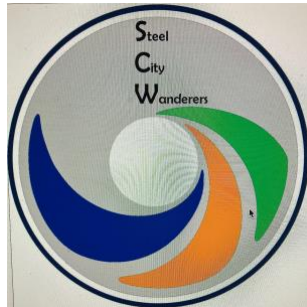
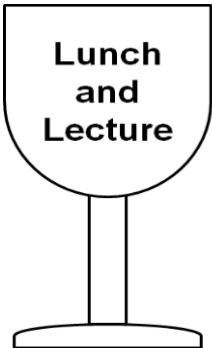


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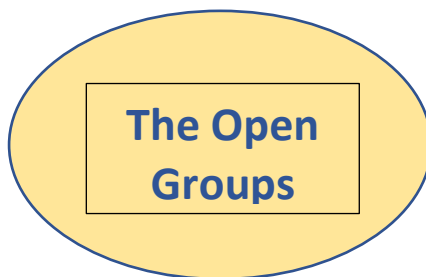
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The Open Groups are open to all members of Sheffield u3a

Most open group activities require you to send in a booking form with deposit and S.A.E. The booking forms will be found in Links, in the Open Groups Supplement and in the monthly e-newsletter and should be completed and returned to the person named by the due date.

If you are looking to learn more about our city, go on day trips, travel to Europe, listen to a lecture and meet new people, then one of the open group activities is for you.

Travel Audio System

To further enhance the tours where guides are used, Su3a have invested in the Whisper Audio System. Basically, you are provided with a small receiver (about the size of a pack of cards) which you wear around your neck. This has an earpiece attached. The guide wears a transmitter with a microphone and talks normally. Through your earpiece, you can hear the guide up to 70 metres away.

Ideal for those city walks or when visiting country houses and churches. For those with hearing aids with a 'T' switch, loop receivers are available. Just let the organiser know in advance.

Your tour organiser will let you know if these will be used on your excursion.



Sheffield u3a Private Facebook group

Sheffield u3a now has a private, members only group on Facebook. The aims for this group are to share photographs of us in our group activities (please obtain everyone's permission first), share the benefits we gain, promote information about new groups, post updates about drop-ins and new members' meetings, plus links to our monthly e-newsletter and other useful information. This private group will help us all keep much more in touch and aware, and spread the buzz and love about Su3a.

Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sheffieldu3a/> and hit 'Join'. You will be asked to answer 2 questions including typing in your u3a membership number. See you in our new Facebook group.



Whitby Cancellation: Saturday 17th August 2024

The trip to the Whitby Regatta has had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstance. All application forms and cheques will be destroyed

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FRIDAY LECTURES

Held at the Showroom Cinema

Friday Lectures usually take place on the 3rd Friday of the month (apart from August when we have a month off) at the Showroom Cinema on Paternoster Row. They start at 11.00 am and with time for questions, usually finish at 12.00 noon or thereabouts. There is no need to book a place and many of our members make it a social occasion and meet up for coffee in the Showroom café beforehand.

We try to organise a wide range of subjects and this year we have run the gamut from the “Sheffield Cats Shelter” to “Artificial Intelligence and what it can do for us” and from Estate Planning to what is happening with Sheffield’s rivers.

We resume again on September 20th with **Professor Ros Cameron** who will be talking about the impact of climate change on gardens and landscapes.

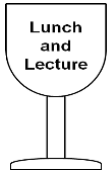
On October 18th our very own **Polish Culture & Heritage Group** will give a presentation on recent Polish history and how their families sought sanctuary in the UK.

For those of us with a sweet tooth, on November 15th we will have a talk from **Andrew Littlewood** a local researcher, about the confectioners buried in the General Cemetery.

The December 13th lecture is decidedly “upbeat” and not to be missed. **Neil Hanson** will return, this time to talk to us about his time as a “ghost writer” to stars and celebrities. Anyone who heard Neil last December, telling us about his time at England’s highest pub, The Tan Hill Inn, won’t want to miss it.

