
Card Craft	V	Mo.pm.f	S7	PVAL	Margaret Lycett	269 0429
Digital Photography	V	3rdTh.pm.m	S11	PV	Alan Zinober	236 7001
Dressmaking		Mo.am.f	S7	PV	Ruth Bernard	258 9026
Handwork & Craft II		Th.am.f	S11	MH	Jean Davis	233 9784
Handwriting Workshop		Tu.pm.m	S1	PVAL	Roger Watkins	07981 871 558
Knitting	V	We.pm.m	S10/11/17	MH	Jane Harling	230 9576
Patch & Quilt	V	Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Photographic Group NW	V	1stFr.pm.m	S36	PV	Harold Norton	288 6920
Quilting Hive	V	Mo.pm.	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
Video Production (Documentary)	V	Varies	Sheffield area	MH	Ian Barkley	01709 812 351
Woodworking/Woodcarving		Th.pm.w	S7	MH	Bob Adkins	255 1968
BIRD WATCHING						
Bird Watching I		Mo.am.f	various	O	Robin Peel	241 6525
Bird Watching II	V	We.--w	various	O	Malcolm Swift	01246 412 737
CARDS AND BOARD GAMES						
Bridge - Friday I	V	Fr.pm.w	S17	PV	John Strange	01246 416 558
Bridge - Friday II	V	Fr.pm.w	S10	PV	Brian Jeremiah	230 7250

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Bridge - Friday III	V	Fr.pm.w	S7	PV	Rati Chiba	01433 659 864
Bridge - Monday	V	Mo.pm.w	S7	PV	Patricia Latham	01246 419 106
Bridge - Thursday	V	Th.pm.w	S17	PV	David Buckle	236 7893
Bridge - Tuesday	V	Tu.am.w	S11	PV	Michael Brumby	236 5676
Bridge - Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	PVAL	Jean Bowie	230 1002
Bridge Stocksbridge	V	Tues.pm.w	S36	PV	Bob Smith	288 8624
Chess	V	Tu.pm.4 wkly	S17	MH	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Evening Rummikub	V	M.eve.w	S17	MH	Chris Cave	236 4648
Rummikub (SE)		Mo.pm.f	S13	MH	Joan Brown	269 4829
Rummikub I		Mo.pm.f	S7/8/17/	MH	Shirley Wilks	236 7673
Scrabble	V	Fr.pm.f	S7	PVAL	Liz Barber	288 1984
Whist cntrect & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Sun.eve.w	various	MH	Gerald Cartwright	281 1499

DISCUSSION, PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS AND RELIGION

Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Claire Attwood	250 8286
Discussion II		Tu.am.m	various	MH	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Ideas	V	Mo.am.m	S35	MH	Alec Jenner	286 2546
Jesus and Christianity	V	1st Sa.pm.m	S4	PV	John Vincent	243 6688
Meditating Together	V	3rdTu.am.m	S7	MH	Patsy Gibbon	250 0663
Meditation and Light Discussion	V	3rd Mo.pm.m	S10	MH	John Wragg	229 5181
Personal Finance	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	PV	Helen Marsh	230 1622
Philosophy- Hist/Classical	V	2ndMo.pm.m	S11	PV	John Kirkman	236 1971
Sugar & Spice	V	Mo.pm.f.	S8	MH	Eunice Southgate	281 1876
Today's World		Th.am.m	various	MH	David Pierce	281 9414
Wealth & Poverty	V	4thMo.pm.m	S11	MH	Helen Davies	266 3276

GARDENING

Gardening (SE)	V	Tu.am.f	various	PVAL	Carol Wright	251 0140
Gardening at Whirlowbrook Park	V	We.am.f	S17	O	Shelagh Woolliscroft	01246 416 139
Gardening C		Mo.am.m	S10/11/1	PVAL	Susan Fielding	230 3987
Gardening D		2ndTu.am.m	various	MH	Helen Drury	236 7053
Gardening Greenfingers	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Jane Gregory	274 9246

