

From the Chair

The longer nights are drawing in and autumn is upon us but I must make one last mention of summer and our Silver Jubilee Day at Wortley Hall in June.

In the weeks following the event I was inundated with cards, letters, telephone calls and emails from many of you all expressing how much you had enjoyed the spirit and the spectacle of the day. The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Sylvia Dunkley, wrote "My thanks and congratulations to everyone in SU3A who was involved in the planning and execution of your celebration day". Ian Searle, Chairman of The Third Age Trust, wrote "Best of all was the sense of enjoyment, companionship and fun which made the event such a happy experience for me".

Just over a week later in his regular article for the Yorkshire Post the wonderfully funny Ian McMillan penned "I was Guest of Honour at a magnificently-crowded Wortley Hall the other day... It seems to me that the U3A is what we all should aspire to, a healthy and creative old age. Thank you Ian and so say all of us.

So, once again to all exhibitors, Jubilee Committee Members, helpers and everyone who lent a hand that day, many, many thanks.

It is obvious for a number of reasons that the special events we have run throughout this Jubilee year have proved to be very successful and enjoyed by many. On a balmy summer evening in late July dancers took to the floor to the lively music of "Fine Fettle" for a Ceilidh. Guests were literally "piped in" by a piper in full regalia which no doubt made them feel special but must have been quite a shock for the surrounding neighbourhood.

In mid-August we descended on Chatsworth, unloaded the cars of chairs, tables, cool-bags, umbrellas and the like to spend an afternoon picnicking together. The weather was unkind to us but we still had a fun time especially the stalwarts who played cricket and had to retrieve the ball from the River Derwent on more than one occasion.

Cover Scottish Piper-Joe McNulty-at Ceilidh

There are now only two more special events to come: the first a lecture by Gervase Phinn to be held at the Town Hall on 16 November; the second, Afternoon Tea at the Cutlers' Hall on 2 December. Both have proved to be very popular choices and places **sold out** extremely quickly.

The variety of events we have had this Jubilee year have so pleased members that we have received many requests for more.

We are also asked increasingly for events to take place at the weekend as many of you live alone and do not have family to hand. Therefore we are creating a new open Group to be called "Weekenders" which will begin in January 2012. Details will feature in *Links* and anyone with ideas or who wishes to help can do so by contacting Dot Sutcliffe (0114) 268 5918 or email: dotsutcliffe32@btinternet.com.

I am taking advantage of this space for a very different kind of message. I was very concerned a few weeks ago along with 749 others to receive an email informing me that our recent Chairman Shelagh Woolliscroft had been mugged at gunpoint in Valencia, had all her belongings stolen and urgently needed to borrow money until her bankcard had been replaced. I was asked to wire funds via Western Union transfer and there was an email address and a hotel desk phone number.

Just for a split second I wondered if this could be true, and yet I knew it could not as I had only spoken to her at home the night before. Yes, it was a cruel hoax and Shelagh was the victim of a hacking incident that, according to the police, is becoming increasingly common. Just to add insult to injury she was hacked again a few weeks later.

The majority of the membership of SU3A is now online and most of the time the internet is an efficient, reliable and quick method of communication in this busy modern world. The moral of this tale is - beware of Internet cafés abroad – this is where Shelagh thinks "they" got her details. Some anti-hacking tips are: never save your login or password on your computer and turn off your router when not in use.

However, she stresses if this does happen to you, do not panic. It can be put right, unless your friends and family have sent money of course!

For many years SU3A has enjoyed the position of being the biggest in the country. It seems that the “mantle” has now passed to Peterborough with 2965 members partaking in 106 activities. However, we still offer the widest variety and choice of groups, 176 in all, and, according to our General Coordinator Jim Walker, new ideas are emerging regularly.

In these straitened times our £10.00 annual fee is still good value for money and remains one of the lowest affiliation fees in the country.

It is essential to keep your U3A vibrant by introducing new interests and initiatives that can be accessed by as many members as possible and this we intend to do. So, although we are no longer the biggest, I believe we are still one of the best.

Denise West

Executive Committee Report

My, how time flies when SU3A-ers are having fun!

Here is some information from the Executive Committee meeting held at the beginning of September, plus some reminders.

New member of Executive Committee

We are pleased to inform you that Jenny Emby, Deputy *Links* Editor, has been co-opted onto the Executive Committee. We all welcome Jenny and look forward to working with her.

Website

As mentioned frequently, the website has the most up to date information on it, so please keep checking. It has been noticed that ‘hits’ have risen recently – is this because of the photographs from our various Silver Jubilee events so far this year?

We have also decided to add “*Whom do I contact about. . . ?*” inside the back cover. We hope this information will help you when you are trying to find out something regarding SU3A and are not quite sure whom to contact.

YHA Group Card

This is a reminder to let members know that the Sheffield U3A YHA card is held by Marion Edmondson, telephone (0114) 235 0313). Any Group in SU3A can use this card so, if you are interested, please give Marion a call.

This information can also be found on the website, Group Coordinators page.

U3A Yorkshire and the Humber Region Newsletter

Members might like to know what other U3As in the region are doing, so it has been decided that the newsletter will be available on the website. It is published quarterly, so do take a look as there are lots of interesting articles in it.

Virtual U3A

We have been asked to remind members that there is a Virtual U3A available to those who have access to the internet but who, for whatever reason, are no longer able to join in group activities.

Further information about it is on page 12.

Car Sharing

At a recent Executive Committee meeting, it was decided to raise the rate for mileage to 40p per mile owing to the increasing cost of fuel. Therefore, if you car-share on visits etc. and your passengers wish to contribute towards petrol costs, the mileage should be worked out and divided equally between everyone, including the driver.

SU3A shirts and fleeces

Chris Cave is trialling the idea of having SU3A shirts and fleeces. The Executive Committee has seen samples and they are very smart and a reasonable price. For further information, please see page 11.

Membership Renewal

We are rapidly coming up to 'that time of the year', when members will be renewing their membership. Changes are in the pipeline. See page 6 for further details.

Links Centre pages

Following a review of the decision to include the centre pages giving Group information in two issues only, it has been decided they will now be in three issues – **February, June and October.**

Afternoon Tea at the Cutlers' Hall

As mentioned in From the Chair, the Afternoon Tea is **sold out** and we are delighted to let you know that the Singing for Pleasure group will be performing towards the end of the event, which will make a fitting grand finale to our year of celebrations.

Date of the next Executive Committee meeting is **4 November 2011.**

Vera Dyer

Reading and Talking Volunteers – The Latest Developments

Back to school and the **ESCAL (Every Sheffield Child Articulate and Literate** by the age of 11) project is hoping to receive more offers of voluntary help in primary schools from SU3A members. The Project originally targeted pupils in Years 5 and 6 who needed to develop their reading skills before they moved on to secondary school. More recently they have introduced a second programme (Talking Volunteers) aiming to build pupils' confidence in communicating.

