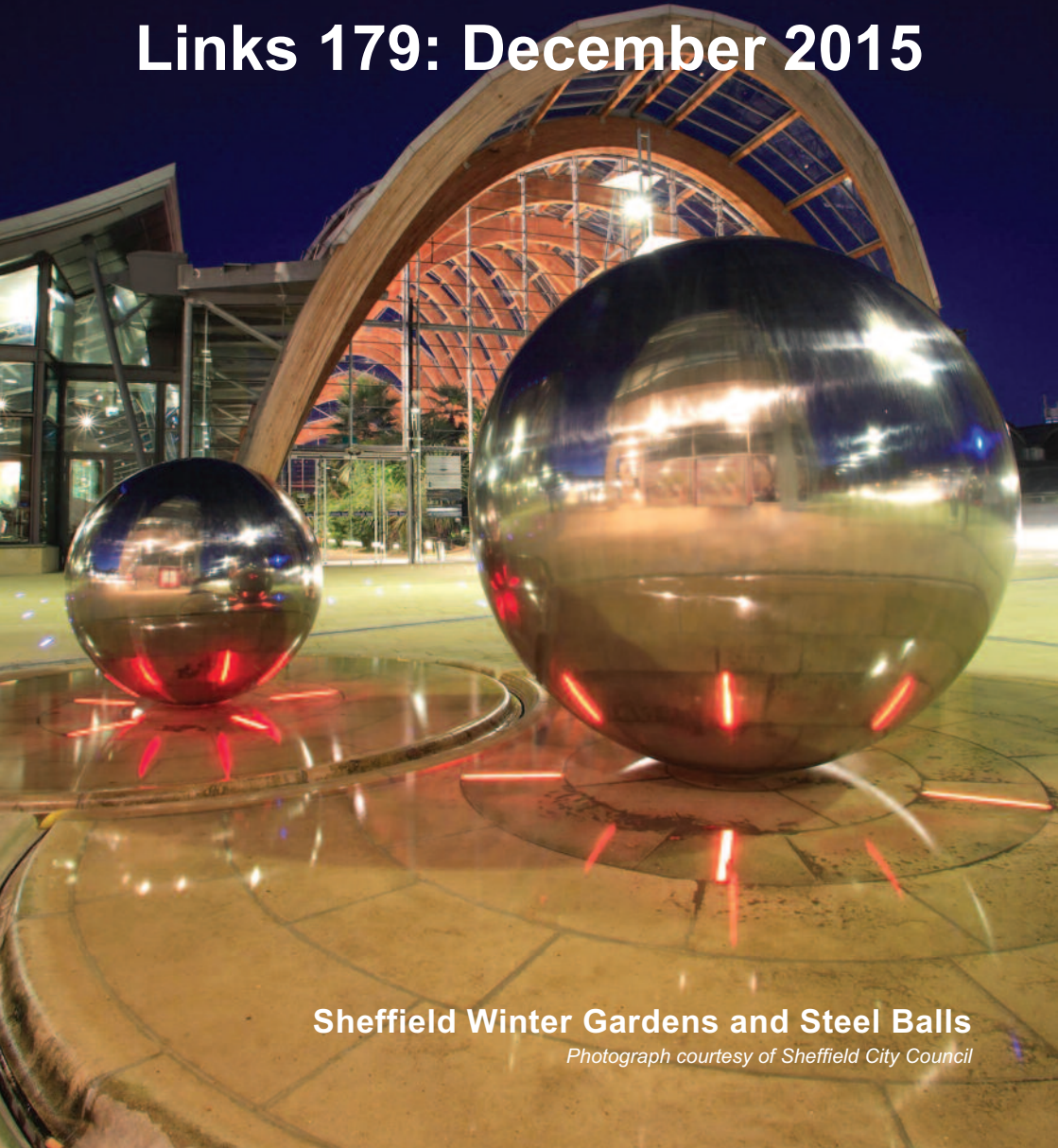


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Sheffield Winter Gardens and Steel Balls

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Our website is at: www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk

Here you will find all the latest news and information about SU3A, including items that do not appear in *Links*.

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From The Chair

Hello again!

Well can you believe it, we are fast approaching the end of 2015 and I can only say from a personal point of view, doesn't time fly when you're in SU3A! We have seen more members join us and a variety of new group activities, as SU3A goes from strength to strength. I must thank all the group coordinators for organising so many different activities and my heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who have kept this large ship afloat.

With the end of the year comes the time for our membership renewal which, I am pleased to say, is still one of the cheapest in the country.

A successful New Members Meeting was held in October and all those I spoke to found it to be very useful. "A good ice breaker to the organisation", one new member told me, while others commented that they were pleased to have had the chance to meet volunteers, as well as committee members, in such a relaxed and informal manner.

I must point out some changes coming to the publication and timetable of our *Links* magazine.

The work and time that goes into producing *Links* has led us to reduce the number of editions to 4 per year. However, this frequency does not fully meet the needs of the Open Groups where arrangements for events or trips may require a shorter timescale. Therefore a "*Links Open Groups Supplement*" will be produced twice a year by the Open Groups for their activities only. This has the additional benefit of freeing up some space. So send in your photos and short articles to promote or celebrate your Group's activities. Details of Open Group activities will, of course, continue to appear in the regular *Links*. A list of open groups can be found in group activity pages in this edition. A full publication calendar can be found on page 4.

In this edition we continue to highlight and introduce the members who help with the running of our U3A. Hopefully some of you will feel inspired to come forward and help as well.

In celebration, ahead of our 30th birthday in January 2016, you will find interviews with some of our oldest serving members. It was a pleasure to read that they felt SU3A was so much better today.

An event, for groups to showcase their activities from U3As within the Yorkshire and the Humber Region, was successfully held at Askham Bryan College in 2012. It has been proposed that a similar event be held next year, so over to you! Look at page 13 and register your interest.

Finally, may I wish you all festive greetings for the Christmas season and good health and happiness for the New Year.

Samina

Links Publication Dates

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26 February 2016

26 April 2016

26 August 2016

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Publication

April 2016

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Focus On SU3A Helpers

Introducing our SU3A General Coordinators



Stephanie Dixon



Ann Granville



Pat Ryan

Groups and their coordinators are at the heart of U3A. The job of **General Coordinators** (we know that it's a confusing title!) is to make the life of individual Group Coordinators as stress-free and satisfying as possible. General Coordinators are here to advise on how to start Groups - everything from getting the name right, which pitfalls to avoid, help in the smooth running of the Groups and to help them grow and prosper. We can be found at the monthly Drop-Ins, meeting members looking to join or start a new Group.

Once a year we arrange a meeting where Group Coordinators come together to exchange ideas, swap plans and discuss how to improve the way SU3A Groups work.

Lastly, but perhaps most importantly we, Stephanie, Ann and Pat, get great satisfaction from helping Groups and their coordinators 'grow up and mature'. It's not an onerous job, rather one that gives great satisfaction and requires no prior experience. If you'd like to get a real insight into your U3A and great satisfaction from a job well done, why not join us (you'll have to like coffee and cake). For further information please contact:

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Introducing our Groups Data Manager

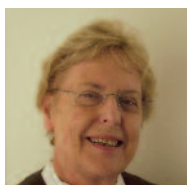


I first joined the Committee in 2006 and, with a break of a couple of years, have been on it in various capacities ever since. It's interesting work with delightful colleagues and I really enjoy it! I am a member of the Wild Apricot Admin Team, dealing with your online renewals and the Weekenders online bookings. As Groups Data Manager I

keep the database of our 190 odd Groups. I create the centre pages from the database and, as Web Deputy, keep the Groups' information on the website up to date. I hope before too long to hand over the Web Deputy work. If anyone is interested please get in touch!