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HISTORY						
Classical Civilisation		Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Anne Thomas	230 5281
Family History I		2ndWe.am.m	S10	PVHL	Annie Grassick	230 2777
Family History III	V	Tu.pm.m	S35	PV	Paul Cordwell	327 3954
Family History IV		4thWe.am.m	S11	PV	Monica Stagg	274 8397
History I	V	Tu.am.f	S17	PVHL	Robert Bragg	281 9534
History II	V	Mo.pm.m	S10/11/17	MH	Angela Jakubovic	236 3858
Local History (SE)	V	We.pm.f	S21 4BH	PV	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Local History III		Mo.am.f	S7	PV	Carmel Rogers	266 0792
Local History IV	V	Fr.pm.m	S11	PV	Margaret Laycock	236 4109
Local History V	V	Tu.pm.f	S7	MH	Margaret Etchells	236 3317
Military History	V	Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Marion Monaghan	01246 414 137
Modern East Asia	V	4thTu.pm.m	S1	PV	John Evans	230 1173
Visiting History	V	Tu.pm.m	various	PVAL	Jenny Clark	266 9395
LANGUAGES						
Cercle Francais I		Fr.am.w	S7	PVAL	Alan Price	234 4172
Cercle Francais II	V	Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	Margaret Platts	230 7300
Classical Greek Alpha	V	We.pm.f	S1	PV	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
French for Holidays		Mo.pm.f	S7	MH	Usha Fitch	236 5009
French-Advanced		Fr.am.w	S10	PV	Audrey Sainsbury	230 7446
French-Intermediate		Th.am.w	S11	PVAL	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
German for Improvers	V	Mo.am.w	S18	MH	Shelagh Woolliscroft	01246 416 139
German-Advanced		Tu.pm.f	S6/8/10/	MH	Mike Maas	230 4435
German-Intermediate		Mo.am.w	S10	PV	Rosalie Ayscough	262 1626
Italian	V	Tu.pm.f	S10/11/6	MH	Rosalind Rogerson	268 1426
Italian for Holidays	V	Fr.pm.w	S11	PV	Mike Hague	236 6336
Latin II		2nd & 4th Fr.am.m	S1	PV	Jean Hart	247 0566
Latin III	V	Tu.pm.f	S10	MH	Audrey Ward	230 3423
Latin Improvers		Mo.am.f	S1	PV	Paul Cordwell	327 3954
Modern Greek	V	Th.pm.f	S11	MH	Margaret Halstead	258 2541
Portuguese For Fun		Tu.am.w	S11	MH	Pauline Miller	258 3678

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Sanskrit	V	Th.am.w	S11	PV	Roger Linstead	236 3640
Scottish Gaelic	V	Mo.am.f	Meersbro	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
Spanish (Inter) I	V	Th.am.w	S7	PVAL	Hilda Wisbey	262 1730
Spanish Inter III	V	Th.am.w	S7	PV	Pat Smith	230 6432
Spanish Stage 2	V	We.pm.w	various	MH	Greta Pearman	236 3336
Welsh	V	Mo.am.f	various	MH	Sue Wormald	268 0487
Welsh Conversation	V	Tu.am.f	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422

LITERATURE AND DRAMA

Book Group I		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Margaret Walton	255 6563
Book Group II		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Irene Voyce	235 2637
Book Group III		2ndTu.am.m	S17	PV	Wendy Jenrick	268 7047
Book Group IV		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Mary Whyns	236 8628
Book Group V		Tu.pm.m	S11	MH	Mary Brookes	235 0180
Bookworm	V	Fr.pm.m	S36	PV	Angela Butler	288 4778
Creative Writing	V	Fr.pm.m	S36	PV	Meg Jepson	288 2929
Drama Study	V	Tu.pm.f	S11	MH	John Parsons	230 4902
Enjoying Literature		We.am.f	S7	MH	Roger Smith	268 6924
Film Appreciation	V	Tu.pm.m	S1	PV	Lesley Dixon	268 5881
Novel Reading I		Mo.pm.4w	S10	MH	Pam West	266 2188
Novel Reading II	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	MH	Kay Beeston	01433 631 247
Novel Reading III	V	2ndFr.am.m	various	MH	Judith Vernier	01246 418 607
Novel Reading IV	V	We.am.m	S5	MH	Mary Simpson	245 2568
Play Reading I		Tu.pm.4w	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188
Play Reading II	V	Last Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Doreen Findlay	266 8577
Play Reading III	V	Mo.am.4w	S 17	MH	Mavis Frost	236 4249
Poetry for Pleasure	V	We.pm.f	S17	MH	Pat Parkin	236 8009
Poetry Study		We.pm.f.	S11	MH	Freda Green	236 4882
Reading for Pleasure		Th.pm.m	S17	MH	Susan Kirkman	236 1971
Shakespeare for Pleasure	V	Tu.am.f	S10/11	MH	Kay Nicholson	268 6220
Story Writers	V	Tu.am.4w	various	MH	Margaret Briddon	262 0501

