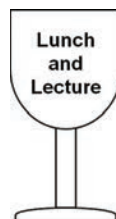
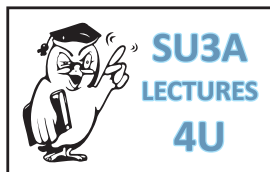
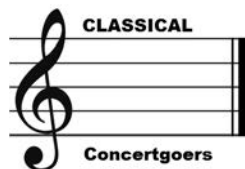


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August 2018

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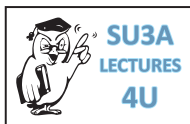
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This supplement is produced by the various Open Group Committees.
Any comments should be directed to them and not to the Links Editor.



Open groups are open to all Sheffield U3A members.

For some events, like the Friday Lectures, you just need to turn up in good time for a seat. Other activities require you to send in a booking form, often with a deposit and SAE. The booking forms will be found in the Links and Links Supplement and should be returned to the person named.

So if you want to go to listen to some classical music, listen to one of the monthly lectures, go on a weekend away, learn more about our great city through walking, go on a day trip near or far or to travel Europe, one of the Open Groups is just for you.

These are great opportunities to meet new people, see new places, and learn.

Travel Audio System:

To further enhance the tours where guides are used, SU3A have invested in the Whisper Audio system. Basically you have a receiver around your neck and an earpiece. The guide wears a transmitter and talks normally. Through the ear piece you can hear the guide up to 100m away. Ideal for those city walks or when visiting country houses and churches. For those who wear hearing aids with a 'T' switch, loop receivers are available. Just let the organiser know in advance. If you prefer to use your own headphones, or earpiece with a standard 3.5mm earphone jack (as used on a mobile phone, ipod, ipad and portable radios), then just take it with you on your journey.

The Open Groups Supplement Editor



Classical Concertgoers

Bridgewater Hall,

Monday 1 October 2018 7.30pm

Russian State Symphony Orchestra

Vasily Petrenko conductor

Barry Douglas piano

Tchaikovsky	Suite from Swan Lake	20'
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Rachmaninov	Piano Concerto No.1	26'
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Rachmaninov	Symphony No. 2 in E minor	55'
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This will be an evening of soulful Russian music full of joy *and* yearning. Vasily Petrenko has gained a great name for himself with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic so it will be a privilege to hear his mastery of an international orchestra in a concert hall with wonderful acoustics.

The price of seats in our usual position of mid to rear stalls has risen slightly this season. The cost for coach travel, ticket and gratuity will be £34 per person.

Martin's coach will leave the bus stop at the bottom of Knowle Lane at 4.00pm to reach the Bridgewater in time for a drink and a preview talk (optional) at 6.30pm.

The talk, by classical music expert Jonathan James, introduces the evening's programme.

We hope you will join us for this first visit of the autumn season. Please complete the application form as soon as possible. In line with the Travel Groups we now ask you to give a contact number in the event of illness or accident on the day (unlikely I hope). All your data is erased after the concert.



Classical Concertgoers: Bridgewater Hall 1 October 2018

Name(s)

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Address

..... Postcode

Telephone number

Emergency contact

Please reserve tickets for me. I enclose a cheque for £

If possible I would like to sit with

Please return application, cheque and **a small sae** as soon as possible to :-Pamela Sandford, 289 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0DA



FOG in CHANNEL CONTINENT CUT OFF!

But Despite that, 32 intrepid members of SU3A found their way across “La Manche” courtesy of P & O Ferries. Our purpose? To view the magnificent Cathedrals of Northern France.

Based in Reims for six nights, we had a packed itinerary which took us to the cathedrals of Chalon, Amiens, Cambrai, Laon, Arras and of course Reims.

Of course, it wasn't wall to wall cathedrals, there were other “divertissements” plus a good few opportunities to taste French cuisine.

In Chalons en Champagne there was a leisurely boat ride on the river Marne which showcased the beautiful mediaeval buildings of the town centre. For some, the afternoon visit to the Joseph Perrier Champagne House was the highlight of the day, especially as we had to try their product, (it would have been rude not to) which was excellent.