Clare Chiba data@sheffieldu3a.org.uk

Some of our Drop-In Hospitality Team



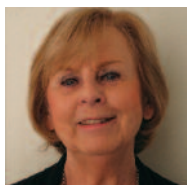
My name is Janet Haigh, and along with John Wragg, I organise the drop-in meetings on the first Tuesday morning of each month. With an alternating group of volunteers, we offer tea or coffee and a warm welcome to new and old members. It is a lively gathering: occasionally there are reunions of old friends who have lost touch over the years. People moving to Sheffield in later life find it a good way to access the U3A and learn of groups with vacancies and waiting lists. Volunteers to make the drinks are always welcome and will find it an enjoyable morning.

Janet Haigh and John Wragg



It's an easy and enjoyable way of meeting new members and others while doing worthwhile work.

Andy Booker



What's not to like! Volunteering means I get to meet a wide group of people, enjoy their company and contribute to the overall family feel of SU3A.

Maureen Booker

**Do you need help with ipads, tablets,
or accessing the website?**

Is there something YOU would like to help with?

Come along to the next Drop-In

Monthly Drop-In takes place on the first Tuesday of each month at the Central United Reform Church, 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield, S1 2JB on the first floor. There is a lift available for those unable to use the stairs. Time 10.00 – 12.00.

STOP PRESS

A gentle reminder to all Group Coordinators

If your group has an annual turnover above £1000.00 you must have your accounts audited every year. More details are available on the Group Accounts section of the Group Coordinators website page or contact the treasurer.

Chris Cave treasurer@sheffieldu3a.org.uk

Advance Notice

The annual **Group Coordinators Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 6 April 2016, 9.00 – 13.00** in the main meeting room at **The Quaker Meeting House**, 10 St James Street, Sheffield, S1 2EW.

2016 Annual General Meeting

Decisions at the AGM can only be made on items appearing on the agenda. Decisions cannot be taken on “any other business” items. The agenda will appear in the next (April) edition of Links. If there is any item that you would like including on the agenda you must notify it to the Secretary, in writing, no later than 19 February 2016.

NEWS

30 YEARS ON...

2016 will mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of Sheffield University of the Third Age. At a time when many voluntary organisations quickly fall by the wayside, often due to apathy, every member of SU3A should feel proud that our organisation continues to flourish and grow. There are many reasons why this is the case, but perhaps the most important single one of these is our members' enthusiasm, loyalty, and willingness to take an interest in a wide range of different activities. It is fitting therefore in marking this event that we focus on our membership, and in particular on those who have made a contribution over many years. This article is about the activities and some of the memories of just four of our earliest members – and I am quite aware that it would be possible to write about many others!



No recollection of the growth and development of SU3A would be complete without paying a visit to Frank and Yvonne Gutsell. Our records indicate that they both joined SU3A in September 1986. Retiring respectively from the police force and from teaching, both threw themselves into the activities of the then infant organisation. An early venture was in organising what was to become Walking Group A in 1989. Surprisingly, given the

large number of walking groups now in SU3A, Frank remembers it getting off to a rather slow start, before having a regular turn-out of 15-20, and doing walks in the local Peak District. From there numbers rapidly expanded to 40 - too large for a single group, and resultantly Walking Group B was started as a spin-off, from which in turn Walking Group C evolved.

This of course presents a perfect model of how any U3A should evolve; the commitment of a few early pioneers enthusing the energies of a larger number. Walking Group A soon spread its geographical range. Walking holidays in Britain started with a trip to Conwy, North Wales, and trips

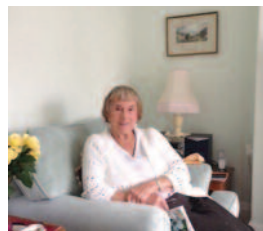
abroad followed to places such as the Auvergne and Minorca, in which both Frank and Yvonne were heavily involved.

Fairly soon, Frank became SU3A's third chairman, serving from 1991-1993. At this time SU3A was still fairly small with some 250 members – small enough to hold monthly meetings of the whole membership, with Frank estimating he knew some 50% of them personally. Yvonne in her turn started a travel group in 1990, and served as co-ordinator until 2000. The ambition and success of this group is difficult to overstate, with long-haul holidays to Australia, New Zealand and Canada as well as destinations in the UK itself.

It is worth pointing out that in their reminiscences with me they did also mention the occasional lack of success. A caravan club fairly quickly folded due to lack of support; but isn't this what U3A is all about? – have a go, follow an enthusiasm and share it with others. Most will succeed, often spectacularly, but if the odd one fails there is no need to be disheartened. Taking part is what matters!

Betty Cotterill remains a friend of the Gutsells, partly through the meetings of an informal lunch club composed of members of Walking Group A, who though no longer walking, still meet socially. This is a fine example of how friendships made through shared activities persist beyond the activity itself.

Joining in the early 1990s, Betty was herself a keen walker with Group A and a participant in many of their holidays. She also enjoyed Photography, Discussion, Natural History and Music Appreciation with SU3A. In addition to this Betty actively volunteered as well, from 1991-1995 she was membership secretary at a time when renewals were a purely pen, paper and envelope affair – a time consuming and arduous task. Betty vividly remembers debates in the Executive Committee at the time. Should membership be capped at 500? Thankfully for us the EC at the time wisely decided that opportunities for an active and enjoyable retirement should be kept open for all. Betty's commitment also extended to acting as co-ordinator for the Theatre Group – trips to Stratford, the Globe, the Lowry in Manchester and of course Sheffield theatres quickly followed. Betty's own personal favourites were London musicals with *Les Miserables* topping the list.





Marie Williams also joined in the 1990s and had a particular interest in developing IT skills. Her abilities were quickly apparent as she gained a number of proficiency certificates from the courses she attended, and became skilled in producing greetings cards from attending a course running at the time. Marie was also one of the founder members of a Birdwatching

group, and remembers venturing out with them even when there were substantial amounts of snow on the ground. The number of birds visiting the feeders on the balcony of her apartment is testimony to her interest in this activity. In addition, Marie fondly remembers holidays to Egypt, Italy and Paris with SU3A – holidays that would have been impossible without the organisation provided by U3A.

All of those I spoke to have fond memories of SU3A – the activities and new skills learned, the friends made, the fun had, and memories of different times – the small numbers, the typewritten and duplicated *LINKS* newsletter. Frank describes the SU3A of the 1990s as ‘a kitchen sink operation’, but here I must disagree with him. The numbers and the technology may have changed, but the enduring values of SU3A remain. These pioneers laid the foundations from which we all benefit today, and significantly, although their memories are of the past, none of them lives in the past.

I deliberately asked each of them if they thought the SU3A of the 1990s was better than today – they all answered with a resounding NO! All could see the benefits of a larger organisation which constantly renews and refreshes itself with new members, which embraces modern technology and which continues to provide new and expanding leisure and learning opportunities for the retired population of Sheffield. The commitment and effort of Frank, Yvonne, Betty and Marie made SU3A what it is today. Let us respect their legacy and continue their work.

John Evans Publicity Coordinator publicity@sheffieldu3a.org.uk

It's Membership Renewal Time Again!

If you are on email, then by the start of December, you should receive a renewal reminder email from **Wild Apricot**. If you do not, check your spam first and then email **wa-admin@su3a.org.uk** if it's not there.