Now schools can take advantage of both these schemes from children's very first introduction to school, up to Year 6 level. Some potential SU3A volunteers have asked about working with much younger children so now is your chance! If you are interested in one or both of these opportunities for volunteering contact:

Faye Jeffrey at ESCAL (0114) 250 6853 or SU3A's liaison with ESCAL Yvonne Rowland (0114) 242 5201

OBITUARY

Edith Fawcett

It is with regret that I have to report the death of Miss Edith Fawcett, founder member of the Archaeology (now Visiting History) Group, who died peacefully in her sleep on 13 June 2011.

I joined the Archaeology Group in 1990, several years after its inauguration, and have seen Edith's input into the work required for a successful Group.

Edith was quiet and reserved and very interested in Archaeology. In the 1960s she participated in the excavation at Swine Sty prehistoric settlement on Big Moor (Baslow). Within the group she assisted her friend, Margaret Usherwood (Coordinator), in planning and reconnoitres of excursions and on occasions presented talks from her own researches. After Margaret's illness, Edith's home became the venue for indoor meetings for a time and she was willing to chauffeur members to venues not covered by public transport. It is only recently her health has deteriorated.

I feel sure past Group members will have happy memories of Edith and appreciate the time and effort she contributed. I know I do.

Kathleen Head.....Coordinator.....Visiting History

Editor's comment: Not only was Edith a founder member of the Archaeology Group, she was also a founder member of SU3A.

Your New Membership Number for 2012

From next year, all those who have provided email addresses will receive their new membership number by email and no longer in the post. Therefore it is vital that you ensure that the email address you have provided is correct and **legible**. If for any reason you would prefer not receive your number by email, you must let me know.

The main reason for the change is to save both time and money. Also you will get your new number more quickly **but, please remember, save it somewhere safe!**

Lorna Baker.

2011 Jubilee Year Celebration

Wednesday 28 September	Planting a Memorial Woodland Garden at Whirlow Brook Park	Enquires re donations phone Alison Cowper (0114) 274 6165
Wednesday 16 November	Jubilee Lecture Sheffield Town Hall	Now Full
Friday 2 December	Afternoon Tea Cutlers' Hall	Now Full

Help– woodland plants needed for the SU3A Garden!

At our working day on **Wednesday 28 September** we shall be planting bulbs and other small plants in our woodland garden by the upper pond in Whirlow Brook Park.

Do you have any of the following to spare? - cyclamen coum, corydalis flexuosa, eranthis hymnalis (winter aconite), native primrose, English bluebells, hellebore orientalis, pulmonaria saccharata, lily of the valley, omphalodes cappadocica (blue borage), erythronium revolutum/californicum 'white beauty' or matteuccia struthiopteris (shuttlecock fern). If so, we should be delighted to receive them beforehand or on the day (10 a.m.-12 noon); We can collect by arrangement. Please contact Shelagh Woolliscroft on (01246) 416 139.

Whether or not you have plants to donate, please come along to help (phone Greta on (0114) 236 3336) or to enjoy a scone and a cup of tea with the Lord Mayor in the afternoon (phone Alison on (0114) 2746 165 to let her know you are coming).

Mary Mac and Geoffrey Wax have kindly donated a print of the lily pond which we are raffling in aid of funds for more plants.

Fingers crossed for a lovely autumn day!

Shelagh Woolliscroft.....Coordinator.....(01246) 416 139

Jubilee Celebrations

Ceilidh

It was a balmy July evening when members arrived at the Ceilidh venue, to be piped in by Joe McNulty. The band, Fine Fettle, were tuning up ready for



action and members were finding themselves seats with their friends. As promptly as was possible, the caller began explaining how the evening would work and the fun began. At first, there was a slight reluctance for people to be 'first on the floor' but the caller was very skilled in getting people up. For each dance, there was a run through before the band struck up the music – it was certainly an exercise in both memory and coordination!

At half-time or thereabouts, Doreen, Brian and their trusty band of helpers provided an excellent array of sandwiches, savouries and cakes – more than enough for the biggest appetite! When everyone was replete with such good food, Joe piped in the second part of the evening by playing the accompaniment to the Gay Gordons. The dancing ended with the traditional Circassian Circle. It was a great evening of fun and laughter and, without exception, everyone took part in the dancing with rests in between (we are not as fit as we used to be!). It was also good to see so many helping with clearing the hall at the end of the evening.

Thank you Doreen, Brian and your helpers for arranging another successful event in the Silver Jubilee Celebrations' calendar.

Vera Dyer: a happy Ceilidh goer

The World War II Project or

“Would you like a bomb?”

Without doubt the above question is the oddest I have ever been asked and definitely not what I expected when I agreed to help out with this project.

Back in 2009, a small group of members with war-time experience was interviewed by students at a local school and, at the same time, the Sheffield U3A Executive Committee was looking for a shared project to mark our Silver Jubilee in 2011. Around the same time, talk turned to the passing of Harry Patch, the last surviving veteran of the First World War, and it was realised that we are now reaching a stage where fewer and fewer people are left who lived through the Second World War. For the benefit of future generations it was felt vital to record their stories now.

The result was that one member, Peter Hughes, advertised in the *Links* magazine and organised a meeting of interested parties. Peter had the vision of producing a book, and also a display of photos and memorabilia, at Wortley Hall on the Jubilee Day, 30 June 2011. Some people wrote their own memories whilst others preferred to be interviewed and have their stories typed up. A small group of people began work and at some stage I was invited to join them.

The first person we lost was Denise West when she became Vice-Chair (and now Chair), and sadly Peter had to pull out of the project late in 2010 due to ill-health leaving Dot Sutcliffe and myself to soldier on. Happily we were joined by Helen Collingwood, who became our IT specialist, getting the book ready for the printer.

Meeting people and hearing their stories was undoubtedly the most enjoyable part of the project. We were all so impressed by the ordinariness with which people talked about traumatic events in their lives and by the variety of material received. The book is a real mixture of stories and experiences ranging from the Sheffield Blitz, the experience of Londoners, evacuation, life in the armed forces, Holocaust survivors and those brought up in enemy countries during the war. Some were very young children at the time, and the Letts Schoolboy Diaries kept by one member gave us a vivid picture of wartime life seen through the eyes of a boy of 13 or 14.

The hard work was editing the stories and putting them together in an attractive, readable format but eventually 'Lest we Forget'-SU3A memories of the second world war was printed and published in time for the Silver Jubilee Day at Wortley Hall.

Back to the question about the bomb. This was in connection with the display of memorabilia at Wortley Hall. It was a question I responded to with extreme caution, and it was ultimately a relief to find that the bomb was not forthcoming, I didn't want to be responsible for blowing up Wortley Hall!