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
MUSIC						
A Cappella Singers	V	Tu.pm.f	S6,7,20	MH	Mike Maas	230 4435
Drumming	V	Th.pm.w	S1	PV	John Lee	233 8517
Enjoying Opera I		Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	John Williams	230 4568
Handbell Ringing	V	We.eve.w	S35 9XY	PVAL	Hazel Bradey	234 2608
Jazz Appreciation I		2ndTu.am.m	S10	MH	John Green	230 7768
Jazz Appreciation II		Tu.am.m	S7	MH	John Carr	230 8866
Listening to Music II		We.pm.f	S8	MH	Ray Cottam	235 0536
Music Appreciation I	V	We.pm.f	S17	MH	David Andrews	235 3389
Music Appreciation II	V	Th.pm.f	S6	PV	David Andrews	235 3389
Performance Choir	V	Mo.am.w	S1	PVAL	Carole Hurst	293 9163
Singing for Pleasure		Fr.pm.f	S1	PVAL	Irene Lees	267 1857
Ukelele	V	2nd & 4th Tu.pm.m	S7	PVAL	Ann Beedham	274 8331

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Belly Dancing Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Kathryn Smith	283 1171
Bowling Crn Gm (SE)	V	Th.am.w	S20	O	John Hunt	269 8811
Bowling Crown Green	V	Mo.am.Th.am.w	S8	O	Tony Hobson	281 5373
Country Dancing	V	Tu.pm.f	S8	PV	Anne Marples	266 8794
Croquet	V	We.am.Tu.pm.Th.pm.w	S11	O	Peter Jones	230 5987
Fitness: Tailor made for you.	V	Th.am/Fri.am	S11	PV	Ann Evans	348 6607
Midweek Cyclists	V	Mo.am.f	various	O	Yvonne Bland	283 0992
Pilates	V	We.pm.w	S18	PVAL	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Racketball (Mon)	V	Mo.am.w	S17	PVAL	Peter Keen	236 4914
Racketball (Thurs)	V	Th.pm.w	S17	PVAL	Peter Hawksworth	230 7678
Table Tennis	V	Mo.Th.am.w	S17	PV	Anne Coghlan	236 4770
Tai Chi & Chi Kung: South Sheffield		Fri. pm w.	S17	PV	Pat & Clare Ryan	236 8749
Tai Chi Stocksbridge	V	We.pm.w/Fr.am.w	S36	PV	Christopher Goldthorpe	01226 762 201

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE

Civil Engineering	V	Fr.pm.m	S11/S8	MH	Anne Marples	266 8794
Environment I	V	Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Cliff Ellis	250 0883
Exploring Permaculture	V	Fri. am. f	Various, Shef. district	MH	John Baker	275 6697

