

Sheffield



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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*'Harlaxton must be seen to be believed and, even when one has seen it,
it is not always easy to believe it'*

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

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From the Chair

I mentioned in my last 'From the Chair' that the restrictions on the use of bus passes may cause difficulties for members. I can report that, as yet, it does not seem to have thrown up many problems. We will watch with interest how it affects meetings within SU3A.

We are losing our General Coordinator, Jim Walker, officially at the AGM but I know that Jim will act as advisor for as long as we need his help.

Although I am offering my thanks to Jim for filling this post we must not forget the team working behind him: Clare Chiba, the database manager, helped by Camilla Jordan and Vera Dyer who generally keeps her eye on things and organises the meetings. Vera does it so well that it is hard to describe her role: she simply gets things done! In fact, they have been so good at what they do, it is taking a team of five people to take on the role.

A very big thank you to those volunteers who have stepped up and offered to be spokespersons for the Groups. Once the new team has met and decided how they plan to move forward, all Coordinators will be informed of their contact details.

One member of the team who works tirelessly and quietly is Ann Barclay who takes the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings. We would all like to thank her.

A new group, the IT Advisory Group, met recently for the first time. There are plans to update our administration by replacing our membership management system.

The new system will streamline many of our working practices and generally bring us into the modern world. It will make life much simpler for both members in general and for the officers in charge of membership, renewals, trips, Groups etc. If you do not have a computer or simply have an aversion to them, do not despair. We will be there to guide you through it and there will still be provision for good old snail-mail and telephones.

We have great hopes that we will have a city-centre home before too long. We have been looking for some years now for affordable accommodation where we can hold meetings, store equipment and use for Group sessions. It will not be free. We will pay a rent but hope that it will be used by as many members as possible and therefore justify the expense.

There is one U3A within the YAHR region which spends almost two-thirds of their annual income on accommodation but do not fear, we have no such grandiose plans, we simply need somewhere to act as a base or home for what is a large organisation.

Our Secretary, Tricia Pulfrey, now holds a comprehensive list of members who have volunteered to help out occasionally. This can also be used by members who need help to hold special events and need extra hands on the day. Please contact Tricia for more details.

In my previous 'From the Chair' I asked to be invited to meetings. Thank you to those Groups who replied and I now have several visits planned during the next few weeks.

It has been a great year. I have fulfilled several ambitions, both personal and more widely on behalf of SU3A. I have met wonderful people, very, very few indeed who have been less than charming: those are definitely the exception to the rule. I have enjoyed wonderful trips out and visited new places. I have met members from other U3As including our National Chairman. I have learned something new almost every day and acquired skills that I never dreamed of being able to carry out. Yes it has been hard work at times but on the whole it has been a joy.

This year, there are more ambitious plans in the pipeline, more trips and holidays to be planned, more new Groups to be formed, more lectures to attend. I hope that you will join in and participate in as many of them as possible.

Jean Stevenson

Chair

Notices from the Executive Committee

Important: U3A Insurance Cover

U3A central funds will pay any insurance excess provided that the claim does not arise from someone's wilful act.

Important: Email and Spam

Would members please be aware that SU3A operates a policy of privacy for its members and therefore we request anyone wishing to send email, or particularly bulk email, to members outside their own Group to first submit it to the Executive Committee for approval.

SU3A Online:

The Country House MOOC is a Hit . . . ?

Further to my report in the December 2013 *Links*, Sheffield University's Country House Literature MOOC (massive open online course) has had over 1,100 hits world-wide to register an interest.

It is due to go live on **2 June 2014** and Professor Jim Fitzmaurice, who has written the course, thanked SU3A for their support in test-driving some of the content.



Literature of the English Country House

The University of Sheffield

A journey through the literature of English country houses from the time of Thomas More to Oscar Wilde

02 June, 8 weeks, 3 hours pw

A small focus group was set up from our membership and we believe this is the first time a MOOC has been tested by an outside organisation. All the houses included in the course are in our vicinity, including Chatsworth and Haddon Hall, and the literature associated with them is varied and interesting.

There is an interactive element with the other learners taking part if you choose to use it. We shall continue to help throughout the first 8-week run as it offers a different educational experience that is both stimulating and enjoyable.

Denise West



Find the course at: <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

Join in . . . Remember: it is free . . . no exams . . .

Want to join in but unsure about getting online?

Visit the Drop-In where help will be given in accessing the website.

MSc Developmental Psychology Research Project (2013/14)

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers between 45-55 or 65-85 years old are needed to participate in a study investigating the relationship between intelligence and the ability to attribute mental states (emotions, beliefs, desires and intentions) to oneself and others.

