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Tai Chi Tutors: *David and Rachael Barrow with Rosa Chang and Barbara Godley, practicing for the 2105 AGM.*

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Hello and welcome to my little corner.

I am a Mancunian, worked for a Stainless Steel manufacturer all my working life and who, through work, came to Sheffield via the Midlands 12 years ago. I can honestly say that until I joined SU3A I did not know or appreciate what Sheffield could offer. I had few friends in Sheffield outside of work. SU3A was a great way to make new friends, find new interests and renew old ones! Volunteering and being accepted to help run SU3A made me feel useful and appreciated. After all, I still believe I have a lot to offer. And the icing on the cake? I do not have to make any decisions on my own! So I feel a little apprehensive but also privileged as I take on this role.

I must thank and pay tribute to the members who stepped down at the AGM in May: Dot Sutcliffe and Jane Whitehead, after 4 years serving our SU3A and to Tricia Pulfrey after 2 years as Secretary. Last but by no means least, Jean Stevenson who has served for 4 years as Secretary and then as Chair. Jean has had to steer SU3A through some stormy waters and she brought us safely into harbour, a little battered and bruised but still intact!

As I look back over reports from previous chairs I see a very, very popular theme... lack of volunteers for the administration and running our SU3A. We have stumbled from one crisis to the next, often calling upon the same volunteers again and again. Indeed for SU3A to remain a viable organisation this year, the Executive Committee has had to call on previous EC members and co-opt them onto the Committee.

Our focus for the coming year is on two tasks. Firstly, to address the issue of a lack of volunteers for the biggest U3A group in the country. Excellent work has already been started by the four Group Coordinators at the Coordinators meeting in April this year. Secondly, to review our constitution which was last updated in 2003. No doubt there will be other challenges and new ideas but the lack of volunteers and a review of the constitution must be our focus. Whatever the outcome of these two tasks the membership will be consulted and updated as required.

I welcome ideas from you all, every single person in our 3,150 plus membership, on how to resolve the issue of our lack of volunteers.

Until next time, *Samina..*

NEWS

New Executive Committee Members

Welcome and many thanks to 5 new EC members without whom Sheffield U3A Executive Committee would have been below the legal requirements to continue.

They are: Jenny Graaf, Secretary; Brian Cave and Mike Granville, General Committee Members ; Shelagh Woolliscroft and John Lees, Co-opted Members.

Hospitality Team

Welcome and thank you to our volunteers who have stepped forward to organise/help the Monthly Drop Ins, future New Members Meetings and AGM.

They are: Janet Haigh, John Wragg, Barbara Lowe and Jean Atkin.

Aged 90 or Over?

The Executive Committee has decided that, from January 2016, membership will be free for those aged 90 and over.

A Celebrity in our midst

92 years young Geoffrey Winter, a former SU3A Vice Chair and a member of the Military History Group, has written and published his memoirs with the help, support and encouragement from the group members. In May, he appeared on BBC Look North and BBC Radio Sheffield. His book is selling like hot cakes with all proceeds going to St Luke's Hospice. If you are interested in reading about his varied and exciting life, please contact:

Geoffrey Winter

Telephone: (0114) 2365302

OPPORTUNITIES

The new edition of the members' audio magazine will appear on 28 June. Vital Information * Croquet * Interviews * Music from the AGM * Flying Gardeners * and much more. You can access **OPPORTUNITIES** on your computer **at:** www.mixcloud.com/su3aaudiomag/
Harry Welburn



Booking Events Online Via Wild Apricot

Booking Online is now available for Weekender trips.

Why Book Online? You know you have a place immediately. You save two stamps! You save the organiser a lot of work.

How to Book Online:

1. Login at <https://su3a.wildapricot.org> using your email address and password.
2. If you have forgotten your password click on the 'Forgot password' link, next to the Login button.
3. If your email address does not work, email wa-admin@su3a.org.uk for help.
4. Once logged in, click on 'Events' in the big blue menu bar.
5. Select the event you want and follow the online instructions.

Events can still be applied for via the application forms in Links.