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Geology	V	We.--.m	various	O	David Edmonds	234 3604
Natural History		Th.--.m	various	O	Ken Balkow	266 6750
Science & Technology	V	Mo.am.m	S8	PV	Neil Lawrie	236 6294
Sustainable Development	V	Mo.pm.m	central	PVAL	Jo Couldry	268 5496
Transport Umbrella Group	V	3rd Tu.eve.m	S11	MH	John Wragg	229 5181
SOCIAL						
After Hours		Eve/wk.end	various	PVAL	Mary Entwisle	255 2368
After Hours NW		Tu.eve.m	various	PVAL	Joyce Franks	234 8587
Dining Out I	V	Wed.eve.m	various	PVAL	Lorna Baker	236 9025
Indian Veggie Buffet	V	3rd We.eve.m.	various	PV	John Wragg	229 5181
Safari Supper	V	Random	various	PV	John Wragg	229 5181
WALKING						
Dippers "Too"(7-10mls)		Mo.--f	various	O	Margot Williams	268 2476
Dippers I (4-6mls)	V	Mo.--f	various	O	Donald Ward	236 3332
Gannets (5-7mls)		Mo.--f	various	O	John Lees	267 1857
Late Walkers (5mls)		We.am.w	various	O	Jill Whyns	258 9935
Peak in Bloom	V	Sun.--f	various	O	Wendy Taylor	230 9290
Strollers I (Public Trspt.)		We.--f	various	O	Michael Ball	287 9226
Strollers II (Public Trspt.)		Mo.--f	various	O	Sheila Hewitt	268 6891
Strollers II (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Norman Benson	236 1080
Strollers II (Tuesday)	V	Tu.am.f	various	O	Clive Williams	230 8177
Strollers III (Public Trspt.)		We.--f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Strollers III (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Angela Lam	01246 416 842
Strollers SE(Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Barbara Steel	247 4696
Sunday Walkers (7-9 mls)	V	Sun.--f	various	O	David Hydes	288 7815
Walking Grp A (5-6mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Pat Crook	265 4731
Walking Grp B (7-8mls)	V	Tu.-w	various	O	Gail Digby	274 7319
Walking Grp C (5-7mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Gilbert Smith	230 5769
Walking Grp D (9-11mls)	V	Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Jan Taylor	230 2511

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
WALKING cont.						

Walking Grp E (5-7mls)	V	Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	John Ould	236 9606
Walking Grp F (10-14mls)		Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Peter Digby	236 6821
Walking Grp G (5-7mls)		Th.am.w	various	O	Tim&Pauline Caley	230 3212
Walking Grp H (9-11mls)		Mo.--.w	various	O	Eric Bridgeland	250 8819
Walking Grp J (10-14mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Mike Gallivan	266 6797
Walking Grp K (5-7 mls) Pub Trspt.		Th.--.f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Walking Grp L (4-5 mls)		Th.am.w	various	O	Barbara Cassidy	262 0699
Walking Grp M (6 - 8 mls)		Fr.--.w	various	O	Gordon Young	296 2402
Walking Grp N (5 - 7mls)		Fr.am.w	various	O	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Walking Grp NW (5 - 8mls)	V	Th.am.w	various	O	Mary Condon	288 5238
Walking Grp P (8 -10mls)	V	Alt We./Th.w	various	O	Mollie Ibbotson	01246 412 849
Walking Grp Q (5-7mls)	V	Tu.am.f	S5/S35	O	Anne Chatterton	246 2106
Walking Grp R (7 - 9mls)	V	Mo.--.w	various	O	John Woolston	235 2181
Walking Grp SE (8 mls)	V	Tu.--.w	various	O	Kenneth Stringfellow	230 4063

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

SHORT COURSES						
ICT		Fr.pm during course	S32	MH	Clare Chiba	01433 659 864
Memory Course		Th.pm x 4 sessions	S1	PV	Stephanie Dixon	247 0119

OPEN

Classical Concertgoers				PV	Pamela Sandford	236 1815
Literature Network				PV	Belinda Barber	230 4717
Lunch & Lecture		twice yearly	S8	PV	Dorothy Sutcliffe	268 5918
Travel		various		PV	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102
Weekenders		Sa.Su.m	various	PVAL	Dot Sutcliffe	268 5918

Civil Engineering Appreciation Group



A new Group has just been formed to study Civil Engineering, on a self-learning basis.

Dates for the first two field trips have been agreed, with indoor talks taking place in the winter. Additional members will be very welcome.

