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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Yes, it **was** good news at the recent, well attended AGM/AMM and I am delighted to report that a full Sheffield SU3A Committee is established for 2007/08. Having voiced my concern about the then still vacant Treasurer post, as the April *Links* was actually in the post to you all, James (Jim) Rowland was talking to Derek Cave – and the problem was solved at the eleventh hour. But I want to place on record my grateful thanks to the three SU3A members (two of whom were very new to SU3A) who telephoned with offers to help with whatever they could. So there is “new blood” out there – and this is how SU3A will continue to thrive.

As you know, we asked if you would provide your date of birth on the membership application form (now a permanent item) and there was a heartening response. Although all individual details remain confidential under the Data Protection Act, the miracles of technology allow for analysis of such information and you may be as surprised as we were at the results. There has never before been an age “profile” of SU3A membership and those of you with a statistical inclination will be able to read much from the following table.

Age distribution of SU3A members as at March 2007

(membership c.2,300; total forms completed 1,987)

Age between -	
90 and 100 years old	15 (oldest 98)
80 and 90 years old	264
70 and 80 years old	854
60 and 70 years old	746
50 and 60 years old	107
Under 50 years old	1

Cover Picture: <i>Please?</i> by Ms Priest (commended in Travel Group Art Competition)

We shall miss the five retiring Committee members, Derek Cave, Roy Darlison, Peter Digby, Myra Smith, and Hilda Wisbey. Their combined legacy ensures our continued progress. I am very grateful that Tony Allwright, Roger Heesterman, John Lees, James Rowland and Shelagh Woolliscroft have agreed to volunteer to serve on the Committee. Brian Bezant (with Doreen) has taken over as General Coordinator, Roger Heesterman is now *Links* Editor, not forgetting Jim Rowland as Treasurer. And we have already kept our new Minutes Secretary, Janet Gough, very busy.

With some plans already in place, do look out especially for news of the Gift Aid Working Party who are about to start things moving.

I have just had news from the Resource Centre, Third Age Trust, that they are at last fully back in business after the fire and (I quote) “we have now added many more items to our DVD stock

Have a good summer - hoping we shall meet at Askham Bryan in August.

U3A in the UK celebrates its **25th** Anniversary this year.

Joan Keogh

U3A Merchandise

A variety of U3A merchandise with logo, including blue or black umbrellas (£6), car stickers (£0.40) and bags for life (£0.50) can be ordered from the U3A National Office, Unit 3 Carpenters Court, 4a Lewes Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 2RN. Prices include VAT and an invoice will be sent including postage and packing.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The first meeting of the new Committee took place on 4 May. The new members (see photograph below) were inducted and the procedures of the Committee explained to them.



From left to right: Roger Heesterman (*Links* Editor), Jim Rowland (Treasurer), Shelagh Woolliscroft, Tony Allwright and John Lees

Janet Gough was introduced as the new Minutes Secretary (photo right).

The Chairman, Joan Keogh, reported on a meeting with the Sheffield North U3A, but had to report that it had now been wound up.

The Treasurer reminded all Groups that a copy of their accounts must now be sent to him, but many were still outstanding. He also reported that 2,300 members were currently enrolled, yet another increase on the same period last year. He thanked Michael Brumby, the Independent Examiner of our accounts, and John Brooke, Equipment Officer, for their excellent service over the last year. Norman Smith, Web Coordinator, reported that only 26 out of our 138 Groups had so far established their



own group home page on the website. He hoped many more would do so soon (please contact him for assistance).

It was agreed that next years AMM/AGM would be held on 25 April 2008 at a venue to be decided.

The report of the Gift Aid Working Party, chaired by Roy Darlison, was briefly summarised for the benefit of the new members. Roy is preparing an article for the next issue of *Links*. Preliminary arrangements for the Ridings Region Open Day at Askham Bryan on 23 August 2007 were discussed (see Travel Section for details of free transport).

The next meeting is on 29 June.