National Office : Untutored online courses

The small number of U3A courses which used to be available on the online courses website are available for download from the Resource Centre on the National U3A website with effect from June 2015. You will need to be registered/ to register with the Resource Centre to access these.

National Office : 2016 Diaries

National Office is taking orders for diaries from 1 June 2015 and hope to be able to start despatching from August. More details can be found on the National website (u3a.org.uk).

Obituary: Doreen Findlay

We have received the sad news of the recent death of Doreen Findlay. Doreen was a very early member of Sheffield U3A and a one-time member of the Social Committee. She was, until her death, the Coordinator of Play Reading II and a member of the Enjoying Opera group. Her friends and her groups will miss her very much.

Friday Lecture Programme 2015

Venue: **Showroom Cinema**. Normally no charge and no booking required. Refreshments from 09.30. Lecture from 10.30 to 12 noon. Greeters wearing lanyard badges will be there to welcome you! Half-price parking at Q-Park with a voucher from the Showroom Box Office.

Friday 17 July

Living with Floods and Droughts - Why England is Malfunctioning

Richard Ashley, Emeritus Professor of Engineering, Sheffield Hallam University.

Richard has many years experience in all aspects of urban water systems, including modelling, monitoring, management, operation and use. One of his main research areas is flooding and climate change.

Friday 21 August

Doorstep Crime

Tina Weston, Enforcement Officer, Sheffield City Council Trading Standards Department.

Every day throughout the UK people fall victim to doorstep crime, postal and telephone scams. These incidents can be avoided. Crimes often go unreported, which can result in people not getting the help and advice they need. This talk aims to make you aware of the dangers, how to avoid being a victim, how to get advice and report incidents.

Friday 18 September

The Rise of the 'German Menace' in Britain, 1896-1914: Xenophobia and Popular Imperialism in the First Age of Modern Globalization'.

Patrick Longson, Teaching Fellow, Keele University.

When did the British first come to fear Germany? Once viewed as brothers-in-arms and a cultural model, by August 1914 the British had come to see Germany in fearful and hateful terms: 'the Shameless Hun' the most emotive amongst them. This lecture will examine the development of anti-German sentiment in British popular culture before the First World War. It will take us back, before the age of Dreadnoughts and Spy scares, to the late 1890's and examine the imperial crises which established the 'German Menace' as a central theme in British visual and literary culture.

Friday 16 October

Political Culture and the Development of the “Commonweal” in C16th England

Professor Cathy Shrank, Professor of Tudor & Renaissance Literature, School of English, University of Sheffield.

The 16th century and the Tudor Dynasty continue to be one of the most fascinating eras in our long and complicated history, as the many TV documentaries and dramas, such as “Wolf Hall”, attest. Henry VIII’s need for a male heir led to religious and political instability but, in fact, this time was also one of peace and expansion. Professor Cathy Shrank examines how the establishment of a “Commonweal” for ordinary people of the period, forged by Elizabeth I particularly, improved their lives and strengthened the nation. *Lecture Enquiries, offers and suggestions to Shelagh Woolliscroft (01246) 768212*

Sheffield Musicians, Music and Lyrics Walk.

Wednesday 16 September 2015

As a follow up to the successful urban art and poets and poetry walk, and as a lead-in to the ‘Off The Shelf Festival’, there will be a Sheffield Musicians, Music and Lyrics Walk on September 16th. Sheffield has a staggering musical history: a cursory Internet search brought out 150 names, from classical composers, through Music Hall, architects of “easy listening”, right up to the 1.5 million selling single which was the 1981 Christmas Number one (Human League ‘Don’t You Want Me’). The walk will be of approximately 2 - 3 miles. We will stop at locations famous for their musical connections where we will certainly recite some lyrics, inevitably sing some songs and hopefully listen to some live music. Details of the walk have not been finalised yet, but, if you are interested or would like further details when they are available, please contact Pat and Clare Ryan by email drpjryan@gmail.com to reserve a copy of the route and lyrics, or go to the Sheffield U3A Website where details will be available in the Summer, or phone 0114 236 8749. To paraphrase the great Ecclesall-born organist, Reginald Dixon – “Meet us at the”..... to be announced.
Pat and Clare Ryan

Lunch and Lecture – Friday 23 October 2015

You are invited to lunch at the Doubletree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 8BW.