Outlet of Ladybower Reservoir

Anne Marples

Coordinator

(0114) 266 8974

Meditation and Light Discussion Group

This new Group has emerged as a development from the Inspiration Group. The benefits of a group meditation have been acknowledged and we decided to include a twenty minute period during the meeting. This might be silent or can include suggestions for newcomers. We continue to value spontaneous discussions but also welcome occasional presentations on inspiring topics. The new formula brings more variety and a freer flow to the meeting.

Meeting on the 3rd Monday afternoon, S10.

John Wragg

Coordinator

(0114) 229 5181

German Conversational Practice

This would not be aimed at any exams, just more for holidays and general interest. We are aware of two German speakers who are willing to share their knowledge with others including beginners. We are interested in sounding out interest levels to see if a Group is possible; meetings could be held in members' houses.

Initially members can contact us, Anne and Maurice Greenhalgh, on (01909) 564 464.

Fitness: Tailor made for you

There is now an additional session on Tuesday mornings.

Ann Evans

Coordinator

(0114) 348 6607

New Members Needed

1. Spanish Inter 1

This is a friendly and supportive self-help Group, meeting on Thursday mornings at Sharrow Old School. Our activities include Spanish conversation, listening to CDs of native speakers, some grammar work of course and a lot of laughs! The standard is (roughly) post-GCSE.

If you are interested why not come and try a class?

Hilda Wisbey

Coordinator

(0114) 262 1730

2. Whist Contract and Double 12 Dominoes

Is anyone interested in joining a new mid-week session of this Group?

We meet in members' homes and the session could be in the afternoon or the evening depending on interest.

Please contact me if you would like to know more.

Gerald Cartwright

Coordinator

(0114) 281 1499

3. Walking Group R

We are a friendly group who walk between seven and nine miles, usually in the Peak, every Monday. *(See us at Mam Tor, below)*



Members may car share to reach the walk's start, but we do use buses and trains on occasion.

Members take it in turn to devise and lead the walks but help and assistance is given if you are new to the area or not used to planning walks.

After the walk we usually have a drink in a nearby pub or café.

If you think this sounds like something which might be for you please contact me.

John Woolston

Coordinator

(0114) 235 2181

Today's World: A Summer Quiz

As our summer draws to its close here are some questions for you to ponder on.

What has the fact that King John's courtiers got lost on the Wash got to do with the banking crisis?

Is inequality bad for everyone?

Can we cope without nuclear power?

Which politicians do you admire (if any)?

How many shops are there in the Cheshire Oaks Outlet Centre: 50, 100, 150, 200?

Should prisoners be allowed to watch Sky Sports in their cells?

There are no prizes for any answers but my final question may be an easier one: what is the link between those questions?

Correct! They were all discussed by the Today's World group in the first half of this year and for some of them we actually arrived at answers. For others they provoked interesting, stimulating, sometimes heated, usually inconclusive, but always engaging and controlled discussions.

There is more to look forward to for the remainder of the year. What would you choose to discuss? It might be gay marriage or the Arab Spring. It could be whether badgers should be culled or if cats are a menace to wildlife. It may be parking problems or even the development of the city centre. Our Group name of Today's World provides us with a vast canvas from which to select our subjects. So what will be next on our programme? It includes John Richards introducing the subject of Debt Matters and John Green starting our discussion about the media and its funding.

It sounds like the Today programme except that we devote more time to each topic.

David Pierce

Coordinator

(0114) 281 9414

Walking Group L



Held their 7th Annual picnic to raise funds for Edale Mountain Rescue and raised £215 - despite the rain.

Barbara Cassidy

Coordinator

EDALE TEAM



Weekenders: A Fishy Night Out

Saturday 12 October 2013

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

Postcode

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ (**£7.85** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**.

Menu Choices – please indicate your choice: (*pay on the night*)

Small cod and chips (price £6.95) Regular cod and chips (£8.95)

Haddock and chips (£8.95) Scampi and chips (£7.95)

Vegetarian lasagne (£6.95)

Mushy peas (£0.95) Garden peas (£0.95)

Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

Old Mother Redcap 18.00 (....)

Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane 18.30 (....)

Pond Hill (Penny Black pub) 18.45 (....)



Please send cheque (**£7.85** per person), form and a small stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible to:

Dot Sutcliffe,

32 Tapton Crescent Road,
Sheffield S10 5DA.



FOCUS ON – Personal Finance

Personal Finance is one of the most interesting of our many and varied offerings in SU3A. The Group originally started in 1994 but relaunched in February 2011 under the chairmanship of John Richards and with Helen Marsh as Coordinator.

On retirement or bereavement financial circumstances often change dramatically and this fact, together with the significant changes in SU3A membership since 2004, was an important consideration influencing the relaunch. Fortunately four members of the old Group were on hand to play an essential role in the new venture.

The Group calls on the expertise of outside speakers, most recently the manager of Handelsbanken. This is a Swedish bank with a branch in Sheffield and is different from most banks in that it will make decisions for its customers at local branch level rather than pushing them up an anonymous chain of national decision making. A local solicitor has also given up to date information on Care in the Community and the Group itself has dealt with such topics as annuities, ISAs and gas and electricity tariffs and suppliers.



Topics for the next meetings include Annuities, Stakeholder Pensions, Sippis, and ISAs, in addition to Personal Care costs and Share selection.

The Group will also operate an open forum from its next meeting in September 2013 in which the membership can raise issues of importance to them and ask these to be discussed in future meetings. This is very much a participatory Group rather than a 'sit and listen' one. Members are actively encouraged to participate and to offer alternative opinions and ideas.

As well as being of interest in itself, this Group provides a vital social need for its members. It highlights the virtues of a voluntary organisation at its very best – caring, compassionate and with the needs of its membership at the forefront. SU3A is proud to have such a Group as part of its overall offering.

The Group meets monthly on the 3rd Monday of each month at 14.00 at Shirley House, Psalter Lane. For further information contact Helen Marsh on (0114) 230 1622 or email timandhelen.themarshs.plus.com.

If you would like us to **FOCUS ON** your Group please contact John Evans on (0114) 230 1173, email publicity.sheffieldu3a.org.uk, and he will give publicity to your Group.

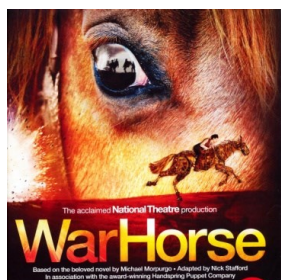
Travel Group Events

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

Insurance: All members are responsible for arranging their own travel insurance. Sheffield U3A cannot be responsible for any claims. We strongly recommend that members be insured.

Travel Group Visit to the Lowry Centre, Salford

Wednesday 4 December 2013



Our December visit is to the Lowry Centre, Salford, for a matinée performance of the celebrated London production of Michael Morpurgo's play *War Horse* set in the First World War.

When we arrive in Salford, there will be time to visit the Art Gallery, with its exhibition of Lowry paintings, the nearby Imperial War Museum and the huge Retail Centre.

There are cafés and restaurants to suit all tastes and pockets. The performance starts at 14.30. The inclusive cost is **£49.00** per person.

Applications may be made using the form on page 34 and this should be sent, together with a cheque and small stamped addressed envelope, to Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, S17 4LA to arrive as soon as possible.

Advance Notice: Travel Group Visits for 2014

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| 12 March: | Repeat Visit to Bletchley (See December Links) |
| April: | Wentworth Woodhouse (See February Links) |
| May: | Holme Pierrepont Hall (See February Links) |
| 24 June: | Austin Roses, Wolverhampton (See April Links) |
| July: | Great Yorkshire Show (See April Links) |
| August: | Wensleydale Railway/Bolton Castle (See June Links) |
| September: | Anderton Boat Lift and Lion Salt Works (See June Links) |

Short Breaks 2014

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| 5 - 10 June: | Glasgow and surrounding area (See December Links) |
| 28 Sept-3 Oct: | Chichester and Sussex (See February Links) |

Travel Group Short Break to Stonehenge and other places

21 – 25 April 2014

The spring holiday next year starts on Easter Monday when we will visit Kenilworth Castle on our way to The Holiday Inn at Winchester. Other places to be visited are in Hampshire and Wiltshire and cover a good range of interesting venues. There will be time to see something of Winchester and Salisbury with guided tours of their beautiful cathedrals.