Roger Heesterman

2008 Diaries - Order Now

Once again it is time to order your 2008 U3A diaries, which are available at £1.90 each. The cover colour is burgundy. The size is 3.5 x 6 inches with a page marker and perforated page corners. The week begins on a Monday and each double page spread has seven days to the left and a notes page to the right.

If you are ordering individually, please send a suitable sized **SAE with a 50p stamp** and a cheque for **£1.90** made out to **Sheffield U3A**. If you are a coordinator ordering several for your group, please send one cheque and the diaries will be delivered to you.

Please send your order in **no later than 13 July** to Barbara Steel, 11 Watkinson Gardens, Sheffield S20 7LU. This is the only opportunity to get your diary.

Barbara Steel *Secretary*

Requests for Voluntary Help

How does the Brain Control Speaking?

A research study is investigating the regions of the brain that control speaking. The team, led by Dr Barbara Rosario, are seeking volunteers to attend a 90 minute session at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital. Volunteers should have no history of neurological illness (e.g. stroke, epilepsy, head injury), be strongly right handed and a native speaker of English.

The study uses transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), using electro-magnetic pulses to stimulate the brain. TMS is safe and non-invasive (i.e. does not involve anaesthetics or surgery). You will be recorded as you say words and sentences. Some volunteers will be invited to attend for an MRI brain scan after the speech study.

Volunteers will be paid £15 expenses. If you are interested, please contact Dr Rosario by phone (0114) 226 8764, by e-mail "barbara rosario" <bhwright@doctors.org.uk> , or by post to Department of Neurology, 12 Claremont Crescent, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield S10 2JF.

Age Concern Enablers

Age Concern in Sheffield are seeking a number of volunteers to join their group of Enablers who help meet the needs of isolated vulnerable older people who might traditionally have attended a day centre. Volunteers will support individuals on paired basis to identify their interests and ambitions and explore how these can be met using community activities.

If you are interested, please contact Sean Kachmarski , Volunteer Coordinator, by phone (0114) 250 2867 or e-mail sean.kachmarski@ageconcernsheffield.org.uk.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AGM/AMM

The Annual Members' Meeting at Tapton Hall on 27 April was attended by 92 members. A number of groups put on displays of their work, including Art groups, Patch and Quilt, and Woodworking/carving. The level of expertise was amazing and it was fascinating to watch a work being produced.



In her Annual Report the Chairman, Joan Keogh, said that there had been steady progress through the year, and that there are now more than 130 groups together with open groups covering travel, literature, music, theatre as

well as quiz nights. She specially thanked Notre Dame school for hosting our ICT group. SU3A now also has links with both universities in Sheffield, helping with their research.

Joan thanked the Committee members for their work over the year as well as the behind the scenes workers, especially the Enquiries Officer, the Membership Secretary, the Equipment Officer and the *Links* staffers for their support.



Five members of the Committee are standing down and five new members (photo on page 3) have come forward to replace them.

The Chairman noted that SU3A has now received £5,000 in Gift Aid and will receive £3,000 a year for the foreseeable future.

The Gift Aid working party has produced an initial report suggesting areas where Gift Aid might be used, including support for group activities, keeping members in touch, purchase of one-off items, promoting SU3A in parts of Sheffield where it is not well represented at the moment and financial support for other activities.



The Treasurer, Derek Cave, reported that we are “living within our means” and therefore the annual subscription can remain at £7.00. U3A News is now received four times a year instead of three, which costs more in postage. SU3A will participate in the Ridings Region event this year and will provide free transport for SU3A members. Software has been purchased to enable Content Managers to input material into

the website. Most Committee members have their own PC, but if extra equipment is needed to carry out their tasks then SU3A may purchase it. Bearing in mind the disastrous fire at national office SU3A must have back-up systems in place.

Group coordinators have been informed that if their group has an annual turnover in excess of £1,000 then accounts should be submitted to the Treasurer.