If you choose to volunteer to take part you will be invited to attend two sessions, each lasting approximately 45 minutes which will be arranged at your convenience.

During the first session, you will be asked to complete a task that involves defining words and saying how words are similar, creating patterns out of blocks and highlighting which pattern completes a picture. For the second session you will watch a short film (individually) and will be asked questions about what you observe during the film.

The information collected will be used to determine whether there is a relationship between the scores from the first task and responses to the film.

All information collected from this study will be kept strictly confidential and data will only be used as part of a final report at the end of the project (names or personal information will not be included).

This project has been given ethical approval from the Ethics Committee at Sheffield Hallam University.

If you wish to volunteer in this study or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact:

Arwa Omar at *arwa.a.omar student.shu.ac.uk*

Thank You!



Yorkshire & The Humber Region

YAHR Study Day Programme, Northern College nr Barnsley

5 August 2014

Full-Day Topics

Bridges and how they Work: *Douglas Goode, Craven*

Chinese Brush Painting: *Chris Latham, Craven*

Digital Photography: *Rod Marsh, Ilkley*

Introduction to Feng Shui: *Christine Latham, Bridlington*

Introduction to Heraldry: *Hilary Baker, Settle*

The Plays of Samuel Beckett and Harold Pinter: *David Morton, Ilkley*

Half-Day Topics

1914 –War out of a Blue Sky: *David Davies, Harrogate*

Walk in Wentworth Castle Gardens

How to Improve your Memory: *Alan Swann, Barnsley*

Introduction to Quilting: *Lynne Brown, Sheffield*

iPad Taster: *Neil Stevens, Ilkley*

Renga Poetry: *Dave Alton, Barnsley*

The History of Champagne: *John Byrom, Ripon*

Ukulele Workshop: *Sue Carter, Barnsley*

Video-editing: *Peter Higginbotham, Barnsley*

Cost **£27.50** including lunch and refreshments.

Places are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to book a place contact:

Hazel Ward, 361 Bricknell Avenue, Hull HU5 4TN, tel (0148) 284 9168,
email studyday.yahru3a.co.uk

Alternatively look on the YAHR U3A website.

Saturday 19 July 2014

Our trip on **Saturday 19 July** will give us the opportunity to visit a magnificent Victorian house (see *front cover*) which is only open to the public via group tours or on its annual open day.

Harlaxton Manor, just outside Grantham, was built in the 1830s for Gregory Gregory, a wealthy Nottinghamshire businessman who travelled throughout England and Europe seeking inspiration, ideas and artefacts for his amazing house. Designed by architect Anthony Salvin, also responsible for Thoresby Hall, its architecture is a mixture of Gothic, Jacobean, Elizabethan and Baroque styles. The house is now owned by the University of Evansville in Indiana, USA and used as its British campus so consequently public access is limited.

We will have a guided tour of the house followed by tea and biscuits in the college refectory and a stroll round the gardens.

On the way to Harlaxton we will have a visit to Newark where guides from the local history society will give us a short tour of this interesting historical market town with its medieval church, Georgian town hall and cobbled market place complete with several old coaching inns. Afterwards there will be time to have lunch or to bag a bargain from the market before continuing on to Harlaxton.

The cost of the trip is **£27.50 per person**. This includes the coach fare, guided tours of Newark and Harlaxton Manor, tea and biscuits after the tour and the driver's gratuity. Places are limited so if you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 26 and return it to Dot Sutcliffe to arrive as soon as possible.

Please ring Dot Sutcliffe on (0114) 268 5918 for further information.



Newark Castle. Not on the itinerary but a nice picture



The Gardeners are flying again!

This time we will be doing a makeover of Beauchief Gardens from **10.00 to 12 noon on Saturday 19 July**.

The garden is on the Totley side of the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet pond on Abbeydale Road South and parking is normally available right outside the entrance. All tools are provided - just bring gloves and wear stout shoes.

Refreshments, friendship and job satisfaction guaranteed!

Enquiries to:

Shelagh Woolliscroft (01246) 416 139 *shelagh woolliscroft.com*

SU3A Charity Quiz

A sincere thank you to all of you who supported the annual Quiz, but a big thank you for Peter for all the work he does in compiling the questions.

Between us all we raised £330 for the Alzheimer's Society. So a good deed was done whilst having a good night out.

Marion Edmonson

Friday Lecture Series 2014

A Warmer Welcome at the Showroom!

We are aware that members attending lectures for the first time, or coming on their own, might want to chat to others. So, with effect from 20 June 2014, there will be 'Greeters' in the Cafe Bar at the Showroom Cinema for half an hour before the lecture starts. They will be clearly identifiable and will be pleased to introduce you to other members.

Who knows what friendships may ensue?

