

## From the Chair

There is a slight tinge on the leaves of my Kilmarnock Willow, the grandchildren are back in school and my first Christmas menu from the local pub has dropped through my letterbox. Autumn is in the air and the first tin of Cadbury's Roses has appeared on Tesco's shelves. It seems to me that we live in a world that is always planning for the next event before we have acknowledged the last one. Silly really. Life goes pretty quickly anyway when we reach a certain age.

Back in July three of my friends and I went to the U3A Summer School held at Harper Adams University, Telford, Shropshire. There were many different topics to study and the tuition we received was excellent. The four days we were there were filled with new learning experiences and meeting new people to share those experiences with. It is a very different way to spend a break but one I would be willing to do again. How much more convenient it would be for those of us who live "up north" to have more Summer Schools in our region. All I can say is watch this space as the YAHR are currently exploring the idea.

Talking of the YAHR, they celebrated the 30th anniversary of the U3A in this country with an event at Askham Bryan on August 15. It was a very busy day and the first sight that greeted me was the Bridlington Silver Dream Bikers (*right*) in full leathers sat astride their Harley-Davidsons.



What impressed me most was there were women bikers too and it jolted me back to my youth with days out at Matlock Bath amongst the Mods and Rockers – but that is another story. Over 1,100 people attended and there were plenty of events to sample or listen to, but for me it was a day filled with music.

The campus resounded with the York Madrigals and the Barnsley Ukuleles and our own Sheffield Singing for Pleasure Group

had the whole audience humming along to "Those Were the Days".

I am always surprised when I meet people who have never heard of the U3A movement. There are many potential members out there with a lot of time on their hands. For this reason alone we shall carry on with our publicity work on pre-retirement courses all over the city and outreach work in targeted areas, such as Sharrow, this very month. According to current statistics the most successful form of publicity is word of mouth so keep telling your friends and neighbours all about us. It would be quite momentous to reach our 3,000th member in this coming year.

Since taking the Chair I have met some very interesting people and I hope to meet many more at events over the autumn. The Drop-Ins are very busy and we welcome our new members to their meeting on October 25. We have now broken the 180 barrier in terms of Groups so there is a wide choice of activities.

I also hope that some of you will want to explore the possibility of taking a more prominent role in SU3A as we are in the middle of a re-organisation of the Executive Committee.

We urgently need a General Secretary.

This is a vital role for someone to fill to keep our organisation flourishing. Details of the skills needed are on the next page of *Links* and please be assured that you will have our total support and full training for this key post.

*Denise West*

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***WebLinks:*** *If you would like to see and hear the Barnsley Ukulele Group performing their superb U3A anthem (it is very entertaining) a link to it is on our website.*

*How to do that?*

- *Start up your computer and turn up the sound!*
- *Go online and Google 'Sheffield U3A'*
- *Follow the first link to the Sheffield U3A website*
- *Click on the link in the 'WebLinks' box then sit back and enjoy the video.*

## **SU3A Secretary Required**

Due to a reorganisation of the Executive Committee, Sheffield U3A urgently needs a General Secretary

**This is a vital post within the organisation.**

Skills needed:

Good organiser/administrator

Word processing ability (Microsoft Word)

Familiarity with the Internet

Useful assets:

Knowledge of committee work

Shorthand (not essential)

You will become part of a friendly and supportive team and training will be given.

If you are interested in finding out more, without obligation, please contact the current Secretary, Jean Stevenson, as soon as possible

tel: (0114) 327 6294

## **Could You Help a Less Able Member attend the Friday Lectures?**

One member, who lives in the Abbeydale area and who would like to attend the Friday lectures, has difficulty in walking. Is anyone who attends on a regular basis willing to offer her a lift? If so I should be pleased to hear from you on (01246) 416 139.

*Shelagh Woolliscroft*

As part of Sheffield Hallam University's Research Ethics strategy and action plan we are looking to appoint members of the public as lay members to the Various Research Ethics Committees. These committees advise and support the University, its staff and students on ethical issues relating to the conduct of research.

We are looking for individuals who have a broad interest in ethical issues and who will provide a balanced view of the proposed research study from a lay perspective. Lay members take a full committee role and have the key task of providing the public perspective in the research assessment processes. There are up to three lay members on each committee. Clinical qualifications or experience of research are not required but good team working is important.

An external lay member is someone who is not employed by Sheffield Hallam University or studying at the University, and whose primary personal or professional interest is not in any particular research area involving human participants.

Members would be required to attend regular meetings during the working day, of which there are typically between 4 and 6 in an academic year, and to review research proposals for the purpose of providing opinion as to whether the research is ethically sound. The majority of these reviews involve email correspondence and working between meetings.

Although the post is voluntary, reasonable related travel expenses will be paid and training and support will be provided. Appointment is normally for an initial term of three years (with a possible extension).

If you would like to be considered please send a letter stating why you think you would be suitable for the role, including examples of relevant work, training, or volunteer experience, together with your CV to Brian Littlejohn, University Research Ethics Committee secretary, Sheffield Hallam University, Enterprise Centre, Science Park Unit 11, Howard Street, Sheffield. S1 1WB

by Friday 19th October.

It is hoped that appointments can be made as soon as possible after this and new members will be able to join the committees for their meeting in autumn 2012.

If you have any questions about the vacancies or the role you can contact one of the existing lay members, Roy Darlison, on [randbdarlisonwaitrose.com](mailto:randbdarlisonwaitrose.com) or the University Research Ethics Committee secretary Brian Littlejohn on (0114) 225 4050 or [b.littlejohnshu.ac.uk](mailto:b.littlejohnshu.ac.uk).

Further information regarding Research Ethics at Sheffield Hallam University including the research ethics policy and procedures can be obtained at <http://www.shu.ac.uk/research/>



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## **Passages Theatre Group**

A new theatre group for mature performers addressing representations of older people.

Come to the first meeting 10.00–12.00 on **Thursday October 4** 2012 at: University of Sheffield Theatre Department, Studio 1, Shearwood Rd, Sheffield S10 2TD

Meeting regularly at the same time/place thereafter.

- Age-blind casting
- Challenging representations of age
- New performances of being older

For more information call or text Bridie Moore on 07811 812 982 or email [blmoore1sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:blmoore1sheffield.ac.uk)

All levels of experience. All ages from 50 years old are welcome.

## Friday Lecture Programme

### Open to all SU3A members

**Venue:** Showroom Cinema 3.

Refreshments from 10.00.

Lecture from 10.30 to 12 noon. First come first seated.

**Half price parking** - in Q Park, Arundel Gate. Collect ticket from box office.

The Freebee bus stops outside the cinema.

