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Whirlowbrook Park Group Volunteers at Work

Photo: Mike Ford

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From The Chair

Welcome Back!

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer and as I write I know that many groups are gearing themselves up to restart their activities with a vengeance.

Since my last communication with you all, SU3A held a successful AGM with some lively entertainment provided by Singing for Pleasure and A Cappella groups. The YAHR Summer School proved to be a great success with 14 members from SU3A attending. Our very own Denise West was one of the key organisers of this event assisted by Jean Stevenson.

The Friday Lectures continue to grow and remain ever popular. I attended the July Lecture on *“Peatlands Environmental Research”* which had a very engaging and articulate lecturer. Thank you to Shelagh Woolliscroft and her fellow organisers, the lecture was truly an eye opener. If you have not been to any of the Friday Lectures, give it a go. You will receive a warm welcome. Details of forthcoming lectures can be found on page 29.

I’ve recently had occasion to reflect on how essential the self-help ethos is for the smooth operation and success of our groups and would like to remind our members that **“learning through self-help”** is the key principle of the U3A movement. Group coordinators give their own time not just to carry out group activities but also to organise them. So if you are asked to help occasionally with refreshments or perhaps with moving some chairs and you are physically able to do so, please help and support your group coordinator. Likewise, our volunteers who help with the administration and running of our U3A cannot always be at the end of the phone when a member has a query. Volunteers are giving up their own time to help the membership and if on occasions you are frustrated with the response you receive, please be patient and maybe think about how you could contribute to improve the way things work.

At the end of August, along with approximately 400 other delegates from around the country, I attended the U3A National Conference and AGM, where the new Regional Trustee for the Yorkshire and Humber Region, Sue Stokes, was appointed. There are now 1,011 U3As in the country bringing the membership to over 400,000. Many topics were discussed, but particular emphasis was on our charitable status as an educational movement, shared learning and research projects. More information will be forthcoming in the next issue of *Links*.

Looking forward to the coming months, I am pleased to say that the order for the audio “Whisper Boxes” for the Travel and Open Groups has been placed and delivery is expected mid/late September. A second New Members Meeting is scheduled for November, so members who have recently joined us look out for your invitations. Now I’ve been advised by the *Links* Editor that space is very short for this issue as there’s lots going on in “Group News” so I’m signing off!

Until next time... Samina

NEWS



Flying Gardeners

The next session will be on 29 November at Whirlowbrook Park, starting at 10 am (our winter start time), finishing at 12 noon. We will be clearing the drive-side bed adjacent to the upper pond, ready for planting up in spring 2018.

Everyone is welcome, no tools are required, just stout shoes and gloves. Easy parking in the lower car park or behind the Hall.

Enquiries to Shelagh Woolliscroft on (0114) 255 8948.

ROOM 50

A meeting room, Room 50, is available in central Sheffield for use by U3A groups. Sheffield U3A has the sole use of the room which is conveniently located within Victoria Hall in Chapel Walk.

A dozen of our activity groups have used the room in the last year. These range from the Recorder group, Italian Language, Knitting and Crochet, World of the Book (a literature study group) to Act Your Age (a play reading group). There are plenty of free slots available and all group co-ordinators are encouraged to use the room.

Room 50 can accommodate up to 20 people, is light and airy and contains tea and coffee-making facilities. There is also a general coffee lounge located in Victoria Hall and lift access. Victoria Hall is easily reached using bus and tram routes and represents exceptional value at just £10 per session (morning or afternoon). The room is available from 9 am until 5 pm and can be hired on either a one-off or a regular basis.

If you think Room 50 might meet the needs of your group or wish to discuss whether it is suitable please call our Treasurer, *Chris Jones* on 07753 829771.

Booking Room 50

To book Room 50 please text Chris Jones with your group details and requested date/time on 07753 829771 or email him on treasurer sheffieldu3a.org.uk. Chris will reply within 48 hours. In exceptional circumstances, if Chris does not reply, please email your request to Maggie Bower on *links sheffieldu3a.org.uk*

Talking about our generation - growing up in the 1960s

Were you born between 1945 and 1955? Do you remember white boots, bouffant hair, scampi in a basket, EPs, Nights In White Satin and The House of the Rising Sun? Would you be interested in sharing YOUR experiences of the 'Swinging Sixties'?

We would like to start a living history project in 2018, based on sharing memories of all aspects of the 60s decade - home and school life, entertainment, holidays, music, fashion, health, sport, memories of world events, etc. Besides being an entertaining process we hope for two tangible outcomes - some published material and a 'Sixties Night' some time later in the year.

In order to succeed we need to set up a small steering group which would help to a) facilitate the 'memory sessions', b) contribute to the writing up and c) stage the Sixties Night. We will also need lots of other members to join in the 'trips down Memory Lane'.

If you are interested in being part of the steering group, please come to the **Drop-In at 10.30 am** on either **3 October or 7 November**; or telephone *Denise West* on (0114) 274 6797 or *Shelagh Woolliscroft* on (0114) 255 8948.

Pond Clearance at Whirlowbrook Park 25 October 2017 9.30 - 12 noon



Mud, mud, glorious mud!
So good for the complexion!
Come and help keep our beautiful lily pond tidy. Old clothes, gloves and wellies needed. Tea, coffee, cake and friendship guaranteed.

Enquiries: *Shelagh Woolliscroft* 255 8948

GROUP NEWS

Walk 'n Talk German



It has been 3 years since we started the Walk 'n Talk German walking group. There are many walking groups within SU3A, but no others where you are obliged to speak in a foreign language while you are walking, in our case in German.

The members of our group have learnt the German language to a high conversational standard under various circumstances and have mostly one-to-one conversations with each other. The common aim is to maintain language skills and learn a bit more - good for the ageing brain!

What a relaxing way to do just that and have a lot of fun at the same time. Nearly all walks end in a nice pub or café, where we can continue socializing in English.

How about users of other languages setting up walking groups?

Antje Barker, Coordinator

Art Group Tuesday

We are an existing group of artists who would like to welcome new members to join us weekly, on Tuesday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm at Ecclesall Parish Hall, Ringinglow Road, Sheffield, S11 7PP.

We are a self-help group painting in all media. We have no tutor but several members of the group are able to offer informal tuition if required. Our first meeting after the summer holidays will be on 12 September. The low cost of hiring the room is divided equally between members on a quarterly basis. For more information, please contact Graham Woodthorpe or Mike Tilly.

Coordinator: Graham Woodthorpe (0114) 296 0535
Deputy: Mike Tilly mtilly btinternet.com (0114) 236 0268

Thursday Bridge Club

Would you like to play bridge again?

No partner - No problem.

We always have a stand-by to play with you.