We are currently planning our 2025 schedule so if you know of any speakers that you’d recommend please let us know by emailing mocave@btinternet.com

Deborah Beetham & Mo Cave
Friday Lecture Coordinators.



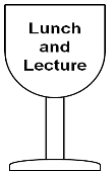
LUNCH AND LECTURE (LL) OPEN GROUP

The Lunch and Lecture (LL) Team trust that you have survived all the wet, damp, grey weather. As we began writing this article it was very warm, if not full sun, and a superb change to being cold and muffled in layers of clothes! Having just experienced the longest day we know that we must make the most of the better weather whilst it lasts!

Our Lunch and Lecture in May focussed on Wentworth Woodhouse. David Winpenny gave us a very interesting and informative account of the history of this 'once stately home' and how it is still very much alive in the community. A very enjoyable afternoon.



We are always glad to receive constructive criticism do our utmost to act upon it where possible and would very much like to thank all of you for the positive feedback we received on the day.



LUNCH AND LECTURE (LL) OPEN GROUP

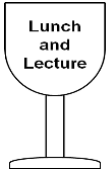
Please note that our **next Lunch and Lecture** will be on **Friday, 1 November 2024** at the Doubletree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, Meadowhead, SHEFFIELD S8 8BW (and **not 8 November 2024** as given out at our last gathering). Arrival 12 noon for a 1230 start. **Cost - £25.00.**

Our speaker will be **Mike Newbold** - we have it on good authority that he is a witty and amusing speaker, who will surely keep us entertained. Mike began acting in amateur dramatics groups many years ago and has been a 'television extra' for over 18 years. Having encountered some interesting (and strange) people whilst working on Last of the Summer Wine, Downton Abbey and many more, he has a multitude of experiences to share with us. . . .

Menu choices:

- A** Chicken Breast wrapped in Prosciutto served with Tarragon & Caper Crushed Potatoes, Cracked Pink Pepperorn Cream **(Gluten Free)**
- B** Butter Roasted Salmon Fillet served with Parsley Crushed Potatoes, Green Beans & Tarragon Cream
- C** Linguini in Sundried Tomato Pesto **(Vegetarian)**
- D** Salted Caramel Chocolate Brownie served with Vanilla Ice Cream **(Gluten Free Option available)**
- E** Apple and Berry Crumble Tart served with warm Vanilla Custard

PLEASE NOTE that this is a set menu and once you have made your menu choices you cannot change your mind.



**LUNCH AND LECTURE:
MIKE NEWBOLD BOOKING FORM**

**Doubletree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield Road South,
Meadowhead, SHEFFIELD S8 8BW
Friday, 1 November 2024 - 12 Noon for 1230 start**

NAME:.....Su3a No:

Name:.....Su3a No:

ADDRESS :

..... Post Code:

Email address (I **agree/do not agree** to you retaining my email address for the purpose of sending me further information about this event or future similar events - please delete as applicable.) Telephone No:

Signed Date...../...../2024

MENU CHOICES - please tick one main and one dessert per person

A	B	C	D	E	Hearing*
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Special dietary request:.....

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Please reserve place(s) at **£25.00 per person**. I enclose a **small SAE** and a cheque for £ payable to **Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture**.

Forms should be sent to arrive no later than Monday, 21 October 2024, to Barbara Hutton, 57 Bradway Road, SHEFFIELD S17 4QR

NB If you have an E-Links or E-Newsletter, not a paper copy, please printout the form or write out the required information clearly to send with your cheque and SAE.

Enquiries: Barbara Hutton (01144384412 ~ 07873202996)
barbara_hutton@hotmail.com Sue Connelly (01246418251 ~ 07890522014)
ksueconnelly@hotmail.com

Resources to help with hearing at the lecture - if you would like to find out more, please tick the box* for someone to contact you.