All who saw the display will have enjoyed the great variety of exhibits which brought back memories for many, and having people on duty on the stand who could talk with knowledge about the gas masks, tin hats and other items, added to the interest. We were surprised to receive an ATS jacket and an RAF flying jacket in good condition, but perhaps the most moving exhibit was a striped jacket worn in Auschwitz concentration camp. This left a lasting impression on all who saw it.

The great stories about the Second World War have already been told – this one illustrates how ordinary people (each in their unique way), coped with and survived extraordinary experiences.

Irene Davy

Lest We Forget

As part of SU3A's Jubilee Celebrations the World War II project team has produced a book of SU3A members' memories of the Second World War. Entitled '*Lest We Forget*', it contains stories which cover a wide range of experiences: from being an evacuee to being a prisoner in a concentration camp; from serving in the Forces to surviving the Sheffield Blitz; from rationing and make-do-and-mend at home to living in an enemy country.

They are all stories from ordinary people who lived through extraordinary times. The book is available from the Drop-In or from *Dot Sutcliffe* on (0114) 268 5918, email dotsutcliffe32@btinternet.com or *Irene Davy* on (0114) 266 4605, email irene@mulehouse1.plus.com. The cost is £5 plus post and packing of £1.30 (if required).

A New History

As part of our Jubilee celebrations a new history of Sheffield U3A has been written. It covers the period 2001 to 2011 and is a sequel to Roy Darlison's book '*The Story so Far*'.

During these years technology has advanced amazingly. Data projectors are in greater use and coupled with this a vast number of our members have learnt to use digital cameras to great effect. Four ladies have headed our Executive Committee in this time and a succession of General Coordinators worked hard to maintain and expand our Groups.

These facts, plus a great deal more, are explored in '*The Story Continues*'. This booklet will be available free later in the year. Hopefully copies will be on hand at the November and December Tuesday Drop-Ins. Coordinators wishing to obtain packs for their Groups should be in touch with General Coordinator, Jim Walker, who will arrange their distribution or collection.

Individual members wishing to receive a copy by post should contact Shelagh Woolliscroft by sending her **a stamped addressed, Links size envelope**. No recycled envelopes, thank you. Her address is Shelagh Woolliscroft (History), 2 Leabrook Rd, Dronfield Woodhouse, S18 8YS

Peter Barclay.....Editor.

Feedback Requested

The Committee is considering making a range of clothing, badged with the SU3A logo, available for members to buy.

The range under consideration, with approximate cost, consists of full and half zip fleeces (£17.00), sweaters (£12.00/13.00), polo shirts (£10.00) and baseball caps (£6.00).

Making these available would not involve SU3A in any financial cost as the supplier will not charge any set up fee and will supply items as and when requested with a minimum order of one.

We would like to know what level of interest there might be in this proposal. If you think it an idea that should be taken forward please let Chris Cave know, email chris.cave@talktalk.net, telephone (0114) 236 4648.

The Virtual U3A (vU3A)

The Virtual U3A, which went live in January 2009, is an online-only U3A, affiliated to the Third Age Trust. One of its principal aims is to provide the U3A experience for those who are rendered isolated in some way by circumstances or geography and unable to play a full part in a terrestrial U3A.

More information is available on the public website www.vu3a.org where one can also apply for membership. Why not pay it a visit?

If you know of anyone who might benefit, please pass the information on.



Peter Johnstonpetervu3a@binternet.com

Trainers needed for Regional Memory Training Project

Do you have a background in counselling or another 'helping' profession?

Are you interested in being trained to deliver a new memory course which has been designed by the Aughton and Omskirk U3A?

The team who created the course is running a workshop on **Thursday 20 October** at the Frenchgate Centre in Doncaster (next to the station). So far about five SU3A members are interested in attending and there are more places available.

The idea is to train a number of members from all over the Yorkshire and Humberside region, who would work in teams of four to deliver the courses.

If you are interested please phone Shelagh Woolliscroft on (01246) 416 139 for further details.

Environmental Studies Group: Energy Survey

During the Jubilee Celebrations of June at Wortley Hall, the Environmental Studies Group carried out a survey about saving money on energy and some other environmental aspects. 104 people completed our fairly straightforward questionnaire and we are grateful to them for giving of their time to us.

The overall results show that members of Sheffield U3A are aware of the need to care for our environment – and thereby save money.

Virtually all respondents had low energy light bulbs, insulated lofts, stopped taps dripping, turned down the central heating below 23°C.

We found that Public transport in some places is virtually non-existent.

People living in flats had problems with some questions. Often they did not know about insulation, water metering or energy efficient refrigerators and were not sure they could answer a straight yes. They showed awareness of the issue raised and so were counted as a yes.

Some of the respondents lacked wall insulation in their homes despite government grants being available. Some respondents were not aware of the heat loss through windows or the benefit of reducing central heating systems below 23°C.

Two questions about refrigerators caused problems. If a fridge automatically defrosts itself could you put 'Yes' against the question: "Is your fridge regularly defrosted"?

Also people were not sure of the energy efficiency of their fridge. This is not the sort of information you normally carry around with you.

The overall result does illustrate that members of Sheffield U3A are environmentally aware and take appropriate action.

We would love to see more of you at our Group meetings.

Ralph Hebden

An Inviting Opportunity from HOST

People come from all over the world to study at universities in the UK. Apart from gaining academic qualifications, they hope to immerse themselves in the life, language and culture of this country only to find that the university is not the best place to achieve this.

The 'real Britain' is found outside the campus, in towns and villages and, above all, in people's homes. You can get to know what makes a country tick by chatting to the natives, cooking and eating with them, asking their views and seeing their views when they take you to their favourite local places. In addition, in sharing their own culture with their hosts, students can make their countries come alive too.

Hosting a student for one weekend, or at Christmas, or just for a day, makes a personal and meaningful contribution to international understanding and goodwill. U3A members make ideal hosts!

If you would like to know more, please visit www.hostuk.org, or call HOST's local organiser Sue Binns on (01845) 524 846.

HOST is a national charity founded in 1987 by the British Council, the Victoria League and the Foreign Office. Hosting students is a voluntary activity.

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Snap in the Rain

Nearly two thirds of Walking Group N, after lunch, on a soggy day, and all still smiling!!

Tim Marsh



Sheffield U3A Activities & Interest Groups - OCTOBER 2011

To join Sheffield U3A please contact Rita Webster (Initial Enquiries Officer) on (0114) 289 1351.

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 General Coordinator Jim Walker on (0114) 236 9687. Groups currently notifying they have vacancies are marked with a **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.

Accessibility of Group meetings and activities is listed using the following key -

KEY TO MEETING DETAILS:-

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* = Every 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.