Why not join us on a Thursday afternoon at Abbeydale Sports Club, from 1-4 pm?

Come once or twice to 'test the water'.

Easy parking, lift, pleasant surroundings, tea/coffee break and a warm welcome await you.



Contact: Brenda Fryer (0114) 236 5628 fryers2 gmail

French for holidays and conversation

If you are interested in joining a new, informal, group studying French for holidays and conversation please contact me. We hope to start in the autumn in the S10 area of Sheffield.

Ann Granville Tel: (0114) 230 9754



Personal Finance Group

Back in business after the summer holiday, we have arranged a very interesting programme for the year ahead. Essentially we are a participatory group but we occasionally invite experts to come to speak to us. For the new 2017/18 sessions, starting 18 September, among the topics to be discussed are: planning for health in older age, providing financially for the next generation, trusts, inheriting pensions and ISAs, and funeral arrangements. At each meeting we also have an “Open Forum” to introduce discussion on matters of current interest to our members. We meet on the 3rd Monday monthly at 2 pm at Shirley House, Psalter Lane, Sheffield, S11 8YL.

Please see our new programme on our homepage on the SU3A website. If this appeals, please contact the Coordinator:

Helen Marsh helenmarsh14 hotmail.com (0114) 230 1622

Dressmaking Groups The Old Junior School, Sharrow Lane

We now have two Dressmaking Groups, held on alternate Monday mornings at The Old Junior School. The groups are for anyone interested in hand sewing or machine sewing. There is no teaching so some experience is necessary. We are friendly and help each other out by sharing our skills when needed.

There are a few vacancies which we are keen to fill. Do please get in touch with Ellie Johnson or Eve Fawcett for further details:

Ellie Johnson elliej651 gmail.com (0114) 268 3291

Eve Fawcett (0114) 230 1023

New Belleplates Group



I should like to start a U3A Belleplate group (similar to, but different from, handbells and lighter to handle). We would meet in our house in Crookes in a morning for about an hour. If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please contact me by email or

telephone. Please let me know which morning of the week would suit you.

Rosemary Anderson (0114) 268 0924

Reanderson1946 aol.com

Tai Chi and Chi Kung – West Sheffield – Proposed new group

I am hoping to set up a new tai chi group for members wishing to learn tai chi and chi kung for health. Details of venue, times and costs are yet to be finalised but the sessions are likely to be held in either Banner Cross or Kenwood areas on either a Wednesday or Thursday, early or mid-afternoon. I am looking to start the weekly sessions from mid-November.

If you wish to know more and register your interest please email me, Ron Jarman, at ron.jarmanfamily.co.uk (preferred option) or telephone (0114) 230 6878.

New Current Affairs Discussion Group

There is now so much good non-fiction being published on current affairs topics such as Brexit, Immigration and the ‘Post Truth’ society that we, as enthusiasts for this kind of reading, have decided to start a Current Affairs Discussion group.

This will work in a similar way to most fiction book groups, where members recommend a book they have read for the group to read and then fix a time to lead discussion of that book. The introductory meeting of the group will be used to draw up a programme for the first few months of 2018. For that meeting, we will bring along information about some

books that have interested us and will set the ball rolling by leading the first two sessions in the New Year. You are also warmly invited to come with suggestions of books on which you might like to lead a discussion. For reasons of expense, we are asking potential members to recommend paperbacks rather than hardbacks.

The introductory meeting will take place on Thursday 16 November in the Dore Moor Inn from 11.00 am. All subsequent meetings will take place in the same venue and at the same time on the second Thursday of each month, starting on Thursday 11 January 2018. We anticipate that discussion will last from between an hour and an hour and a half followed by the option of lunch. So everybody has the opportunity to contribute to and lead discussions, we are looking for a membership of up to 15. The book under discussion for the January 2018 meeting will be 'The Road to Somewhere' by David Goodhart, led by Paul Close. In this book, out in paperback on 28 September, Goodhart argues that two groups in Britain were revealed by the Brexit vote of June 2016, which he calls the 'Anywheres' and 'Somewheres' and considers what this means for the future of British politics.

Please contact us by Friday 27 October if you would like to join the group. We look forward to hearing from you.

Paul Close (0114) 268 3082 paul47close btinternet.com

Taster Sessions of Various Crafts – New in Chapeltown

I am opening a group in my home in Chapeltown, Sheffield for people interested in crafts. It will be on a Friday morning, once a fortnight, starting on 20 October. The session will start at 10.00 am and will continue as long as we like on the day, so you might want to bring a packed lunch. Other refreshments will be available too. There will be a small cost for materials of not more than £5. Initially, I thought we would do Crafts for Christmas covering the following techniques: parchment, cards, gift items, bunting, table decorations and gift bags and tags. If you are interested please contact me by email, telephone or message me on my mobile.

Ann Marie Hodkinson

webannmarie me.com

(0114) 246 9784/07706 425201

Lip-reading Classes

Are you hard of hearing? Chris Carter is hoping to set up a group to learn to lip-read, led by a professional teacher. The plan is to have two-hour sessions, in a City centre location. There would be a charge, which would comply with U3A rules. Time, date and venue are yet to be decided. If you are interested, or know anyone else who may be, please come to the Drop-In on Tuesday 3 October or contact Chris Carter by text on 07855 908007 or by e-mail U3AChrisCarter@gmail.com.

The group itself meets monthly and offers mutual support and information. We also aim to work with Sheffield venues to improve facilities for the hard-of-hearing and to share experience. New members are welcome.

The Sheffield U3A committee are interested in enabling the roughly 25% of its members with hearing problems to fully participate in activities. It is intended to purchase a portable loop system that can be lent to groups who have deaf members.

The charity “Action on Hearing” have suggested various ways in which hearing people can help. Suggestions include:

- If the person uses lip-reading, as most do, at least to some extent, you should look for an area with good lighting away from noise and distraction to have a conversation and make sure you have the person’s attention before speaking;
- You should speak normally and clearly, without raising your voice but using normal lip movements facial expression and gestures whilst keeping your face towards them;
- You should make sure that what you are saying is understood and if not try saying it in a different way and try to get to the point without waffling.

Chris Carter can be contacted by text on 07855 908007 or e-mail U3AChrisCarter@gmail.com

Learning Outdoors Walking Group

We meet every Thursday at 10am for a 6-7 mile walk. We are probably different from other U3A groups because we aim to learn about the landscape we are looking at, whether it is history, geology, birds, rivers or plants and trees. We devise the walks around a theme for each month. Past themes have included ancient route ways, reservoirs, literary walks and many other subjects. We car share and have a refreshment stop at the end of our walk around 2.30-3pm. New members can expect to lead when they feel comfortable to do so.