We visited Amiens to see not only the Cathedral of Notre Dame, one of the largest Gothic buildings ever built, but also the Floating Gardens which have been in cultivation since the Middle Ages. A boat ride is the only way to view or access these quite extraordinary individual garden plots. Some had just a basic shed or “man cave” whilst others had more substantial buildings. The owners obviously use them as weekend retreats

despite the lack of drinkable water, plumbing, electricity or road access.

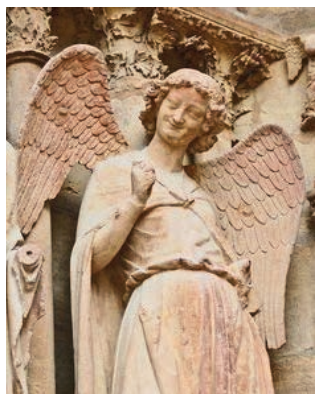
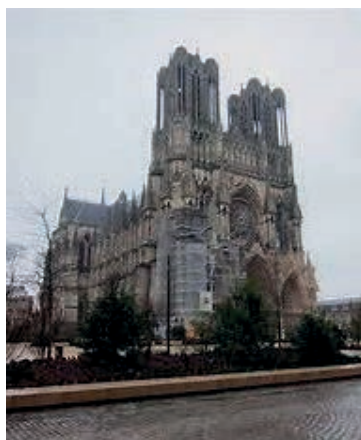
The halfway point of our holiday saw us in Laon and Cambrai. Laon is a beautiful hill top town, Cambrai not quite so pretty. The cathedral in Laon was notable for the full sized stone cows peering down (*cont.*)



from its towers, a reminder of a divine beast which miraculously appeared to assist in dragging the stones up the hill when the cathedral was being built and then, just as miraculously, disappeared once it was built!

One of our most poignant visits was to Arras, scene of fighting during the first world war. Here we visited the quarries and tunnels extended by New Zealand miners in order to launch a surprise attack on the enemy. Soldiers lived down there for weeks before the attack and there were still signs of their sojourn. Lunch was at a local bistro and was shepherds pie which the French lay claim to as their own! Despite this, it was delicious and shored us up for our afternoon visit....to the cathedral!

Our final day before travelling home was spent in Reims itself. Traditionally, Reims Cathedral was the place where French kings were crowned (or “coronated” as our local guide put it) so it had to be grand. By this time we were well versed in church architecture and could tell our Baroque from our Gothic. However, to describe Rheims cathedral as Gothic would be an understatement..... it was Gothic



Flamboyant (pronounced in the French way) at its most “flamboyant”!!

It fair bristled with gargoyles, saints, sinners, kings, demons and angels, including the famous smiling angel (see left).

From the sublime to the ridiculous, there was one final trip for those of us who were too tired to trudge the streets of the city once our guided tour had ended. On a commercial estate on the outskirts of Rheims is situated the Fossier Biscuit factory. We did the tour, got a free shopping bag and the biscuits were delicious!

Mo Cave. SU3A Traveller



Bucharest and Legendary Transylvania

27th September – 2nd October 2019

****Registration of Interest****

Join us on this two stage tour of the capital of **Romania, Bucharest** and the spectacular region of **Transylvania**, in the heart of the country.

Our stay in Bucharest includes a guided tour of the city and the



Palace of Parliament, the third largest building in the world after the Pentagon and the Potala Palace in Tibet and a further guided tour of the **National Art Museum** which houses works by **Rembrandt**, **El Greco** and **Breughel**. We will round off our stay in Bucharest with a **classical**

concert in the evening of our second day.

From Bucharest we will make our way to **Sinaia**, breaking our journey for an **included lunch and a local wine tasting session**.

During our stay here we will have a guided tour of the medieval town of **Brasov** with its ornate Saxon architecture followed by a visit to **Bran**



Castle, known the world over as **Dracula's Castle**. We will be able to climb the towers and explore courtyards and secret passageways.