- MH** Member's Home - access variable; if you have any specific needs you are advised to contact the Group Coordinator
- A*** Public Venue - meeting is fully accessible, including a hearing loop
- A** Public Venue - meeting is physically accessible, but does not include a hearing loop
- X** Public Venue - meeting access is limited; if you have any specific needs you are advised to contact the Group Coordinator.

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TEL No.
ARTS AND CRAFTS						
Appreciating Architecture		Th.pm.m	S8	A	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Architecture Past and Present	V	Tu.pm.m	S8	A	Roy Pilkington	01246 416 139
Art (SE)	V	We.pm.w	S13	X	Paul Garland	269 3219
Art I		We.am.w	S11	A*	Ann Ritchie	230 4552
Art II	V	Th.pm.w	S11	A	Ruth Lamb	236 2807
Art III	V	We.pm.w	S10	X	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I		Th.pm.m	S7	A	Beryl Moore	268 6632
Aspects of Art II		Th.pm.m	S7	A	Valerie Wiley	236 0726
Card Craft	V	Mo.pm.f	S7	X	Margaret Lycett	269 0429
Cards 'R' Us		Fr.pm.f	S20	MH	Lily Taylor	248 0565
Digital Photography	V	Th.pm.m	S11	A	Peter Else	230 5694
Handwork & Craft II		Th.am.f	S11	MH	Jean Davis	233 9784
Looking at Art	V	Th.pm.m	S8	A	John Cooper	01909 567 279
Knitting	V	Mo.pm.m	S10/11	MH	Jane Harling	230 9576
Outdoor Sketching I	V	Fr.am.f	various	A	Daniel Merrills	230 5952
Outdoor Sketching II	V	We.am.f	various	A	Audrey Morris	236 3619
Patch & Quilt	V	Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Photography NW	V	1stFr.pm.m	S36	A	Harold Norton	288 6920
Quilting Hive		Mo.pm.f	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
Visiting Art	V	Tu.--m	various	MH	Linda Jackson	235 0852
Woodworking/Woodcarving		Th.pm.w	S7	MH	Bob Adkins	255 1968
BIRD WATCHING						
Bird Watching I		Mo.am.f	various	X	Gillian Tutt	236 6237
Bird Watching II	V	We.--w	S11/17	X	Malcolm Swift	01246 412 737

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CARDS AND BOARD GAMES					
Bridge - Friday I	V	Fr.pm.w	S17	Audrey Lupson	235 1618
Bridge - Friday II	V	Fr.pm.w	S10	Brian Jeremiah	230 7250
Bridge - Friday III	V	Fr.pm.w	S7	Rati Chiba	01433 659 864
Bridge - Monday		Mo.pm.w	S7	Patricia Latham	01246 419 106
Bridge - Thursday	V	Th.pm.w	S17	David Buckle	236 7893
Bridge - Tuesday	V	Tu.am.w	S11	Michael Brumby	236 5676
Bridge - Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	Jean Bowie	230 1002
Chess	V	Tu.pm.m	S17	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Rummikub I		Mo.pm.f	various	Shirley Wilks	236 7673
Rummikub (SE)		Mo.pm.f	S13	Joan Brown	269 4829
Scrabble	V	Fr.pm.f	S7	Liz Barber	288 1984
Whist cntrct & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Su.eve.w	various	Gerald Cartwright	281 1499
DISCUSSION, PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS AND RELIGION					
Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	various	Susan Hydes	255 2141
Discussion II		Tu.am.m	various	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Ideas	V	Mo.am.m	S35	Alec Jenner	286 2546
Personal Finance	V	Mo.pm.m	S17	Helen Marsh	230 1622
Philosophy - Historical/Classical	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	Teresa McLaren	230 1320
Philosophy - Topics/Theme	V	Mo.am.m	S8	Janet Haigh	230 3070
Sugar & Spice	V	Mo.pm.f	S8	Eunice Southgate	281 1876
Today's World		Th.am.m	various	David Pierce	281 9414
Understanding our deeper experiences	V	Th.am.m	S11	Robert Chamberlain	307 1231
Wealth & Poverty	V	4thMo.pm.m	S11	Helen Davies	266 3276
GARDENING					
Gardening (SE)	V	Tu.am.f	various	Carol Wright	251 0140
Gardening A		Mo.am.m	various	Glennis Williams	230 5521
Gardening Aspen	V	Th.pm.m	S5	June Pollard	231 4939
Gardening at Whirlbrook Park	V	Wed.am.f	S17	Shelagh Woollicroft	01246 416 139
Gardening C		Mo.am.m	S10/11/17	Susan Fielding	230 3987
Gardening D		Tu.am.m	various	Hilary Hutson	225 8570
Gardening Greenfingers	V	Tu.pm.m	S8	Jane Gregory	274 9246
Organic Gardening		Tu.am.m	various	Sue Bell	250 8941

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HISTORY					
Classical Civilisation		Fr.pm.m	S11	Anne Thomas	230 5281
Family History I		2nd We.am.m	S10	Ann Grassick	230 2777
Family History II	V	Tu.am.4w	S7	Stuart Lodge	220 7192
Family History III	V	Tu.pm.m	S35	Paul Cordwell	232 2766
History I	V	Tu.am.f	S17	Robert Bragg	281 9534
History II	V	Mo.pm.4w	S10/11	Angela Jakubovic	236 3858
Local History (SE)	V	We.pm.f	S21	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Local History III	V	Mo.am.f	S7	Carmel Rogers	266 0792
Local History IV	V	Fr.pm.m	S11	Margaret Laycock	236 4109
Local History North		Tu.pm.m	S5/35	Joy Fell	284 5481
Local History V	V	Tu.pm.f	S7	Margaret Etchells	236 3317
Military History	V	Th.pm.m	S7	Marion Monaghan	01246 414 137
Oral History	V	Tu.am.4w	S7	Vera Wibberley	255 4982
Visiting History	V	Tu.pm.m	various	Kathleen Head	243 8021
LANGUAGES					
Cercle Francais I	V	Fr.am.w	S7	Alan Price	234 4172
Cercle Francais II	V	Mo.pm.f	S10	Margaret Platts	230 7300
Classical Greek Alpha	V	We.pm.f	S1	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
French - Advanced		Fr.am.w	S10	Audrey Sainsbury	230 7446
French - Intermediate		Fr.pm.w	S11	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
French for Holidays		Mo.pm.f	S7	Usha Fitch	236 5009
German - Advanced		Tu.pm.f	S8/10/17	Mike Maas	230 4435
German for Beginners	V	Mo.am.w	S18	Shelagh Woollicroft	01246 416 139
German - Intermediate		Mo.am.w	S10	Anthony Gibbs	01246 410 003
Italian		Tu.pm.f	S10/11	Rosalind Rogerson	268 1426
Italian for Holidays	V	Fr.pm.w	S11	Mike Hague	236 6336
Latin II tba	V	Mo.pm.w	S17	tba	236 9687