Gerry Kersey

Gerry is a well-known broadcaster, having had a regular slot on Radio Sheffield on a Sunday afternoon for a number of years. He has had a long career in broadcasting and for this event he will be talking about '*A Light-hearted Examination of the Humour Business*'. You can be guaranteed an entertaining afternoon!

Please arrive at 12:00 for a 12:30 start. Cost **£16.00**

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.

- Menu choice: (a) Poached salmon with Hollandaise sauce
(b) Chicken and mushroom pie with separate crust
(c) Mushroom Stroganoff
Dessert (d) Apple Tarte Tatin
(e) Fruit salad

Should you have a special dietary request, please contact Dot or Vera, details below. **Please ensure you fill in your choices on the booking form and note that this is a set menu, so once you have made your choices you cannot change your mind.**

If you would like to book a place, please fill in the form below and send it with a cheque made payable to Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture, to arrive no later than **Monday 12 October 2015**.

Dot Sutcliffe/Vera Dyer

(0114) 268 5918/(0114) 237 7854

Remember!
Copy deadline for the October Links is
28 August 2015

Lunch and Lecture: Gerry Kersey

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

Friday 23 October 2015 at 12:00 for 12:30

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

Address Tel.

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..... Postcode.....

Menu choices(please indicate): (a) (b) (c) (d) (e).....

Please reserve..... place(s) for me (**£16.00** per person). I enclose a **small S.A.E** and a cheque for £..... payable to **Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture.**

Forms should be sent to arrive no later than **Monday 12 October 2015** to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, S10 5DA.

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QUIZ - ADVANCE NOTICE

CHARITY QUIZ - SATURDAY OCTOBER 17 To book for this event at Abbeydale Sports Club, time 19.00 for 19.30, including a pie and peas supper, cost £10 per person, please send a cheque payable to SU3A QUIZ to Marion Edmondson, 4 Alton Close, Sheffield S11 9QQ, enclosing a small sae.



**ETG: Sicily
20-26 April 2015.**

More photographs from the holiday
can be found on SU3A website.

Temple of Concordia
*Photograph courtesy of
Chris and Alan Cull*

GROUP NEWS

Two extra voices sought by A Cappella Group

The SU3A A Cappella Group would like to recruit an extra tenor and, because of the sad demise of David Flather, an extra bass, to join our happy singing sessions and improve our sound. We sing short songs, mainly 19th and 20th century.

Desirables are modest sight-reading, choir experience so that other people's notes don't put you off yours, and a voice that isn't too obtrusive. We meet at each other's houses on alternate Tuesdays for a couple of hours.

Group Coordinator: *Mike Maas email:mikemaas live.com*

Bridge Players Welcome - The Friday Bridge III Group is looking for new members. We play from 13:00-16:00 at the Sheffield Bridge Club, Thornsett Road, S17 1NA.

Contact Details: *Louise Cooper 0114 230 7191/07989584742*

Crochet and Knitting Group

We have a few vacancies in our recently-formed group. We hope to learn from each other's considerable expertise and also convey it to others, so beginners are very welcome. We meet fortnightly at 14.00 on Tuesdays at Victoria Hall, Chapel Walk. If you would like to develop your skills or learn new ones in a relaxed but industrious group contact:

Group Coordinator:

Jane Whitehead. Tel: (0114) 230 9312 email: janew691 gmail.com

Family History III

A new Family History Group has been established: Family History III. We meet on the second Tuesday in the month, currently in Victoria Hall in Chapel Walk. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14 July 10:30-12:30. There are still a few vacancies in the group; if you would care to join us please contact:

Tim Simkins.

t.j.simkins btinternet.com



Sheffield U3A Video [Documentary] Group

We are seeking new projects for the Sheffield U3A Video [Documentary] Group as we will shortly be completing our current production assignment.