Last year over 50% of you renewed online. This year we hope it will be at least 60%. Any problems there were with the system have been ironed out, so if you ever use your credit/debit card online, **please** use it to renew your membership. Using the system considerably eases the load on our Membership Secretary and Treasurer. You can use either a credit/debit card or your PayPal account, if you have one, to pay.

Wild Apricot is fully encrypted (note the <https://> at the start of the web address). Wild Apricot holds no one's financial details, only invoices and a statement that these have been paid. All payments are handled by the PayPal bank and so are protected by the highest possible levels of security.

The Wild Apricot Team is ready and waiting to manage your renewals. Do not worry if you have forgotten your password. Click on the 'Forgot Password' link next to the Login button and a new one will be sent to your email address.

If you have changed your email address during the year or have any other problems with the system email **wa-admin@su3a.org.uk** and we will do our best to help. During the main renewal period we promise a response within 48 hours; usually it is much less.

If you prefer face-to-face help, members of the Wild Apricot Team will be at the December and January Drop-Ins.

Of course you can still renew by post using the application form on page 18.

Opportunities for Groups



Denise West ... Onwards and upwards!

denisewest3@btinternet.com Tel 07817 899090

Denise was always very proud as a past Chairman of SU3A, helping to run the largest U3A in the country. Now, two years on, as well being the group coordinator for *"The World of the Books"*, co-running *"Friday Lectures"*, and being a member of the *"Indian Veggie Group"* and *"Aspects of Art"* she also volunteers for the Yorkshire and Humber Region (YAHR) and is a member of their Executive Committee.

The Yorkshire and Humber Regional Committee exists to support and represent the U3As in this region. This is the largest region in our organisation and to date there are 48 individual U3As up and running successfully in "God's own County". Because of its size the region has been split into 8 clusters geographically and Denise is the link person for South Yorkshire. Her role is to help and support Sheffield U3A to access and share in the benefits of being part of the regional network.

There are cross-county workshops and study days and she will always be open to your suggestions for these. If your group has done something of interest please let Denise know and your news item will be put on the YAHR website. The next "big" venture is the Showcase Event in August 2016 (see page 13) and we hope Sheffield groups will join other U3As in our region showing what skills and expertise our groups have, or simply come and look around on the day.

Remember!
Copy deadline for the April 2016 *Links*
is 26 February 2016



Summer Showcase

**Does your interest group have
something to show or share?**

**Askham Bryan College, York
August 3rd 2016**

**You'll be giving inspiration and enthusiasm
to the other 47 U3As in our region!**

**In 2012 over 80 U3As displayed their interests
to the 1,000+ members and friends who attended**

**Register your interest
showcase@YAHRU3A.co.uk**

Don't hide your light under a bushel!



Sheffield Hallam University Research

Nicola Dimelow, a PhD researcher at Sheffield Hallam University, is inviting members, age 60 plus, to participate in research investigating emotion perception in older adults. A number of tasks will be undertaken. Some will be presented on a computer where the participant needs to use a response box to indicate their choice from the given options. Other tasks will include the participant selecting the meaning of a series of words, completing a pattern, a memory task and filling in questionnaires about social activities, demographic information and emotion. Full information will be provided prior to consenting to participate. The study is expected to take approximately 2 hours, including refreshment breaks.

Please see the SU3A website (sheffieldu3a.org.uk) for further information or you can contact Nicola Dimelow Tel (0114) 225 5734.

New Members Meeting - 14 October 2016

Periodic meetings are held for new members of SU3A to familiarise them with the workings of the organisation and to answer any questions and deal with any concerns. The latest of these was held at Central United Reform Church (CURC) on 14 October.

The meeting was well attended, with just under 50 present. Our Chairman, Samina Aslam, opened proceedings with a survey of what SU3A could offer its members, followed by Pat Ryan who gave an interesting and amusing account of his early experiences as an SU3A member.

The format of the meeting was different from recent ones in that members of the committee and other volunteers sat at tables with new members for informal, small group discussions. All participated and feedback from new members for the event was very positive. It was particularly encouraging that so many of our new members indicated a willingness to volunteer to help both with the running of groups and with general administrative tasks.

John Evans Publicity Coordinator publicity@sheffieldu3a.org.uk

EVENTS



Classical Concertgoers Nottingham Royal Concert Hall Friday 8 April 2016 at 19.30

Our second visit this year is to hear the **Halle** play a special concert of English composers to mark the centenary year of two battles of the First World War- Verdun and the Somme.

Butterworth A Shropshire Lad

Casken Apollinaire's Bird

Elgar Sospiri

Vaughan Williams Symphony No.4

The programme is conducted by Sir Mark Elder and the soloist is the Halle's Principal Oboist, Stephane Rancourt, for whom John Casken has written music which represents 'the flight of a bird over a battle-scarred landscape'. Elgar's adagio, written in 1914 anticipates the tragedy of war. George Butterworth died in the trenches in 1916 and his music captures the immensity of youthful loss. Vaughan Williams' symphony was written during the turbulence of the interwar years.

The coach will leave the bus stop at the junction of Knowle Lane / Ecclesall Road at 16.30 in time to reach Nottingham for a pre-concert session with either Sir Mark Elder or the composer, John Casken. The cost of the ticket (mid-stalls), coach travel and driver's gratuity is **£30.00**. To apply, please complete the form on page 16.

Pamela Sandford (0114) 2361815



**Classical Concertgoers
Nottingham Royal Concert Hall
Friday 8 April 2016 at 19.30**

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

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Please reserve place(s) for me (£30.00 per person). I enclose
a cheque for £ payable to **SU3A Concertgoers**
and a small S.A.E.

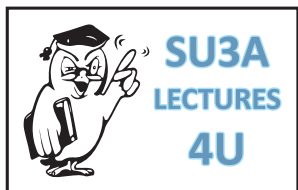
If possible I would like to sit with

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Forms to be sent to Pamela Sandford, 289 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0DA.

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Friday Lecture Programme 2015- 2016



Venue: **Showroom Cinema.**

Normally no charge and no booking required.

Refreshments from 10.00. Lecture from 11.00 to 12.30. Greeters wearing lanyard badges will be there to welcome you! Half-price parking at Q-Park with a voucher from the Showroom Box Office.

Lecture Enquiries and suggestions to Shelagh Woolliscroft (0114) 255 8948

Lecture times are changing!
From January 2016 the Lectures will be from
11.00 -12.30 with refreshments from 10.00

Friday 18 December 2015

The Star of Bethlehem. *David W Hughes, Emeritus Professor of Astronomy, University of Sheffield.*

For this lecture only refreshments from 09.30. Lecture 10.30 -12.00



Christmas would not be Christmas without the star, but did it really exist?

A quiet astronomical debate has been bubbling away for decades. Could some real cosmic event have drawn "three wise men" on a journey to find a newborn king? David Hughes pieces together myth, art and science to explore the facts behind the birth of Jesus.

The lecture will be followed by Christmas lunch in the Showroom cafe bar. Turkey and the Trimmings, (or Vegetarian option) to be followed by mince pie, tea/coffee. Price £8.00. To book please Email: - christmasatshowroomworkstation.org.uk quoting U3A or telephone (0114) 221 0239.

Friday 15 January 2016 NB 11.00 start **Sheffield U3A in the Community.** *SU3A groups and their partners.*

What do SU3A members do in our spare time? Many volunteer and help other charities. Some members enter a close working partnership with other organizations within the Sheffield community and it is a few of these partnerships that this one off special lecture highlights. There will be a selection of video presentations showing recent activity by the Video-Making Group, the Sustainable Development Group, the Gardening at Whirlowbrook Group, Flying Gardeners and the work of the Reading Volunteers.