Our July programme was based around village well dressings in Derbyshire. In August and September we are repeating those walks that were made less perfect previously because of poor weather. The new theme for October is to walk parts of the Peak District Boundary Walk, and in November the theme is based on famous women. For further details please contact:

Judy Thompson (0114) 267 8435 *judy8re btinternet.com*
Coordinator

David Hague (0114) 233 5333 *david dnhague.f9.co.uk*
Deputy coordinator

Mindful Ageing Group – new group

We are two members of U3A who have been teaching mindfulness on a voluntary basis for the last 6 years. We run programmes on Mindfulness Based Life Enhancement and Mindful Ageing. We are asking whether there is anyone in U3A who would be interested in joining a group that would explore how we can enhance our lives as we age. We will introduce a variety of mindfulness practices including meditation, informal mindfulness, simple mindful movement (a blend of yoga and Qigong) and elements of positive psychology.

We would like to invite members to a two-hour taster session on Thursday 16 November at 2pm in the Multifaith Centre at Sheffield Hallam University City Campus where future meetings, starting in January, would be held. The aim will be to introduce the principles of mindful ageing in a

practical way and to discuss how the group might be organised in terms of meeting frequency and content. Please do get in touch with us if you are interested or if you would like to know more about the proposed group.

Dr John Darwin info@mindfulenhance.org
Mike Pupius (0114) 258 7568
Centre for Mindful Life Enhancement

Walking Group C - Dorset Holiday



A Thomas Hardy interest was added to a most enjoyable week spent in Dorset in June by Walking Group C. Organised superbly by Amanda and Barbara, with much of the countryside around Lulworth Cove covered in daily walks. Fantastic views of the coastline included: Studland Bay, Swanage, Poole Harbour, the Isle of Wight and of course, Old Harry Rocks and Durdle Door. We visited the cottages and graves of Hardy and T.E. Lawrence, the deserted village of Tyneham, and Moreton Church. Good company, great walks and many laughs were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Sheila Smith, Walking Group C

Chris's Big Swim

On 19 June this year, Chris Hill, a member of Walking Group F, did something rather extraordinary. He swam the length of Windermere for charity. This ten-and-a-half mile swim raised over £800 for MacMillan Cancer Support. This is an exceptional feat of endurance which followed months of training and a lot of preparation. The swim started near Newby Bridge and, with the support of an escort boat, was successfully completed six and a half hours later at Ambleside.

Chris started his open water swimming in 2014 with the Great North Swim. He then repeated this for the following two years, swimming greater distances each time and raising over £1000 from these events. He was motivated to fundraise for MacMillan because they had looked after his father-in-law through a terminal cancer and provided exemplary support during this difficult time.



The Windermere swim left Chris totally exhausted on completion. He was both physically and mentally drained, and although a painful shoulder recovered fairly quickly, it took a little while for the emotions to settle down. Half a year's intensive training for six hours in the water and then suddenly it was all over.

Happily, Chris now looks back on the whole experience with satisfaction and feels that it was a life-affirming event.

Chris Hill is a shining example of what can be achieved with dedication and commitment. If you would like to see more of Chris's swim and fundraising, please visit the website: www.justgiving.com/chris-hill55

Paul Jarvis *Walking Group F*

Made in Sheffield: A Performance of Sheffield U3A Creativity - Tuesday 17 October

Coffee and biscuits from 10.00 am, with the performance commencing at 10.30 am, in the Central United Reformed Church Upper Hall (where the Drop-In is held).

As part of the 'Off the Shelf Festival of Words' a performance by the Story Writers Group, Vintage Voices and guests of original stories, poems and song all celebrating our lives and our city. We will also have a selection of the limericks submitted over the past two months. Entry is free but must be booked by contacting:

Pat Ryan drpjryan gmail.com

Wednesday Art Group

The Wednesday Art Group held a Summer Party on 21 June this year - six months after their customary Christmas party got squeezed out of the schedule. Member Kath Lawrence offered her garden, plus catering. But without crackers to pull and silly Christmas games and forfeits in mid June, we had to devise some original art-related fun. Paint something? Joint activity? Mural? "Well, we've got a blank garage wall" suggested Kath... "I could design something" suggested David (who also paints scenery for model railways when he's not leading the art group). Gordon found money in the Treasury for a load of "sample" pots of emulsion paint in landscape colours. And we were off...!

David took inspiration from a vintage GWR Poster painted by Sir Herbert Alker Tripp (1883-1954) showing Cader Idris with Afon Mawddach in the foreground. Nearly 20 members turned up with paint brushes, sketching materials, and sunhats to have a fantastic day and, incidentally, cover the wall. The pictures below tell some of the story. Remember Tom Sawyer and the fence? Now, I wonder why that springs to mind?

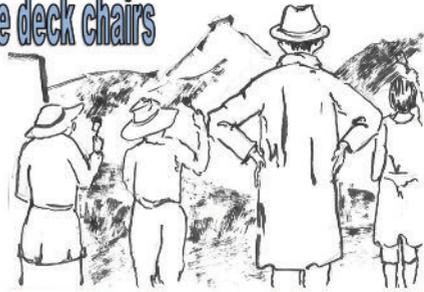
*Daniel Merrills
Jenny Forster*



Summer painting party



view from the deck chairs



Video Documentary Trip to BBC Media City in Salford



Members of **Sheffield U3A Video Documentary Group** enjoyed a visit to the BBC at Media City in Salford, where we were taken on a tour of the production facilities and studios. We were excited to stand in the studio where BBC Breakfast is broadcast every morning. There was an opportunity to stand in for Carol Kirkwood, Louise Minchin and Charlie Stayt on the famous 'red sofa' which gave us an appreciation of the skills of these presenters.

The tour included the Blue Peter studio as it was being prepared for the next edition of the show. It was fascinating to see the amount of technology involved in this production which, of course, is never seen on the television screen. We were also taken into a very impressive complex of radio studios which are used by Six Music and others for live performances.

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Sheffield U3A Group and Activities Pages: October 2017

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 General 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 General Coordinator team.