Date	Title	Presenter
November 2	<p><b>E20 12 Under Construction:</b> a unique visual essay on the making of the Olympic Park.</p> <p>Stunningly detailed aerial photographs by together with fascinating portraits of the workers. The only comprehensive set of pictures documenting the development of the Olympic site.</p> <p>Giles will explain why it was so important to him to record one of the biggest construction projects in the UK, and how he achieved it.</p>	<p><b>Giles Price</b></p> <p>Giles is a freelance photographer who learned how to hang out of aeroplanes whilst serving with the British Army in Iraq. He trained in photography at the University of Derby.</p>
November 16	<p><b>The planned lecture has been postponed to November 2013</b></p> <p>See website for alternative topic</p>	

### Lunch And Lecture Friday 19 October 2012

**Ian McMillan:** We now have a waiting list for the above event, so if you have booked and find that you can not attend, would you please let either Dot Sutcliffe, tel. (0114) 268 5918, or Vera Dyer, tel. (0114) 237 7854, know. Your place(s) can then be offered to members on the waiting list.



# **weekenders**

## **Antiques For Everyone**

### **Sunday 4 November 2012**

Spend a day leisurely browsing round many stalls of antiques at the N.E.C. and maybe do some Christmas shopping. There are many cafés and restaurants in which to have lunch.

The cost is £24.00 which includes the coach, entrance fee, and the driver's gratuities.

Please complete the application form on page 29 and return it with a cheque and a S.A.E. to Shirley Marney.

## **Frying Tonight!**

### **Saturday 13 October 2012**

Places are still available on the fish and chip evening on Saturday October 13 when we will be visiting Whitby's Fish and Chip restaurant in Rotherham. The restaurant is fully licensed and the menu includes salads and steak pie if you do not like fish and chips. The cost of the coach to Rotherham is £6.75. Choose and pay for your meal on the night.

If you would like to join us please contact:

Dot Sutcliffe: (0114) 268 5918, email: dotsutcliffe32btinternet.com as soon as possible.

Look out for details of next year's Weekenders' programme in the December issue of *Links*.

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There is a Weekenders' short break planned to see next year's Edinburgh Tattoo. For full information see page 26.

## **Were You a Games Maker?**

If so, would you be prepared to attend at the Showroom Cinema on the morning of Friday 2 November, to show us your uniform and explain what you did? Then those of us who were unlucky and did not get tickets for the Olympics could get an insight into some aspects of the organisation of the Games.

You would not be alone – I already have one volunteer! Please phone me if you are willing or would like to know more.

*Shelagh Woolliscroft*

*(01246) 416 139*

## **More Plants needed for the Whirlow Brook Garden**

On Wednesday 14 November we will be planting up the third area of the SU3A Commemorative Woodland Garden at Whirlow Brook Park. Then we shall start to prepare Area Four. Donations towards shrubs in memory of friends and loved ones are still needed and will be gratefully received – please contact Alison Cowper on (0114) 274 6165. The Record of Donors is available to view at the monthly Drop-Ins and will be updated in time for the 2013 AGM.

In September we made bat and bird boxes to encourage wildlife to the garden. We also planted more spring bulbs, primroses and other ground cover plants. If you fancy a bit of gentle hoeing do come and join us – it is very therapeutic!

*Shelagh Woolliscroft*

*(01246) 416 139*

## **Could you be a Flying Gardener?**

Could you give a couple of mornings a year to help maintain a neglected flower bed in one of our lovely parks?

No gardening skills are required, just stout shoes or boots and gloves. Tools will be provided. The first session will be on Saturday 3 November from 10.00 to 12 noon at Meersbrook Park (meet outside the offices). Parking is available and hot drinks will be supplied by the park rangers, with whom we will be working.

Other dates will be announced in the December issue of *Links* and will probably be on varying days of the week. Please phone me if you would like to fly.

*Shelagh Woolliscroft*

*(01246) 416 139*



## **Classical Concertgoers' Group**

**Tuesday 15 January 2013**

Our New Year outing is to the **De Montfort Hall, Leicester**, to hear the resident orchestra, the Philharmonia, under the baton of guest conductor **Santtu-Matias Rouvali** play two symphonies:

Beethoven's Second (a sunny, good-humoured work in the classical style with a finale looking backwards to Bach) and Bizet's Symphony in C, a work written when he was a teenager yet widely considered to be his finest orchestral score.

For many the highlight of the concert will be Hummel's Trumpet Concerto, performed by **Alison Balsom** (*below*).

This is a chance to hear one of the freshest performers in British classical music today. The glamorous Alison Balsom has injected a new lease of life into solo trumpet playing and Hummel's Concerto is one of the liveliest for the instrument.



The inclusive cost is **£29.00**. Please use the reservation form on page 33 and include the name and contact details of all members for whom you are applying. Include a small stamped self-addressed envelope and send to:- Pamela Sandford, 289 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0DA by **24 November 2012**.

The coach will leave the bus parking bay at the bottom of Knowle Lane, near the junction with Millhouses Lane, promptly at 16.00. This will allow time to attend the **pre-concert talk at 18.15** with Alison Balsom in conversation with John Florance.

Our visits are open to all SU3A members and no special Group membership is required.

*Pamela Sandford*

*Coordinator*

*(0114) 236 1815*

## Group News

We welcome the most recent Groups to join us: Jazz Appreciation II, coordinated by John Carr, and Family History IV led by Monica Stagg. Vera, my indispensable helper, and I are immensely happy that these two Groups resulted from gathering disappointed members in "waiting lists" to meet together and on each occasion new leaders emerged and new Groups were born. We would like to acknowledge also the generous time given by established Coordinators to support the new Coordinators and their Groups.

Some factlets from our database: did you know: SU3A has 2946 members and 181 activity Groups? The total "on roll" of our Groups is 3389. The average size of Groups reporting is 20. The biggest activity Group has 86 members; the smallest, 3. Ten Groups submit that they have 51 or more on roll: 5 Bridge groups, Aspects of Art, History I, Science and Technology, Croquet and Walking Group C.

In the last issue of Links I mentioned Groups we do not have. Peter Barclay has researched this subject for his SU3A History booklet and wrote to say that Edinburgh U3A was reported to have a Wine Tasting Group, whilst Mary Clark has written to me to lament the lack of a Badminton Group. And ... those of you who attended the lively Askham Bryan moot on August 15 may have suffered a surge of nostalgic adrenaline rush when you saw the shiny polished motorbikes and the defiantly logo'ed Stygian uniforms of the Silver Bikers from Bridlington U3A.

Keep the ideas coming: a plenitude of activities exist "out there". If your idea for a Group is legal, SU3A will support you.

**New Coordinators**, i.e. in post after March 2011: we would like to gather you together and hear your grumbles and reflections. Only ONE Coordinator acknowledged the invitation in the last issue of Links. Please write in, email or telephone and Vera and I will arrange the rest. Or, are you all sublimely negotiating your way through venue hire, equipment maintenance, insurance, transport, troublesome members, falling membership rolls, etc, etc ..... ?