Advance Notice

Friday 19 February 2016 NB 11.00 start
Robert Graves and His Relationships with Other WW1 Poets.
Charles Mundye, Head of Academic Development in the Department of Humanities, Sheffield Hallam University and President of the Robert Graves Society.

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Year of birth

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I / We attach a payment of £ for membership at £10.00 per person.

If you do NOT wish to receive the national U3A News tick here [.....]

Please note that members not renewing before 28 February 2016 will be deemed to have resigned.

GIFT AID DECLARATION

If you are a UK taxpayer, Sheffield U3A can claim back tax on your subscription(s), at no cost to yourself, provided that your current annual tax bill is more than the tax reclaimed (£2.50 on a £10 subscription). If so, please complete the declaration below:

Please treat this amount as a gift and payment. I confirm that, in this tax year, the income and/or capital gains tax I will pay will be at least 25% of the total sum I give to Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs. I understand that other taxes (eg VAT and Council Tax) do not qualify.

Signed: **Date:**

Please make cheques payable to: **Sheffield U3A** and send to:
The Membership Records Officer, Mrs Lorna Baker,
8 Thornsett Gardens, Sheffield S17 3PP.

Sheffield U3A Group and Activities Pages: December 2015

To join Sheffield U3A please contact Rita Webster-Carr (Initial Enquiries Officer) on (0114) 230 8866, email enquiry@sheffieldu3a.org.uk

Anyone wishing to join a Group should ring the Coordinator first. If you find the Group is full, has a waiting list, or wish to suggest a new Group, please ring the appropriate Group Coordinator, or (01433) 659 864

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

Sheffield U3A is committed to the principles of inclusion and good access wherever possible. We are making every effort to ensure that our activities are available to everyone who wishes to actively participate.

ACCESS: to Group meetings and activities is listed using the following key -

MH : Member's Home - access variable; if you have specific needs please contact the Group Coordinator

PVHL: Public Venue - meeting is fully accessible, including a hearing loop

PV : Public Venue - meeting is fully accessible but does not include a hearing loop

PVAL: Public Venue - meeting access is limited; if you have specific needs please contact the Group Coordinator
O : Outdoors

MEETINGS: This shows Day, Time & Frequency - e.g. *Mo.am.f = Monday Morning Fortnightly. We.pm.m = Wednesday Afternoon Monthly. Tu.--,w = Tuesday All Day Weekly. 4w = 4 weeks.* **AREA:-** *The Postal Area in which the Group meets - e.g. (SE) indicates that the Group meets in the South East of Sheffield.*

Please notify any amendments to this list to the Group Coordinator team.

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
ART						
Art (SE)	V	We.pm.w	S13	PVAL	Paul Garland	269 3219
Art I	V	We.am.w	S11	PVHL	Daniel Merrills	230 5952
Art II	V	Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Ruth Lamb	236 2807
Art III	V	We.pm.w	S11	PVAL	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I		Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Jean Stewart	262 1055
Aspects of Art II		Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Valerie Wiley	236 0726
Looking at Art	V	2ndTh.pm.m	S8	PV	John Cooper	01909 567 279
Outdoor Sketching	V	Fr.am.f	various	O	Daniel Merrills	230 5952
ARTS AND CRAFTS						
Appreciating Architecture		3rdTh.pm.m	Greenhill	PV	Margaret Short	266 0269
Architecture Past and Present	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Roy Pilkington	255 8948
Crochet and Knitting	V	Tu.pm.f	S1	PV	Jane Whitehead	230 9312
Digital Photography	V	3rdTh.pm.m	S11	PV	Alan Zinober	236 7001
Dressmaking		Mo.am.f	S11	PV	Ruth Bernard	258 9026
Handwork & Craft II		Th.am.f	S11	MH	Elspeth Eggington	230 8755
Knitting		We.pm.m	S10/11/17	MH	Jane Harling	230 9576
Knitting II		Th.am.f	S1	PVAL	Heleen Gwyddanes	221 6360
Patch & Quilt		Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Quilting Hive	V	Mo.pm.	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
Video Production (Documentary)	V	Varies	Sheffield area	MH	Ian Barkley	01709 812 351
Woodworking/Woodcarving		Th.pm.w	S7	MH	Bob Adkins	255 1968
BIRD WATCHING						
Bird Watching I		Mo.am.f	various	O	Robin Peel	241 6525
Bird Watching II	V	We.--w	various	O	Malcolm Swift	01246 412 737
CARDS AND BOARD GAMES						
Bridge - Friday I	V	Fr.pm.w	S17	PV	John Strange	01246 416 558
Bridge - Friday II	V	Fr.pm.w	S10	PV	Brian Jeremiah	230 7250
Bridge - Friday III	V	Fr.am.w	S7	PV	Louise Cooper	230 7191
Bridge - Monday	V	Mo.pm.w	S7	PV	Colin Jessop	266 3831

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Bridge - Thursday	V	Th.pm.w	S17	PV	Brenda Fryer	236 5628
Bridge - Tuesday	V	Tu.am.w	S11	PV	Michael Brumby	236 5676
Bridge Stocksbridge	V	Tues.pm.w	S36	PV	Bob Smith	288 8624
Bridge Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	PVAL	Jean Bowie	230 1002
Chess	V	Tu.pm.4 wkly	S17	MH	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Evening Rummikub		M.eve.w	S17	MH	Chris Cave	236 4648
Rummikub (SE)		Mo.pm.f	S13	MH	Joan Brown	269 4829
Rummikub (SE) II		Monday pm.f	S20	MH	Barbara Steel	247 4696
Rummikub I		Mo.pm.f	S7/8/17/	MH	Shirley Wilks	438 0480
Rummikub II		Mo.pm.w	S10	MH	Rita Webster-Carr	230 8866
Scrabble	V	Fr.pm.f	S7	PVAL	Liz Barber	288 4113
Whist cntct & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Sun.eve.w	S10	MH	Gerald Cartwright	266 7032
DISCUSSION, PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS AND RELIGION						
Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Claire Attwood	250 8286
Discussion II	V	Tu.am.m	various	MH	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Meditating Together	V	3rdTu.am.m	S7	MH	Patsy Gibbon	250 0663
Personal Finance	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	PV	Helen Marsh	230 1622
Philosophy- Hist/Classical		2ndMo.pm.m	S11	PV	John Kirkman	236 1971
Sugar & Spice	V	Mo.pm.f	S8	MH	Eunice Southgate	281 1876
Today's World		Th.am.m	various	MH	John Green	230 7768
Wealth & Poverty		4thMo.pm.m	S11	MH	Helen Davies	266 3276
GARDENING						
Gardening (SE)	V	Tu.am.f	various	PVAL	Carol Wright	251 0140
Gardening at Whirlowbrook Park	V	We.am.f	S17	O	Shelagh Woolliscroft	255 8948
Gardening C	V	Mo.am.m	S10/11/1	PVAL	Heather Curtis	255 7228
Gardening D		2ndTu.am.m	various	MH	Helen Drury	236 7053
Gardening Greenfingers		2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Jane Gregory	274 9246
HISTORY						
European History		4thTu.pm.m	S1	PV	John Evans	230 1173
Family History I		2ndWe.am.m	S10	PVHL	Annie Grassick	230 2777