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TEL No.
LANGUAGES cont.						
Latin III		Tu.pm.f	S11	MH	tba	236 9687
Latin for Absolute Beginners		Mo.am.f	S1	A*	Paul Cordwell	232 2766
Latin Quattuor		Tu.am.f	various	MH	Brian Bezant	236 6596
Modern Greek	V	Fr.pm.f	S11	MH	Margaret Halstead	258 2541
Portuguese For Fun		Tu.am.w	S11	MH	Pauline Miller	258 3678
Sanskrit	V	Th.am.w	S7	A	Roger Linstead	236 3640
Scottish Gaelic	V	Mo.am.f	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
Spanish Stage 2	V	We.pm.w	various	MH	Greta Pearman	236 3336
Spanish (Inter) I	V	Th.am.w	S7	X	Hilda Wisbey	262 1730
Spanish (Inter) III	V	Th.am.w	S7	X	Pat Smith	230 6432
Welsh	V	Mo.am.f	S7/8	MH	Sue Wormald	268 0487
LITERATURE AND DRAMA						
Book Group I		Fr.am.m	S17	A	Margaret Walton	255 6563
Book Group II		Fr.am.m	S17	A	Irene Voyce	235 2637
Book Group III		Tu.am.m	S17	A	Wendy Jenrick	268 7047
Book Group IV		Fr.am.m	S17	A	Mary Whyns	236 8628
Book Group V	V	Tu.pm.m	S11	MH	Mary Brookes	235 0180
Bookworm	V	Fr.pm.m	S36	A	Angela Butler	288 4778
Creative Writing	V	Fr.am.m	S36	A	Meg Jepson	288 2929
Drama Study	V	Tu.pm.f	S11	MH	John Parsons	230 4902
Enjoying Literature I	V	Th.am.m	various	MH	Jack Holland	236 5060
Enjoying Literature II	V	We.am.f	S7	MH	Jackie Wilson	246 9095
Film Appreciation	V	Tu.pm.m	S1	A	Lesley Dixon	268 5881
Novel Reading I		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		Fr.am.m	various	MH	Judith Vernier	01246 418 607
Novel Reading IV	V	We.am.m	S5	A	Mary Simpson	245 2568
Play Reading I	V	Tu.pm.4w	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS COORDINATOR	TEL No.
LITERATURE AND DRAMA cont.					
Play Reading II	V	Fr.pm.m	S11	MH Doreen Findlay	266 8577
Play Reading III	V	Th.pm.4w	S 17	MH Mavis Frost	236 4249
Poetry for Pleasure	V	We.pm.f	S17	MH Pat Parkin	236 8009
Poetry Study	V	We.pm.f	S11	MH Enid Bennett	236 1379
Shakespeare for Pleasure	V	Tu.am.f	S11	MH Kay Nicholson	230 7576
Story Writers	V	Tu.am.4wk	various	MH Margaret Briddon	262 0501
MUSIC					
Enjoying Opera I		Mo.pm.f	S10	MH John Williams	230 4568
Handbell Ringing	V	We.pm.w	S35	A Hazel Bradey	234 2608
Listening to Music II		We.pm.f	S8	MH Ray Cottam	235 0536
Music and Film	V	Tu.pm.m	S2	Tony Allwright	264 5883
Music Appreciation I	V	We.pm.f	S11/17	MH David Andrews	235 3389
Music Appreciation II	V	Th.pm.f	S6	A David Andrews	235 3389
Singing for Pleasure		Fr.pm.f	S1	A Irene Lees	267 1857
PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES					
Belly Dancing Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	A Beryl Sharp	283 1392
Bowling Crown Green (SE)	V	Th.am.w	S20	X John Hunt	269 8811
Bowling Crown Green	V	Mo./Th.am.w	S8	X Keith Alcock	230 7813
Bowling Indoor - Mon		Mo.am.w	S36	X Keith Alcock	230 7813
Country Dancing	V	Tu.pm.f	S8	X Anne Marples	266 8794
	V	We.am. Tu.&Th.p m.w	S11	X Peter Jones	230 5987
Midweek Cyclists	V	Alt. Tu./Wed.am	various	X Yvonne Bland	283 0992
Pilates		We.pm.w	S18	X Vera Dyer	237 7854
Table Tennis		Mo.&Th.am.w	S17	X Anne Coghlan	236 4770
Tai Chi I	V	Tu.am.w	S35	X Jenny Freeman	220 6670
Tai Chi Stocksbridge Friday		Fr.am.w	S36	A Beryl Sharp	283 1392
Tai Chi Stocksbridge Wednesday		We.pm.w	S36	A Beryl Sharp	283 1392

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE						
Environment I	V	Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Elisabeth Vallance	255 3132
Geology		We.--m	various	X	Dan Higbid	230 3919
Natural History	V	Th.--m	various	X	Marion Edmondson	235 0313
Science & Technology		Mo.am.m	S8	A	Neil Lawrie	236 6294
Sustainable Development	V	Tu.pm.m	various	X	Rose Tanner	245 0200
SOCIAL						
After Hours		Eve/weekend	various	X	Mary Entwisle	255 2368
After Hours NW	V	Tu.eve.m	various	X	Joyce Franks	234 8587
Dining Out I		We.pm.m	various	X	Lorna Baker	236 9025
Dining Out NW		Tu.eve.m	various	X	Pamela Conroy	288 7081
WALKING						
Dippers "Too" (7-10mls)	V	Mo.--f	various	X	Margot Williams	268 2476
Dippers I (4-6mls)	V	Mo.--f	various	X	Donald Ward	296 0629
Gannets (5-7mls)		Mo.--f	various	X	John Lees	267 1857
Late Walkers (5mls)		We.am.w	various	X	Jill Whyns	235 9893
Peak in Bloom	V	Su.--f	Pk Dst.	X	Wendy Taylor	230 9290
Strollers I (Public Trspt.)	V	We.--f	various	X	Hazel Scholey	247 3673
Strollers II (Public Trspt.)	V	Mo.--f	various	X	Sheila Hewitt	268 6891
Strollers II (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	X	Norman Benson	236 1080
Strollers II (Tuesday)	V	Tu.am.f	various	X	Clive Williams	230 8177
Strollers III (Public Trspt.)		We.--f	various	X	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Strollers III (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	X	Judy Hillman	266 7574
Strollers SE (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	X	Barbara Steel	247 4696
Sunday Walkers (7-9mls)	V	Su.--f	various	X	David Hydes	288 7815
Walking Grp A (5-6mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.--w	various	X	Jack Wearing	01246 413 613
Walking Grp B (7-8mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.--w	various	X	Anita Wall	233 1024
Walking Grp C (5-7mls)		Alt Tu./We.--w	various	X	Gilbert Smith	230 5769