**Coordinators' General Meeting 2013** is scheduled for March. Get in touch if you want to be there.

*Jim Walker*  
*Vera Dyer*

*General Coordinator*

*(0114) 236 9687*  
*(0114) 237 7854*

## New Groups

### Tai Chi and Chi Kung in South and West Sheffield

Traditional (Yang Family style) Tai Chi is the ancient Chinese system of slow balanced movements which promote energy, health and relaxation. Chi Kung uses related movements and approach as a basis for promoting relaxation, meditation and tranquillity. We have recently moved to Sheffield having studied Tai Chi and Chi Kung for seven years and reached a level to qualify as teachers.

We intend to form a new Tai Chi and Chi Kung Group based in the South/West of Sheffield (the location is likely to be in the Totley/Dore/Ecclesall area). At this stage we would like to understand how much interest there may be in such a Group. The cost will be to cover venue hire and we would meet once a week probably for about 1.5 hours. No special equipment or clothing will be required and full tuition will be provided.

If you are interested in learning Tai Chi and Chi Kung please contact us simply stating that you are interested in receiving further information and leaving your contact details. The intention is for a small working group to meet at the Drop-In session at the CURC on November 6 at 11.00 to agree on venue, cost, duration and times, with the group starting in late November/early December.

Pat and Clare Ryan, email: drpjryangmail.com tel: 07840 191720

### Southern Africa – Anyone Interested?

At the Friday Lecture on July 20 Ken Dunn told us how, for more than 20 years, he had been taking groups of young people from Sheffield schools to do voluntary work with communities in South Africa and the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho. Sadly July 20 was a wet and miserable day in the middle of the holiday season and only a few brave souls heard his fascinating and inspirational story. Ken has been honoured for this work and his credentials and networks are very impressive.

At the end of the lecture Ken threw out an invitation to the audience: would the **Sheffield U3A** be interested in forming a group to do voluntary work in the same way.

**Well – would we? . . . . .**

If a trip were to be arranged it would be fully escorted and would consist of a week or so working closely with local villagers, carrying out voluntary work to improve the quality of their lives and in so doing provide us with an intimate experience of positive action at its very best. This would be preceded and followed by several days sightseeing in South Africa taking in the awe and wonder of this beautiful country and its wildlife. No manual work would be required (we are old, after all!) and a fully qualified doctor would be in attendance on the entire trip.

If there is sufficient interest in such a venture, Ken Dunn would join us to answer any questions posed and design a bespoke visit to suit, but at this time I just need to know, in principle, who among us might be interested. If you think this may be for you, please register your interest with me.

*John Lees*

*(0114) 267 1857*

*email: johnrleesgmail.com – (don't forget the "r" in the middle!)*

## **Exploring Permaculture**

Are you interested in:

Organic growing, renewable energy, food security, slow solutions and forest gardens?

Come and explore Permaculture with others in a new SU3A Group. There will be discussions, visits and speakers about this exciting new approach which is replacing GM crops as the sustainable alternative.

*Contact John Baker, jonjoepeelme.com or tel: (0114) 275 6697*

## **Cards Group in Birley Carr**

A housebound member in Birley Carr would like to start a Card Games Group. Contact Audrey Daubney on (0114) 231 3056 or Gerald Cartwright on (0114) 281 1499.

## **Dressmaking**

Keen dressmakers seek a leader – four have registered interest so far. Any more? Any potential leaders? In the first instance please contact Jim Walker, General Coordinator, (0114) 236 9687.

## **Inspiration Group**

A social and reflective light discussion Group, meeting monthly in members' homes, for exploring and sharing inspirational thoughts and quotations from around the world.

4th Thursday evening, monthly.

Please contact me if you would like to know more.

*John Wragg*

*(0114) 266 3922*

## **Indian Veggie Buffet**

A monthly opportunity to experience vegetarian cuisine in our local Indian restaurants. Max 12 persons. We order a variety of dishes and then share in buffet style.

Expected cost £15.00-£20.00 by CASH per outing.

4th Wednesday evening monthly.

Initial enquiries recommended then confirm participation with coordinator 6-3 days before.

*Enquiries to: John Wragg*

*(0114) 266 3922*

## **Other Group News**

### **Music Appreciation II**

We have room in the Music Appreciation Group which meets on alternate Thursdays at Hillsborough Library. This is a friendly Group who enjoy listening to a wide range of Classical Music works, some well known others less so. You do not need any skills, only an open mind and an ear for lovely sounds. If you enjoy listening to Classic FM or Radio 3, or if you watch Arts 2 on television, and are curious about composers and why their music sounds as it does, our Group is for you! We love good music and we are not elitist!

Hillsborough Library is very accessible by Supertram from the City Centre so wherever you live the venue is easy to get to.

If you would like to know more about us contact me

*David Andrews*

*Coordinator*

*(0114) 235 3389*

## **A Capella**

Our new eight-strong U3A singing Group A Cappella Singers is a little precarious because it has only two male voices - the absolute minimum. We would welcome one or two more male voices, either tenor or bass. We sing unaccompanied songs, mainly of the 19th and 20th centuries, e.g. Elgar, Sullivan, Porter, Gershwin.

Essentials are at least moderate sight-reading, choir experience so that other people's notes do not put you off yours, and a voice that is not too obtrusive.

*Mike Maas*

*Coordinator*

*(0114) 230 4435*

## **Walking Group H: Walking in the Peak District**

Our walking Group would welcome new members.

The Group walks 9–11 miles every Monday in the Dark Peak, White Peak and North and North West of Sheffield. All members of the Group volunteer to lead walks which are published quarterly as a programme. We share transport as much as is possible to minimize the number of vehicles used. After a walk, we meet in a convenient pub for a drink and a yarn. This June we spent four days walking in and around Berwick upon Tweed. In the Autumn we usually go to the Lakes for four days walking the fells.

*Eric Bridgeland* *Coordinator*

*tel: (0114) 250 8819, email: esbridgeland@yahoo.co.uk*

## **Tai Chi S36**

Inman Pavilion, Moorland Drive, Garden Village, Stocksbridge on Wednesdays from 13.00 to 14.00. First session is free.

Tai Chi is traditional Chinese exercise using gentle, flowing movements to help maintain good health and general wellbeing.

*Kathryn Smith* *(0114) 288 7591, Mary Stones (0114) 288 3073*

## **Poetry for Pleasure**

Vacancies remain in this Group which I run. This is not a poetry writing group but members are welcome to write their own poems on our chosen themes should they wish so to do.