We will enjoy an included **scenic cable car ride** at **Sinaia** before visiting **Peleş Castle** and it's beautiful gardens in the **Carpathian**



Mountains,
built in the late
19th century for
Romania's first
monarch, King
Carol I and the
Sinaia

Monastery,
founded by
Prince Mihail
Cantacuzino in
1695. On the
day of our

departure and flight home there will be free leisure time to enjoy **Sinaia**

The cost of this 5 night 6 day tour will be approx. £1150.00pp with a single supplement of £169.00pp and includes return coach travel from Sheffield to Luton Airport, flights to and from Bucharest, private coach travel in Romania, accommodation at 4* hotels on bed and breakfast basis, 4 dinners (at hotel or local restaurants), one 3 course lunch and wine tasting session, entrance fees to venues as highlighted and all gratuities (except for hotels which are left to individual travelers' discretion).

To make the most of this tour, moderate mobility is required especially at Bran's Castle where steep steps have to be climbed to reach the towers.

Please note that the Parliament visit on Day 2 is subject to availability. Parliament will only confirm the visit a few days prior to arrival. Should we be unsuccessful an alternative visit will be arranged.

If you are interested in this tour you must register your interest by 17th August 2018. Contact details:

Samina Aslam sammas1747@gmail.com 0114 235 1489



Beverley and Burton Constable

Sunday 23 September 2018

Beverley has an awe-inspiring Minster, historical buildings, a Georgian Quarter and cobbles. In the morning we shall have a guided tour of this picturesque small town. Afterwards there will be time to have lunch and visit the Minster which is one of Britain's finest examples of Gothic architecture and contains 16th century misericords, a Saxon sanctuary stool and a collection of medieval musicians' carvings in wood and stone.

After lunch we will visit nearby Burton Constable, an Elizabethan country house which has been the home of the Constable family for the past 700 years. The house is filled with fine art and furniture and contains an 18th century Cabinet of Curiosities, a sort of home-based museum of whatever caught the fancy of William Constable, owner of the house for most of the 18th century.

The parkland was designed by Capability Brown and in the stables there is the 60 -feet long skeleton of a sperm whale which was stranded on the coast in 1825.

The cost of the trip is **£27 per person** which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity, the guided tour of Beverley and entry to Burton Constable.

If you would like to join us, please book online (login at <https://su3a.wildapricot.org> using your email address and password) or complete the form in this issue and return it to Dot Sutcliffe to arrive as soon as possible.

Please ring Dot on 0114 268 5918 for further information.



Weekenders' Quiz Night

Saturday 27 October 2018

It's back and it's moved to be cosy with Halloween! The now annual quiz, which Trip Advisor calls "absolutely the best U3A Quiz within a week of Halloween", will be held on **Saturday 27 October at 19.30** in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Grove Road, Millhouses, (good bus links and easy parking). The cost is **£13 per person** (price held yet again!).

Come along for an evening of fun, mental stimulation, good food, conversation, the odd question or two and the chance to win Halloween-themed prizes! We will roll back the years to scurry round the dusty rooms of our brains to recall some of that knowledge accumulated in a lifetime of living - and to impress our fellow SU3A members with what we can remember.

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, for a relaxing, stimulating and enjoyable evening, please book online at www.su3a.wildapricot.org using your email and password or complete the form in this issue and return it to Jane Whitehead with your cheque for **£13** per person, made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**, and a **small sae** by 1 October 2018.

Please ring Jane on 0114 457 7740 if you would like further information.



Beverley and Burton Constable Sunday 23 September 2018

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Emergency contact name and number

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Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £

(**£27** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**.

Please send to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, Sheffield
S10 5DA **with a small SAE** as soon as possible.

Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

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

Pond Hill (Penny Black Pub) 08.30 (...)



Weekenders' Quiz Night Saturday 27 October 2018

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

(**£13** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**.

I would like **vegetarian meal(s)**.

Please send to Jane Whitehead, 10 Storth Park, Fulwood Road
S10 3QH **with a small SAE** to arrive as soon as possible.