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WALKING cont.					
Walking Grp D (9-11mls)	V	Alt We./Th.--w	various	Jan Taylor	230 2511
Walking Grp E (5-7mls)	V	Alt We./Th.--w	various	John Ould	236 9606
Walking Grp F (10-14mls)		Alt We./Th.--w	various	Peter Digby	236 6821
Walking Grp G (5-7mls)		Th.am.w	various	Glyn Davies	289 0987
Walking Grp H (9-11mls)		Mo.--w	various	Eric Bridgeland	250 8819
Walking Grp J (10-15mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.--w	various	Mike Gallivan	266 6797
Walking Grp K (5-7mls) PubTrspt.		Th.--f	various	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Walking Grp L (4-5 mls)	V	Th.am.w	various	Barbara Cassidy	262 0699
Walking Grp M (6-8mls)		Fr.--w	various	David Lightowler	236 3177
Walking Grp N (5-7mls)		Fr.am.w	various	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Walking Grp NW (5-7mls)	V	Th.am.w	S36	Mary Condon	288 5238
Walking Grp P (8-10mls)	V	Alt We./Th.--w	various	Mollie Ibbotson	01246 412 849
Walking Grp Q (5-7mls)	V	Tu.am.f	S5/S35	Anne Chatterton	246 2106
Walking Grp R (7-9mls)	V	Mo.--w	various	John Woolston	235 2181
Walking Grp S (5-7mls)	V	Fr.am.w	various	Mike Denial	235 0584
Walking Grp SE (8mls)	V	Tu.--w	S20	Kenneth Stringfellow	230 4063

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE ADVERTISED IN LINKS AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

Classical Concertgoers'	various	various	X	Derek & Maureen Shipley	236 6257
ICT	Tu.pm.w	S10	A	Clare Chiba	01433 659 864
Literature Network	various	S11	A	Peter Barclay	230 4327
Lunch and Lecture	various	S8	A	Doreen Bezant	236 6596
Travel	various	various	X	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102

Classical Concertgoers' Concert

Our Christmas visit is to the Symphony Hall, Birmingham on **Friday 16 December** for a concert given by the London Symphony Orchestra with the Monteverdi Choir and soloists and directed by one of our foremost conductors, Sir John Eliot Gardiner.

The programme starts with Beethoven's 1st Symphony and culminates in a performance of his final, dynamic 9th Symphony ("Choral").

The cost is £31.00 per person and reservations may be made using the reply slip at the end of this issue. Please include the full names and contact numbers of all members for whom you are applying and send as soon as possible, with a small stamped addressed envelope, to Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaston Avenue, Sheffield, S17 4LA. The coach will leave the bus parking bay on Ecclesall Road South, near the top of Millhouses Lane, promptly at 4.15 p.m.

Our visits are open to all U3A members. No special Group membership is required.

Your Last Chance

Lunch and Lecture

Friday 14 October 2011

Come and dine amongst friendly company and listen to Louise Page telling us more about writing for T.V. and radio, including 'The Archers'. This talk looks at the history of soap opera; what it is like to write for a long-running series and how soap opera is being used as a developmental tool in many emerging countries.

Join us at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30 p.m. at The Sheffield Park Hotel Meadowhead.

If you wish to join us, fill in the form on page 31.

Your cheque for £15.50 needs to reach me **by Friday 7 October 2011**.

Doreen Bezant.....Coordinator

Group News

Classical Concertgoers' Group

After nearly fourteen years as Coordinator I have decided that it is now time to step down at the end of the current season, i.e. in July 2012.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role and have gained great satisfaction and enjoyment from the pleasure that our visits have given to members. I am extremely grateful to our Committee for the unstinting help and advice they have provided. Indeed, five of the Committee have served continuously from the founding of the Group in 1997. We work as a team. I am also indebted to all SU3A members who have over the years supported us loyally.

However I feel that it is time for the group to move on with a new Coordinator and fresh ideas building on what we have achieved so far. We are a flourishing Group with each visit usually attracting 40-50 members. Our financial base is sound. We aim to provide SU3A members with an experience which is both cultural and enjoyable.

None of our present Committee feels able to take on this responsibility, and, at our recent meeting, it was agreed that we appeal for an enthusiast willing to take on the role of Group Coordinator. I shall be delighted to give information and provide practical assistance to anyone prepared to take on this commitment. If you think you can help please telephone me on (0114) 236 6257. The Committee will be happy for you to attend, without obligation, any of our meetings for an idea of how we work at present.

Derek Shipley.....Coordinator.....(0114) 236 6257

Spanish Inter 1

Do you want to brush up your Spanish?

This friendly, long established group, would like to welcome a few more members. We are a self-help class, studying translation, grammar, and conversation, together with the "Improve Your Spanish" Teach Yourself book and CD.

We meet weekly on Thursdays, 10.00 to 11.30 a.m. at Sharrow Old School, Southview Rd.

It is not a beginners class. Some prior knowledge is necessary.

If you are interested please contact the coordinator, Hilda Wisbey on (0114) 262 1730 or by email: wisbeyh@hotmail.co.uk

Hilda Wisbey.....Coordinator ₂₄

Literature Network

Quaker Meeting House, St. James Street, S1 2EW

Thursday 9 February 2012 at 2.00 p.m.

“Leonard and Virginia Woolf – as I knew them”

We are privileged to have as speaker Cecil Woolf, nephew of Leonard and Virginia Woolf, whose personal memories of two of the great scholars and writers of the 20th century should not be missed. A writer and publisher himself, Cecil has written and published works on the First World War poets, (John Cowper Powys and Frederick Rolfe (Baron Corvo) and many others, as well as the ‘*Bloomsbury Heritage Monographs*’ whose general editor is his wife, Jean Moorcroft Wilson.

Bookings may be made by sending the slip on page 33 together with a cheque payable to **Literature Network of SU3A** for £3.50 per person, to Judith Vernier, 7 Forth Avenue, Dronfield Woodhouse, S18 8ZG, enclosing a small stamped, self-addressed envelope,

Judith Vernier.....Coordinator

Can we salvage what is good about Jesus?

Can we find new insights from the Gospels?

Can we discover new ways to embody Jesus today?

What sort of Christianity should we try to create?

All members will be invited to read and report on books and to present their own ideas and formulations.