Groups	Meeting	Area	Access	Coordinator	Telephone
Art		Set D	General	Coordinator Pat Ryan	
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	Pauline Miller	258 3678
Art III	V We.pm.w	S11	PV	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I	V Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Connie Jackson and Sheila Harris	263 1537 or 236 9653
Aspects of Art II	V Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Valerie Wiley	236 0726
Outdoor Sketching	V Fr.am.f	various	O	Daniel Merrills	230 5952
Arts and Crafts		Set D	General	Coordinator Pat Ryan	
Architecture Past and Present	V 2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Roy Pilkington	255 8948
Crochet and Knitting	V Tu.pm.f	S1	PVAL	Jane Whitehead	457 7740
Dressmaking	V Mo.am.f	S11	PV	Eve Fawcett	230 1023
Dressmaking and Sewing	V Mo.am.f	S11	PV	Ellen Johnson	2683291
Handwork & Craft II	V Th.am.f	S11	MH	Elspeth Eggington	230 8755
Knitting	V We.am.m	S10/11/17	MH	Jane Harling	230 9576
Knitting II	V Th.am.f	S1	PVAL	Helen Gwydanes	221 6360
Patch & Quilt	V Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Photography	V 3rdTh.pm.m	S7	PV	Alan Zinober and Pat Robins	2367001 or 01246 416850
Quilting Hive	V Mo.pm.	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
Video Production (Documentary)	V Varies	Sheffield area	MH	Ian Bartley	01709 812 351
Woodworking/Woodcarving	V Th.pm.w	S7	MH	Bob Adkins	255 1968
Bird Watching		Set A	General	Coordinator Stephanie Dixon	
Bird Watching I	V Mo.am.f	various	O	Robin Peel	07942 920741
Bird Watching II	V We.--w	various	O	Malcolm Swift	01246 906819
Cards and Board Games		Set C	General	Coordinator	
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 - Monday	V Mo.pm.w	S17	PV	Colin Jessop	266 3831
Bridge - Thursday	V Th.pm.w	S17	PV	Brenda Fryer	236 5628
Bridge - Tuesday	V Tu.am.w	S7	PV	Michael Brumby	236 5676

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Bridge - Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	PVAL	Jean Bowie	230 1002
Bridge Stocksbridge	V	Tu.pm.w	S36	PV	Bob Smith	288 8624
Chess	V	Tu.pm. 4 wklly	S17	MH	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Evening Rummikub		Mo.eve.w	S17	MH	Chris Cave	236 4648
Mah Jong	V	We.eve.w	S7	MH	Barbara Lowe	248 8367
Rummikub (SE)		Mo.pm.f	S13	MH	Joan Brown	269 4829
Rummikub (SE) II		Mo.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	PV	Rosemary Newall	236 0728
Tabletop Gaming	V	Mo.pm.w	S1	PVAL	Keith Jones	270 6648
Whist cntrct & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Su.eve.w	various	MH	Gerald Cartwright	266 7032
Discussion, Philosophy, Economics and Religion						
Set C						
Current Affairs Discussion	V	2nd.Th.am.m	S17	PV	Paul Close and Stephen Geary	268 3082 or 280 8286
Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Claire Attwood	280 8286
Discussion II	V	Tu.am.m	various	MH	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Feminist Reading Group		2nd.Tu.am.m	S1	Null	Christine McMullen	Not listed
Feminists Over Fifty	V	1st Tu/2nd We/3rd Mo.am/4th Tu.eve.m	S1	PV	Maggie McCarthy	230 6600
Personal Finance	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	PV	Helen Marsh	230 1622
Philosophy- Hst/Classical		2ndMo.pm.m	S11	PV	John Kirkman	236 1971
Practical Philosophy		Th.pm., 3 wklly	S10	MH	Martin Manby	230 6505
South India - Talk and Travel	V	Su.	S11	MH	John Wragg	236 8475
Sugar & Spice	V	Mo.pm.f.	S8	MH	Eunice Southgate	281 1876
Gardening						
Set D						
Flying Gardeners		5th .We.am	Various	O	Shelagh Woolliscroft	255 8948
Gardening (SE)	V	Tu.am.f	various	PVAL	Carol Wright	251 0140
Gardening C		Mo.am.m	S10/11/1	MH	Heather Curtis	255 7228
Gardening D	V	2ndTu.am.m	various	PV	Helen Drury	236 7053
Gardening Greenfingers	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Jane Gregory	274 9246
Gardening at Whitlowbrook Park	V	2nd & 4th We.am.m	S17	Null	Shelagh Woolliscroft	255 8948

Groups	Vacancies	Meeting	Area	Access	Coordinator	Telephone
History						
European History		4th Tu, pm.m	S1	PV	John Evans	230 1173
Family History I		2nd We, am.m	S11	PVAL	Annie Grassick	230 2777
Family History III	V	2nd Tu, am.m	S1	PVAL	Tim Simkins	230 2656
Family History IV		4th We, am.m	S11	PVAL	Monica Stagg	07870 360271
Greece and Rome	V	Fr.p.m.m	S11	MH	Anne Thomas	230 5281
History I	V	Tu, am.f	S17	PV	Janet Haigh	230 3070
Local History (SE)	V	We, pm.f	S21	PV	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Military History	V	Th, pm.m	S7	PV	John Green	230 7768
Visiting History	V	Tu, pm.m	various	PVAL	Jenny Clark	266 9395
Languages			Set B	General Coordinator	Ann Granville	
Cercle Francals I	V	Fr, am.w	S11	PV	Tina Powell-Wiffen	255 1032
Cercle Francals II		Mo, pm.f	S10	MH	Margaret Platts	230 2561
Classical Greek	V	We, pm.f	S1	PV	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
English Language	V	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	Peter Keen and John Haigh	236 4914 or 0114 2581875
French-Intermediate		Th, am.w	S11	PV	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
German for Improvers		Mo, am.w	S18	MH	Anne Bonell	01246 416094
German-Advanced	V	Tu, pm.f	S6/8/10/17	MH	Janice Forder	236 4083
German-Intermediate		Mo, am.w	S11	PVAL	Katharine Brown	265 6477
Italian		Tu, pm.f	S10/11/6	MH	Brian Bailey	266 4678
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	S10	MH	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
Latin Improvers		Mo, am.f	S1	PV	Rose Tanner	245 0200
Mandarin		We, am.w	S10	MH	Helen Gwyddanes	221 6360
Modern Greek	V	Th, pm.f	S11	MH	Margaret Halstead	258 2541
Portuguese Beginners	V	Mo, am.w	S11	MH	Pat Cantrill	230 8571
Portuguese For Fun		Tu, am.w	S11	MH	Pauline Miller	258 3678
Sanskrit Improvers		Th, am.w	S7	PV	Kath Odonovan	268 1833