GROUP (Hist cont)	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Family History III		2nd Tu.am.m	S1	PV	Tim Simkins	230 2656
Family History IV		4th We.am.m	S11	PVAL	Monica Stagg	07870350271
Greece and Rome	V	Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Anne Thomas	230 5281
History I	V	Tu.am.f	S17	PVHL	Geoff Moore	266 3024
History II	V	Mo.pm.m	S10/11/17	MH	Angela Jakubovic	236 3858
Local History (SE)	V	We.pm.f	S21 4BH	PV	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Military History	V	Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Marion Monaghan	01246 414 137
Visiting History	V	Tu.pm.m	various	PVAL	Jenny Clark	266 9395
LANGUAGES						
Cercle Français I	V	Fr.am.w	S7	PVAL	Alan Price	234 4172
Cercle Français II	V	Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	Margaret Platts	230 7300
Classical Greek Alpha	V	We.pm.f	S1	PV	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
Conversational German		We.am.We.pm.w	S25	MH	Anne Greenhalgh	01909564464
English Language		Tu.am.m	S11	MH	Maggie Lyons	236 6195
French for Holidays		Mo.pm.f	S7	MH	Usha Fitch	236 5009
French-Advanced		Fr.am.w	S10	PV	Lorrie Flannery	273 1788
French-Intermediate		Th.am.w	S11	PVAL	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
German for Improvers	V	Mo.am.w	S18	MH	Shelagh Wooliscroft	255 8948
German-Advanced	V	Tu.pm.f	S6/8/10/	MH	Peter Gill	263 0640
German-Intermediate	V	Mo.am.w	S10	PV	Katharine Brown	265 6477
Italian		Tu.pm.f	S10/11/6	MH	Rosalind Rogerson	268 1426
Italian Continued		Tu.pm.w	S11	PVAL	Mel Kingsley	230 2701
Italian for Holidays	V	Fr.pm.w	S11	PV	Mike Hague	236 6336
Latin - Old Skool		Mo.pm.f	S1	PV	Paul Cordwell	3273954
Latin II		2nd & 4th Fr.am.m	S1	PV	Jane Blockeel	236 6861
Latin III		We.pm.f	S7	MH	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
Latin Improvers		Mo.am.f	S1	PV	Rose Tanner	245 0200
Modern Greek	V	Th.pm.f	S11	MH	Margaret Halstead	258 2541
Portuguese For Fun		Tu.am.w	S11	MH	Pauline Miller	268 3678
Sanskrit	V	Th.am.w	S11	PV	Ronald Atkinson	274 5031

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Spanish Advanced		Th.am.w	S7	PVAL	Hilda Wisbey	275 1935
Spanish Beginners		Mo.pm.w	S10, S11, S17	MH	Israel Newton	266 3138
Spanish Beginners II	V	Mo.am.w	S10	MH	Diana Jackson	247 0614
Spanish Stage 2	V	We.pm.w	various	MH	Greta Pearman	236 3336
Welsh Conversation	V	Tu.am.f	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
LITERATURE AND DRAMA						
Book Group I		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Margaret Walton	255 6563
Book Group II		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Sally Carter	236 2066
Book Group III		2ndTu.am.m	S17	PV	Wendy Jennick	268 7047
Book Group IV		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Mary Whyms	236 8628
Book Group V	V	Tu.pm.m	S11	MH	Mary Brookes	235 0180
Bookworm	V	Fr.pm.m	S36	PV	Angela Butler	288 4778
Creative Writing	V	Fr.pm.m	S36	PV	Meg Jepson	288 2929
Drama Study		Tu.pm.f	S11	MH	John Parsons	230 4902
Enjoying Literature	V	We.am.f	S7	MH	Roger Smith	268 6924
Film Appreciation	V	Tu.pm.m	S1	PV	Lesley Dixon	268 5881
Novel Reading I	V	Mo.pm.4w	S10	MH	Pam West	266 2188
Novel Reading II	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	MH	Kay Beeston	01433 631 247
Novel Reading III	V	2ndFr.am.m	various	MH	Judith Vernier	01246 418607
Novel Reading IV	V	Fr.am.m	S5	MH	Mary Simpson	245 2568
Play Reading I		Tu.pm.4w	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188
Play Reading III	V	Mo.am.4w	S 17	MH	Mavis Frost	236 4249
Poetry for Pleasure		We.pm.f	S17	MH	Pat Parkin	236 8009
Poetry Study		We.pm.f.	S11	MH	Freda Green	236 4882
Radio Production		Various			Harry Welburn	249 8284
Reading for pleasure	V	Th.pm.m	S17	MH	Susan Kirkman	236 1971
Shakespeare for Pleasure	V	Tu.am.f	S10/11	MH	Kay Nicholson	268 6220
Story Writers	V	Tu.am.4w	various	MH	Margaret Briddon	262 0501
World of The Book	V	We.am.m	S1	PV	Denise West	274 6797

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MUSIC						
A Cappella Singers		Tu.pm.f	S6,7,20	MH	Mike Maas	230 4435
Drumming		Th.pm.w	S1	PV	John Lee	233 8517
Enjoying Opera		Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	John Williams	230 4568
Guitar Group		Mo.pm.f	S1	PV	John Stevens	236 3557
Handbell Ringing	V	We.eve.w	S35	PVAL	Margaret Naylor	236 0245
Jazz Appreciation I		2ndTu.am.m	S10	MH	John Green	230 7768
Jazz Appreciation II	V	3rdTu.am.m	S7	MH	David Bone	268 1016
Music Appreciation	V	Th.pm.f	S6	PV	David Andrews	235 3389
Old Time Music Hall	V	1st We. Am.m	S1	PV	Graham Williams	230 7756
Recorder	Y	Fri.am.f	S1	PVAL	Linda Evans	230 1173
Singing for Pleasure		Fr.pm.f	S1	PVAL	Irene Lees	267 1857
Ukulele		Fr.pm.f	S8	PVAL	Ann Beedham	274 8331
Vintage Voices	V	Mo.am.w	S1	PVAL	Carole Hurst	293 9163
PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES						
Belly Dancing Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Kathryn Smith	283 1171
Bowling Cn Grn (SE)	V	Th.am.w	S9	O	John Hunt	269 8811
Bowling Crown Green		Mo.am.Th.am.w	S8	O	Tony Hobson	281 5373
Country Dancing	V	Tu.pm.f	S8	PV	Anne Marples	266 8794
Croquet	V	We.am.Tu.pm.Th.pm.w	S11	O	Peter Jones	230 5987
Fitness: Tailor made for you.	V	Mo.pm.Tu.am.Th.am.Fri.am	S11	PV	Ann Evans	348 6607
Fly Fishing	V	Various	Various	O	David Buckley	266 3183
Midweek Cyclists	V	Mo.am.f	various	O	Dave Jefferies	266 3612
Plates		We.pm.w	S18	PVAL	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Racketball (Mon)	V	Mo.am.w	S17	PVAL	Peter Keen	236 4914
Racketball (Thurs)	V	Th.pm.w	S17	PVAL	Peter Hawksworth	230 7678
Racketball Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Elaine Smith	288 8624
Table Tennis		Mo.Th.am.w	S17	PV	Belinda & John Taylor	230 4489 & 253 0789
Tai Chi & Chi Kung Intermediate		Fri. pm w	S17	PV	Pat & Clare Ryan	236 8749
Tai Chi Stocksbridge	V	We.pm.w/Fr.am.w	S36	PV	Christopher Goldthorpe	01226 762 201