We formed over two years ago to provide training in video production and as a team, to use those skills to produce videos for charities and other community groups wishing to enhance, publicise and expand their activities and effectiveness.

We would be interested in hearing from local community groups and organizations who consider video would be an effective communication tool for their needs but are unable to fund one.

Please contact us if you have a suitable project in mind and we will send you a simple form to aid the consideration and planning of future appropriate projects.

Ian Barkley 01709 812351

ibarkley.greenbee.net

New Portuguese Group

Would you be interested in joining a new beginners group to learn Portuguese? The current group (Portuguese for Fun) is unable to accommodate new starters but if there are sufficient people interested a new group might start in the autumn. An initial get-together will then be convened at one of the U3A monthly drop-in sessions. If you would like to know more, or want to express interest, please contact:

Pauline Miller pauline mm1728pm.plus.com or 0114 258 3678

Memory Course

The waiting list for the MEMORY COURSE is **closed for the time being**. Details of future courses and when the waiting list reopens will be announced in Links. Thank you. Stephanie Dixon.

Dippers1 Walking Group

23 members of the Dippers 1 Walking Group had a very interesting conducted tour of the hall, conservatory and grounds of Wentworth Castle Gardens, near Barnsley, at the end of April 2015.



Donald Ward email:

donald.ward615@btinternet.com

African Adventures 2016

Ken Dunn of Connecting Communities Worldwide is offering two trips to Africa in 2016. One will depart on 15 January and the other is scheduled for November.

The trips are highly flexible. They involve a period of voluntary work at Malealea in Lesotho, added to which can be a stay in Capetown and/or a visit to a wild life reserve. They are extremely well organised and previous participants have found them a tremendous experience.

Ken will be available at the SU3A room in Victoria Hall on Friday 21 August at 10.30 am to explain more about what is on offer. Anyone interested is welcome to go along to this meeting. You do not have to be a U3A member to participate.

Flying Gardeners 29 July 2015

The Gardeners will be at it again from 10 am to 12 noon on Wednesday, 29 July in Beauchief Gardens. All are welcome to come and lend a hand. Tools and refreshments are provided - just bring stout shoes and gloves.

Shelagh Woolliscroft

(01246) 768212

Learning to Be Retired - Proposed new six session course

When I stumbled into retirement a couple of years ago I felt at a loss. Who was I now? How was life ever going to be as interesting as when I was at work? The course I have developed is for people who feel ambivalent or unsure about retirement. It will explore what retirement means to you, the impact of ageism and sexism, the importance of retaining or regaining purpose in our lives and the value of strong social connections. It is NOT about financial planning, pensions or investments. Learning to Be Retired, is based around the book *"Retiring with Attitude"* by Caroline Lodge and Eileen Carnell. It will run for six consecutive weeks and, to get maximum benefit, please only sign up if you can attend all the sessions.

The course will be held from 14:00-16:00 on Wednesdays, starting 21 October 2015 in SU3A Room 50. The cost of this course is £7.50 for six sessions and includes light refreshments. Due to holidays please be patient: your calls/ emails will be responded to asap. For application forms and more details please contact:

Julia South 0114 255 8523

Julia.South blueyonder.co.uk

Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers

We practise every Wednesday at 18:30 for just over an hour at the Gatty Hall in Ecclesfield, and have great fun playing together. The concert team support and encourage us and we perform at events during the year. We'd love to welcome new members, especially to play the bass bells. You don't need to be able to read music but just be keen to make music. Do join us. Group Coordinator:

Margaret Naylor Tel:(0114) 236 0245 email: margaretnaylor talk21.com

Thursday Yoga Group

We have attracted members with varying abilities and experience of Yoga. To accommodate these differences we are now running two classes on Thursdays at Blenheim Reach on Ecclesall Rd.

Class 1 – 12:15 to 13:30 is a gentle class - good for beginners and those who are keen to get back into doing gentle exercise.

Class 2 – 13:45 to 15:00 is just a little bit more challenging.

We have spaces in both classes. If you think that you would like to join us, come and try a class. For more information contact:-

Jenny Forster Tel: 0114 230 3353.