Groups	Vacancies	Meeting	Area	Access	Coordinator	Telephone
Scottish Gaelic	V	Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
Spanish - Rapid Beginners 2	V	Tu.pm.w	S8	PV	Bill Homer	249 4921
Spanish Advanced		Th.am.w	S7	PVAL	Stefan Finka	237 6132
Spanish Improvers		Mo.pm.w	S10	MH	Israel Newton	266 3138
Spanish Improvers II	V	Mo.am.w	S10	MH	Diana Jackson	0771 1636047
Spanish Stage 2		We.pm.w	various	MH	Greta Pearman	236 3336
Welsh Beginners		Tu.am.w	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
Welsh Conversation		Tu.am.f	various	MH	Geoffrey Turner	01142309054
Welsh Intermediate	V	Tu.am.f	various	MH	Nigel Thomas	281 6611
Literature and Drama						
Set B						
General Coordinator Ann Granville						
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		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	07582 458050
Film Appreciation	V	Tu.pm.m	S1	PV	Lesley Dixon	268 5881
Novel Reading I	V	Mo.pm., 4 wkly	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	Anne Chatterton	266 8998
Play Reading I		Tu.pm., 4 wkly	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188
Play Reading II		Last Tu.pm.m	S10	MH	John Lees and Irene Lees	267 1857
Poetry Study		We.pm.f	S11	MH	Freda Green	236 4882
Poetry for Pleasure	V	We.pm.f	S17	MH	Pat Parkin	236 8009
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., 4 wkly	various	MH	Margaret Briddon	262 0501
World of The Book	V	We.am.m	S1	PVAL	Denise West	274 6797

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Music			Set C	General Coordinator		
A Cappella Singers		Tu.pm.f	Various	MH	Stephanie Dixon	247 0119
Drumming		Th.pm.w	S1	PV	John Lee	233 8517
Enjoying Opera		Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	John Williams	230 4568
Guitar Group	V	Mo.pm.f	S1	PV	John Stevens	236 3557
Guitar Group II	V	We.eve.f	S10	MH	Kirk Davis	01142302932
Guitar Group III	V	Th.eve.f	S10	MH	Kirk Davis	01142302932
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		3rdTu.am.m	S7	MH	David Bone	268 1016
Music Appreciation	V	Th.pm.f	S6	PV	David Andrews	235 3389
Recorder		Fr.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			Set D	General Coordinator Pat Ryan		
Balance Aid	V	Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Ann Evans	348 6607
Belly Dancing Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Kathryn Smith	283 1171
Bowling Crm Grm (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	S7	PV	Anne Marples	266 8794
Croquet	V	We.am., Tu.pm., Th.pm.w	S11	O	Peter Jones	230 5987
Cyclists Midweek	V	Mo.f	various	O	Alan Bailey	236 7219
Fitness: Tailor made for you	V	Mo.pm., Tu.am., Th.am., Fr.am	S11	PV	Ann Evans	348 6607
Pilates		Tu.am.w	S18	PVAL	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Racketball	V	Mo.am., Th.am.w	S17	PVAL	Peter Keen	236 4914
Racketball Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Elaine Smith	288 8624
Table Tennis		Mo., Th.am.w	S17	PV	Belinda Taylor and John Warwick	230 4489 or 253 0789
Tai Chi & Chi Kung Intermediate		Fr.pm.w	S17	PV	Pat Ryan and Clare Ryan	236 8749
Tai Chi Stocksbridge	V	Fr.am.w	S36	PV	Christopher Goldthorpe	01226 762 201
Yoga	V	Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Anne Ledbetter	01246 488038

Groups		Vacancies		Meeting		Area		Access		Coordinator		Telephone	
Science and Technology, Social Science						Set C		General Coordinator		Coordinator			
Civil Engineering	V	Mo.am.m	S10	MH	Anne Marples								266 8794
Complementary Therapies	V	Alt. Th and Frams.m	Various	PVAL	Liz Lucas								288 5996
Environment	V	Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Cliff Ellis								250 0883
Geology		We.--.m	various	O	David Edmonds								234 3604
Maths	V	Tu.am.m	S8	PV	Alan Zinober								2367001
Natural History		3rd. Th.--.m	various	O	John Roberts and Aline Roberts								230 6487 or 07752675363
Science & Technology	V	Mo.am.m	S8	PV	Roy Stanley								230 2941
Sustainable Development	V	Mo.pm.m	Central	PVAL	Jo Coudry								268 5496
Theoretical Physics	V	We.pm.m	S11	PVAL	John Edwards								296 2050
Social			Set D	General Coordinator Pat Ryan									
After Hours		Everlwk.end	various	PVAL	Mary Entwisle								255 2368
Afternoon Tea		We.pm.m	Various	PV	June Jackson								236 4474
Dining Out		Wed.eve.m	various	PVAL	Ann Rook								236 0315
Indian Veggie Buffet	V	1st Th.eve.m.	various	PV	John Wragg								236 8475
International Diners	V	Various	various	PV	John Wragg								236 8475
Lunch Group		3rdTh.m	various	PV	Diane Brooke								01709 371800
Walking			Set A	General Coordinator Stephanie Dixon									
Dippers I (4-6mils)	V	Mo.--.f	various	PV	Jacqueline Smith								07730 275999
Dippers Too (7-10mils)	V	Mo.--.f	various	O	Bill Barraclough								230 3945
Gannets (5-7mils)		Mo.--.f	various	O	John Lees								267 1857
Late Walkers (5mils)	V	We.am.w	various	O	Jill Whyms								258 9935
Learning Outdoors Walking Group	V	Th.--.w	Various	Null	Judy Thompson								2678435
Strollers I (Public Trspt.)	V	We.--.f	various	O	Michael Ball								287 9226
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	Shirley Tasker								274 6986
Strollers III (Public Trspt.)	V	We.--.f	various	O	Pat Clifton								251 0450
Strollers III (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Angela Lam								01246 416 842
Strollers SE(Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Christine Edwards								01909 773 548
Sunday Ramblers	V	Su.--.f	various	O	Jenny Parker								236 0798
Sunday Walkers (7-9 mils)	V	Su.--.f	various	O	David Hydes								288 7815
Walk & Talk German	V	Fr.am.f	various	O	Antije Barker								268 3912
Walking Grip A (5-6mils)	V	Alt Tu./We.w	various	O	Pat Crook								265 4731