A drive through the New Forest will bring us to Beaulieu Motor Museum and to Exbury Gardens, where some of the famous collections of camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons should be in flower.



Photo courtesy of Gareth Wiscombe

We must take the opportunity to visit Stonehenge now that work on the new and greatly improved visitor facilities and site access has been completed by English Heritage.

Another English Heritage property to be visited is Old Sarum. On the last day of the holiday we will break our journey home with a visit to Whitchurch Silk Mill in Hampshire.

For this 4 night/5 day stay at the Holiday Inn, Winchester, on half board the cost per person, sharing a twin or double room is **£350.00** and for single occupancy there is an additional charge of **£60.00**. The prices quoted include hotel room, breakfasts and evening meals, all visits and payment to guides, morning coffee and lunchtime sandwiches at the Silk Mill, gratuities for the Hotel staff and our driver and coaching throughout by Walter Martin. Except for refreshments as stated, all other drinks and food in the hotel or any visits are at your own expense.

To apply for this holiday please complete the form on page 34 and send it with a deposit of £60.00 per person, together with a Links size stamped addressed envelope, to Margaret Bullivant **before 10 October 2013**.

Before submitting your application, please read the Travel Group notice about travel insurance on page 28.



weekenders

Back to School Quiz

Saturday 9 November 2013

Name(s)

SU3A No(s)

Address

Tel:

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Postcode

Please send me tickets(s) for the Quiz and pie and pea supper.

I enclose a cheque for £ (**£12.00** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**. I would like to request vegetarian meal(s).

Please send the cheque, completed form and a small stamped addressed envelope to: Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, S10 5DA to arrive by **Thursday 31 October**.



weekenders

Deck the Halls at Burton Agnes Hall

Sunday 1 December 2013

Name(s)

SU3A No(s)

Address

Tel:

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Postcode

Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

Old Mother Redcap 08.30 (....)

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

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

Please reserve place(s).

I enclose a cheque for £ (**£24.50** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**. Please send with a small stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible to: Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, Sheffield S10 5DA.

Sheffield U3A Hits The Three Thousand Mark

Sheffield U3A has become the first U3A in the country to hit the three thousand mark in terms of membership.



John Kirkwood recently became number 3000 on our membership lists and represents the latest milestone in the continuing success story of SU3A. As a long-standing resident of Sheffield, recently retired John was already aware of U3A through family and friends.

He is a keen cyclist and enjoys hill walking but was particularly interested in the language offerings of SU3A. Although not considering himself a natural linguist he is interested in brushing up on his Spanish and will probably make this the first Group he will join.

Welcome John. We hope your U3A membership will be rewarding but above all enjoyable.

In welcoming John, chairman Jean Stevenson said

"We are delighted to have reached this landmark. The continuing growth of our organisation is the best testimony to its success."

SU3A Drop-In



John came to our latest Drop-In at the Central United Reformed Church near the Crucible.

These happen on the first Tuesday of each month and are a place to meet other SU3A members.

An organisation our size has the advantage of a huge number of Groups but the disadvantage of not all being able to meet up in one place so, if you are passing, drop in for a chat, a coffee and the chance to meet other like-minded people.