Email: jenny4kv yahoo.co.uk

New Latin Group

“Latin is a language, dead as dead can be”, according to the old school rhyme. Or is it? The experience of Sheffield U3A suggests the announcement of its demise may be premature.

We currently have three groups at various stages of proficiency, and demand is such that the time has come to start yet another. This will be specifically for those with little or no previous knowledge, who want to learn the language from scratch in a relaxed and friendly environment. To find out more about this new Latin Beginners group, come along to the SU3A Drop-In at the Central United Reformed Church on Norfolk Street between 10:00 and 12:00 on Tuesday 7 July. Or, if you can't make that, please contact me by email or phone to register your interest.

Coordinator:

Paul Cordwell Tel: 0114 3273954

paulcordwell3 gmail.com

Thinking of improving your home energy efficiency?

The Sustainable Development Group has 3 members who have acted as hosts for the Sheffield Green Open Homes events in May, showing round visitors considering energy-saving home improvements, discussing their experiences, lessons learned, future plans, etc.

We feel that other SU3A members may be interested, and possibly some may have improvements they'd be happy to show to other SU3A members, if not to the general public. The Green Homes people are happy to help us run an Open Homes event for SU3A members in tandem with their events on 3/4 and 10/11 October 2015, (details at <http://sheffield.greenopenhomes.net>)

SU3A members who would like to be part of this can get involved in 2 ways: volunteering to show members your own home improvements, or registering an interest in participating as a visitor.

If you would like to be involved, please contact

Jo Couldry Tel: 0114 2685496.

jocouldry yahoo.co.uk



Advance Notice: Weekenders' Event 2015

14 November 2015 Quiz with pie and pea supper
(see October Links)



Papplewick Pumping Station and Dukeries Garden Centre Sunday 20 September 2015

Journey back with us to Victorian times with a visit to Papplewick Pumping Station near Nottingham. This outstanding example of Victorian architecture was opened in 1884 to pump water to the city's growing population. Despite the fact that it was never meant to be visited by the public, the engine house has stained glass windows, elaborately decorated columns and lots of polished mahogany and brass work. It contains the original beam engines built by James Watt. (**NB:** There are some steps leading to and inside the engine house.) Next door is the boiler house with its six Lancashire boilers which originally supplied the engines with steam. Volunteer guides will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Our visit takes place on a 'steaming day' when the beam engines, a colliery winding engine and the miniature railway will be in steam. The site also includes the cooling pond, a cathedral-like underground reservoir (a visit may be possible depending on conditions on the day) and a small café for light refreshments. In the morning we shall visit the Dukeries Garden Centre where there is a large restaurant serving meals and snacks and shops selling just about everything you could wish to buy. Nearby are the Harley Art Gallery and café and a farm shop. The cost of the trip is **£20** which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity and entrance to the Pumping Station. If you would like to join us, please complete the form on **page 17** and return it to Dot Sutcliffe with your cheque, made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**, and a **small s.a.e. as soon as possible**. Please ring Dot on 0114 2685918 for further information. **You can now book online as well as by post, see page 5.**



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Papplewick Pumping Station Sunday 20 September 2015

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

Address Tel.

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..... Postcode.....

Contact details (email/ Tel number)

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

(£20.00 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders.**

Please send to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tipton 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 09.30 (....)

Pond Hill (Penny Black Pub) 09.45 (....)

You can now book online as well as by post, see page 5.



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Richard III Visitor Centre and Leicester Cathedral Saturday 10 October 2015

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

Address Tel.

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..... Postcode.....

Contact details (email/ Tel number)

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

(£32.50 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders.**

Please send to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tipton Crescent Road, Sheffield S10 5DA

with a small SAE as soon as possible.

Please indicate your preferred pick up point

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

Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane 09.15 (....)

You can now book online as well as by post, see page 5.