Steel City Wanderers

Steel City Wanderers is an open group which explores the culture, geography and energy of Sheffield in the form of short, guided walks, a full description of the route and the background information for many of our walks are now available for use by you on the new Sheffield U3A website at <http://www.su3a.org.uk/wordpress/home/regular-events/steel-city-wanderers/>. Or visit the Sheffield U3A website and look under “regular Events”

Highlights from 2018 so far have been: *Football Heritage Walk*. A big thankyou to John Wilson for such an excellent, evocative, interesting and passionate walk. We started the “advert” for this walk with the sentence “*Sheffield is the most significant city in Europe in the development and history of football – arguably perhaps, but you may well be convinced by the end of this walk*” – we were. Sheffield has so many football firsts, too many to list here so the recommendation is that you download the 'Sheffield Home of Football' App from the Apple Store or the Google Play Store <https://www.englandsoldestfootballclubs.com/a-history-of-sheffield-football-1857-1889-speed-science-and-bottom/> There is text and there is also an audio narration so you can even enjoy the walk from the comfort of your armchair.

Plaques; Bronze, Brushed or Stone, a star or two and the odd monument. A walk through the commemoration of famous people and their achievements, often no longer remembered. A first for us as this was walked twice! A second big thankyou of the page to Ruth, Sue, June and Chloe for organising and leading and enabling many more members to enjoy some of the Sheffield history that is around us but we often seem to fail to notice.

Part Norfolk Park Heritage Trail, Part Stunning Views, Part History. Led by Tricia was a wonderful walk sprinkled with a little history - some significant some just interesting, leavened with the best views across Sheffield and finished at a delightful but “we didn’t know that was there” coffee bar?

Perhaps our most significant walk of the first half of 2018 was our Sheffield Black Civil Rights walk led by Mark Hutchinson, Trustee of the Sheffield Journey to Justice Campaign, an organisation with the mission “*to galvanise people to take action for social justice through learning about human rights movements and the arts*”. A moving and evocative walk learning history that we weren’t taught in school, have a look here; <http://journeytojustice.org.uk/about/>

Our final walk of the first half of the year was through a very noisy Sheffield which was celebrating a record England World Cup football win. The walk theme was “A Walk through a Slice of Sheffield History”, and was another first as this walk was arranged for a visiting U3A Travel Group from London ably martialled by Dot and former Sheffield member Shirley, a tough job well done as we found that Southerners and Sheffield topography tended to clash – with Sheffield winning.

Coming Up in 2018.

By the time you read this the walk exploring the rich history of Parkwood Springs and Rutland Road will have taken place led by Dennis, Matt, Harry & Brian, but still to come, (we hope)...

A journey through the music of the 60's with Brian, a walk tracing migration into Sheffield with David, maybe a walk out to Attercliffe, we've not been there before, with Rob, a tour of some of the finest architecture this grand old city of ours has to offer curated by Elaine and maybe an expanded slice of Sheffield history walk where each of the walkers help to narrate a history of Sheffield in 20 buildings.

Thankyou's to all who have designed and lead walks, without you there would be no more Steel City Wanderers.

If you would like to be alerted to future walks, please email us. If you have previously been in touch, we will already have you on our emailing list to receive invitations to future walks.

If you have an idea for a walk, please get in touch, we can support you with the logistics and organisation leaving you free to supply the imagination.

We are always looking for volunteers to design and lead a walk, and would very much like to put together a “Sheffield Radical Politics” walk – if you have a memory, some history or just a little knowledge about Sheffield politics over the past few hundred years we would love to hear from you.

We are still looking for contributors to construct a Sheffield LGBT walk – if you can help.....

A big thank you to our supporters & regular walkers – grand to see you every time.

Pat & Clare Ryan. drpjryangmail.com



Advance Notice: Travel Group Day Visits for 2019

March	Pilkington's World of Glass, St. Helens
April	Manchester Baths and Gorton Priory Repeat visit by popular demand
May	Beverley Minster and Humber Bridge
June	Bradford and Cartwright Hall
July	Waterlilies at Burnby Hall

Short Breaks

June	North Somerset
September	Glasgow



Vacancies for Travel Committee Members

Are you interested in travel in the UK? The Travel Group is looking for two members to join the team to help organise day trips and 2-3 short breaks per annum. You would be joining an experienced team and help and guidance will be given. You should be a good organiser, get on well with people, a good communicator and be comfortable using the internet, emails and word documents. Experience of organising trips for groups would be an advantage but is not essential.