Norman Smith

Photos: Roger Heesterman



Sheffield U3A Travel Art Competition

The Annual Travel Group Art Competition was held on 1 March 2007 and the winners in the four categories (Townscape, Still Life, Sea/Landscape and Animals) are listed below. The winners' pictures were photographed by John Brooke.

Townscape (below)



First	Cariyatids	Marisa Boden
Second	King's College , Cambridge	Brian Hackett
Third	Rooftops	Ms Priest
Commended	Symi Island, Greece	Joyce Wright

Still Life (right)

1st Flower Study Ruth Lamb

2nd Still Life with Lobster Margaret Greig

3rd Untitled Alma Walker

Sea/Landscape (below)

1st A Walk in the Snow Mary Mac Wax

2nd Bleak Winter Alma Walker

3rd Perth Ruth Lamb



Animals (below)



First

Second

Third

Commended

Kitty

Dog

Kingfisher

Please?

Marisa Boden

A Parker

B J G Levers

Ms Priest

From the New Editor

This is my first issue of *Links* - I hope there are not too many “deliberate” mistakes. I have served an eighteen month apprenticeship and am now fully responsible. Sheffield U3A has been excellently served by Myra Smith, who has further raised the status of our Newsletter. I have a hard act to follow, but will do my best. I am pleased to say that Myra has agreed to stay on as Deputy Editor to provide continuity and guidance, prior to the Committee seeking a new Deputy in approximately twelve months’ time.

My contact details are shown inside the front cover. I will echo the plea of all Editors - **please send me your copy**, for without it there can be no *Links*.

I would prefer copy and photographs to be emailed to me, as this reduces the risk of transcription errors. Text should preferably be in Microsoft Word 2003 *.doc* or Rich Text Format *.rtf*. If the photographs have been edited, could you please send me a copy of both the original and the edited version, preferably in *.jpeg* format. I will also be pleased to receive hard copy and printed pictures by post - please be sure to include your telephone number in case there is a query. Please enclose a SAE if you wish the items to be returned to you. If in doubt, please ring before sending copy to me.

Roger Heesterman, Editor

ADVANCE NOTICE - October 2007 Links CHANGE OF PUBLICATION DATE

Will all regular contributors please note that the October 2007 issue of *Links* will be published approximately two weeks later than usual. The copy deadline will be Tuesday 25 September and copies should be posted on Thursday 11 October. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

GROUP NEWS

Classical Concertgoers' Group

Join us for our second summer visit, on Tuesday 14 August 2007, to the Gilbert and Sullivan Festival at Buxton Opera House, for a performance of *Patience*, given by the Gilbert and Sullivan Society from Victoria, Australia. Come and enjoy the antics of the 35th Dragoon Guards and share the unrequited passion of the languishing maidens, who are all in love with Bunthorne, a very limp poet (probably based on Oscar Wilde). He in turn is smitten with Patience, a beautiful and artless village milkmaid. When a second eligible poet and obvious rival appears on the scene, who will win her hand? Come and find out!

“the unrequited passion
of the languishing
maidens”

The inclusive cost is £23.00 and bookings can be made using the slip at the end of this issue. Please send applications to Derek Shipley to arrive no later than Saturday 30 June 2007. Please include the names and contact numbers of all members for whom you are applying and a stamped addressed envelope.

The coach will leave the bus bay on Ecclesall Road South, near the top of Millhouses Lane, at 6.00pm. Our visits are open to all SU3A members and no special group membership is necessary.

Derek Shipley

Book Group II

Although (or perhaps because?!) we are a lively group, we are also keen travellers and as a result are finding attendance rather sporadic. We meet at Dore Moor Inn at 11.15am on the first Friday of each month, with those who wish staying for lunch. If you are interested in joining us, please give me a call.

Irene Voyce

Archaeology Group

It has been a pleasure to welcome new members to the Group's visits to Weston Park and Bishop's House Museums and the outdoor venue at Monk Bretton Priory Medieval Monastery.