*Pat Parkin*

*Coordinator*

*(0114) 236 8009*

## Sheffield U3A Activities and Interest Groups: October 2012

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

#### ACCESS

**MH** Member's Home - access variable; if you have any specific needs you are advised to contact the Group Coordinator

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

**PV** Public Venue - meeting is physically accessible, but does not include a hearing loop

**PVAL** Public Venue - meeting access is limited; if you have any specific needs you are advised to contact the Group Coordinator

**O** Outdoors

**MEETING:** 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.**

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
<b>ART</b>						
Art (SE)	V	We.pm.w	S13	PVAL	Paul Garland	269 3219
Art I		We.am.w	S11	PVHL	John Carr	230 8866
Art II	V	Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Ruth Lamb	236 2807
Art III	V	We.pm.w	S11	PVAL	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I	V	Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Beryl Moore	268 6632
Aspects of Art II		Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Valerie Wiley	236 0726
Looking at Art	V	2ndTh.pm.m	S8	PV	John Cooper	01909 567 279
Outdoor Sketching I	V	Fr.am.f	various	O	Daniel Merrills	230 5952
Outdoor Sketching II	V	We.am.f	various	O	Audrey Morris	236 3619
Visiting Art	V	Tu.--m	various	PVAL	Linda Jackson	235 0852
<b>ARTS AND CRAFTS</b>						
Appreciating Architecture		3rdTh.pm.m	Greenhill	PV	Margaret Short	236 9653
Architecture Past and Present	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Roy Pilkington	01246 416 139
Card Craft	V	Mo.pm.f	S7	PVAL	Margaret Lycett	269 0429
Digital Photography	V	3rdTh.pm.m	S11	PV	Peter Else	230 5694
Handwork & Craft II		Th.am.f	S11	MH	Jean Davis	233 9784
Knitting	V	We.am.m	S10/11	MH	Jane Harling	230 9576
Patch & Quilt	V	Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Photographic Group NW	V	1stFr.pm.m	S36	PV	Harold Norton	288 6920
Quilting Hive	V	Mo.pm.f	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
Woodworking/Woodcarving		Th.pm.w	S7	MH	Bob Adkins	255 1968
<b>BIRD WATCHING</b>						
Bird Watching I		Mo.am.f	various	O	Gillian Tutt	236 6237
Bird Watching II	V	We.--w	various	O	Malcolm Swift	01246 412 737
<b>CARDS AND BOARD GAMES</b>						
Bridge - Friday I	V	Fr.pm.w	S17	PV	John Strange	01246 416 558
Bridge - Friday II	V	Fr.pm.w	S10	PV	Brian Jeremiah	230 7250
Bridge - Friday III	V	Fr.pm.w	S7	PV	Rati Chiba	01433 659 864
Bridge - Monday	V	Mo.pm.w	S7	PV	Patricia Latham	01246 419 106



GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
<b>CARDS AND BOARD GAMES (cont)</b>						
Bridge - Thursday	V	Th.pm.w	S17	PV	David Buckle	236 7893
Bridge - Tuesday	V	Tu.am.w	S11	PV	Michael Brumby	236 5676
Bridge - Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	PVAL	Jean Bowie	230 1002
Chess	V	Tu.pm.m	S17	MH	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Evening Rummikub	V	Me.eve.w	S17	MH	Chris Cave	236 4648
Rummikub (SE)		Mo.pm.f	S13	MH	Joan Brown	269 4829
Rummikub I		Mo.pm.f	S7/8/17/	MH	Shirley Wilks	236 7673
Scrabble	V	Fr.pm.f	S7	PVAL	Liz Barber	288 1984
Whist cntct & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Sun.eve.w	various	MH	Gerald Cartwright	281 1499
<b>DISCUSSION, PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS AND RELIGION</b>						
Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Susan Hydes	255 2141
Discussion II	V	Tu.am.m	various	MH	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Ideas	V	Mo.am.m	S35	MH	Alec Jenner	286 2546
Jesus and Christianity	V	Sa.pm.m	S4	PV	John Vincent	243 6688
Meditating Together	V	3rdTu.am.m	S7	MH	Patsy Gibbon	250 0663
Personal Finance	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	PV	Helen Marsh	230 1622
Philosophy- Hist/Classical		2ndMo.pm.m	S11	PV	John Kirkman	236 1971
Philosophy-Topics/Theme	V	3rdMo.am.m	S8	PV	Janet Haigh	230 3070
Sugar & Spice	V	Mo.pm.f	S8	MH	Eunice Southgate	281 1876
Today's World		Th.am.m	various	MH	David Pierce	281 9414
Wealth & Poverty	V	4thMo.pm.m	S11	MH	Helen Davies	266 3276
<b>GARDENING</b>						
Gardening (SE)	V		various	PVAL	Carol Wright	251 0140
Gardening at Whirlowbrook Park	V	We.am.f	S17	O	Shelagh Wooliscroft	01246 416 139
Gardening C		Mo.am.m	S10/11/1	PVAL	Susan Fielding	230 3987
Gardening D		2ndTu.am.m	various	MH	Hilary Hutson	225 8570
Gardening Greenfingers	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Jane Gregory	274 9246
Organic Gardening		Tu.am.m	various	PVHL	Sue Bell	250 8941

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<b>HISTORY</b>						
Classical Civilisation		Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Anne Thomas	230 5281
Family History I		2ndWe.am.m	S10	PVHL	Annie Grassick	230 2777
Family History III	V	Tu.pm.m	S35	PV	Paul Cordwell	327 3954
Family History IV	V	4thWe.am.m	S11	PV	Monica Stagg	274 8397
History I	V	Tu.am.f	S17	PVHL	Robert Bragg	281 9534
History II	V	Mo.pm.f	S10/11/1	MH	Angela Jakubovic	236 3858
Local History (SE)	V	We.pm.f	S21	PV	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Local History III		Mo.am.f	S7	PV	Carmel Rogers	266 0792
Local History IV	V	Fr.pm.m	S11	PV	Margaret Laycock	236 4109
Local History North		Tu.pm.m	S5/35	PVHL	Joy Fell	284 5481
Local History V	V	Tu.pm.f	S7	MH	Margaret Etchells	236 3317
Making of Modern China	V	4thTu.pm.m	S1	PV	John Evans	230 1173
Military History	V	Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Marion Monaghan	01246 414 137
Oral History	V	Tu.am.4w	S7	PV	Vera Wibberley	255 4982
Visiting History	V	Tu.pm.m	various	PVAL	Jenny Clark	266 9395
<b>LANGUAGES</b>						
Cercle Francais I		Fr.am.w	S7	PVAL	Alan Price	234 4172
Cercle Francais II	V	Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	Margaret Platts	230 7300
Classical Greek Alpha	V	We.pm.f	S1	PV	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
French for Holidays		Mo.pm.f	S7	MH	Usha Fitch	236 5009
French-Advanced		Fr.am.w	S10	PV	Audrey Sainsbury	230 7446
French-Intermediate		Th.am.w	S11	PVAL	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
German for Beginners	V	Mo.am.w	S18	MH	Shelagh Wooliscroft	01246 416 139
German-Advanced		Tu.pm.f	S6/8/10	MH	Mike Maas	230 4435
German-Intermediate	V	Mo.am.w	S10	PV	Rosalie Ayscough	262 1626
Italian		Tu.pm.f	S10/11/6	MH	Rosalind Rogerson	268 1426
Italian for Holidays		Fr.pm.w	S11	PV	Mike Hague	236 6336
Latin from Scratch	V	Fr.am.f	S1	PV	Jean Hart	247 0566
Latin III	V	Tu.pm.f	S10	MH	Audrey Ward	230 3423
Latin Improvers		M.am.f	S1	PV	Paul Cordwell	327 3954
Modern Greek	V	Fr.pm.f	S11	MH	Margaret Halstead	258 2541