Next Drop-In : Tuesday 1 October

Classical Concertgoers: Joshua Bell, Manchester

Sunday 19 January 2014

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me (£33.00 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

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Forms should be sent by 30 November to:

Pamela Sandford, 289 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0DA

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Lunch and Lecture: Mike Higginbottom

Friday 25 October 2013 at 12.00 for 12.30

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Sheffield Park, S8 8BW

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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..... Postcode

Menu choice(s) (please indicate): (a) (b) (c)

Please reserve place(s) for me (£15.50 per person). I enclose a small stamped addressed envelope and a cheque for £ payable to **Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture.**

Forms should be sent to arrive no later than **11 October** to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, Sheffield S10 5DA

Report on Weekenders' trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo

Friday: On the way to Edinburgh we visited the 17th century Newby Hall built under the guidance of Sir Christopher Wren with work by Robert Adam. We made a brief stop at Gretna Green, the venue for over 5000 weddings a year and which is now commercialised beyond recognition.

Saturday: The day of the big event, The Tattoo was a marvellous spectacle of colour, dance, music and breath-taking young dare-devil motor cyclists. As always, the massed pipe and drum bands provided a magnificent and exciting performance. Bands and dancers were there from Korea, Mongolia and New Zealand among other lands. The show began with two Tornado jets flying low and loudly over the castle and ended with the emotive lone piper on the castle's top battlements.

Sunday: Home time. Shortly after leaving Perth we visited the Falkirk Wheel which links two canals whose water levels are 35 metres apart. As we came into North Yorkshire, the rain started in earnest but we had only sunshine and some cloud for the trip. We had a great time on a wonderfully well-organised outing.

Thank you Shirley.

Croquet News: *Mike Maas gazes ruefully as he sees the final of the singles championship slip away to the eventual winner, Peter Jones.*



Travel Group: Visit to the Lowry Centre, Salford

Wednesday 4 December 2013

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me at **£49.00** per person. I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**.

Please return the form, cheque and a small stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible to:

Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, Sheffield S17 4LA

Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

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

Bus bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 08.15 (....)

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Travel Group: Stonehenge and other places

21-25 April 2014

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me.

Room type: Twin/double/twin share/single

I enclose a cheque for £ (**£60.00** deposit per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a Links-size stamped addressed envelope.

Completed forms should be sent to arrive **before 10 October** to:
Margaret Bullivant, 14 Kingsley Park Grove, Sheffield S11 9HL.

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Joining SU3A:

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(0114) 230 8866

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(0114) 236 9025

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(0114) 236 9687

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Secretary
secretary sheffieldu3a.org.uk

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Jenny Emby email: links sheffieldu3a.org.uk (0114) 281 3159

** if you know the copy may arrive at the last minute, let me know in advance so I can plan for it.*

From the Editor

Calling all photographers ! Tell the world about your Group !

We need some interesting photographs to enliven *Links*. Now that we print in colour you have more opportunity to share news about your Group. Quirky and informative is good; artistic is even better.

Please take the photograph on a camera and send the original large file.

Please remember the Contributors' Copy Code:

Early, Literate, Accurate, Emailed

Calendar 2013 and 2014

October	1	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	7	Sustainability Group: Harvest Day
	9	Travel Group: Bletchley Park: Day Visit
	10	Classical Concertgoers: CBSO: Symphony Hall. Birmingham
	12	Weekenders: Frying Tonight, Rotherham
	18	Showroom Lecture: Everest before the Tourists
	25	Lunch and Lecture: Derbyshire Waterways and Railways
	26	Flying Gardeners: 10.00: Meersbrook Park, main gate
	30	Lit. Network: Gabriel Márquez: 14.00: Quaker Meeting House
November	1	Open Executive Committee meeting: 10.00-12.00: The Circle
	5	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	9	Weekenders: Quiz Night: Holy Trinity, Millhouses: 19.30
	15	Showroom Lecture: The Spanish Civil War: 10.30
	28	Travel Group: York: Day Visit
December	1	Weekenders: Burton Agnes Hall: Day Visit
	3	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	4	Travel Group: Lowry Centre, Salford: Day Visit
	20	Showroom Lecture: O Little Town of Bethlehem: 10.30

2014

January	7	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	19	Classical Concertgoers: Joshua Bell: Manchester: 16.30
February	4	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
March	12	Travel Group: Bletchley Park: Day Visit
April	21-25	Travel Group: Stonehenge etc.: Short Break
May	8-12	Appreciating Architecture: Tuscany: Short Break

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