The programme for July to November 2007 should be ready for distribution in June. Please contact the Coordinator for further details.

Kathleen Head

Gardening Group D

We have organised a visit to Scampston Hall, near Malton on Tuesday 12 June 2007. After a welcome from the Head Gardener, Tim Marshall, we shall have a tour of the Hall guided by the owners, Sir Charles and Lady Legard. The afternoon is free to explore the four acres of gardens, including the walled garden designed by Piet Oudolf. Morning coffee and lunch can be obtained from the highly recommended restaurant, or alternatively a picnic lunch can be brought to eat on the coach or in the grounds.

The coach will leave from opposite the Wagon and Horses, Millhouses at 8.30am (parking available at the north entrance of the park) and Pond Street at about 8.50am. It will return at 4.30pm, arriving at the city centre at 6.45pm and Millhouses at 7.00pm.

The cost is £20.00, which includes transport and entry fees, but not refreshments. Please send applications, with a £10 deposit, **as soon as possible** to Shelagh Woolliscroft.

This visit is available to all SU3A members.

Shelagh Woolliscroft

Beginners' Latin Group

A new Latin Group is to be formed. It will be suitable for members who have **never** studied Latin before. We shall meet once a fortnight on Tuesday mornings in members' homes and study the Cambridge Latin Course. If you are interested, please contact the General Coordinator, Brian Bezant.

Natural History II

Like most good groups, the Natural History Group is full to overflowing. It seems it is time for a second group to start. If anyone is interested in walking 2/4 miles one morning a month and seeing what flowers, insects, birds etc. we can find and then have a pub lunch afterwards, then please give me a call. Both beginners and experts most welcome.

Marion Edmondson

Evening Walking Group

Anyone interested in walking alternate Friday evenings, please phone Jackie Elliott.

Literature Network - The Rise of the Novel

Dr Karen Morton, from the Institute of Lifelong Learning led an exhilarating canter through the origins of the novel. Until the written word began to be more generally available with the advent of printing in the 1500s, most people relied upon the oral tradition to supply information and entertainment, as well as religious and moral instruction. Many of the plots which still appear in novels - rivalry, love and courtship, adventure, war and murder, the doings of the rich and powerful - can be found in ballads and romances.

The 18th century saw the emergence of printed work which

began to approach the definition we might apply to the novel today “a long prose narrative about largely fictional if usually realistic characters and plausible events” (John Richetti) , though realism and plausibility were often not a priority! Dr Morton told us that Richardson’s *Pamela*, the early novel recounting the preservation of a maidservant’s chastity, served a variety of purposes. While the tale claims to illustrate the rewards of virtue’s triumph, Pamela’s pursuit mildly titillates the reader, at the same time as (apparently its original intention) instructing the aspiring in the art of letter writing!



Dr Morton has herself researched a neglected 18th century novelist, Eliza Parsons, and attendees were busily making notes of unfamiliar authors as well as exchanging opinions with the speaker. The spread of literacy, and motivation towards self-improvement to fulfil social and financial ambitions, gave a huge impetus to the rise of the novel, which blossomed in the 19th century with the classics known to us all.

Literature Network talks are open to all SU3A members, so if you have an interest in discussion about drama, poetry or novels, please look out for our twice-yearly events and come along. The Literature Network meets again in the autumn - watch this space for further details.

Yvonne Rowland

Photograph of Dr Morton - Peter Barclay

TRAVEL NEWS

Travel Organising Committee

Shirley Marney, Coordinator
Ken Parkin, Treasurer
Derek Shipley, Minutes Secretary
Peter Frost
Barbara Robertshaw
Margaret Bullivant

Only members of Sheffield U3A can join the tours/day trips.

Holiday Insurance - In no circumstances will the Sheffield University of the Third Age be responsible for covering claims for loss of life, personal injury, medical expenses, accidents, loss or damage of luggage or personal property, cancellations or loss of deposits. Each person must themselves insure against these risks.