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Yoga		Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Jenny Forster	230 3353
Yoga: Tailor made for you	V	Mo.am.wWe.am.w	S11	PV	Ann Evans	255 2368
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE						
Civil Engineering	V	Fr.pm.m	S11/S8	MH	Anne Marples	266 8794
Environment	V	Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Cliff Ellis	250 0883
Geology	V	We.--m	various	O	David Edmonds	234 3604
Maths	V	Tu.am.m	S8	PV	Alan Zinober	236 7001
Natural History		Th.--m	various	O	John & Aline Roberts	230 6487
Science & Technology	V	Mo.am.m	S8	PV	Dave Cassy	247 4454
Sustainable Development	V	Mo.pm.m	Central	PVAL	Jo Couldry	268 5496
SOCIAL						
After Hours		Eve/wk.end	various	PVAL	Mary Entwisle	255 2368
Afternoon Tea	V	We.pm.m	Various	PV	June Jackson	236 4474
Dining Out I		Wed.eve.m	various	PVAL	Lorna Baker	236 9025
Indian Veggie Buffet	V	1st Th.eve.m.	various	PVAL	John Wragg	236 8475
International Diners	V	Various	various	PVAL	John Wragg	236 8475
Lunch Club		Tu.m	various	PVAL	Joyce Franks	234 8587
WALKING						
Dippers "Too" (7-10mils)		Mo.--f	various	O	Margot Williams	266 7807
Dippers I (4-6mils)	V	Mo.--f	various	O	Donald Ward	236 3332
Gannets (5-7mils)		Mo.--f	various	O	John Lees	267 1857
Late Walkers (5mils)	V	We.am.w	various	O	Jill Whyms	258 9935
Strollers II (Public Trspt.)	V	Mo.--f	various	O	Sheila Hewitt	268 6891
Strollers II (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Norman Benson	236 1080
Strollers II (Tuesday)	V	Tu.am.f	various	O	Clive Williams	230 8177
Strollers III (Public Trspt.)		We.--f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Strollers III (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Angele Lam	01246 416 842
Strollers SE(Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Christine Edwards	01909 773 548
Sunday Ramblers	V	Sun.--f	various	O	Jenny Parker	236 0798
Sunday Walkers (7-9 mls)	V	Sun.--f	various	O	David Hydes	288 7815
Walk 'n' Talk German (5 mls)	V	Fr.am.f	various	O	Antje Barker	268 3912

GROUP (walking cont)	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Walking Grp A (5-6mils)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Pat Crook	265 4731
Walking Grp B (7-8mils)	V	Tu.-w	various	O	Joyce Cooper	236 2730
Walking Grp C (5-7mils)	V	We.-w	various	O	Gilbert Smith	230 5769
Walking Grp D (9-11mils)	V	Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Richard & Maggie Hardingham	236 4449
Walking Grp E (5-7mils)	V	Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Chris Cave	236 4648
Walking Grp F (10-14mils)	V	Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Peter Digby	236 6821
Walking Grp G (5-7mils)	V	Th.am.w	various	O	Tim Caley	230 3212
Walking Grp H (9-11mils)	V	Mo.-w	various	O	Eric Bridgeland	250 8819
Walking Grp J (10-14mils)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Alan Heath	230 4898
Walking Grp K (4-5 mls) Pub Trspt.	V	Th.-f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Walking Grp L (4-5 mls)	V	Th.am.w	various	O	Barbara Cassidy	262 0699
Walking Grp M (5 - 8 mls)	V	Fr.-w	various	O	Gordon Young	296 2402
Walking Grp N (6 - 7mils)	V	Fr.am.w	various	O	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Walking Grp NW (5 - 8mils)	V	Th.am.w	various	O	Mary Condon	288 5238
Walking Grp P (8 - 10mils)	V	Alt We./Th.w	various	O	Anne Fitzpatrick	236 0989
Walking Grp Q (5-7mils)	V	Tu.am.f	S5/S35	O	Anne Chatterton	246 2106
Walking Grp R (7 - 9mils)	V	Mo.-w	various	O	Camilla Jordan	268 5355
Walking Grp SE (8 mls)	V	Tu.-w	various	O	Kenneth Stringfellow	230 4063
THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE ADVERTISED IN LINKS AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS						
SHORT COURSES						
Learning to be Retired	V	Mo.pm.w	S1 2JB	PV	Julia South	255 8523
Memory Course	V	Th.pm x 4 sessions	S1	PV	Stephanie Dixon	247 0119
OPEN						
Classical Concertgoers				PV	Pamela Sandford	236 1815
European Travel Group		various		PV	Samina Aslam	235 1489
Literature Network				PV	Belinda Barber	230 4717
Lunch & Lecture		twice yearly	S8	PV	Dorothy Sutcliffe	268 5918
Steel City Wanderers		3 or 4 times a year	various	PV	Pat & Clare Ryan	236 8749
Travel Group		various		PV	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102
Weekenders		Sa.Su.m	various	PVAL	Dot Sutcliffe	268 5918



‘Can You ‘Ear Me, Mother’*

When you come to a U3A event, can you always hear the speaker?

Do you decide not to attend sometimes because you might miss much of the talk? Do you know that hearing loss is the third most common health problem in old age and one third of adults, aged 60 – 70, rising to 60% between the ages of 70 and 80 are affected?

This issue was raised at the AGM with an appeal for organisers to be more sensitive to using venues equipped with loop systems – and above all – making sure they are working and switched on. How many people don’t even join groups such as the U3A and become socially isolated which can lead to depression and possible dementia through lack of stimulation.

How easy do you find it to let others know that you are struggling to listen to their conversation, particularly in a crowded room? How empathetic can you be when your hearing is good but you realise that the person you are talking to is only getting half the story.

Deafness is a hidden disability and not as obvious as that of the wheelchair user who can’t get up the stairs. Many of us will suffer from it at a later stage of our lives – so let’s try to do the most we can to ensure that consideration is given to the suitability of every venue used. In this time of cutbacks in services, both NHS and local authority, let us try to share any advice or help with others in a similar predicament.

** For ‘younger’ members of the U3A this was the catchphrase of Sandy Powell, a music hall entertainer of the 30s and 40s who was often thought to be Scottish but in fact was born in Rotherham!*



Judith Vernier judithvernier@talktalk.net

GROUP NEWS



Steel City Wanderers

The Steel City Wanderers Group, explore Sheffield's culture through short walks in the city. They had their third walk last September – a ramble through Sheffield's recent musical history. We learnt a great deal about our shared musical heritage and had some

wonderful memories; under age entry into night clubs, teaching future pop stars, standing up boyfriends, how to distract police sniffer dogs...

Brian and Wendy, two of the progenitors of the walk, are contemplating writing a book of stories about the Sheffield music scene from the 1950s through to pretty well today. If anybody has any anecdotes, memories, tall tales, half remembered "oh no, did I really do that", about Sheffield during that period please contact:

Brian Clark blclark9@hotmail.com 07541696008

We have not yet defined the next walk theme. It could be an update on the street art, a stroll through the seamier side of Sheffield or perhaps murder and mayhem. If you would like to be added to our mailing list please email:

Pat Ryan drpjryan@gmail.com

Contract Whist and Double 12 Dominoes

This group has run successfully for many years meeting on Sunday evenings. The Coordinator would also like to offer a regular midweek session for these games, times and dates to be confirmed.

Interested members please contact:

Gerald Cartwright Coordinator (0114) 266 7032 or 07855 445048

Memory Course

With the conclusion of the November course, the last one to be held by the present team, we will have presented 11 courses. Therefore about 140 SU3A members have taken part as participants and another 10 or so have helped in putting the courses on.