If you would like to volunteer as a Greeter please contact Shelagh Woolliscroft (01246) 416139 *shelagh woolliscroft.com*

Friday Lecture Programme 2014

Venue: Showroom Cinema 4 (unless stated). Free (unless stated) with refreshments from 09.30. Lecture from 10.30 to 12 noon. Half-price parking at Q-Park with a voucher from the Box Office.

20 June The Devonshires

Sold Out and waiting list being compiled. Please inform Vera Dyer (0114) 237 7854 if you have received ticket(s) and are unable to attend so that your place(s) can be offered to others.

18 July Dame Laura Knight – a Life

Dame Laura was a 'vibrant and colourful personality' who over her long life was a member of the artists' colonies at Staithes and Newlyn; painted the Ballet Russes and theatre; 'ran off with' the circus and the gypsies; designed posters for London Transport and tableware for Clarice Cliff; was a War Artist in both World Wars and in 1946 recorded the Nuremberg Trials.

Dr Barbara C Morden

Dr Morden is a renowned author and cultural historian. She will dedicate and sign her recent book, *Laura Knight: a Life* (McNidder & Grace 2014), which is available to buy on the day (£19.99)

14 August Experiences of Lesotho and South Africa

Back in 2012 Ken Dunn of Africa's Gift gave an inspiring talk to SU3A about the work being undertaken in a mountain village in Lesotho, under the auspices of the Malealea Development Trust.

In November 2013 a group of SU3A members set off to undertake voluntary work in the same village. En route they also experienced something of the history and beauty of South Africa (See *Links* 169).

Ken Dunn, group leader and John Williams, group member

19 September The EU and how it works

A non-political account of how decisions are taken at EU level and the role of the MEP.

Elisabeth Sweeney, European Parliament Outreach Service

Enquiries, offers and suggestions to Shelagh Woolliscroft (01246) 416 139



Focus On – Performance Choir

Vintage Voices

It is always good to be able to report on the progress of one of our newer Groups. As a comparative newcomer to Sheffield, Group Coordinator Carole Hurst has only had this activity up and running for just over one year.

Carole has had almost a lifetime of singing in choirs and so forming a group on coming to Sheffield was practically second nature to her.

The Group meets on Monday mornings at 10.15 in room 40 of the Victoria Hall, Arundel Gate - a central location making it accessible to all.

Carole emphasises that no previous experience of or expertise in singing is necessary for membership - just a willingness to have a go and make new friends in the meantime. The Group is extremely supportive and welcoming to new members and quickly makes everyone feel at home.

It is testimony to the success of the Group that it has already performed to friendship groups and at church lunches.

They perform under the name *Vintage Voices* and audiences have been very receptive to the Group and enjoy the chance to both listen and to sing along with them. While Carole concentrates on secretarial and treasurer duties, Robert Spooner acts as musical director. At the recent Annual Group Coordinators' meeting the Group entertained an audience of 80 and the quality of performance showed that a great deal of progress had been made in a very short time.

Group membership currently stands at 18 with at least 12 people attending on a regular basis. Having launched the Group successfully Carole is keen to see it grow in size and welcomes new membership enquiries.

Contact Carole on (0114) 293 9163, *email carolehurst hotmail.com* for more information.

If you would like us to FOCUS ON your Group please contact John Evans on (0114) 230 1173 or email *johnm.evans1776 btinternet.com*

Group News

New Groups

Interested in forming a Recorder Group?

Before moving to Sheffield I belonged to my local U3A recorder group, which I greatly enjoyed. I would like to continue playing the recorder in Sheffield, so If you would be interested in forming a recorder group please contact me, Linda Evans, at l.evans624@btinternet.com or by phone on (0114) 230 1173. If enough people respond I will arrange a meeting to decide how we might progress.

Kalooki (Kaluki)

Kalooki (Kaluki) is a card game from the 'Rummy' family, sometimes called Jamaican Rummy. Would you like to learn to play this game?

I am offering to start a Group, meeting on a Thursday afternoon. If you would like to join us please contact Susan Burns on (0114) 236 3712, email s.burns12@blueyonder.co.uk

New Members

Dressmaking two

The Thursday sewing Group launched as 'Dressmaking two', but as time has gone by we realise that is not really accurate. This informal Group stitches – by hand, by machine, embroidery, alterations, knitting. We also do more traditional dressmaking as well. We are closing down for the summer, returning on Thursday 18 September at 13.30. Are you a stitcher and might like to join this small group?

Contact Ann Granville, Coordinator, on ann.granville1@btinternet.com.

Memory Course

We still have a few spaces for the Memory Courses due to run this year. If you are interested, please contact me by email or post as soon as possible using the form on page 26.