Disabilities - The policy of Sheffield U3A with regard to taking members on trips is to be as fully inclusive as possible. However, our trips and tours contain a full range of activities and need to be considered carefully by individual applicants. The organiser must, therefore, be advised of any health issues or disabilities at the time of booking. This enables the organiser to discuss with the Tour Operator/Travel Agent or the place of interest on a day trip, as applicable, to assess the suitability of the trip for the member, who can then make an informed decision.

Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate a disabled person on all social trips, if there is a conflict of opinion for Short Breaks and Holidays the Tour Operator/Travel Agent will make the final decision.

Cancellations - In the case of a cancellation please contact the day trip or holiday organiser or another member of the Travel Group Committee as soon as possible. **Refunds** cannot be given for cancellations unless a replacement can be found.

Please contact the Organiser if you are unable to be at your pick-up point, or want to change it. **Please** do not park in front of the doctor's surgery on Millhouses Lane. When sending a **stamped addressed envelope** it should be no less than 4 x 8 inches, with the new correct postage for its size.

Burnby Hall Waterlily Gardens & Sledmere House and Gardens

Tuesday 10 July 2007

Visiting the National Waterlily Gardens at Burnby Hall and Museum, Pocklington, East Yorkshire. A glorious haven of beauty and tranquillity at this time of the year when the lilies look at their best. We then take the short journey to Sledmere village and enjoy lunch at the Triton Inn.

In the afternoon, a one hour conducted tour of Sledmere House, one of Yorkshire's stately homes, has been arranged. Finally, there will be time to visit the parkland and wander through the rose gardens etc.

The total cost including travel, entrance to both venues and lunch is £31.

To reserve a place, please complete the slip at the end of this issue and send, with a cheque made payable to Sheffield U3A Travel and a stamped addresses envelope, to Peter Frost.

The Black Country Museum

Thursday 9 August 2007

Visit the fascinating living museum of historic buildings from all around the Black Country. Houses and workshops have been moved here to create a tribute to the traditional skills and enterprise of the people who once lived in the heart of industrial Britain. Meet the characters in the original shops and houses, ride on a tramcar or fairground swing boat, take a lesson in the old fashioned school or explore the underground coal mine.

With a changing programme of demonstrations there is something to suit all tastes, from sweet making and glass

cutting to metal working. Visit the horses, enjoy a pint of ale in the Bottle and Glass Inn, chat by the fire or just soak up the atmosphere.

After an introductory talk, tour the museum at your leisure. A variety of refreshments are available at the canal-side café and refreshment area and the Fried Fish Shop. If you wish to take a packed lunch, there are plenty of places to sit in the open.

The cost is £22 per person. This includes the coach fare, driver's tip and entrance ticket. Meals and drinks are not included.

To reserve a place complete the slip at the end of this issue and send, with a cheque made payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a stamped addressed envelope 22 cm x 11cm, to Margaret Bullivant to arrive **no later than 30 June**.

The Ridings Region Celebration Event Askham Bryan Thursday 23 August 2007

Come and meet members from the other 27 U3As in the Ridings Region. Observe or take part in some of the group activities that most of these U3As are presenting, including SU3A. These include card making, the Swanland Choir, circle and country dancing, displays of art, crafts and photography, philosophers' corner and much more to see. The event is from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

The coach is **FREE** and there is no entrance charge.

Please complete the slip at the end of this issue and send, with a stamped addressed envelope to Shirley Marney.

Highlights of Hampshire

3 -7 September 2007

For this short break we will be staying at the Chichester Park Hotel, which is well placed for our interesting itinerary. On the journey to Chichester we will visit Chartwell, home of Sir Winston Churchill, and on our way home again at the end of the holiday we will visit Hughenden Manor, where Benjamin Disraeli lived. These two places are National Trust properties, so are free of charge to NT members.