**Richard III Visitor Centre and
Leicester Cathedral
Saturday 10 October 2015**

Standing on the site of the medieval friary of the Grey Friars where Richard III was first buried 500 years ago, the new Visitor Centre tells the story of the king's life and death and of the amazing discovery of his remains. Exhibits include the reconstruction of Richard's face and a replica of his skeleton, showing his curved spine and his battle injuries. After a soup and sandwich lunch, we shall visit the Cathedral for a guided tour which will include the chance to see his tomb. Outside the Cathedral are gardens which contain a water feature and a new art work which tells the story of Richard's time in Leicester. The cost of the trip is **£32.50** which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity, entry into the visitor centre, lunch and the guided tour of the Cathedral. If you would like to join us, please complete the form on **page 17** and return it to Dot Sutcliffe with your cheque, made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**, and a **small s.a.e as soon as possible**. Please ring Dot on 0114 268 5918 if you would like further information.
You can now book online as well as by post, see page 5.



European Travel Group

Coordinator: Samina Aslam (0114 235 1489)
Our trips are open to all SU3A members

Advance Notice

We are still investigating a possible short break during September/October 2016 which will allow us to explore the cities of Berlin & Dresden and the surrounding region. More details will be found in the October *Links*.

Please note:

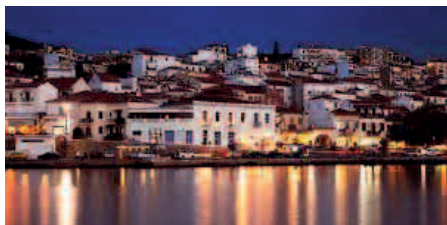
Airlines have not finalised their 2016 timetable. Flights can only be booked once airlines are in receipt of names and deposit payments and are then subject to availability at the original price we have been quoted for all 2016 holidays, advertised in this and subsequent editions of *Links*.

Cancellations and Insurance:

Please refer to August 2014 *Links* or the SU3A website.



The Jewels of the Peloponnese 18-28 May 2016



This unique holiday, specially put together for Sheffield U3A by the ETG group, shows the traveller the gems of the Peloponnese, including places off the tourist routes, from the 19th century engineering wonder of the Corinth Canal to equally impressive monuments of 2nd century BC; from olive production to wine production; from preserved mediaeval villages to Venetian inspired towns; from mountains and plains to beautiful sea vistas. This holiday is a must for all lovers of Greece, History and Mediterranean cuisine.

The holiday includes many typical Greek family meals in local restaurants, a tour by boat through the spectacular Dyros Caves, a day in a preserved Byzantine town, a visit to Olympia, home of the ancient Olympics, a boat trip to a small island where you could be mistaken in thinking you are on a Hawaiian Island. There will be a rack and pinion train trip to the mountain town of Kalavrita and the famous Rio bridge, the world's longest multi-span bridge. We will visit some of the ancient Greek sites known to you all from your history lessons, including Epidavros with its famous theatre, Mycenae, Sparta and the famous Monastery of Mega Spilaion. Moderate walking ability is required from all applicants. A detailed itinerary is available from:-

*Samina Aslam, sammas1747@gmail.com (0114) 235 1489 or
Julie Edworthy, julieedworthy@gmail.com (0114) 201 5847.*

The cost of this 11 day/10 night holiday is £1604 per person with a £190 single supplement. It includes all travel, hotels on a b&b basis, entrance fees/tickets, either a lunch or evening meal each day with wine and water, all gratuities, a dedicated luxury coach and a local travel guide during our stay in Greece. A deposit of **£350.00** per person along with a completed application form is required by **Wednesday 15 July 2015**. Please note, there are a limited number of single rooms available, so please indicate on the booking form if you would be prepared to share a twin room.



The Jewels of the Peloponnese 18-28 May 2016

Name(s) as on passport(s).....

Address SU3A No(s).....

..... Postcode.....

Contact details (email/ Tel number)

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £
(£350.00 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A ETG**.

Please return the completed slip with an A5 *Link* sized s.a.e,
by 15 July 2015 to: Samina Aslam, 342 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0BY

Please indicate your preferred pick up point

Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 08.30 (....)

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 09.00 (....)