If you wish to know more please contact: Barbara Robertshaw at ba_robertshaw@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 0114 2369102

Links Publication Dates

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Copy Deadline

23 August 2018
25 October 2018

Travel Group Visit to Hawes and Wensleydale

Thursday 11 October 2018

This visit is another first for the Travel Group. Wensleydale is probably the largest, most varied and spectacular of the Yorkshire Dales. Our journey takes us through beautiful countryside, full of contrasts, a land which has changed little over the centuries. We travel through delightful villages – Bedale, Leyburn, Aysgarth and Bainbridge - with spectacular hills and valleys all round. In complete contrast, from the high road above, we quickly look down over the grim, grey Bolton Castle, where the young Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in the 16th century. Finally, we reach our destination, the small village of Hawes, with its traditional shops and small inns. Everything seems to move more slowly here - even the traffic.



Our first visit is to the modern Wensleydale Creamery and the “Yorkshire Cheese Experience.” We see and learn how this famous cheese is made and its place in the local economy. We visit the 1897 Coffee shop with its panoramic views over the Dales. In the cheese shop, 20 different hand-crafted

Wensleydale cheeses are on offer! The highlight of the tour is to watch an expert making a 500g Wensleydale Cheese from 8 pints of milk in 40 minutes – a unique experience!

Later, we return to the other side of the village to explore the Dales Countryside Museum, housed in the long-gone Victorian Railway Station. Through exhibits and memorabilia we see how local villagers lived and thrived for centuries in this harsh environment. Finally, if time permits, try a short stroll round the village and enjoy its atmosphere.

The cost of the visit is **£21.50 per person**. This includes travel, driver’s gratuity and the two venues, but no refreshments (available in the village) To reserve a place, please complete the application form in this issue and send, with a cheque and small s.a.e. to Derek Shipley as soon as possible.



Travel Group Visit to the Birmingham International Tattoo

For the Matinee Performance

Sunday 25 November 2018

This year's Tattoo marks the Centenary of the Royal Air Force.

Join us to enjoy the Pageantry and Spectacle of Britain's biggest indoor Tattoo including:

Displays and thrilling performances

International Bands

Massed Parade of Standard Bearers

Spectacular Grand Finale with over 1,000 performers

The venue is the Arena Birmingham. We will arrive with plenty of time to enjoy a leisurely lunch (not included) in one of the many food outlets before taking the best seats for the 2 p.m. performance.

The cost is £28 p.p. This includes coach travel, gratuities, admission to the Tattoo but no refreshments. If you wish to apply for a place, please complete the booking form in this issue and send it with a cheque and a small s.a.e. to Margaret Langrish as soon as possible.



Travel Group Visit to the Birmingham International Tattoo

Sunday 25 November 2018

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Emergency Contact:

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Please reserve place(s) for me. I enclose a cheque for £
(£28 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the
completed slip and cheque with a small s.a.e. as soon as possible to:
Margaret Langrish, 19 Almshill Road, Sheffield, S11 9RR

Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 09.15 ()

Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 09.30 ()



Visit to Hawes and Wensleydale

Tuesday 11 October 2018

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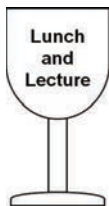
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Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road 07.45 ()

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 08.00 ()



Lunch and Lecture

The Plague Doctor from Eyam

Friday 26 October 2018

You are invited to lunch at the Doubletree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 8BW on **Friday 26 October 2018**

The Plague Doctor from Eyam cometh! In his own special tongue-in-cheek style David Bell's story is sure to entertain you, inform you, make you reflect, make you smile, make you wince ... even perhaps bring a tear to your eye. Don't miss it!

Please arrive at 1200 hrs for a 1230 hrs start. Cost £16.50

There is ample parking at the hotel and the numbers 24, 43 and 43a buses from the city centre stop outside the hotel. The number 75 bus from Shiregreen via High Street stops near the hotel at Meadowhead.