At Burngreave Ashram, 84-86 Spital Hill, Sheffield

Saturday afternoons. Monthly

Lunch in New Roots Café 12.30-1.30.p.m

Sessions in Multi-Faith Library 1.30-3.30.p.m

Tea and Cakes in the Café 3.30-4.00.p.m

1 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec

Please indicate interest to;

Dr John Vincent, 178 Abbeyfield Road. S4.7AY

Telephone (0114) 243 6688 or (0114) 242 7078

Today's World Group

Anything (almost) Goes

'In olden days a glimpse of stocking was looked on as something shocking. Now heaven knows, anything goes.'

Today's world is a complex, exciting, depressing, funny and constantly surprising place to live in. Consequently, this rich tapestry of ever-changing events provides us with much to talk about that is interesting and stimulating. So, as we prepare our programme for the coming season of SU3A, it is fascinating to look back at the range of topics we have selected to discuss in the Today's World Group.

Recent subjects have included renewable energy, the digital switchover, Morris dancing, local government finance, reality television, the Big Society, creationism, healthy diets, honesty and much more.

We plan our programme together, considering what might interest us as a Group or what one individual finds particularly interesting. Then one of us finds out more about the topic, tells us at our meeting and then inevitably a lively discussion ensues.

We rarely reach a unanimous conclusion. We never vote, but we always leave our meeting having learned a little (or a lot), been amused or angered (or both) and having thoroughly enjoyed the stimulation and company provided. If you think you may be inclined to join us then contact me for more information.

David Pierce.....davidpierce@blueyonder.co.uk

Whist Contract and Double 12 Dominoes

We are a very friendly Group and play in members' homes in the Crookes area of Sheffield on a Sunday evening.

We are thinking of playing on an additional day and would welcome more members. If you are interested please contact Gerald Cartwright for further information on:

Gerald Cartwright.....Coordinator.....(0114) 281 1499

New Groups

Understanding Our Deeper Experiences

Many of us have experiences in our lives which, no matter how modest, point to a transcendent realm of reality. We feel for a moment or two in a heightened state of awareness. For example, it may happen when we are witnessing a sunset, or the birth or death of someone, or while we are listening to music or reading a novel. Or we may have the experience of 'being here before', or that prayer and meditation have a real and positive effect in our lives.

The emphasis in the group will be on exploring and attempting to understand these sorts of experiences, mainly through the medium of conversation, but also short individual contributions or occasionally reading something together, whatever the need may be.

Monthly meetings (the first Monday in the month), recommencing 6 October from 2.00-3.30 p.m. at 78, Cherry Tree Rd, Nether Edge, Sheffield S11 9AB. Bus 23 to Union Rd terminus

For further information, please contact:

Robert Chamberlain.....Coordinator(0797) 490 6421
r.chamberlain14@yahoo.co.uk

Sanskrit: an introduction

Sanskrit is a beautiful language, the source of many sounds, roots and words in English and other European languages. It has been called "the elder sister of Greek".

This 10 week non-academic course is open to all who are interested. No qualifications required. We will focus on learning the sound and alphabet of Sanskrit and building up a simple vocabulary to enable us to speak, read and write simple words and sentences. The links between Sanskrit and English will also be explored.

The course will run from 10.00-12 noon starting on Thursday 22 September. If you are interested, please phone Roger Linstead.

Roger Linstead.....Coordinator.....(0114) 236 3640

Travel Organising Committee

Barbara Robertshaw,	Coordinator	(0114) 236 9102
Barry De Roek,	Treasurer	(0114) 236 9169
Derek Shipley,	Secretary	(0114) 236 6257
Margaret Bullivant		(0114) 296 2256
Val Wiley		(0114) 236 0726
Margaret Langrish		(0114) 296 2251

Only members of Sheffield U3A are eligible to take part in our activities.

Insurance - for short breaks and holidays in the UK and overseas (but **not** day visits) travel companies require that all participating members have personal travel insurance cover.

Illness / Medical Conditions / Disabilities - when applying you must inform the Visit Organiser of any problem or pre-existing medical condition. Please remember that all visits will involve some walking. Access to sites and places of interest frequently involves steep slopes, steps and uneven or slippery surfaces. Always wear comfortable suitable footwear.

Agreed Pick-up Point - if you wish to make a change, you must notify the Visit Organiser **in advance**.

Reply Envelopes - please remember to include a suitable **stamped addressed envelope** with your application. For day visits any small envelope; for short breaks and holidays a *Links*-sized envelope.

In case of problems or emergencies - first try to contact the Visit Organiser or, if they are not available, any member of the Travel Committee.

<i>Links 156</i>: the last date for copy is Monday 7 November 2011

Travel News and Excursions

Christmas at Capesthorpe Hall

Saturday 26 November 2011

Capesthorpe Hall, near Macclesfield, is a Jacobean–style hall with a collection of fine art, marble sculptures, furniture and tapestries. Originally designed by the Smiths of Warwick, it was built between 1719 and 1732. It was altered by Blore in 1837 and partially rebuilt by Salvin in 1861 following a disastrous fire. The present squire is William Bromley-Davenport, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, whose ancestors have owned the estate since Domesday times.

This is an opportunity to visit the hall during the normally closed winter period. We will see how a family-owned stately home is decorated for the festive season. Local musicians, bell ringers and school choirs will entertain us during our walk around the house and in the basement there will be an opportunity to visit various craft stalls. The Butler's Pantry will be open for tea or coffee and refreshments such as hot meat rolls, soup, mulled wine and mince pies. In a large marquee you will also find an amazing Craft, Gift and Food Fair with a selection of hand-made crafts and gifts from around the world.

The cost per person is £17.00. This includes the coach fare, gratuities and entrance to the Hall and gardens, but no refreshments.

If you would like to join us, please complete the booking slip on page 31 and send it with your cheque to **Barbara Robertshaw** as soon as possible.

Future Event

The Travel Committee has arranged a trip on **Tuesday 15 May 2012** to visit four churches, in South Yorkshire, and to have lunch provided by the parishioners of one of them.

With the guidance of Pat McLaughlin we will explore the architecture of these churches from Saxon or Norman times to the present day.

More information and a booking form will appear in the February edition of *Links*.

Val Wiley and Margaret Bullivant

Architectural Tour Of Dresden

21-25 May 2012

Come and join Architecture 1 in a tour of the beautiful city of Dresden, Germany, which has been restored to its former glory.

We fly from Heathrow to Berlin. (It costs £100 more to fly from Manchester to Berlin) then take the coach to Dresden. I will hire a coach to the airport.

We will be staying in the Ibis/Holiday Inn in the centre of Dresden within walking distance of the main attractions. Our stay will be half-board.

Day 1: we will visit the Royal Palace, the New Green and the Pillnitz Castle and Gardens.

Day 2: Panoramic tour of the Elbe Valley, Bastei Rocks, Konigstein and the splendour of Saxony.

Day 3: Tour of the Porcelain Museum in Meissen and Schloss Wackerbarth including wine tasting.

Day 4: Walking tour of the Zwinger Palace, the Old Fortress and the Old Masters Picture Gallery.