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TRAVEL

Coordinator: Barbara Robertshaw (0114) 236 9102

Advance Notice: Travel Group Day Visits for 2015

5 December 2015 Arley Hall at Christmas, Northwich
(see October Links)

Short Breaks 2016

23 – 28 April Northern Ireland

June Northumberland

September Suffolk

**By popular demand, a repeat visit:
Four South Yorkshire Churches
Monday 14 September 2015**

We start at the church of St. Laurence at Adwick-le-Street. Although Adwick is thought to have been a Roman settlement, the church dates from the Norman Conquest and was begun in 1150 in the reign of Stephen. There is a good deal of Norman stonework but the tower and Chantry Chapel date from the 15th century.

From Adwick we go to the church of St Helen at Burghwallis which predates the Norman Conquest, although the present church is of that period with later, mostly medieval, additions and a Royal Coat of Arms of George III.

At Owston we shall pause for lunch before exploring the lovely 15th century church of All Saints which displays a range of ecclesiastical architecture. The reredos was carved by Robert "Mouseman" Thompson and there are two monuments sculpted by Chantry.

Our day's excursion, which will be conducted throughout by Pat McLaughlin, will conclude at St. Mary Magdalene, Campsall. Of Norman foundation, the church was expanded in the 15th century. The Norman tower is reputedly one of the finest in the West Riding. The pulpit is Jacobean and legend has it that some of the tombs were those of the Knights Templar. The altar in the Lady Chapel is by Pugin. We plan to leave for Sheffield at 4.30 pm.

The cost of this outing is £26.60 per person. This amount includes coach travel, gratuities, a donation to the churches and lunch, tea and coffee. If you wish to apply for a place on this visit, please complete the booking form on **page 22** and send it with a cheque and small s.a.e. to Valerie Wiley as soon as possible.

Photographs are always welcome and liven up an article. Please ensure they are sent separate to your copy and are in jpeg format from a camera or smart phone.



**Four South Yorkshire Churches
Monday 14 September 2015**

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

Address Tel.

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Contact details (email/ Tel number)

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

(£26.60 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**.

Please send to Valerie Wiley, 112 Button Hill, Sheffield S11 9HJ.

with a small SAE as soon as possible.

Please indicate your preferred pick up point

Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane 08.30 (....)

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 09.00 (....)



**Tennants Auction Centre Leyburn
Tuesday 8 September 2015**

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

Address Tel.

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..... Postcode.....

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

(£24.50 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**.

Please return the completed slip to:

Margaret Langrish, 19 Almshill Road, Sheffield S11 9RR

with a small SAE as soon as possible.

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Tennants Auction Centre Leyburn
Tuesday 8 September 2015

Tennants is over 100 years old and has developed to become the largest privately owned Auction House in Europe.

We begin our visit with a cup of coffee and a talk by one of their experienced staff. A guided tour of the auction rooms follows, seeing some of the specialist items brought to be auctioned, plus the unusual and curious ones!

After a buffet lunch, we are free to view the exhibitions, explore the grounds and see the new sensory garden. In the afternoon, we travel the short distance to Middleham Castle with its massive keep. This was the childhood home of Richard III, where he learnt most of his military skills. The day ends around 4.30pm when we return to Sheffield.

The cost for the trip is £24.50. This includes coach travel, gratuities, coffee, talk and tour, buffet lunch and entrance to the castle. To reserve a place, please complete the application form on page 22 and send it with a small s.a.e. and a cheque to Margaret Langrish, as soon as possible.

The Heritage Motor Museum
Gaydon and Charlecote Park
Warwickshire
Thursday 1 October 2015

Our visit will span 500 years of English history. The morning will be spent at the Heritage Motor Museum near Warwick, where we shall learn of the rise of the British Motor Industry from its birth at the end of the 19th century to the present day. You will see examples of the earliest and most recent vehicles and the evolution of the modern motor car, passing through that familiar time when you possibly recognise your first family car. You can visit the free cinema for more information. Lunch is not included, but there is a well-stocked cafeteria.