The menu will be a choice from:

- (a) Roast turkey with trimmings;
- (b) White fish and parsley sauce, served with potatoes and seasonal vegetables;
- (c) Thyme Roasted Butternut Squash & Brie Wellington

The dessert is:

- (d) Belgian chocolate cheesecake served with a mulled fruit compote & raspberry cream;
- (e) Seasonal fruit salad with vanilla icecream

Should you have a special dietary request, please contact Dot or Vera, details below. Please also note that this is a set menu and once you have made your menu choices, you cannot change your mind.

If you would like to book a place, please book online at www.su3a.wildapricot.org using your email and password or complete the form below together with menu choices, and send it with a cheque made payable to Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture, to arrive no later than **Monday 8 October 2018**.

Bookings received after the closing date will not be accepted.

Dot Sutcliffe/Vera Dyer (0114) 2685918/(0114) 2377854



Lunch and Lecture: The Plague Doctor from Eyam cometh!

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

Friday 26 October 2018 at 1200hrs for 1230hrs

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

Address Tel.

..... Post Code.....

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

(c) (d) (e)

Please reserve place(s) for me (**£16.50** 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 Monday**

8 October 2018 to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, S10 5DA.

SU3A - Talking About our Generation Presents

A Sixties' Experience



*Date: Saturday 13 October.

*Price: £26.

*Time: 6.30 for 7.00 pm

*Place: St Mary's, Bramall Lane
(Parking)

Two-course Sixties' meal
(veggie option)
Music and Dancing

Fashion Show
Quizzes with prizes

Bring your own tipple
Dress: Smart casual. Sixties' Gear optional!

*Come and have a reight good night!
Book online or fill in the form in Links*

A Sixties' Experience

**Saturday 13 October 6.30 for 7.00pm
St Mary's Centre, Bramall Lane, S2 4QZ**

If you would like to book a place(s), please book online at ***su3awildapricot.org.uk*** using your email address and password or complete the form below and send it to **Dot Sutcliffe** with a cheque made payable to **Sheffield U3A**.



A Sixties' Experience - Booking Form

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How many vegetarian meals will be required?

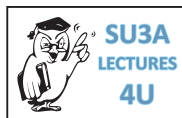
Please reserve places (**£26 per person**).

I enclose a stamped, addressed envelope and a cheque for £, payable to Sheffield U3A.

Booking forms should be sent to **Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, Sheffield, S10 5DA**.

Friday Lectures at the Showroom

These lectures are free to members. There may occasionally be a retiring collection for the speaker's charity. There is no booking system - it is 'first come, first served'. Lectures are held in Cinema 4 at the Showroom Cinema, Paternoster Row. They start at 11 am, finishing by 12.30 pm. The Showroom cafe serves refreshments from 10 am. A voucher, obtainable from the box office, enables half-price parking at Q-park on Arundel Gate. Greeters with U3A lanyards are at the door to welcome new members. There is an audio system for members with significant hearing problems. For more information please text **Chris Carter** on **07855 908007** or email **U3AChrisCarter@gmail.com**. Please come to the lecture at least twenty minutes early in order to be briefed on its use. The team will endeavour to post last-minute programme changes on the SU3A website. *Queries to Shelagh Woolliscroft on 255 8948*



17 August - Lightspeed Universe. Dennis Ashton, FRAS

On a mind-spinning journey to the edge of the universe we will learn about the birth and death of stars, and about how the universe is expanding. Denis Ashton is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. He is Director of the Star Centre at Sheffield Hallam University, and is a prolific writer, journalist and broadcaster.



21 September - Talking About our Generation: the Swinging Sixties. Dr. Lucy Brown, Teaching Associate in Modern British History, University of Sheffield; and Project Members.



Lucy will give us an overview of the Sixties, as now taught to students of modern history. Members of the SU3A Talking About My Generation Project will then recall some of their own experiences of growing up in the Sixties. Music from the period will be played before and during the event.