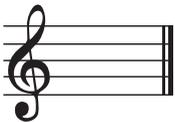
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Walking Grip B (6-7mils)	V	Tu.--w	various	O	Joyce Cooper	236 2730
Walking Grip C (5-7mils)	V	We.--w	various	O	Gilbert Smith	230 5769
Walking Grip D (9-11mils)	V	Alt We./Th.w	various	O	David Levine	258 9026
Walking Grip E (5-7mils)	V	Alt We./Th.w	various	O	Chris Cave	236 4648
Walking Grip F (10-14mils)	V	Alt We./Th.w	various	O	Peter Digby	236 6821
Walking Grip G (5-7mils)	V	Th.am.w	various	O	Tim Caley and Pauline Caley	230 3212
Walking Grip H (9-11mils)	V	Mo.--w	various	O	Ray Goulding	2306905
Walking Grip J (10-14mils)	V	Alt Tu./We.w	various	O	Alan Heath	230 4898
Walking Grip K (4-5 mils) Pub Trispt.	V	Th.--f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Walking Grip L (4-5 mils)	V	Th.am.w	various	O	Barbara Cassidy	262 0699
Walking Grip M (5 - 8 mils)	V	Fr.--w	various	O	Gordon Young	296 2402
Walking Grip N (6 - 7mils)	V	Fr.am.w	various	O	Sylvia McColm	236 5872
Walking Grip NW (5 - 8mils)	V	Th.am.w	various	O	Pauline Shaw	07752 638350
Walking Grip P (8 - 10mils)	V	Alt We./Th.w	various	O	Anne Fitzpatrick	236 0989
Walking Grip Q (5-7mils)	V	Tu.am.f	S5/S35	O	Anne Chatterton and Lorraine Brooks	266 8998 or 246 1051
Walking Grip R (7 - 9mils)	V	Mo.--w	Various	O	Camilla Jordan	268 6355
Walking Grip SE (8 mils)	V	Tu.--w	various	O	Johanna Lattimer	0114 268 1227
Short Courses	Set	Meeting			Coordinator	Telephone
Map Reading for Walkers	Set A	Various	Various	O	Gordon MacNair	258 5442
THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE ADVERTISED IN LINKS AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS						
Classical Concertgoers	Set C	Null	Null	PV	Pamela Sandford	236 1815
European Travel Group	Set D	various	Null	PV	Samina Aslam	235 1489
Lunch & Lecture	Set B	Twice yearly	S8	PV	Dorothy Sutcliffe	268 5918
Steel City Wanderers	Set D	3 or 4 times a year	various	PV	Pat Ryan and Clare Ryan	236 8749
Travel Group	Set D	various	Null	PV	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102
Weekenders	Set C	Sa., Su.m	various	PVAL	Dorothy Sutcliffe	268 5918
Total						206

We would welcome new members to join our group which was formed to provide practical experience and training sessions in video production. This is **not** a course and we are happy for people with no previous skills in this area to join and learn alongside others with varying degrees of knowledge. Using these skills we undertake worthwhile documentary video productions for charities and other organisations who would otherwise be unable to afford a video.

We meet on Monday mornings between 10 and 12 at various locations around Sheffield. We learn, often through our mistakes, have fun and eat biscuits!

If you are interested in joining us contact:

Ian Barkley ibarkley@greenbee.net (01709) 812351



**Classical Concertgoers: Leeds Town Hall
Saturday 27 January 2018 at 7.00 pm**

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel

Please reserve place(s) for me (£31.00 per person). I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to **SU3A Concertgoers and a small stamped addressed envelope.**

If possible I would like to sit with:-

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

EVENTS



**Classical Concertgoers: Leeds Town Hall
Saturday 27 January 2018 at 7.00 pm**

English Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Alexander Shelley
Piano: Heejae Kim
Trumpet: Jason Evans

Schubert Symphony No. 8 'Unfinished'
Mozart Piano Concerto No.17
Haydn Trumpet Concerto
Mozart Symphony No. 35 'Haffner'

A free pre-concert talk will be held at **6.15 pm**. (These talks have in the past been delivered by musicologists from the university and have made a good introduction to the evening's programme.) Leeds Town Hall has all the grandeur and decorative splendour of Victorian Northern Civic Architecture. As the auditorium is smaller than a modern symphony hall it is ideally suited for a small chamber ensemble. The coach will leave the bus stop at the junction of Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road at **4.30 pm**. The cost of the ticket, coach travel and driver's gratuity is **£31.00**.

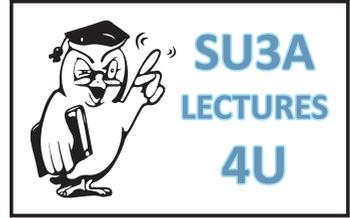
To apply, please complete the form on **page 27** and return to me with a **small stamped addressed envelope** as soon as possible.
Pamela Sandford (0114) 236 1815

**FUTURE DATE: Wednesday 21 March 2018 The Bridgewater Hall:
afternoon concert - tba in December *Links*.**

May 2018 - We are considering a visit to Opera North's production of Kiss Me Kate (Cole Porter). Please contact me if this would be of interest to you.

Friday Lectures at the Showroom Cinema

All members are able to attend these lectures free of charge. Occasionally there is a retiring collection for the speaker's nominated charity.



Lectures are held in Cinema 4 at the Showroom Cinema, Paternoster Row, on the third Friday of the month and start at 11.00 am, finishing at around 12.30 pm. A voucher, obtainable from the box office, enables half-price parking at Q-park on Arundel Gate. There is a greeter wearing a U3A lanyard badge to welcome new members. The café opens at 10.00 am and refreshments are available before and after the lecture.

The team will endeavour to post last-minute changes on the website. There is no booking system - it is 'first come, first served'.

Queries to *Shelagh Woolliscroft*: (0114) 255 8948

20 October - The work of Sheffield Advanced Technology Park. Keith Ridgway CBE, Professor of Design and Manufacture, University of Sheffield.

Professor Keith Ridgway is the Chair of the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) in Sheffield where he is also Professor of Design and Manufacture. He was admitted to Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Aeronautical Society, the world's most prestigious and long-standing aerospace award honouring achievement. This is in recognition of an outstanding contribution to aerospace manufacturing, which has led to the development of innovative manufacturing processes and a step change in the productivity of many industrial companies.

The AMRC was established by Professor Ridgway in 2001, who worked with local businessman Adrian Allen to develop a multi-million pound collaboration between the University and aerospace giant Boeing. The AMRC grew out of our longstanding strengths in metallurgy and engineering research, working in close partnership with the aerospace supply chain.

17 November - Shale gas fracking: the politics and science. Sarah O'Hara, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education and Student Experience and Professor of Geography, University of Nottingham.

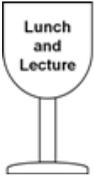
Over her career Sarah has acted as an advisor to the UNDP, SDC, FCO as well as the UK and EU government on a number of water-related projects and environmental issues. She currently sits on the British Geological Society (BGS) Independent Advisory Committee and is an adviser to the Shale Gas Task Force.

**15 December - Humour in Film
Martin Carter, Principal Lecturer in Film Studies,
Sheffield Hallam University.**

What makes people laugh? If we knew that then every comedy film, play, television show would have us all rolling in the aisles... but they do not. This meandering ramble through the history of screen comedy will also not provide an answer to that question but will hopefully illustrate the wide range of what some of us do find funny... and others don't.

Martin works in the Stage & Screen team teaching Film Studies. He has specific interests in Documentary, British Cinema and Cinema Architecture. He regularly introduces films at the Showroom's Early Doors screenings which has often given him an object lesson in the fact that not everyone will find your funny lines funny.