Remember this course is for the 'worried well' and is not a treatment or cure for those diagnosed with memory problems. It runs for 4 weeks, generally on a Thursday, but in November there will be a course on Wednesday afternoons. You are asked to commit to the 4 weeks and the total cost is **£22.00**.

I am considering organising a meeting for past course attendees to get together as a refresher and to discuss if the course has been helpful in the longer term.

Stephanie Dixon

46 Kelgate, Mosborough S20 5EJ stephanie.m.dixon@btinternet.com

Are you looking to join a book group?

Book Group V is looking to recruit new members. The meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 14.00. It is a small, friendly Group, meeting in a member's home in S11.

If you would like to come along and see what we do please contact Mary Brookes on (0114) 235 0180.



Tai Chi special

A relatively recent Group Coordinator's view on starting or selecting a Group

We recently started a second Tai Chi Group in South Sheffield that was oversubscribed within two days of the *Links* in which it was publicised becoming available.

This set us thinking, why is Tai Chi so popular?

Our conclusion is, it is not Tai Chi *per se*, but any activity that offers what Gene Cohen lists in his book *The Mature Mind* as the five characteristics of activities that boost the power, clarity and subtlety of the mature brain and mind – namely: exercise mentally, exercise physically, provide a challenge, achieve mastery and establish strong social networks. Tai Chi certainly provides all these five plus additional health benefits, but so do many other activities. The art in starting a Group or selecting which Group to join is to not be satisfied with the 'ordinary', but seek out challenges and check against the five characteristics.

Incidentally, in addition to the standard Tai Chi that we teach in our group, we also practise both a sword and sabre form – now there's a challenge for a maturing mind and body....

Pat and Clare Ryan

Sword-play Demonstration at Stocksbridge Tai Chi Group

The Stocksbridge Tai Chi group was established in 2010 with a grant of seed money from the Bridge charity shop that funds community activities in Stocksbridge and surrounding villages in the Little Don valley.



The group follows the Wu style under the tuition of David Barrow, Tai Chi Chuan Instructor who himself was taught by Masters of the Wu school in Shanghai after learning Tai Chi in Ipoh, Malaysia.

The Stocksbridge group comprising some 40 members is taught the short Slow Form and it took three years to learn the full set of exercises to complete the form. Currently, members are repeating the exercises from the beginning in order to refine each and every movement to an advanced level.

At the last session before Christmas, the group was given a demonstration of

the Broadsword Form by our Si Fu (master), David Barrow.

The sword used by Si Fu is a duplicate of the type of sword issued to the armed forces of the former Emperors of China. It is thought that many existing swords and weapons of the Imperial military were destroyed during the Cultural Revolution by the Red Guards - as were many other artefacts from the pre-Communist era. Fortunately, in this country there is an original Broadsword in the Royal collection which was probably presented at sometime in the past as a diplomatic gift to the sovereign.

HM the Queen graciously gave permission for a limited number of replica weapons to be made by craftsmen of the Wilkinson Sword Company for David's advanced Tai Chi students.



The picture(s) show the distinctive shape of the Imperial Broadsword with its curved blade, gold-plated hilt and sharkskin handle.

The Stocksbridge Tai Chi group holds two classes a week at the Inman Pavilion which is situated next to the Stocksbridge Leisure Centre on Moorland Drive, Garden Village, Stocksbridge.

The Wednesday class starts at 13.00 and the Friday session begins at 11.30.

Each session is of one hour duration. Classes are taught by David Barrow and his senior student, Ken Thomas.

Beginners to Tai Chi are strongly advised to join the Wednesday class to learn the basic moves before transferring to the more advanced Friday class.

Telephone Kath Smith on (0114) 288 4698 for more information.

Chris Goldthorpe

Coordinator

Dylan Thomas Study Day

Friday 3 October 2014 at 10.00; Register from 9.45

Showroom Cinema, Sheffield

This study day will be held in the Creative Lounge of the Showroom cinema complex. It is the centenary of Dylan Thomas' birth in October this year.

The format for the day will be:

10.00-11.15 Lecture 1+questions

11.15-11.45 Refreshment break (tea, coffee, biscuits)

11.50-1.00 approx. Showing of DVD: *Dylan Thomas Return Journey*

1.00-2.00 Lunch (make own arrangements)

2.05-3.15 approx. Lecture 2

The lecturers will be Professor Chris Wigginton and Dr Charles Mundy (Hallam and Hull Universities) and the cost will be **£5.00** per person to include mid-morning refreshments.

If you are interested in attending, please fill in the application form below a.s.a.p. (We have a larger venue and may advertise any spare places, after the end of July, to nearby U3A groups so as not to make a loss.)