During our stay at Chichester we will have daily excursions to venues including Winchester Cathedral and Library, Brighton Pavilion with a “behind the scenes” tour, Fishbourne Roman Palace and the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum. We shall have a day at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard where our all-inclusive tickets allow access to HMS Victory, the Mary Rose and HMS Warrior (the world’s first iron-hulled armed warship) as well as the many fascinating exhibits on the site.

The cost per person for this five day holiday is £338 (plus single supplement of £85), excluding insurance. This includes travel by coach throughout, half board accommodation, entrance fees and gratuities for driver and hotel staff. If you do not have a NT membership card you will have to pay the entrance fee at Chartwell and Hughenden Manor.

To book a place on this holiday, please complete the slip at the end of this issue and send, with a deposit of £35 per person (cheque made payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**) and a stamped addressed envelope, to Margaret Bullivant, **by 23 June 2007**.

**River Cruise - Porto, the Douro Valley
(Portugal) and Salamanca (Spain)
21-28 April 2008 (8 days, 7 nights)**

Flight from Liverpool. The boat is the MS Infante Henrique, all cabins have a big picture window, en-suite TV etc. There is a spacious sun deck and the holiday is full board.

Visiting Porto, one of the oldest cities in Europe, with its winding narrow streets, houses with arch ways and splendid churches; Braga, which is known as the “Portuguese Rome”, due to its architectural style; Vila Real famous for its diversity of its religious architectural styles; Salamanca, which was awarded Unesco world heritage site status for the outstanding beauty of its Roman, Arabic and Christian architectural Treasures; and Ferrandosa, where there will be a port wine tasting. All trips off the boat are optional.

Cost - Lower deck £849, Mid deck £899, Upper deck £959. Single supplement for all decks £229. This excludes transport to the airport, gratuities for driver, and insurance.

Please complete the booking slip at the end of this issue and send, with a deposit of £100 per person (cheque made payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**) and a stamped addressed envelope, to Shirley Marney.

Advance Notice of Short Break to Berlin

Contrary to the brief details in the April edition of *Links*, the proposed short break to Berlin will be from 18 - 22 May 2008, for 5 days/4 nights. Details will be included in the next edition of *Links*. If you wish to have further information, please contact Barbara Robertshaw .

Programme for 2007

June 1-10	St. Petersburg and Moscow.
June 19	Manchester Baths /Arley Hall
July 10	Burnby Hall Gardens and Sledmere House
August 9	Black Country Museum
23 August	Askham Bryan - free coach
September 22	New England Cruise
September 20	Ironbridge
October 10	Stockport Hat Museum/ Bramhall
October 23	Vietnam and Cambodia
November 8	Lichfield
November 10 -12	Thursford Norfolk
November 14	South Africa
December	York

Some ideas for holidays for 2008

March 23	Majorca
April 21 - 28	Douro Valley Cruise
May	Berlin (short break)
June	Two centre in Austria
July	Tall Ships, Liverpool
September	Short break, Suffolk
November	Turkey

SHEFFIELD U3A TRAVEL
PLEASE NOTE THAT
ONLY POSTAL APPLICATIONS
WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR HOLIDAYS AND DAY TRIPS

Rome and Sorrento March 2007

This was a 12 day holiday that took us some 3,000 air miles, 400 miles by coach in Italy, and often many hundreds, sometimes thousands of years into Italy's past.

We stayed in the centre of Rome for three days, imagining listening to the roars of the bloodthirsty crowds in the Colosseum; or seeing Michelangelo on his back painting the roof of the

Sistine Chapel;

maybe

observing the throng along the Forum debating the latest news and edicts from the Senate.

This is what our minds did. Our feet (plus coach and guide) took us to the



The Colosseum - *Graham Southgate*

Colosseum, the Pantheon, the People's Square, the Trevi Fountain, the Arch of Titus leading to the Forum and, of course, to the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica. Leaving Rome we knew we could never adequately describe the beauty and wonder of what we had seen so suffice to say, if you haven't been, then do make every effort to spend at least three days in Rome.