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Portuguese For Fun		Tu.am.w	S11	MH	Pauline Miller	258 3678
Sanskrit	V	Th.am.w	S11	PV	Roger Linstead	236 3640
Scottish Gaelic	V	Mo.am.f	S8	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
Spanish (Inter) I	V	Th.am.w	S7	PVAL	Hilda Wisbey	262 1730
Spanish Inter III	V	Th.am.w	S7	A	Pat Smith	230 6432
Spanish Stage 2	V	We.pm.w	various	MH	Greta Pearman	236 3336
Welsh	V	Mo.am.f	S7/S8	MH	Sue Wormald	268 0487
<b>LITERATURE AND DRAMA</b>						
Book Group I		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Margaret Walton	255 6563
Book Group II		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Irene Voyce	235 2637
Book Group III		2ndTu.am.m	S17	O	Wendy Jenrick	268 7047
Book Group IV		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Mary Whyns	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	V	Tu.pm.f	S11	MH	John Parsons	230 4902
Enjoying Literature		We.am.f	S7	MH	Jackie Wilson	246 9095
Film Appreciation	V	Tu.pm.m	S1	PV	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		2ndFr.am.m	various	MH	Judith Vernier	01246 418 607
Novel Reading IV	V	We.am.m	S5	MH	Mary Simpson	245 2568
Play Reading I		Tu.pm.4w	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188
Play Reading II	V	Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Doreen Findlay	266 8577
Play Reading III	V	Th.am.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		Tu.am.f	S10/11	MH	Kay Nicholson	268 6220
Story Writers		Tu.am.4w	various	MH	Margaret Briddon	262 0501

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
<b>MUSIC</b>						
A Cappella Singers	V	Tu.pm.f	S6/7/20	MH	Mike Maas	230 4435
Drumming	V	Th.pm.w	S1	PV	John Lee	233 8517
Enjoying Opera I		Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	John Williams	230 4568
Handbell Ringing	V	We.eve.w	S35	PV	Hazel Bradey	234 2608
Jazz Appreciation II		2ndTu.am.m	S10	MH	John Green	230 7768
Jazz Appreciation II		Tu.am.m	S7	MH	John Carr	230 8866
Music Appreciation I	V	We.pm.f	S17	MH	David Andrews	235 3389
Music Appreciation II	V	Th.pm.f	S6	PV	David Andrews	235 3389
Singing for Pleasure		Fr.pm.f	S1	PVAL	Irene Lees	267 1857
<b>PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES</b>						
Belly Dancing Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Kathryn Smith	283 1171
Bowling Crn Grn (SE)	V	Th.am.w	S20	O	John Hunt	269 8811
Bowling Crown Green	V	Th.am.w	S8	O	Keith Alcock	230 7813
Country Dancing	V	Tu.am.f	S8	PV	Anne Marples	266 8794
Croquet		We.am.Tu.pm.Th.pm.w	S11	O	Peter Jones	230 5987
Midweek Cyclists	V	Alt. Tu/Wed.am	various	O	Yvonne Bland	283 0992
Pilates		We.pm.w	S18	PVAL	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Racketball (Fri)		Fr.pm.w susp	S17	PVAL	Peter Hawksworth	230 7678
Racketball (Mon)		Mo.am.w susp	S17	PVAL	Peter Keen	236 4914
Table Tennis	V	Mo.Th.am.w	S17	PV	Anne Coghlan	236 4770
Tai Chi I	V	Tu.am.w	S35	PV	Jenny Freeman	220 6670
Tai Chi Stocksbridge	V	We.pm.w	S36	PV	Christopher Goldthorpe	01226 76 2201
Tai Chi Stocksbridge	V	Fr.am.w	S36	PV	Christopher Goldthorpe	01226 76 2201
<b>SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>						
Environment I	V	Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Cliff Ellis	250 0883
Geology	V	We.--.m	various	PVAL	Bob Smith	236 9665
Natural History	V	Th.--.m	various	O	Ken Balkow	266 6750
Science & Technology		Mo.am.m	S8	PV	Neil Lawrie	236 6294
Sustainable Development	V	Tu.pm.m	central	PVAL	Jo Couldry	268 5496

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
<b>SOCIAL</b>						
After Hours		Eve/wk.end	various	PVAL	Mary Entwisle	255 2368
After Hours NW		Tu.eve.m	various	PVAL	Joyce Franks	234 8587
Dining Out I	V	We.eve.m	various	PVAL	Lorna Baker	236 9025
Dining Out NW		Tu.eve.m	various	PVAL	Pamela Conroy	288 7081
<b>WALKING</b>						
Dippers "Too"(7-10mls)	V	Mo.--f	various	O	Margot Williams	268 2476
Dippers I (4-6mls)	V	Mo.--f	various	O	Donald Ward	236 3332
Gannets (5-7mls)		Mo.--f	various	O	John Lees	267 1857
Late Walkers (5mls)	V	We.am.w	various	O	Jill Whyns	258 9935
Peak in Bloom	V	Sun.--f	various	O	Wendy Taylor	230 9290
Strollers I ( Public Trspt.)		We.--f	various	O	Michael Ball	286 9226
Strollers II ( Public Trspt.)		Mo.--f	various	O	Sheila Hewitt	268 6891
Strollers II (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Norman Benson	236 1080
Strollers II (Tuesday)	V	Tu.am.f	various	O	Clive Williams	230 8177
Strollers III (Public Trspt.)		We.--f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Strollers III (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Judy Hillman	266 7574
Strollers SE(Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Barbara Steel	247 4696
Sunday Walkers (7-9 mls)	V	Sun.--f	various	O	David Hydes	288 7815
Walking Grp A (5-6mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Pat Crook	265 4731
Walking Grp B (7-8mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Anita Wall	233 1024
Walking Grp C (5-7mls)		Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Gilbert Smith	230 5769
Walking Grp D (9-11mls)	V	Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Jan Taylor	230 2511
Walking Grp E (5-7mls)	V	Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	John Ould	236 9606
Walking Grp F (10-14mls)		Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Peter Digby	236 6821
Walking Grp G (5-7mls)		Th.am.w	various	O	Tim&Pauline Caley	230 3212
Walking Grp H (9-11mls)	V	Mo.--w	various	O	Eric Bridgeland	250 8819
Walking Grp J (10-14mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Mike Gallivan	266 6797
Walking Grp K (5-7 mls) Pub Trspt.		Th.--f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Walking Grp L (4-5 mls)	V	Th.am.w	various	O	Barbara Cassidy	262 0699