We have decided that the time has come to take a break from the course but if there is anyone who would like to organise courses in the future, some of us would be more than happy to share our experiences and support a new team. To this end I propose to hold on to our information box and keep the bank account open until the end of the financial year in March. It will then be closed and any money in the account will be transferred to the Sheffield U3A account.

Anyone interested in taking over running the course please contact me, by email, as soon as possible, to arrange a chat.

Stephanie Dixon stephanie.m.dixon@btinternet.com



50 Golden Years – Is it a First?

Richard and Maggie Hardingham, Joint Coordinators of Walking Group D, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with fellow members on 30 September. Nineteen members embarked on an 11 mile walk in the environs of Hathersage and Stanage Edge on a glorious day. They were joined at lunchtime, to the couple's surprise, by past members of the group bearing liquid refreshment and a wonderful celebration cake (made and decorated by a current group member). A memorable day for all!

Jan Taylor

Gardening at Whirlowbrook Park Group - Pond Clearance



We had a hugely successful morning with 23 people working away in the autumn sunshine. As usual there were delicious cream scones and cakes at half-time which always helps!

Shelagh Woolliscroft

Theoretical Physics

Anyone who has kept an eye on scientific developments will appreciate the immense progress science has made in deepening our understanding of the Universe. Unfortunately, the more we learn, the more puzzling Nature becomes. Quantum Mechanics requires minute particles to be in many places at once, and to influence other particles over large distances.

We can see back in time almost to the Big Bang, but have now found that most of the Universe is missing!

We are proposing to set up a Discussion Group for people with an interest in this area. It aims to meet monthly, and the meetings could perhaps be 1 to 1 ½ hours duration. Venue, dates and times depend on the responses we get.

Contact: John Edwards johnedwards5@live.com or Tel (0114) 296 2050

Say Something in Spanish

A Spanish Starter Supported Self-learning Group

We are all smart. If you can speak English – you are smart...
Smart enough to speak Spanish

This 8 session, rapid beginners' course in Spanish has the aim of taking you from not speaking any Spanish to being able to hold a simple conversation with native Spanish speakers in eight 2-hour sessions. It was developed by motivational management speakers in Swansea U3A as a rapid beginners' Italian course. I have been leading the Intermediate Spanish group at Ilkley U3A for the last 5 years and have converted it into this "SSS" course.

There are four pre-requisites for would-be SSS course participants:

1. Time and ability to attend (possibly share-host) the eight sessions and do the 15-20 minutes per day homework between sessions. Access to a printer might be helpful.
2. To be sufficiently adept with the internet to communicate with the leader by email, use the Youtube video examples, the Spanish/English dictionary and websites required in the course.
3. Accept that the mind does not need to translate from the primary language to a second language. It is capable of using a second language without the need for translation. The second language can be used to teach/learn the second language.

People like hearing, reading and saying Spanish in small 'café style' groups of 3 - 5. The group will be limited, therefore, to 6 but, don't worry, if it works, it will be repeated for subsequent groups.

Bill Horner Tel 07967133373 wfahorner@gmail.com

Trying to improve your personal finances?

Our **Personal Finance Group** meets at Shirley House, Psalter Lane, at 14.00 on the 3rd Monday each month to share ideas and experiences about managing our personal finances. We cover a wide variety of topics such as household finance, energy suppliers, ISAs and other investments, share selection, care home costs and the Budget and its implications for people like us. For some sessions we invite external speakers/experts. You can obtain more information on our website. Currently we number about 20 but have room for a few more members. If you are interested why not give us a try?

*Helen Marsh timandhelen@themarshs.plus.com
or Tel (0114) 230 1622*

Mah Jong

If you are interested in learning to play Mah Jong we are looking for people to join a new group. The game is interesting and quite easy to learn. I will provide the Mah Jong set each week and we will be meeting on Wednesday evenings at members' houses.

If you would like to join us please contact me.

*Barbara Lowe barbaralowe152@gmail.com
Tel 07722 870390 / (0114) 438 5629*

Proposed New Group

Interest has been expressed in forming a new group -
GREETING CARD/CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN.

If anyone has an interest in, or better still a willingness to organise such a group, please contact Pat Ryan, General Coordinator for Arts and Crafts category, to discuss the organisation of such a group.

Pat Ryan Tel (0114) 236 8749

Old Time Music Hall Group

This is a new group for those interested in Old Time Music Hall. It started on April 1st and we still have some vacancies. We meet at 10.30 to 12.30 on the first Wednesday of the month in the U3A room (room 50) at Victoria Hall, Chapel Walk. So far we have covered the history of Music Hall, had several visiting Music Hall performers and shared our favourite monologues and Music Hall songs. It is basically an appreciation group but there is also the opportunity to perform for those interested in this, and I think we put on a good performance at the U3A summer school in August.

If you are interested in joining us and bringing back the Good Old Days, please come along or get in touch.

Group Coordinator: Graham Williams

Tel: (0114) 230 7756 email: teahouse2@gmail.com

Total Fingerpicking Guitar

Have a go at the "guitar for grown-ups" (quote Taj Mahal) approach of the Rev Gary Davis, combining melody line, bass, rhythm and middle voice for ragtime/blues classics. Then, take this approach to more modern iconic pieces such as the original Bond theme, Brubeck's Take Five, the Third Man theme, etc. Visit Mozart's Voi Che Sapete, Chuck Berry's Johnny B Goode style, fifties Everley Brothers' intros, open tunings like Joni Mitchell's Both Sides Now, sixties staples like Davy Graham's Anji and accessible versions of Moon River and Autumn Leaves.

Teaching and tab music provided free. Venue to suit participants.

*Lawrence Hegarty hegarty36@gmail.com
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A Cappella Singers

A Cappella Singers are a thriving group of 11 enthusiastic singers, who under the strong leadership of Fran Wells, now have a respectable repertoire of songs to sing and perform. Recently we gave a thirty minute performance of an eclectic mix of songs to members of the De La Salle Club at Beauchief, which was greatly appreciated. Numbers included 'Torrents in Summer' by Elgar, the popular song 'Pick Yourself Up' and, we think, a debut performance of the arrangement of 'Have You Seen' by the late local composer John Shaw, let alone a bit of Gilbert and Sullivan, a gospel song, madrigals and singing in French!

On **December 15th**, between 11.00 and 12.00, we have an hour slot at the **Winter Garden** in Sheffield to sing Christmas Carols – we try to offer not just the popular carols but some a little less familiar. Why not come along and listen? It is free of course but we hope to be taking a collection for the Cavendish Centre for Cancer Care.



Here is a photo from last year's visit to the Winter Garden.

We hope to be able to represent our U3A at future events in 2016.

Coordinator: Mike Maas

Deputy Coordinator: Stephanie Dixon



European Travel Group

Coordinator: Samina Aslam (0114 235 1489)

Email: sammas1747@gmail.com

Our trips are open to all SU3A members

Cancellations and Insurance: please refer to October 2015 edition of *Links* (available on our website).

Please note at the time of publication airlines had 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



The History of Berlin and Dresden 10-16 October 2016



We are pleased to offer a 7 day/6 night holiday exploring the History of **Berlin** and **Dresden**.

A wonderful opportunity to appreciate the magnificent buildings, the history of some of its citizens and enjoy the splendour of the palaces and the surrounding scenery.

From our designated pick up points in Sheffield we will fly direct from Liverpool to **Berlin**.