En route to Sorrento, we stopped to visit the town and monastery of Montecassino. This area saw WWII's most hard-fought struggle. It lasted six months, cost 250,000 lives and completely destroyed the magnificent monastery. We were pleased to see the restoration, bringing it back to its former glory.

We arrived in Sorrento to enjoy four star treatment at our hotel. At the start of our planned itinerary, we were joined by our local guide, Eugenio (aka Pavarotti), whose knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, the area and its history was second to none. The first tour was



The Arch of Constantine - *Graham Southgate*

along the fabulous Amalfi coast with its stunning views and buildings perched precariously on rocky cliffs; another day to Pompeii and Vesuvius where in 79 AD the latter buried the former in volcanic ash for archaeologists to uncover some 1600 years later. What they discovered was truly amazing, which we didn't appreciate to the fullest extent until we visited



On top of Vesuvius - *Graham Southgate*

the National Archaeological Museum in Naples. Visits to Herculaneum and Oplontis allowed us to see better preserved sites. Villa Poppea in Oplontis was Nero's home built for his wife Poppea.

After our tour of Naples, we visited the "flat" volcano of Solfatara. On leaving the coach we were hit by the "rotten egg" smell of sulphur. Walking on the site we could see the ground

smoking and it was hot to the touch. Our guide called for silence and then lobbed a fair sized rock into the air. When it hit the ground it made a sound like a bass drum. We were standing on a skin of earth some 25 feet thick, capping a reservoir of gas! On the way back to the hotel we were serenaded by Eugenio, in true Pavarotti style. We had free time and most of the group visited Capri.

The holiday gave us history, art, science, architecture, archaeology, wonderful views, good companions and all underpinned with first class planning and administration resulting in a totally satisfying holiday. Many thanks to our fellow travellers and especially to Shirley Marney, our U3A holiday organiser.

Doreen and Jack Chatfield



Trevi Fountain
Myra Kirkpatrick



Patch and Quilt
at the AMM

U3A NATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP

Tours are provided by U3A National Travel Organisers for U3A members.

Currently for 2007 there are five European and one worldwide tour still available. In 2008 there are two UK tours, 11 European and Mediterranean tours and seven tours worldwide planned and on offer.

Information about all of these tours can be obtained from the Third Age News or by going to www.u3a.org.uk, which is the national U3A website, and registering a username and password. The U3A National Travel Newsletter is published in the spring, summer, autumn and winter.

MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

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Since the groups in U3A
Have formed
Everyone seems fulfilled
Finding their needs
Fellowship cloned
In our varied organisation
Educating each other
Learning personified!
Don't you agree?

U could try to -
3 or more to start
A group!

Aud Bradley

Sheffield U3A Calendar 2007

June 12	Scampston Hall - Gardening D
June 19	Manchester Victoria Baths and Arley Hall
July 10	Burnby Hall Waterlily Gardens and Sledmere House and Gardens
July 12	Theatre Group - <i>42nd Street</i> , Alhambra, Bradford
August 9	The Black Country Museum
August 14	Classical Concertgoers' - <i>Patience</i> , Buxton Opera House
August 23	Askham Bryan - Ridings Region Celebration
Sept 3 - 7	Short Break - Highlights of Hampshire
September 20	Ironbridge
September 22	Cruise - New England and Canada in the Fall
October	Short Break - 40s weekend in Pickering
October 10	Stockport Hat Museum and Bramhall Hall
Oct 23 - Nov 6	Vietnam and Cambodia
Nov 8	Lichfield
Nov 10 -12	Thursford Christmas Spectacular
Nov 14	South Africa
December	York

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Mar 23 - Apr 6	Winter Warmer, Puerto Pollensa, Majorca
April 21 - 28	Douro Valley Cruise
May 18 - 22	Berlin (short break)
June	Two centre in Austria
July	Tall Ships, Liverpool
September	Suffolk (short break)
November	Turkey