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Dylan Thomas Study Day

Showroom Cinema

Friday 3 October 2014

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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..... Postcode

Please reserve places for me. I enclose a cheque for £ (**£5.00** per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A**. Please enclose a small s.a.e. with your remittance and send it a.s.a.p. to:

Denise West, 18 Periwood Grove, Millhouse Green, Sheffield S8 0HX.

Tel: (0114) 274 6797

Sheffield U3A Activities and Interest Groups: June 2014

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

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

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

MH	Member's Home - access variable; if you have specific needs please contact the Group Coordinator
PVHL	Public Venue - meeting is fully accessible, including a hearing loop
PV	Public Venue - meeting is fully accessible but does not include a hearing loop
PVAL	Public Venue - meeting access is limited; if you have specific needs please contact the Group Coordinator
O	Outdoors

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
ART						
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	Jean Stewart	262 1055
Aspects of Art II		Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Valerie Wiley	236 0726
Bridge - Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	PVAL	Jean Bowie	230 1002
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
Visiting Art	V	1st We.-m	various	PVAL	Julia Duggleby	258 7637
ARTS AND CRAFTS						
Appreciating Architecture		3rdTh.pm.m	Greenhill	PV	Margaret Short	266 0269
Architecture Past and Present	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Roy Pilkington	01246 416 139
Digital Photography	V	3rdTh.pm.m	S11	PV	Alan Zinober	236 7001
Dressmaking		Mo.am.f	S11	PV	Ruth Bernard	258 9026
Handwork & Craft II		Th.am.f	S11	MH	Elspeth Eggington	230 8755
Handwriting Workshop		Tu.pm.m	S1	PVAL	Roger Watkins	0798 1871 558
Knitting		We.pm.m	S10/11/17	MH	Jane Harling	230 9576
Patch & Quilt	V	Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Quilting Hive	V	Mo.pm.	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
Sewing and Stitching		Th.pm.f	S11	PV	Ann Granville	230 9754
Video Production (Documentary)	V	Varies	various	MH	Ian Barkley	01709 812 351
Woodworking/Woodcarving		Th.pm.w	S7	MH	Bob Adkins	255 1968
BIRD WATCHING						
Bird Watching I		Mo.am.f	various	O	Robin Peel	241 6525
Bird Watching II	V	We.-.w	various	O	Malcolm Swift	01246 412 737
CARDS AND BOARD GAMES						
Bridge - Friday I	V	Fr.pm.w	S17	PV	John Strange	01246 416 558
Bridge - Friday II	V	Fr.pm.w	S10	PV	Brian Jeremiah	230 7250

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Bridge - Friday III	V	Fr.pm.w	S7	PV	Louise Cooper	230 7191
Bridge - Monday	V	Mo.pm.w	S7	PV	Patricia Latham	01246 419 106
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 Stocksbridge	V	Tues.pm.w	S36	PV	Bob Smith	288 8624
Chess	V	Tu.pm.4 wkly	S17	MH	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Evening Rummikub		M.eve.w	S17	MH	Chris Cave	236 4648
Rummikub (SE)		Mo.pm.f	S13	MH	Joan Brown	269 4829
Rummikub (SE) II		Monday pm f	S20	MH	Barbara Steel	247 4696
Rummikub I		Mo.pm.f	S7/8/17	MH	Shirley Wilks	438 0480
Rummikub II	V	Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	Rita Webster-Carr	230 8866
Scrabble	V	Fr.pm.f	S7	PVAL	Liz Barber	288 4113
Whist cntrct & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Sun.eve.w	various	MH	Gerald Cartwright	281 1499

DISCUSSION, PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS AND RELIGION

Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Claire Attwood	250 8286
Discussion II		Tu.am.m	various	MH	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Ideas	V	Mo.am.m	S35	MH	Alec Jenner	286 2546
Jesus and Christianity	V	1st 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
Sugar & Spice	V	Mo.pm.f.	S8	MH	Eunice Southgate	281 1876
Today's World		Th.am.m	various	MH	John Green	230 7768
Wealth & Poverty		4thMo.pm.m	S11	MH	Helen Davies	266 3276

GARDENING

Gardening (SE)	V	Tu.am.f	various	PVAL	Carol Wright	251 0140
Gardening at Whirlowbrook Park	V	We.am.f	S17	O	Shelagh Woolliscroft	01246 416 139
Gardening C		Mo.am.m	S10/11/1	PVAL	Susan Fielding	230 3987
Gardening D		2ndTu.am.m	various	MH	Helen Drury	236 7053
Gardening Greenfingers		2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Jane Gregory	274 9246