If you cannot print out any of the booking forms in this addition of the Links Open Group Supplement, please send the details requested on a separate piece of paper to the address shown together with your cheque.

++ STOP PRESS! ++

ZOOM Talk 15th August 8:30 pm

By

Camilla & David Jordon

Our Visit to the ARCTIC

Our Link editors, Camilla and David will talk about their recent trip to Svalbard and the Arctic. We have had a sneak preview of the photographs which are spectacular and we recommend not missing this event.

You will need to book by logging in via the calendar page on our web site Su3a.org.uk and select calendar.

3 Yorkshire Churches **Monday September 2nd**

We will meet Pat McLaughlin, our guide, at St Cuthbert's Church, Fishlake, where light refreshments will be served before our tour of the church.



The entrance to the church has a lavishly decorated Norman doorway, dating from 1170 which is covered in rich carvings featuring large medallions with sitting figures. This remarkable Romanesque sculpture is one of only two in England, thought to be designed by a cluniac monk and crafted by highly skilled cluniac artisans. Other notable features of the church are a superbly decorated font, a rood screen and a decorated altar tomb, all of which are medieval.

Fishlake is regarded as the most southerly point for the temporary resting place of St Cuthbert's coffin which was transported sometime in the 9th century to escape Viking raids on Christian communities.

From Fishlake we journey to St Nicholas's Church, Thorne, where lunch will be taken.

This church is a Grade 1 listed 12th & 13th century building. It is mainly medieval, with possible conquest traces. A medieval font, rood screen and clerestory are to be found, as well as a rare stone coffin which was discovered in the 18th century and is thought to date to pre-conquest times. There is some spectacular stained glass including a window by Sir Henry Holliday. Traces of Norman windows can be seen in the chancel and there is a striking 1945 War Memorial by Byron Howard.



Our final visit is to St Lawrence Church, Hatfield. There has been a Christian church on this site since 637AD, the date of the battle of Hatfield. It was recorded by the Venerable Bede and a local priest. The current stone built church dates back to 1150AD with areas of Norman pebble construction. Much of the stone used was



brought from Roche Abbey. The present Norman church holds a 15th century wooden screen, a parish chest formed of a single piece of oak which originally had 10 locks. The Lady Chapel dates from the 16th century. Both its roof and the chancel roof have many fine carved bosses. The South Transept has a curious memorial to William Outibridge showing disgruntled angels above and chrysanthemum flowers below; it is dated 1756. The arms of the Savage family, one of whom was Archbishop of York from 1501-1507 are displayed in the central tower,

After light refreshments we shall depart at 4.30pm to return to Sheffield.

The cost per person for this outing is £40. This covers coach travel; driver's gratuity; payment to our guide; donations to each church; teas, coffees and lunch.

The coach will pick up at the bus stop on Knowle Lane at the junction with Ecclesall Road South at 8.30am and at The Interchange - Stand E5/6 at 9am.

To apply for a place on this outing please complete the booking form and return it with a cheque made payable to SU3A TRAVEL GROUP together with a stamped addressed envelope to:-

Valerie Wiley 112, Button Hill, Sheffield, S11 9HJ

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY 15th AUGUST 2024.

Please remember that INDEPENDENT MOBILITY IS ESSENTIAL and that the churches will have uneven surfaces, steps and trip hazards, so sturdy footwear is advisable.

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**3 YORKSHIRE CHURCHES
MONDAY, 2nd SEPT 2024**

Please complete the booking form in BLOCK CAPITALS.

NAME: SU3A No

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ADDRESS:

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.....Post Code:

TEL: MOBILE:

Email:

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS eg, Vegetarian, Vegan, Diabetic, Gluten Free etc:

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Emergency Contact

NAME: Tel :

Please reserveplace(s) at £40 per person.