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
<b>WALKING continued</b>						
Walking Grp M (6 - 8 mls)		Fr.--w	various	O	Gordon Young	296 2402
Walking Grp N (5 - 7mls)		Fr.am.w	various	O	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Walking Grp NW (5 - 7mls)	V	Th.am.w	various	O	Mary Condon	288 5238
Walking Grp P (8 -10mls)	V	Alt We./Th.w	various	O	Mollie Ibbotson	01246 412 849
Walking Grp Q (5-7mls)	V	Tu.am.f	S5/35	O	Anne Chatterton	246 2106
Walking Grp R (7 - 9mls)		Mo.--w	various	O	John Woolston	235 2181
Walking Grp S (5-7mls)	V	Fr.--w	various	O	Mike Denial	235 0584
Walking Grp SE (8 mls)	V	Tu.--w	various	O	Kenneth Stringfellow	230 4063
<b>THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE ADVERTISED IN LINKS AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS</b>						
<b>SHORT COURSES</b>						
ICT		Tu.pm	S10	PV	Clare Chiba	01433 659 864
Memory Course		Th.pm	S1	PVHL	Stephanie Dixon	247 0119
<b>OPEN</b>						
Classical Concertgoers				PV	Pamela Sandford	236 1815
Literature Network				PV	Peter Barclay	230 4327
Lunch & Lecture	V		S8	PV	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Travel		various		PV	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102
Weekenders	V	Sa.Su.w	various	PVAL	Dot Sutcliffe	268 5918

Group Coordinators are reminded that SU3A has a YHA Group Card which means that non-YHA members do not have to pay the £3.00 per night additional charge. Please contact Marion Edminson on (0114) 235 0313 for further details if you are planning a trip involving stays in Youth Hostels.

## The Geology Group visited Ingleton Waterfalls

### Our Great Day Out

Twenty nine of us boarded a coach to visit a wow place in the Yorkshire Dales, that of Ingleton. The group was taken on a wonderful journey in fantastic scenery to see exquisite geology, unlike anything we usually see locally. The group witnessed tremendous waterfalls, thanks to the 2012 'summer'. Of the many outstanding waterfalls, that of Thornton Force (*shown*) stands out.



Here the river Twiss tumbles 14 metres over horizontal Carboniferous limestone some 300 million years old to fall on vertically bedded Ordovician rocks around 550 million years old. This is what is known as an *unconformity*. Shortly above the waterfall we witnessed the remains of the last Ice Age in the

form of a terminal moraine that once dammed a lake.

One good thing - we brought back the same twenty nine as we took out.

A note of sadness to our day was that Dan Higbid who had helped organise the visit was not there with us.

Dan, who died early in May after a short illness, had been the Coordinator of the Geology Group since its start in 2008. Dan had an enquiring mind and it was this and his enjoyment of walking in the Peak district that started him thinking why the hills and rocks that make up the Peak District were as they are today. So Dan put an advertisement in *Links* to see if any like minded people would be interested in forming a Geology Group and the rest as they say is history.

*Bob Smith*

*Coordinator*



## London Olympics 1948 and 2012

I was living in London in 1948, aged 10, and was given the opportunity of a day of athletics in the Empire Stadium, Wembley, with my friend Michael from next-door, thanks to the generosity of his father, who passed on to us two tickets he had been given as a milkman.



My most vivid memories are of the legendary Dutch athlete Fanny Blankers-Koen (*left*) and the tall Jamaican 400m star Arthur Wint, taking part in their heats. Arthur with his reputedly 9-foot stride seemed to be loping past us on the bend, while his competitors were running hard. Fanny, in her orange shorts, was tall and lean, aged 30 and a mother of two, holder of world records in six track and field events. She was allowed under the rules to enter for only four, so chose to leave out the long jump and high

jump, and went on to win four gold medals on the track. By the time she retired in 1955 she had set sixteen world records in eight different events. "In December 1999 she was voted 'Sportswoman of the Century' by the IOC and died five years later at the age of 85." (Janie Hampton *The Austerity Olympics*.) If there had been a heptathlon for women then, she would have been an obvious candidate.

So, with those memories still vivid, I simply had to apply for tickets for my wife Ros and me for the return of the Olympics to London, and in particular for that first morning of the athletics to see Jessica Ennis, Sheffield's own multi-talented athlete, begin her gold medal quest. We were thrilled to be allotted seats just 18 rows back from the start.

The roar of the crowd when Jess entered and recorded her best time in the 100m hurdles was spine-tingling, exceeding anything we had ever experienced. That set everyone up for a morning of exuberant support and warm appreciation of athletes







*Arthur Wint*

from all countries, and not just the winners, as when one trailed half a lap behind the field in a heat of the 3000m steeplechase, failed to clear the last barrier, and collapsed in a heap off the track, with the whole stadium urging him to carry on for the last 50m. Then in the women's 100m qualification heats there was huge support for Tahmina Kohistani, the only female Afghan athlete, fully clad including hijab,

who finished her heat in under 15 seconds: in order to take part as a Muslim woman she had had to overcome eight years of considerable opposition from her family and hostility from her community.

What made the occasion special for us was that two of our grandchildren, Ellie 9 and Maddie 8, with our daughter and her husband were there to share that morning with us. They had been so excited beforehand, making their flags and a big GO JESS banner.

Much has been spoken and written about the aura of goodwill over the whole site and the part played by the volunteers, the service men and women and the police. We can fully endorse that. For me, requiring walking poles to cover any distance, three eager lady volunteers with wheelchairs were a godsend, at various times, whisking me briskly through the throng to where we needed to be, and waiting for me at the end of the morning session. When we first arrived at Stratford station we found a mobility bus which took us on a detour through an army checkpoint where we were cheerfully given the full screening treatment for explosives with sniffer dog, mirror under the bus, etc. and then through the student village up to the entrance. At the end I was able to try out, at no charge, a motorised wheelchair, to the huge amusement of our granddaughters, who would dearly loved to have had a go.

Inspiring a generation was the motto, and I hope that when Ellie and Maddie reach my age their memories of Jess and the other athletes will be as vivid as mine are of Arthur Wint and of Fanny Blankers-Koen leading the field in her homemade shorts just three years after the war which had so ravaged her occupied country.

*Ian Birch*



## **weekenders**      **Edinburgh Tattoo** **2-4 August 2013**

We will be staying in Perth at a 3\* hotel on half-board basis. This has to be an early booking to guarantee that we get the number of the highly sought-after tickets we require for the Tattoo.

En route we will have a guided tour of Newby Hall, the family home of the Comptons. Built under the guidance of Sir Christopher Wren, this is one of England's finest Adam houses and an exceptional example of 18th century interior decoration.