Day 5: Free time in Dresden before flight home.

This is a tailor-made tour for SU3A.

The cost is **£650.00**. This includes flights, all taxes, hotel on half board, guides and entrance fees every day, and coach where applicable in Dresden. It does not include gratuities, lunch, insurance, or the coach to the airport which should be around **£35.00**.

Please send a deposit of **£150.00** cheque made out to **Architecture 1 SU3A** together with the completed slip on page 35 to Shirley Marney.

Shirley Marney

Lunch and Lecture Speaker: Louise Page
Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, S8 8BW
Friday 14 October 2011 at 12.00 for 12.30 p.m.

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

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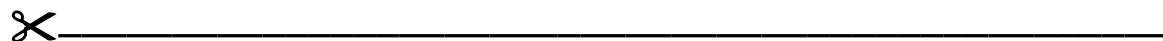
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Please reserveplace(s) for me (**£15.50** per person). I enclose a small stamped addressed envelope and a cheque for £.....payable to **Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture**.

I would like to request vegetarian meal(s).

Forms should be sent to arrive **no later than 7 October 2011** to Mrs Doreen Bezant, 52 Chatsworth Road, Sheffield S17 3QH.



Christmas at Capesthorpe Hall

Saturday 26 November 2011

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

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Please send me.....tickets at (**£17.00** per person). I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a **small stamped addressed envelope**. Send to: Barbara Robertshaw, 20 Whinfell Court Sheffield S11 9QA as soon as possible.

Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5.....09.45 a.m. ()

Bus Bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South.....10.00 a.m. ()

Holiday to Bristol, Bath and Somerset

8–12 June 2012

Our base for this short break will be Bristol. It claims to be England's most popular tourist destination and it has much to offer to the visitor. On the first day we will travel to Dyrham Park (NT). It is the beautiful late 17th century home of William Blathwayt, a hardworking civil servant who thrived during the political upheaval of three monarchs.

Bristol has a rich maritime heritage. We will have a boat trip around the docks and a tour of the S.S. Great Britain, Brunel's masterpiece. It was the world's first ocean-going liner, which has been lovingly restored into one of Britain's most acclaimed visitor attractions. Of course, we will not miss the Clifton Suspension Bridge, another of Brunel's iconic works.

On the following days the programme includes a day in historical Bath, a designated world Heritage Site, with some of the finest architecture in Europe including the Royal Crescent. We will have a guided walking tour and a visit to the Roman baths. There will be free time to explore some of the other sights, such as the Abbey, the Jane Austen Centre, the Pump room etc.

We shall also spend time in Wells to see the Cathedral and travel to Tyntesfield, the extraordinary Victorian estate which was saved for the nation in 2002 by the National Trust. After a long period of restoration it now offers a fascinating insight into the life upstairs and downstairs of a stately home in the 19th century.

On the last day, before returning home, we will visit the Slimbridge Wetland Centre which was founded by the late naturalist Sir Peter Scott. It is the birthplace of modern conservation, saving wetlands for wildlife and people across the world.

We will be staying at the 4-star Ramada Bristol City hotel which enjoys a central location near the waterfront and is convenient for sightseeing. All bedrooms are en-suite with the usual facilities and lifts to all floors. There is also a Leisure Centre.

The cost of the 4 night/5 day holiday is **£340.00** per person, with a single supplement of **£50.00**. Included are bed, breakfast and evening meals at the hotel, coach throughout and all gratuities, all admission fees, except those for the two National Trust properties.

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Classical Concertgoers' Group

Visit to the Symphony Hall, Birmingham

Friday 16 December 2011

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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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 at the concert. Forms should be sent to arrive **as soon as possible** to Derek Shipley, 40, Wollaton Avenue, Bradway, Sheffield S17 4LA

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Literature Network : Leonard and Virginia

Woolf as I knew them

Thursday 9 February 2012 2.00 p.m.

Quaker Meeting House, St. James Street, Sheffield S1 2EW

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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Please reserve place(s) for me (**£3.50** per person). I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **Literature Network of SU3A** and a small stamped addressed envelope

Forms should be sent to: *Judith Vernier*, 7 Forth Avenue, Dronfield Woodhouse, S18 8ZG.

Members must arrange their own comprehensive travel insurance and send a photocopy to the organiser as soon as they have had their place confirmed. To reserve a place, please complete the booking slip on page 35 and send it with a deposit of £40.00 per person, together with a *Links* size stamped addressed envelope to Barbara Robertshaw, to arrive as soon as possible.

Barbara Robertshaw

York Mystery Plays

Matinée Performance Saturday August 4 2012

There is no record of the first performance of the plays but in 1376 they were part of a religious celebration in York. The plays were organised, financed, and often performed, by the York Craft Guilds. "Mystery" is a play on words, representing both a religious truth or rite, and, in its Middle-English meaning, a trade or craft.

The cycle of plays comprises some 48 pageants which were originally presented on carts and wagons. The decorated "Pageant Wagons" would be paraded through York stopping at each of the playing stations designated by the City banners. Traditionally an individual Guild would take responsibility for a particular play - for example the Barkers (tanners of animal hides) acted out the Bible story of the Creation, and the Bakers the story of The Last Supper.

The stories were told in the everyday speech and dialect of medieval York. After their suppression in Tudor times the plays remained little known until a production in 1909. Then, in 1951, Festival of Britain year, the York Festival of Arts put on an extremely successful performance in the ruins of St. Mary's Abbey.

In the interest of comprehensibility an abbreviated and modernised text is now used which does not spoil the essential content of the drama. Since then, the plays have been presented every three or four years with well respected actors taking the main parts supported by very talented local amateurs. A major production is planned for 2012 and will be staged in a bespoke 1400 seat theatre to be built around the superb setting of the Abbey ruins in the Museum Gardens. (Continued on Page 36)

Tour of Dresden
21-25 May 2012

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Whinfell Court Sheffield S11 9QA , to arrive **as soon as possible**.

These plays are an important part of the rich heritage of our language and literature and this new production offers an opportunity to enjoy these great old stories re-enacted in York where they were first presented more than 600 years ago. I have provisionally reserved 35 centre-block seats for the 2.30.p.m. performance on Saturday 4 August 2012 and this booking must be confirmed by 31 October 2011.

The cost per person is £35.00. This covers coach and theatre ticket and driver's gratuity. No meals or refreshments are included. There will be some free time in York and there are plenty of places to get lunch or you may like to take a picnic to the Museum Gardens.

If you are interested in this visit please complete the form below and send it to me with your cheque and a small stamped addressed envelope **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Margaret Bullivant

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York Mystery Plays

Saturday 4 August 2012

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If possible I would like to sit with.....at the theatre. Please tick your preferred pick-up place:

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