Please tick your preferred pick up point below:

(.....) Bus stop **ON Knowle Lane** at Ecclesall Rd South junction at **8.30am**

(.....) Sheffield Interchange Platform E5/6 at **9am**

With this application, please enclose a small SAE and a cheque for £40 per person, made payable to SU3A TRAVEL GROUP. **Closing date Thursday 15th AUGUST.**

Send to : VALERIE WILEY 112, BUTTON HILL, SHEFFIELD S11 9HJ



York City and Cruise with Fish & Chip Lunch

Saturday 28th September 2024

++ A Few Places Left ++

Enjoy a cruise on the River Ouse through the heart of the City of York. A commentary is provided on our private hire boat, explaining the sights and history of this historic river. Whilst being enthralled with what you hear and see, you will be enjoying a fish & chip lunch washed down with a cuppa.



The cruise takes us from the City Centre and returns us after 1.5 hours. You then have 3.5 hours to visit the many places of interest in and around the City Centre.

During this free time, you could walk around the City walls experiencing the gardens and roads from your lofty position. You could visit the UK's largest Minster, walk down the medieval Shambles, have a cream tea at Betties, look at Kirkgate, the oldest street scene from the 1890's in the Castle museum, experience what Viking village life was like at the Jorvik Viking Centre or immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of trains at the National Railway Museum.



As you can see, there is something for everyone. If you would like to go on this trip, please complete the form below.

The price is £51 per person and includes return coach to/from Sheffield, the river cruise, fish & chip lunch and all gratuities.

For more information, please contact Brian Cave on 0114 2305312



**York City and Cruise with Fish & Chip
Lunch
Saturday 28th September 2024**

Name:.....**Su3a No:**.....

Name:.....**Su3a No:**.....

Address:.....

.....**PostCode:**.....**Tel:**.....

Email Address:.....

Enclosed is my cheque for £..... (£51 per person) made payable to **Su3a weekenders**.

Emergency contact details:

Name:

Tel:

Please return this completed form together with your cheque to **Brian Cave, 73 Highcliffe Road, Sheffield, S11 7LP to arrive no later than 10th July 2024**. Acknowledgement will be by email. Please enclose a s.a.e if you do not have an email address.

My preferred pickup point is **Knowle Lane Sheffield Interchange**

If you cannot print out the form, please send the details requested on a separate piece of paper to the address shown together with your cheque. If you no longer have a cheque book, please contact Brian Cave at bpcave@hotmail.com on how to pay.



Canterbury and the Historic Houses & Heritage of Kent 29th Sept – 3rd Oct 2024

Registration of Interest

Join the Travel Group on a trip exploring Canterbury and Heritage of Kent. This 5 day, 4 night trip includes private executive coach throughout our journey and 4 nights half board accommodation at the 4* Bridgewood Manor Hotel on the outskirts of Chatham. All of our allocated Standard Rooms are ensuite and feature television, hair dryer and tea & coffee making facilities.



On our way down to Chatham we will visit the National Trust's Chartwell property, the family home of Sir Winston Churchill from 1924 until the end of his life. The rooms and gardens remain much as they were when he lived there and contain personal memorabilia, books and family photographs.

Day two will see us visiting two National Trust properties; Sissinghurst Castle Garden, developed around the surviving parts of an Elizabethan mansion, the gardens provide outstanding design and colour



We then visit Scotney Castle. The house was designed by Anthony Salvin in Elizabethan style and built in 1837 for Edward Hussey III, while the romantic ruins of a medieval castle and moat are the focal point of the celebrated gardens.

On day three we enjoy a guided tour at Canterbury Cathedral, dating back to 597AD when St Augustine, sent by Pope Gregory the Great as a missionary, established his seat in Canterbury. In 1170 Archbishop Thomas Becket was



murdered in the Cathedral and ever since the Cathedral has attracted thousands of pilgrims, as told famously in Geoffrey Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales'. We then spend some time at leisure in Canterbury. This afternoon we visit Walmer Castle and Gardens, transformed from a Tudor castle constructed by Henry VIII to protect against

invasion from France and the Holy Roman Empire, into the elegant home and residence of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports – among them the Duke of Wellington and the late Queen Mother

Day four is a free flow visit to the Historic Dockyard Chatham. Time is at leisure to explore the attraction, and you may choose to visit No. 1 Smithery: National Treasures Inspiring Culture, a joint project between The Historic Dockyard Chatham, the National Maritime Museum, and the Imperial War Museum.