Over the next two days we will enjoy a guided tour of the city; visit the **Jewish Museum Berlin** with free time to take an optional audio tour of the exhibitions covering two millennia of German Jewish history. We will take a guided tour of the internationally renowned ancient history museum, **Pergamon Museum**, which contains the huge Altar of Zeus from Pergamon (2nd century BC) and the famous Ishtar Gate from Babylon. Another must is time to enjoy an included “**Kaffee** and **Kuchen**” break in the Reichstag.

From Berlin we will make our way to Dresden, stopping at Potsdam, a town set amongst woodlands and palaces, including the **Sanssouci Palace** created in 1744 by Frederick the Great as his summer residence and the **Cecilienhof Palace**, the venue of the Potsdam Conference between the allies in 1945.

Our time in **Dresden** will include a guided walking tour of the city.



We will enjoy an included nostalgic one way narrow gauge steam railway journey from Radebeul to Moritzburg before visiting **Moritzburg Castle**; the famous Baroque hunting and pleasure castle of Augustus the Strong which dates back to the early 18th Century. We will also visit **Pillnitz Castle** and Gardens

which lies on the banks of the River Elbe, with its flying buttresses and ornamented chimneys; the only Chinese style castle of its size in Europe. Also included is a paddle steamer cruise along the River Elbe to Pirna to view the splendour of the Saxony Alps.

On our final day, flight times permitting, we will visit the **Meissen Porcelain Museum** before making our way back to Berlin Airport for our flight back to Manchester Airport and onward coach travel back to our original pick up points in Sheffield.

We will be staying 3 nights at the 4* Golden Tulip Hamburg Hotel in Berlin and 3 nights at the 4* Maritim Hotel in Dresden. All rooms are en suite and feature television, telephone, hair dryer and a mini bar. There will be a set 3 course dinner (excluding drinks) on the first and third night at each hotel, giving travellers the opportunity to independently explore local restaurants for one evening in both Berlin and Dresden.

The cost of this holiday is **£1145.00pp** with a single supplement of **£109.00pp** and includes; all travel by coach and air from and back to our designated pick up points in Sheffield, 1 x 20kg checked baggage and seat reservation, private executive coach travel during our holiday in Berlin and Dresden, audio headsets on days 2 and 6, 4 nights half board and 2 nights bed & breakfast, all entrance fees outside of those you may visit during free time and tips and gratuities (except for at the hotels which is left to the individual's discretion).



Berlin and Dresden, Germany 10-16 October 2016

Name(s) as on passport(s)

Address SU3A No(s)

..... Postcode

Contact details (email & tel no)

Please reserve place(s) for me. Room type: Double/twin share /single
I enclose a cheque for £..... (**£135.00** per person), payable to
Sheffield U3A ETG. Please return the completed slip with an **A5 Link
sized s.a.e, by 24 December 2015** to: Samina Aslam, 342 Abbey Lane,
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Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

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Advance Notice: Travel Group Day Visits for 2016

May	Beamish Folk Museum (February Links Open Group Supplement)
June	Laxton Village, Notts (April Links)
July	Scampston Hall and Walled Garden (April Links)
July	New Four Churches visit (April Links)
August	Southport Flower Show (June Links)
September	Hat Museum and Bramall Hall, Stockport (June Links)
October	Lion Salt Works, Northwich and Little Moreton Hall (August Links Open Group Supplement)
November	Symphony Hall, Birmingham and Christmas Market (August Links Open Group Supplement)

Short Breaks 2016

15–19 September	Suffolk, Ipswich (April Links)
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**Travel Group Visit to Lincoln Castle
and Belton House, Grantham
Wednesday 13 April 2016**



Set high on a hill, Lincoln Castle has reopened following a four-year £22 million transformation. Built almost 1000 years ago by William the Conqueror, the castle has witnessed some of the most dramatic events in English history. It has been a symbol of power and punishment through the ages and a place where kings and

convicts have walked. The castle is also home to an original 1215 copy of Magna Carta, the document that changed the course of history. All will be revealed on our guided tour. We will have time to explore the towers and dungeons of the Norman castle and enjoy spectacular views over the city.

After lunch, (included) at the castle, we will travel to Belton House, a National Trust property. Belton is often cited as being the perfect example of an English country house. Begun by Sir John Brownlow in 1685, it boasts one of the most important silver collections in the country and the second largest library held by the National Trust. There is a café and a restaurant for refreshments.

The cost for the day is £40.70 and £29 for National Trust members. This includes coach travel, gratuities, coffee, admission to the castle, a guided tour and a light lunch. Admission at Belton for non NT members is also included.

To reserve a place, please complete the application form on page 40 and send it with a small s.a.e. and a cheque to Barbara Robertshaw as soon as possible.



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Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South	08.00 ()
Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5	08.15 ()



**Travel Group Short Break to
Northumberland
7 – 11 June 2016**

Newcastle-upon-Tyne will be our base for this holiday. This area offers many interesting places to visit and a rich history to appreciate. On our way northwards, we will visit Nunnington Hall (NT), a 17th century manor house with many features which include the Carlisle collection of miniature rooms and an attractive garden stretching down to the river Rye. There is a café for snacks or a light lunch.



The itinerary will include a visit to Alnwick Garden, Lindisfarne Priory and Seaton Delaval Hall, which has been rescued from ruin by public donation and the National Trust.

Tom Keating, a Blue Badge Guide, who has been with us a number of times, will be taking us around the area.

On the first day we will go to part of Hadrian's Wall to see Vindolanda and Chesters Roman Fort and he will tell us about the many Roman artefacts and the latest excavations. After that, we will continue to Hexham, with its famous abbey and the oldest gaol in the country.

The next day we will go with Tom to the Woodhorn Museum, a former 19th century coal mine and now an award winning museum and Heritage Centre for art and local historical relics. It houses the work of the Pitmen Painters made famous by a play at the Lyceum and Robson Green in a documentary. We return to Newcastle for a guided tour of the city. On the journey home a visit is planned to a coastal town for lunch.

The cost for this **4 night/5 day** break is **£385** per person with a single supplement of **£65**. We are staying at the Holiday Inn Newcastle. It has all the usual facilities and a heated swimming pool.



Lindisfarne

The cost covers bed, breakfast and evening meal at the hotel, transport, all gratuities and admission fees, except those of the National Trust properties. Lunches, snacks and any other refreshments (unless stated) are not included.

To reserve a place, please complete the booking form below and send it with a deposit of £50 per person to Margaret Langrish as soon as possible. Please note that members are responsible for arranging their own travel insurance. Sheffield U3A cannot be responsible for any claims.



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Northumberland
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Please reserve place(s) for me.

Room type: Twin/double/twin share/single

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Calendar 2015/16

- Dec 1 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
5 Travel Group: Arley Hall at Christmas
15 A Cappella Singers: Carols in Winter Gardens 11.00-12.00
18 Showroom Lectures: Star of Bethlehem
- Jan 5 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
15 Showroom Lecture: SU3A In The Community 11.00
17 Weekenders: Sunday Lunch City Centre 12.15
- Feb 2 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
6 Classical C'goers: EU Chamber Orchestra, Leeds Town Hall
19 Showroom Lecture: Robert Graves and WW1 Poets 11.00
- Mar 1 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
10 Travel Group: World of James Herriot, Beningbrough Hall, York
18 Showroom Lectures: See February Links Open Group Supp
30 Flying Gardeners at Beauchief Gardens 10.00-12.00
- April 5 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
6 Group Coordinators meeting: 09.00 – 13.00, Quaker Meeting Hse
8 Classical C'goers: The Halle, Nottingham Royal Concert Hall
13 Travel Group: Visit to Lincoln Castle and Belton House, Grantham
15 Showroom Lectures: See February Links Open Group Supp

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