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HISTORY						
Family History I		2ndWe.am.m	S10	PVHL	Annie Grassick	230 2777
Family History IV		4thWe.am.m	S11	PVAL	Monica Stagg	274 8397
Greece and Rome	V	Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Anne Thomas	230 5281
History I	V	Tu.am.f	S17	PVHL	Robert Bragg	281 9534
History II	V	Mo.pm.m	S10/11/17	MH	Angela Jakubovic	236 3858
Local History (SE)	V	We.pm.f	S21 4BH	PV	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Local History III		Mo.am.f	S7	PV	Carmel Rogers	266 0792
Local History V	V	Tu.pm.f	S7	MH	Margaret Etchells	236 3317
Military History	V	Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Marion Monaghan	01246 414 137
Modern East Asia	V	4thTu.pm.m	S1	PV	John Evans	230 1173
Visiting History	V	Tu.pm.m	various	PVAL	Jenny Clark	266 9395
LANGUAGES						
Cercle Francais I	V	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
Conversational German		We.am.We.pm.w	S25	MH	Anne Greenhalgh	1909 564 464
French for Holidays		Mo.pm.f	S7	MH	Usha Fitch	236 5009
French-Advanced		Fr.am.w	S10	PV	Lorrie Flannery	273 1788
French-Intermediate		Th.am.w	S11	PVAL	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
German for Improvers	V	Mo.am.w	S18	MH	Shelagh Woolliscroft	01246 416 139
German-Advanced		Tu.pm.f	S6/8/10	MH	Peter Gill	263 0640
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 Beginners		Tu.pm.w	S11	PVAL	Mel Kingsley	230 2701
Italian for Holidays	V	Fr.pm.w	S11	PV	Mike Hague	236 6336
Latin II		2nd & 4th Fr.am.m	S1	PV	Jean Hart	247 0566
Latin III	V	Tu.pm.f	S10	MH	Audrey Ward	230 3423
Latin Improvers		Mo.am.f	S1	PV	Rose Tanner	245 0200
Modern Greek	V	Th.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	Ronald Atkinson	274 5031
Spanish Beginners		Mo.pm.w	S10/11/17	MH	Israel Newton	266 3138
Spanish Intermediate I	V	Th.am.w	S7	PVAL	Hilda Wisbey	262 1730
Spanish Intermediate II	V	Th.am.w	S7	PV	Pat Smith	230 6432
Spanish Stage 2	V	We.pm.w	various	MH	Greta Pearman	236 3336
Welsh Conversation	V	Tu.am.f	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422

LITERATURE AND DRAMA

Book Group I	V	Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Margaret Walton	255 6563
Book Group II		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Sally Carter	236 2066
Book Group III		2ndTu.am.m	S17	PV	Wendy Jenrick	268 7047
Book Group IV		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Mary Whyns	236 8628
Book Group V	V	Tu.pm.m	S11	MH	Mary Brookes	235 0180
Bookworm	V	Fr.pm.m	S36	PV	Angela Butler	288 4778
Creative Writing	V	Fr.pm.m	S36	PV	Meg Jepson	288 2929
Drama Study	V	Tu.pm.f	S11	MH	John Parsons	230 4902
Enjoying Literature	V	We.am.f	S7	MH	Roger Smith	268 6924
Film Appreciation	V	Tu.pm.m	S1	PV	Lesley Dixon	268 5881
Novel Reading I		Mo.pm.4w	S10	MH	Pam West	266 2188
Novel Reading II	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	MH	Kay Beeston	01433 631 247
Novel Reading III	V	2ndFr.am.m	various	MH	Judith Vernier	01246 418 607
Novel Reading IV	V	Fr.am.m	S5	MH	Mary Simpson	245 2568
Play Reading I		Tu.pm.4w	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188
Play Reading II	V	Last Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Doreen Findlay	266 8577
Play Reading III	V	Mo.am.4w	S 17	MH	Mavis Frost	236 4249
Poetry for Pleasure		We.pm.f	S17	MH	Pat Parkin	236 8009
Poetry Study	V	We.pm.f.	S11	MH	Freda Green	236 4882
Reading for pleasure		Th.pm.m	S17	MH	Susan Kirkman	236 1971
Shakespeare for Pleasure	V	Tu.am.f	S10/11	MH	Kay Nicholson	268 6220
Story Writers	V	Tu.am.4w	various	MH	Margaret Briddon	262 0501