We spend a full day in Edinburgh which includes a guided tour of the city and free time to enjoy the Festival. The evening is booked for the performance of the Edinburgh Tattoo set against the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle.

An optional tour of the Royal Yacht Britannia can be arranged. This day is booked on bed-and-breakfast only.

Our last morning will be spent on a visit to the unique Falkirk Wheel. You can marvel at this exceptionally ingenious work of modern engineering. The wheel links two canals with water levels 35 metres apart, avoiding the traditional flight of 11 locks.

After visiting the Interactive Exhibition and Viewing Gallery we will join a boat trip to experience the Wheel in action. We will cruise along the Union Canal passing along the aquaduct, through the 180 metre Rough Castle Tunnel and under the historic Antonine Wall.

The cost is **£265.00** with a single supplement of £39.00. The cost includes the hotel (one day half-board with the Edinburgh day being bed-and-breakfast only), coach throughout, guides, admission fees and gratuities for the driver. Admission to the Royal Yacht Britannia would be additional.

Please complete the booking form on page 35 and send it together with a deposit of £75.00 to Shirley Marney to arrive by **13 October**.

*Shirley Marney*

## Travel News and Excursions

### Travel Organising Committee

#### Travel Organising Committee

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

**Insurance:** All members are responsible for arranging their own travel insurance to cover the costs of cancellation (whether the deposit or the total amount to be paid) through sickness, personal injury, accidents and loss of, or damage to, luggage or personal property. Sheffield U3A cannot be responsible for any such claims. Each member **must be** insured against such eventualities.

**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 frequently involves steep slopes, steps and uneven surfaces. Always wear comfortable suitable footwear (e.g. flat shoes).

**Cancellations:** In case of cancellation, please contact the organiser or another member of the Travel Committee as soon as possible. Refunds for cancellations for deposits or for full payments in respect of day trips, short breaks or holidays, can only be made if a replacement can be found.

**Agreed Pick-up Point:** Please contact the organiser if you are unable to be at your pick-up point, or you wish to change it.

**Reply Envelopes:** Please remember to include a suitable **stamped addressed envelope** and the correct postage with your application. For day visits please use a small envelope and for short breaks and for holidays a *Links*-sized envelope (C5 - 229x162 mm).

**In case of problems or emergencies:** First try to contact the Visit Organiser or if he/she is not available any member of the Travel Committee.

## **Travel Group: Christmas at Castle Howard**

### **Monday 3 December 2012**

At this festive time of the year, the house will be specially open and decorated in a traditional way. This is quite different from a normal visit at other times of the year.

The interiors will be lit by candlelight with a background of roaring fires and we will be able to marvel at the giant Christmas trees in the Great Hall and in the Long Gallery, each tree covered with over 1,000 baubles as well as the display of traditional Christmas "Twigs" decorated by the Honourable Simon and Mrs Howard.

Adding to the magic will be beautiful decorations, seasonal floral displays and garlands, together with live musical performances.

Room guides will be available to give us information about the history of the family, the building of the house and its contents. The house stages a number of exhibitions, which vary throughout the year, such as: Brideshead Restored: the story of restoration at Castle Howard; the Brideshead Revisited Exhibition and Maids and Mistresses: the women of Castle Howard.

Refreshments will be available at the Courtyard café (near the entrance), at the coffee shop and at the Fitzroy room self-service restaurant located on the ground floor of the house, as well as a temporary marquee serving snacks and hot drinks. Plenty of retail therapy can be found in the gift shops, the Farm Shop and a small Christmas Market in the courtyard.

The cost per person is **£19.00**. This includes the coach fare, gratuities and entrance to the house and gardens, but no refreshments.

If you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 29 and send it with your cheque to Barbara Robertshaw as soon as possible.

*Margaret Bullivant*



## Antiques for Everyone

### Sunday 4 November 2012

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

Address..... Tel: .....

..... Postcode.....

Please reserve.....place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ .....  
(**£24.00 p.p.**) payable to **Sheffield U3A**.

Please send to Shirley Marney, 21 Everard Ave, Bradway, S17 4LY  
and include a small s.a.e. **Please tick your pick up point:**

Pond Hill	08.30 (....)
Bus bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South	08.45 (....)
Old Mother Redcap, Bradway	09.00 (....)

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## Travel Group Trip to Castle Howard

### Monday 3 December 2012

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

Address..... Tel: .....

..... Postcode.....

Please reserve.....place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ .....  
(**£19.00 p.p.**) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**.

Please return the completed slip, with a small stamped addressed  
envelope, as soon as possible to: Barbara Robertshaw, 20 Whinfell  
Court, Sheffield S11 9QA

**Please tick your pick up point:**

Bus bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South	09.30 (....)
Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5	09.45 (....)

## Travel Group Holiday in Norfolk

**6-10 June 2013**

Our base for this summer break will be the Holiday Inn North Norwich. The en-suite rooms have all the usual facilities and on site there is a complimentary health club with fully equipped gym, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and steam room. The conservatory will be a good place to relax and chat with friends after dinner or perhaps to have a game of cards or Rummikub.

On our way from Sheffield to Norfolk we will break the journey with a visit to Ayscoughfee Hall in Spalding, Lincolnshire. This Grade 1\*, Medieval Hall houses an award winning museum and stands in five acres of beautiful gardens. The gardens now form a public park with a War Memorial designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, an ice-house from the 1700's and 300 year old sculptured yew trees. There is a café in the park and pubs and restaurants nearby where you can get refreshments before we continue on to Norwich.

During our stay in Norfolk our activities will include a guided walk around the centre of Norwich, an afternoon cruise on Oulton Broad, and a visit to Sandringham House. Thursford is on our list but not for a "Christmas Spectacular" show! This time we will see and hear the wonderful mechanical organs and steam powered machinery which the late George Cushing collected and lovingly restored. You can even have a go on a fairground gondola or carousel!



*Elm Hill, Norwich. A complete Tudor street.*

*Photo courtesy of Mark Oakden of TourNorfolk*

If time, tides and the weather are favourable we will have a boat ride to do some seal-watching off the North Norfolk Heritage Coast.

Four thousand years before people came for seaside holidays, Neolithic miners worked here in Norfolk with picks made of antlers to dig for flint. The hard black or grey rock was ideal for making axe heads and tools and many tons were extracted.

The site, now under the protection of English Heritage, is called Grimes Graves and we will be learning more about this ancient industry during our visit.



*Grimes Graves public pit - and the access ladder!*

*Photo courtesy of Ashley Dace*

On the way home to Sheffield our lunch-time break will be at Gainsborough Old Hall. This is among the biggest and best preserved medieval manor houses in England. Many rooms are furnished as they

may have appeared in the 15th century and there is an exhibition tracing the Hall's later links with the Pilgrim Fathers.