Later in the day we will make our way to the National Trust's Knole House and Deer Park. Set at the heart of a timeless deer park, Knole House has links with kings, queens and the nobility as well as literary connections with the novelists Vita Sackville-West and Virginia Woolf. Thirteen superb state rooms are laid out much as they were in the 18th century, and include world renowned rare furniture, paintings by Gainsborough and Reynolds and important 17th century tapestries



Our final day, day five, we will make our way back to Sheffield visiting the National Trust's Ightham Mote, a superb moated manor house and garden, nestling in a sunken valley and dating from 1330. The main features of the house span many centuries and include the Great Hall and Tudor chapel with a painted

ceiling.

The cost for this trip is **approx £655.00pp** with a **£99.00** single supplement, subject to minimum numbers being met. All gratuities for coach, hotel and guides (Canterbury Cathedral) are also included.

Please note for **non National Trust members there will be additional entrance costs at all National Trust properties**

All applicants should have their own travel insurance. Su3a cannot be responsible for any claims. This tour is arranged by Tailored Travel who may provide travel insurance if needed. Moderate mobility is required to enjoy this itinerary. Please note the itinerary could be changed due to matters beyond our control nearer the time.

If you are interested in joining us on this trip you can apply to join by the following methods:

For those who have **already registered your interest** from the July newsletter you do not need to do anything. A booking form will be sent to you electronically for you to complete if you still wish to go on the trip

For those who missed the article in the July newsletter and wish to **save on postage**, you can email your registration of interest (name(s) and membership number and a booking form will be sent to you electronically

For those who need to register interest **by post** please send you name(s) and membership number(s) along with a stamped addressed A5 link sized envelope to Samina Aslam, 342 Abbey Lane, S8 0BY by **12th August** and a booking form will be posted to you

Single rooms are always at a premium, if you are willing to share/twin with another member saving £99 each please do consider this option

Samina Aslam (sammas1747@gmail.com / 0114 2351489)



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Aug 15	ZOOM Talk	Camilla & David Jordon's Visit to the Arctic
Aug 24	Weekenders	Stamford and Open Air Theatre. Jane Austen's <i>Sense and Sensibility</i>
Sep 2	Sheffield Travel	3 Yorkshire Churches Tour with Lunch
Sep 3	Drop-in	10:00 – 12:00 at the CURC*
Sep 6 – 13	ETG	Italian Lakes Coach Tour
Sept 20	Friday Lecture**	Prof. Ros Cameron – Impact of Climate Change on Designed Gardens & Landscapes
Sep 28	Weekenders	York & River Cruise with a Fish & Chip Lunch
Sep 29 – 3 Oct	Sheffield Travel	Canterbury and Historic Houses & Culture of Kent
Oct 1	Drop-in	10:00 – 12:00 at the CURC*
Oct 18	Friday Lecture**	Su3a Polish Culture & Heritage Group – Their families stories from the 1940's
Nov 1	Lunch & Lecture	Mike Newbold - Actor
Nov 5	Drop-in	10:00 – 12:00 at the CURC*
Nov 15	Friday Lecture**	Andrew Littlewood – Sweet Remembrance, The Confectioners of Sheffield General Cemetery
Dec 3	Drop-in	10:00 – 12:00 at the CURC*
Dec 13	Friday Lecture**	Neil Hanson – The Ghostwriter. Tales from writing for celebrities of stage, screen & sport

*CURC: Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street

** Friday Lectures are held in the Showroom at 11:00

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