Remember!
**Copy deadline for the December 2017 Links
is 26 October 2017**



Lunch and Lecture – Last chance to book!

You are invited to lunch at the Doubletree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 8BW on **Friday 27 October 2017**.

Suzanne Bingham – Sheffielders on Holiday

We are pleased to welcome Suzanne back. This time her talk is about the history of the holiday, from charabancs to trains, to the countryside and the seaside. It is a fascinating talk, which we hope you will enjoy.

Please arrive at 12.00 for a 12.30 pm start. Cost **£16.00**

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

The menu will be a choice from:

- (a) Butternut squash and mushroom risotto with basil pesto
- (b) Maple and thyme roasted chicken supreme with a smoked bacon and sherry sauce
- (c) Braised beef and button onions

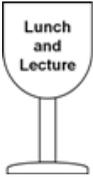
The dessert is:

- (d) Lemon tart with mascarpone and raspberries
- (e) Seasonal fruit salad with vanilla ice cream

Should you have a special dietary request, please contact Dot or Vera, details below. Please ensure you fill in your choice(s) on the booking form.

If you would like to book a place, please fill in the form on **page 32** and send it with a cheque made payable to Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture, to arrive no later than **Monday 16 October 2017**.

Dot Sutcliffe/Vera Dyer (0114) 268 5918/(0114) 237 7854



Lunch and Lecture: Suzanne Bingham

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

Friday 27 October 2017 at 12.00 for 12.30 pm

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel.....

..... Postcode

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

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

Forms should be sent to arrive **no later than Monday 16 October 2017** to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, S10 5DA.

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weekenders

Weekenders' Quiz Night Saturday 9 December 2017

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address

..... Postcode

Contact details (email/tel number)

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ (£13 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**.

I would like vegetarian meal(s).

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



weekenders

Weekenders' Quiz Night Saturday 9 December 2017

It's back! The now annual quiz, with pie and pea supper (and vegetarian) - three times voted "the best pie and peas at a quiz in Sheffield", will be held on **Saturday 9 December at 19.30** in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Grove Road, Millhouses (good bus links and easy parking). The cost is **£13 per person** (held for the third year running).

Christmas comes early with the best questions, conversation and brain-stimulating enjoyment this side of the seven hills of Sheffield - with prizes for both winners and not quite winners. An evening of fun, mental stimulation, good food, and the odd question or two - this year's theme is 'I'm Sure it's at the Back of My Memory', as we roll back the years to recall all that knowledge we used to have! We are looking for teams of four people but do not worry if you cannot form a team yourself, come along anyway and we will put teams together on the night.

If you would like to join us, for a relaxing and stimulating evening, please book online at www.su3a.wildapricot.org using your email and password or complete the form on **page 32** and return it to Jane Whitehead with your cheque for **£13 per person** made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders** and a **small sae** to arrive as soon as possible.

Please ring (0114) 457 7740 if you would like further information.



European Travel Group

Coordinator: Samina Aslam (0114 235 1489)

Email: sammas1747gmail.com



Verona Opera Festival 5-8 August 2018



This cultural break features guided visits to the beautiful mediaeval cities of **Verona** and **Vicenza** in Northern Italy and includes a performance of Aida at the world famous **Verona Opera Festival**.

Verona is famous for being the setting of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". The Arena in the city is a huge and well preserved 1st-century

Roman amphitheatre, which hosts concerts and large-scale performances during the Summer Opera Festival. Numbered and centrally located reserved seats are included for a spectacular performance of Aida at this venue on the evening of Tuesday 7 August 2018.

Vicenza, the "City of Palladio" is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in recognition of its superb architectural legacy. Our guided visit here will include entry to the magnificent **Teatro Olimpico**, designed by Andrea Palladio it is Europe's oldest indoor theatre. After our guided tour of the city you will have free time to walk along the **Corso Andrea Palladio**, the centre's main thoroughfare, lined with smart shops and cafés and take in the wonderful neoclassical architecture and lunch at one of the many excellent regional restaurants, or you may choose to visit some of the several Palazzos: perhaps the **Palazzo Leoni Montanari**, home to a wonderful collection of Russian icons and paintings or the **Palazzo Chiericati**, the civic museum and art gallery.



The cost of this 4-day/3-night cultural break is **£884.00 pp**, with a single supplement of **£59.00pp** and includes: all transport by coach and air from and back to our designated pick up points in Sheffield, 1 x 20kg checked baggage plus 1 x 5kg hand luggage, a tour manager and exclusive use of

an executive coach in Italy, walking tour of Verona and Vicenza (including entry to the Teatro Olimpico), an opera ticket, accommodation at 4* Terme Roma Hotel in Abano Terme near Padova, 3 x breakfast and 3 x dinners (one at a restaurant in Verona) and all gratuities except for the hotel/hotel staff which are left to the individual traveller's discretion.

All applicants must have their own travel insurance. SU3A cannot be responsible for any claims. To reserve a place please complete the application form on **page 37** and send it with a deposit cheque made out to **Sheffield U3A ETG** of **£150.00 pp** to Philip Long at 60 Bannercross Road, Sheffield, S11 9HR to arrive no later than **Wednesday 25 October 2017**.

Philip Long

pelong54 gmail.com

(0114) 221 4540



Registration of Interest **History and Heritage of Malta** **3-8 October 2018**

Malta is a nation known for historic sites related to a succession of rulers including the Romans, Moors, Knights of Saint John, French and British and has had close ties to the United Kingdom since the early 1800s. It has numerous fortresses, megalithic temples and subterranean complex of halls and burial chambers dating to circa 4000 BC.



During this 6-day, 5-night trip to Malta we will visit the **3 temples of Tarxien**, dating back to 3000 BC. The **Tarxien Temples** are notable for their fine workmanship and decorative carvings, **Ghar Dalam**, 'the Cave of Darkness', and its fossilized remains of prehistoric animals from the glacial period; spend a full-day guided tour of **Valetta** and have the opportunity to

see the famous **Caravaggio** painting 'The Beheading of St John' at St John's Cathedral as well as taking in panoramic views of the **Grand Harbour** and visiting the **Grandmaster's Palace**, which houses the Parliament and offices of the President of Malta and the **Malta at War Museum**.



We will have a full-day guided tour of **Gozo**, the legendary abode of **Calypso**, daughter of Atlas. We will visit the **Ggantija Temples**, dedicated to the Great Mother Earth which is one of the oldest stone structures in the world, predating Stonehenge and the Great Pyramids by hundreds of years. We will take in

Calypso's Cave, the legendary home of Ulysses for breathtaking views of the red sands of **Ramla Bay** and have free time to explore **Victoria**, capital city of Gozo, if we wish.