19 October - The Music of Leonard Bernstein. Dr Sophie Redfern, University of Birmingham

Dr Redfern is a former undergraduate and post-graduate student of Sheffield University music department. In 2016 she was appointed Post- Doctorate Teaching Fellow in Musicology at Liverpool Hope University. She is also a Research Assistant at Birmingham Conservatoire. Her research focuses on 20th century ballet and American music and her book on the early ballets of Leonard Bernstein and Jerome Robbins is expected soon. |

16 November - Unknown Nepal. Jude Warrender

Each winter Jude spends time in Nepal as a volunteer teacher in an area of subsistence farming in the Terai (plains area) near the Indian border, far from the tourist trail. Her talk focuses on village life, customs and education.



Could YOU be a Lecture Reporter?

We are looking for a number of volunteers who would share the task of writing reports on our monthly Friday lectures, something which has often been thought about but never achieved!

Why? The main purpose of the reports is to inform those members who are interested in the topic but unable to attend the lecture in person. Once approved the reports would be posted on the SU3A website, and might also be submitted for publication on the regional website and/or Third Age Matters.

What? The report should comprise a succinct resumé of the lecture, highlighting the key points and with the aim of stimulating the reader.

It could include some background information about the speaker, the reason for a particular piece of research, the conclusions drawn and sources of additional information. If the topic is controversial the writer should ensure all sides of the argument are covered and must reflect the speaker's views rather than their own. A photograph of the speaker, or one of the visuals used in the lecture would enhance the report. This would need to be negotiated with the speaker.

How? The programme of lectures for a particular calendar year is normally finalised the previous winter. We envisage the volunteer reporters meeting once a year as a group in, say, early January to share out the work, taking into account members' availability and interest. We recognise that if there are insufficient volunteers then it may not be possible to have reports on all 12 lectures.

When? Reports will need to be completed by the deadline for the next Links edition after the lecture and submitted to the Lecture Planning Group for approval in the first instance. If you are interested we'd like to hear from you! Please talk to any member of the Lecture Planning Group or contact *Shelagh Woolliscroft* on 255 8948 or email *shelaghwoolliscroft.com*

Flying Gardeners - an Open Group

Most Sheffield parks have a volunteer group but there are a few that don't. So on the fifth Wednesday (that's about 4 times a year), from 9.30 to 12 noon some of us set to work under the supervision of a park ranger. On 29 August we shall meet by the upper pond at Whirlowbrook Park. Bring gloves and boots, all tools and refreshments are provided. Enquiries: phone *Shelagh* on 255 8948 or email *shelagh.woolliscroft@gmail.com*.

Silver Paddlers

Just close your eyes and imagine...golden sunlight plays across the shallow waters of the River Don in a sheltered tree lined spot at Oughtibridge. Ian is the cheery provider of kayaks, canoes, support and advice. It's the home of Sheffield Canoe Club with all the equipment, buoyancy aids and coaching. All you have to do is bring a spare set of clothes, towel and £4. The next opportunity is 15th August. For more information contact *Ian Holmes*, 07796 565193, *canoe77btopenworld.com*.

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August

No Drop-In session

- 5-8 ETG: Verona Opera Festival
- 15 Silver Paddlers (*see this Links Open Groups edition*)
- 17 ETG: Registration deadline for Romanian trip
- 17 Showroom Lectures: Lightspeed Universe
- 18 Weekenders: Bradford Police Museum
- 29 Flying Gardeners

September

- 4 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10-12: CURC
- 10-14 Travel Group: Short Break to Hereford
- 21 Showroom Lectures: Talking About Our Generation
- 23 Weekenders: Beverley and Burton Constable
- 27 Travel Group: Liverpool Terracotta Army

October

- 1 C.Concertgoers: Bridgewater Hall: Russian programme
- 2 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10-12: CURC
- 3-8 ETG: History and Heritage of Malta
- 11 Travel Group: Hawes and Wensleydale
- 13 A Sixties Experience: St Marys, Bramhall Lane
- 19 Showroom Lectures: The Music of Leonard Bernstein
- 26 L&L: The Plague Doctor of Eyam, Doubletree by Hilton
- 27 Weekenders: Quiz Night

November

- 16 Showroom Lectures: Unknown Nepal
- 25 Travel Group: Birmingham International Tattoo

December

- 2-4 Travel Group: Thursford Christmas Spectacular

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