The cost of this holiday is **£335.00** per person sharing a twin or double room, with a supplement of £64.00 for single occupancy. The price quoted covers coach travel throughout and four nights dinner/room and breakfast at the Holiday Inn North Norwich.

Also included are all gratuities and admission fees, payments to guides as required, and boat tickets.

Please read the Travel Group notice on page 27 about insurance before submitting the application form on page 35.

*Margaret Bullivant*

## **Travel Group Advance Notice**

**8-10 July 2013**

There will be a trip to Durham for a special exhibition of the Lindisfarne Gospels.

See December *Links* for details.

## **Appreciating Architecture: The Palladian Villas, Architecture and History of Northern Italy**

**7–11 May 2013**

We have a direct flight to Venice from Leeds/Bradford airport. The holiday is 5 days and 4 nights, staying at the 4\* hotel Terme Roma near Padova (Padua) on a half board basis except for the day in Venice which will be just bed-and-breakfast. All rooms are en-suite and there is an indoor swimming pool. We have our own Tour Manager throughout our stay, as well as guides for the tours.

The itinerary consists of a tour of Padova with its many magnificent architectural attractions. Mantova (Mantua) is our next visit which includes a guided tour of Palazzo Ducale, once the home of the Gonzaga family and once one of Europe's largest palaces. Also included is Palazzo Te built in the 16th century for the same family.

Vicenza, a World Heritage Site, has to be included. The architect Andrea Palladio lived here for most of his life and it is home to twenty-three buildings designed by him. We will visit the most famous, the domed and porticoed Villa Almerico Capra, known as "La Rotonda". We continue into the city for a tour of a number of Palladio's palaces and civic buildings including Europe's oldest surviving indoor theatre designed in 1579.

We will spend a full day in Venice with a guided tour of the city including a visit to the magnificent Saint Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace and a trip on a vaporetto along the Grand Canal. We will stay and see St Mark's Square by night.

Our last day will be spent in Verona, the morning spent on a tour of the Arena dating from the 1st century BC. Verona was Shakespeare's setting for "Romeo and Juliet". We complete the holiday with a tour of Verona, before flying back to Manchester.

The cost is **£670.00** plus coach fare to the airport. The cost includes flights and airport taxes, luxury coach throughout, tour manager, guides, entrance fees and driver's gratuities. Single supplement is £69.00 and the deposit is £75.00.

Please complete the application form on page 33 and send it together with your deposit to Shirley Marney.



## **Classical Concertgoers' Group, Leicester**

**Tuesday 15 January 2013**

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

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Address..... Tel: .....

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..... Postcode.....

Please reserve .... places for me (**£29.00** per person). I enclose a cheque for ..... payable to **Sheffield Concertgoers** and a small stamped addressed envelope. If possible I would like to sit in the concert hall with .....

Forms should be sent as soon as possible, to arrive **before 24 November** to:- Pamela Sandford, 289 Abbey Lane, S8 0DA

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## **Appreciating Architecture Trip to Italy**

**7 – 11 May 2013**

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

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Address..... Tel: .....

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..... Postcode.....

Please reserve.....place(s) for me (**£75.00** per person deposit)

Room: Twin / Single / Double

I enclose a cheque for £ ..... payable to **Appreciating Architecture** and a Links-sized stamped addressed envelope.

Forms should be sent to Shirley Marney, 21 Everard Ave, Bradway, S17 4LY.



## Thinking of Forming a New Group?

Always contact the General Coordinator to discuss your idea first.

*Jim Walker*

*(0114) 236 9687*

## The Editor's Lament, or Remember, Remember the fifth of November . . . .

The deadline for the next edition of Links is 5 November. The definition of deadline from the Concise Oxford dictionary is:

**Deadline** n. 1 the latest time or date by which something should be completed. 2 *historical* a line drawn around a prison beyond which prisoners were liable to be shot.

We currently work to definition 1 though definition 2 has some appeal if we replace *a prison* with *Links* and *prisoners* with *some contributors*.

Please get your contributions in **by** 5 November. Do not treat this date as a reminder to start thinking about writing something.

Many of the items submitted have errors. Some are amusing. We apparently have an event scheduled for 3013. That is taking forward planning too far. Sometimes the editorial team can spot mistakes. I know that November 3 this year falls on a Saturday as my birthday is on Friday 2. Many things are not obvious and we are obliged to spend an unreasonable amount of time checking the spelling of proper names, dates, geographical facts, etc. It is your event and your notice. It is your responsibility to get the basic information right.

Michael Gove would be found sobbing in a corner if he were to see some of the abuses of the English language that we do. These we can deal with as we are made of sterner stuff. Get the copy in on time and factually accurate and we will do the rest.

Finally, to those few, those happy few, who submit copy that is early, literate and accurate, the Editorial team extend their thanks.

## Travel Group Holiday in Norfolk

**6 - 10 June 2013**

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

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Address..... Tel: .....

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..... Postcode.....

Please reserve.....place(s) (**£60.00** per person deposit)

Room: Twin / Single / Double

I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a Links-sized stamped addressed envelope. Forms should be sent as soon as possible to: Margaret Bullivant, 14 Kingsley Park Grove, Sheffield S11 9HL.

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**Edinburgh Tattoo**

**2 - 4 August 2013**

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

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Address..... Tel: .....

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..... Postcode.....

Please reserve.....place(s) (£75.00 per person deposit)

Room: Twin / Single / Double

I enclose a cheque for £ .... payable to **Sheffield U3A** and a Links-sized stamped addressed envelope.

Forms should be sent to Shirley Marney, 21 Everard Ave, Bradway, S17 4LY. **to arrive by 13 October**

## **Have you missed out?**

- Have you joined SU3A in the last two years?
- Were you unable to attend your new members' meeting?
- Would you like to find out all that is going on?

For an invitation to the next meeting please contact the SU3A secretary, Jean Stevenson.

*tel: (0114) 327 6294*

*email: [secretarysheffieldu3a.org.uk](mailto:secretarysheffieldu3a.org.uk)*

## **Photography and Art Groups - or any other interested parties**

### **Response needed by October 6**

The display boards, last used at the Jubilee and before that about four years ago, need to be moved from where they are currently stored. These pegboards are quite old and not of the best quality but they are functional.

If your Group wishes to retain the boards, stands and clips, please contact Dave Caborn on (0114) 236 8500 or email him at [d.r.cabornshef.ac.uk](mailto:d.r.cabornshef.ac.uk) by October 6 at the latest. You will need to provide transport and a storage facility.

Should no-one be interested in keeping them they will be disposed of after that date.

The boards comprise the following elements:

- 6 black wooden double sided stands 4' wide by 5' 10" tall
- 12 white peg boards 4' square
- 2 brown pegboards 3' x 4'
- 2 brown pegboards 2' x 4'
- 2 boxes of clips

*Dave Caborn*

*(0114) 236 8500*

**Advance warning:** The Drop-In for January 2013 will be on January 8 not January 1.