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
MUSIC						
A Cappella Singers	V	Tu.pm.f	S6/7/20	MH	Mike Maas	230 4435
Drumming		Th.pm.w	S1	PV	John Lee	233 8517
Enjoying Opera I		Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	John Williams	230 4568
Guitar Group		Mo.pm.f	S1	PV	John Shimeld	07986 780 223
Handbell Ringing	V	We.eve.w	S35	PVAL	Margaret Naylor	236 0245
Jazz Appreciation I		2ndTu.am.m	S10	MH	John Green	230 7768
Jazz Appreciation II	V	3rdTu.am.m	S7	MH	David Bone	268 1016
Music Appreciation I	V	Th.pm.f	S6	PV	David Andrews	235 3389
Singing for Pleasure		Fr.pm.f	S1	PVAL	Irene Lees	267 1857
Ukulele		Alt.Tu.pm.m	S8	PVAL	Ann Beedham	274 8331
Vintage Voices	V	Mo.am.w	S1	PVAL	Carole Hurst	293 9163
PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES						
Belly Dancing Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Kathryn Smith	283 1171
Bowling Crn Grn (SE)	V	Th.am.w	S20	O	John Hunt	269 8811
Bowling Crown Green	V	Mo.am.Th.am.w	S8	O	Tony Hobson	281 5373
Country Dancing	V	Tu.pm.f	S8	PV	Anne Marples	266 8794
Croquet	V	We.am.Tu & Th.pm.w	S11	O	Peter Jones	230 5987
Fitness: Tailor made for you.	V	Tu.am/Th.am/Fri.am	S11	PV	Ann Evans	348 6607
Fly Fishing	V	Various	Various	O	John Shimeld	07986 780 223
Midweek Cyclists	V	Mo.am.f	various	O	Yvonne Bland	283 0992
Pilates		We.pm.w	S18	PVAL	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Racketball (Mon)	V	Mo.am.w	S17	PVAL	Peter Keen	236 4914
Racketball (Thurs)	V	Th.pm.w	S17	PVAL	Peter Hawksworth	230 7678
Racketball Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Elaine Smith	288 8624
Table Tennis	V	Mo.Th.am.w	S17	PV	Anne Coghlan	236 4770
Tai Chi & Chi Kung Beginners		Fri. pm w.	S17	PV	Pat & Clare Ryan	236 8749
Tai Chi & Chi Kung Intermediate		Fri. pm w.	S17	PV	Pat & Clare Ryan	236 8749
Tai Chi Stocksbridge	V	We.pm.w/Fr.am.w	S36	PV	Christopher Goldthorpe	01226 762 201

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE						
Civil Engineering	V	Fr.pm.m	S11/8	MH	Anne Marples	266 8794
Environment I		Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Cliff Ellis	250 0883
Geology	V	We.--.m	various	O	David Edmonds	234 3604
Natural History		Th.--.m	various	O	Ken Balkow	266 6750
Science & Technology	V	Mo.am.m	S8	PV	Neil Lawrie	236 6294
Sustainable Development	V	Mo.pm.m	Central	PVAL	Jo Couldry	268 5496
Transport Umbrella Group	V	3rd Tu.eve.m	S11	MH	Colin Price	236 8062
SOCIAL						
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		Wed.eve.m	various	PVAL	Lorna Baker	236 9025
Indian Veggie Buffet	V	3rd We.eve.m.	various	PV	John Wragg	229 5181
Safari Supper	V	Random	various	PV	John Wragg	229 5181
WALKING						
Dippers "Too"(7-10mls)		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)		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	287 9226
Strollers II (Public Trspt.)	V	Mo.-.f	various	O	Sheila Hewitt	268 6891
Strollers II (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Norman Benson	236 1080
Strollers II (Tuesday)	V	Tu.am.f	various	O	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	Angela Lam	01246 416 842
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	Tu.-w	various	O	Gail Digby	274 7319

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Walking (cont)						
Walking Grp C (5-7mls)	V	We.-w	various	O	Gilbert Smith	230 5769
Walking Grp D (9-11mls)	V	Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Richard & Maggie Hardingham	236 4449
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 Caley	230 3212
Walking Grp H (9-11mls)		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 (4-5 mls) Pub Trspt.		Th.--f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Walking Grp L (4-5 mls)		Th.am.w	various	O	Barbara Cassidy	262 0699
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 - 8mls)		Th.am.w	various	O	Mary Condon	288 5238
Walking Grp P (8 -10mls)		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)	V	Mo.--w	various	O	John Woolston	235 2181
Walking Grp SE (8 mls)	V	Tu.--w	various	O	Kenneth Stringfellow	230 4063
THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE ADVERTISED IN Links AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS						
SHORT COURSES						
Memory Course	V	Th.pm x 4 sessions	S1	PV	Stephanie Dixon	247 0119
OPEN						
Classical Concertgoers				PV	Pamela Sandford	236 1815
European Travel Group		various		PV	Samina Aslam	235 1489
Literature Network				PV	Belinda Barber	230 4717
Lunch & Lecture		twice yearly	S8	PV	Dorothy Sutcliffe	268 5918
Travel		various		PV	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102
Weekenders		Sa.Su.m	various	PVAL	Dot Sutcliffe	268 5918

News

On Sunday 23 March, Chris Hill (*shown*) of Walking groups D & F completed the 10k swim challenge at Ponds Forge in Sheffield in 3 hours and 43 minutes.