Included also are guided visits to **Mdina**, the ancient capital city of Malta, **Rabat** to see the famous **Catacombs of St Paul** and the Church of St Mary in **Mosta** which is renowned for its dome, the third largest in Europe. We will finish our trip with a visit to the **National Museum of Fine Arts** in Valetta, home to a fine collection of paintings including works by Guido Reni, Jusepe Ribera and William Turner.

The cost of the above trip will be approximately **£966 pp** with a single supplement of **£119 pp** and includes accommodation on a half board basis in a 4* hotel at **Qawra** which is located 100 metres from the beach. All rooms are en-suite and feature TV, telephone and hairdryer. The cost also includes returns flights, coach transfers to and from airports here and in Malta, entrance fees and audio headsets where applicable, a harbour cruise and all gratuities (except for hotels).

The final cost, further details and application form will be published in the December *Links*.

Please note moderate mobility is required to enjoy this trip.

If you want to join us, **please register your interest** in this trip **asap** to *fran048 hotmail.co.uk* or alternatively write to Fran Rodway, 16 Kirkdale Close, Chesterfield, S40 3UX.

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Verona Opera Festival 5-8 August 2018

Full name/s (as on passport)
..... SU3A No(s)

Address
..... Tel

Email Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me. Room type: double/twin/share/single. I enclose a cheque for (**£150.00pp**), payable to **Sheffield U3A ETG** and a *Links*-size stamped addressed envelope. Applications should be sent to: Philip Long, 60 Bannercross Road, Sheffield, S11 9HR to arrive no later than **Wednesday 25 October 2017**. Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

- Sheffield Interchange E4-6 ()
- Ecclesall Rd South/Knowle Lane ()

Please note: The airline schedule for 2018 has yet to be confirmed. Flights and Opera tickets can only be booked once airlines and the Verona Opera Festival are in receipt of names and deposit payments and are then subject to availability at the original price we have been quoted.



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Advance Notice: Travel Group Day Visits for 2018

March	Liverpool with Terra Cotta Army exhibition
April	Victoria Baths, Manchester and Gorton Monastery
May	Tissington Hall and well dressings
June	Bempton Cliffs (Bridlington) and Burton Agnes Hall
July	Great Yorkshire Show
August	More local churches
August	Halifax Piece Hall

Short Breaks 2018

10-14 September	Hereford
2-4 December	Thursford Spectacular (Repeat visit by popular demand) Full details will be in the December <i>Links</i> .

Travel Group Short Break to Kent 3 – 7 June 2018

Kent, the “Garden of England”, is the destination for our Spring Break next year. We shall be staying at the Holiday Inn, Maidstone Sevenoaks. All rooms are en suite. There is also a fitness centre with swimming pool. From here we have easy access to explore the surrounding area.

On our way south, we will break our journey by visiting Hatfield House in Hertfordshire. This Jacobean House is home to the 7th Marquess of Salisbury and the Cecil Family. Within the gardens stands the surviving wing of the royal palace of Hatfield where Elizabeth I spent much of her childhood.



Over the next few days we will visit Igham Mote (NT), a perfectly preserved medieval Manor house, and Knole (NT), the flagship property of the National Trust. It was built as an archbishop’s palace, later passed through royal hands into the Sackville family, who still live here 400 years on. We will also follow

the Tudor trail at Penshurst Place and Garden and nearby Hever Castle, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn.

Also on the programme is a short visit to Maidstone and a Winery, where we can sample some of their award-winning products. Garden Lovers will

appreciate a visit to Sissinghurst Castle Garden (NT), created by Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West.

On the last day we plan to visit St Albans, the first major town on the old Roman Road of Watling Street for travellers heading north, before returning home to Sheffield.

The cost for this **4-night/5-day** break is **£350** per person, with a single supplement of **£60**. The cost covers bed, breakfast and evening meal at the hotel, transport throughout by Walter Martin, all gratuities and admission fees, except those of the 3 National Trust properties (approx. £35). Lunches, snacks and any other refreshments are not included.

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



**Travel Group Short Break to Kent
3 – 7 June 2018**

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel.....

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me.
Room type: Twin/double/twin share/single

I enclose a cheque for £..... (**£50** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the completed slip and cheque with a *Links*-sized **sae** as soon as possible to: Barbara Robertshaw, 20 Whinfell Court, Sheffield, S11 9QA.

Travel Group Visit to Chester Tuesday 12 December 2017



We invite you to join us for an early Christmas celebration in Chester. The city is compact, with lots to see and enjoy, starting with the 1000-year-old Cathedral and its mediaeval carvings. We have included an easy guided walking tour of the City Centre. A unique feature is the City Wall,

which surrounds the city and dates back to Roman times. Weather permitting, we recommend a stroll around the top – or just along a short section – for a bird's eye view of the city and countryside. Many of the streets are traffic-free. Admire the splendid Eastgate Clock, erected to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1897.

Shoppers will enjoy the unique "Rows" Galleries, with retail stores at ground level and a second tier of shops above. The city is especially attractive in December with lights, brightly decorated shops and street displays.

Also celebrating the city's past are two excellent museums – the Grosvenor museum, recording 2000 years of unbroken civic history and the Military Museum, which celebrates 300 years of service to the nation. Do not miss the festive open-air Christmas market. Finally, you may wish to complete the day in style at one of the many restaurants or cafés. A happy Christmas to everyone.

The inclusive cost for the day (coach travel, guided city tour and gratuities) is **£16.00** per person. To reserve a place, please complete the application form on **page 42** and send it, with a cheque and a small sae to Derek Shipley as soon as possible.



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Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 07.45 ()

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*A Cappella group performing for members at the 2017 AGM
Photo: Mike Ford*

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Calendar 2017/2018

- Oct 2 Travel Group: Day trip to Liverpool
3 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
1-7 ETG: Avignon and the Camargue
15 Weekenders: City of Hull
17 "Off the Shelf" - Sheffield Festival of Words: CURC
20 Showroom Lectures: Sheffield Advanced Technology Park
25 Whirlowbrook Park: Pond Clearance 9.30 -12.00
27 Lunch and Lecture: Suzanne Bingham – Sheffields on holiday
- Nov 7 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
9 Concertgoers: CBSO Nottingham
17 Showroom Lectures: Shale Gas Fracking
25 Travel Group: Capesthorne Hall, Macclesfield
29 Flying Gardeners: Whirlowbrook Park 10.00-12.00
- Dec 5 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
9 Weekenders: Quiz Night - Holy Trinity Church Hall, Millhouses
12 Travel Group: Chester
15 Showroom Lectures: Humour in Film
- Jan 2 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
27 Concertgoers: English Chamber Orchestra, Leeds Town Hall
- Feb 6 **Drop-In Session + ipad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC

CURC: Central United Reformed Church