After lunch, a short drive to Wellesbourne takes us back 400 years to the Elizabethan age, to the magnificent Charlecote House and Park,

the ancestral home of the Lucy Family for 900 years. William Shakespeare is reputed to have been caught poaching in the grounds. The Park is now run by the National Trust and is free to its members. (For non-members, the admission is £8.50). The day finishes with a cream tea. To reserve a place, please complete the application form on page 25 and send it with a small s.a.e. and a cheque to Derek Shipley as soon as possible.



Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon Sunday 25 October 2015

Our visit takes us to the historic town of Stratford-on-Avon for a matinée performance of Shakespeare's "Henry V". By chance, it coincides with the very day which commemorates the battle of Agincourt, and the famous victory of the English soldiers and bowmen against a

larger and a much more powerful French army.

We will have a comfort stop en route and the morning will be free to explore Stratford. For lunch, there are many reasonably priced cafes and restaurants in the town. If the weather permits, you might prefer to have a picnic lunch in the park by the river. We shall return to Sheffield immediately after the performance.

The cost of the visit is **£49.00** per person and includes travel, gratuities and ticket. The performance should be one to enjoy and remember. To reserve a place, please complete the application form on **page 25** and send it with a small s.a.e. and a cheque to Derek Shipley as soon as possible.

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

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The prices are £27.00 for NT members and £35.00 for non-members.

Please reserve ... NT place(s) for me and.... non NT place(s) for me.

I enclose a cheque for £..... , payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**.

Please return the completed slip, **with a small SAE as soon as possible**.

Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, Sheffield S17 4LA.

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

(£24.50 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**.

I/we would like to sit with in the theatre.

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SU3A AGM: May 2015

There was a lively discussion at the AGM and it was good to hear from people who are not just interested in the way SU3A is run but also prepared to voice their opinions.

Despite issues with the sound system there were many favourable comments about the new venue itself, Victoria Hall Methodist Church, which accommodated us at very short notice

A big thank you to Frank Able, our compere, Stocksbridge Tai Chi group, A Cappella group and Vintage Voices for their sterling performances. It can be very daunting performing to a big group of people you do not know and takes guts and lots of practice as can be seen below. Practice for the Tai Chi group started way back in February and everything was timed to the last minute.



Vintage Voices:
*providing
entertainment before
the 2015 AGM*



*The joy of
singing with the
A Cappella group.*

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Calendar 2015

July	4	Weekenders: National Memorial Arboretum:Day Trip
	7	Drop In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	8	Travel Group: D/Trip: Burnby Hall and Sledmere House
	17	Showroom Lecture: Living with Floods and Droughts
	29	Flying Gardeners: Beauchief Gardens
Aug	3 - 6	YAHR Summer School: Northern College: Short Break
	4	Drop In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	5	Classical C'goers: G&S: The Gondoliers:Day Trip
	16	Weekenders: Brodsworth Hall and Gardens:Day Trip
	17	Travel Group: Four South Yorkshire Churches
Sep	21	Showroom Lecture: Doorstep Crime
	1	Drop In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00:CURC
	8	Travel Group: D/Trip: Tennants Auction Centre Leyburn
	14	Travel Group: D/Trip: Four South Yorkshire Churches
	16	Sheffield Musicians, Music and Lyrics Walk
Oct	18	Showroom Lecture: Rise of the "German Menace" in Britain (Xenophobia and Popular Imperialism)
	20	Weekenders: D/Trip: Papplewick Pumping Station
	1	Travel Group: Heritage Motor Museum+Charlecote Park
	6	Drop In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00:CURC
	9	Study Day: Winston Churchill
Nov	10	Weekenders: Richard III Vis/Cent + Leicester Cathedral
	14	New Members Meeting: 10.30-12.00: CURC
	16	Showroom Lecture: Political Culture in 16 Century Britain
	17	Quiz Night + Pie and Pea Supper
	23	Lunch&Lecture: <i>Examination of the Humour Business</i>
Dec	25	Travel Group: D/ Trip: Royal Shakespeare Theatre
	3	Drop In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00:CURC
Nov	14	Weekenders: Advance Notice: Quiz, Pea+Pie Supper
	1	Drop In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
Dec	5	Travel Group: Advance Notice: Arley Hall at Christmas (<i>Oct Links</i>)

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