He has been a regular swimmer but after retiring has been able to extend his pool times.

Chris had already completed the National Swimathon every year since 1991, that is 5k, so needed something of a challenge and the Ponds Forge 10k fitted the bill.

That challenge is 200 lengths of a 50m Olympic pool.

Training started in earnest in January and before the big day he had done 11,130 lengths, or over 155 miles, and spent over 93 hours in the pool, in addition walking regularly with the two SU3A Groups.



The training showed on the day and the swim itself went well. 21 swimmers entered the event and 20 completed the full distance.

Chris raised over £250 for Macmillan cancer support and he wishes to thank all generous sponsors and the staff and friends at Heeley Baths.

His next challenge is an open water swim in Windermere in June as part of the 'Great North Swim'.



Newark and Harlaxton

Saturday 19 July 2014

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve.....place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ (**£27.50** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**. Please send to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, Sheffield S10 5DA with a small SAE to arrive as soon as possible.

Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

Old Mother Redcap	08.15 (....)
Ecclesall Road South/ Knowle Lane	08.30 (....)
Pond Hill (Penny Black pub)	08.45 (....)



Application Form For SU3A Memory Course 2014

This form is for registering your interest in a course over the next year. Regrettably we cannot guarantee everyone a place.

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Email: Date:

Do you have any disability you feel we should know about?

Please send this completed form to Mrs S Dixon, 46 Kelgate, Sheffield, S20 5EJ. No acknowledgement will be sent but you will be contacted when a course place is available.

UK Travel Group Events

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

Insurance

All members are responsible for arranging their own travel insurance. Sheffield U3A cannot be responsible for any claims.

We strongly recommend that members be insured.

Travel Organising Committee

Barbara Robertshaw	Coordinator	(0114) 236 9102
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Advance Notice: Travel Group Visits for 2014/5

Day Visits for 2014

6	October	Gainsborough Old Hall and Lincoln	(in Aug <i>Links</i>)
29	November	Capesthorpe Hall at Christmas	(in Aug <i>Links</i>)
10	December	Birmingham Jewellery Museum and German Christmas Market	(in Oct <i>Links</i>)

Short Breaks for 2015

30 April- 5 May	Isle of Man
June	Cardiff/South Wales
September	Oxford and the Cotswolds

Travel Group: Notes from the 25th Annual General Meeting Thursday 13 March 2014

The meeting at Holy Trinity Church Millhouses was attended by 30 members and was positive and friendly. **Barbara** (Group Coordinator) opened her report with comments on a busy and successful 2013. **10 day-visits** and **4 short breaks** had been organised and advertised in *Links*. All had gone ahead. They included six new venues – a Pugin-designed church in Cheadle, Thrumpton Hall in Nottinghamshire, the Eden Camp WWII near Malton, Grimsthorpe Castle in Lincolnshire, the 'Chocolate Story' in York and *War Horse* in Salford.

The short breaks to London, Norfolk and Plymouth were as popular as ever and only a shortage of single rooms prevented us from taking more members. The Lindisfarne Gospels exhibition in Durham was a delightful bonus. Barbara was sorry that so many of our members could not be included, but she assured everyone that **we do operate a random selection and always take the most we can**. For example, more than a hundred members were taken to the Harrogate Spring Flower show and, responding to popular demand, we organised a repeat visit to Bletchley Park in October. It is also our practice to improve our visits by including extras on our outings – when the price is right.

We continue to be very satisfied with the service provided by Walter Martin Coaches. We value highly their reliability, experience, competitive prices and professionalism. **Barry** (Group Treasurer) endorsed Barbara's comments, with some supporting statistics. **764 bookings** had been made during the year – **628** for day visits and **136** for short breaks. This represented a **20% increase** on bookings made in 2012.

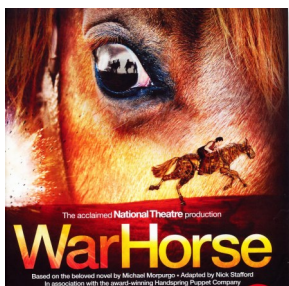
Our programme for 2014 is the most ambitious yet, with **13 day-visits and 3 short breaks**. New venues include Wentworth Woodhouse, Holme Pierrepont Hall Nottingham, Austin Roses and Weston Park, the Great Yorkshire Show, a new Three Churches visit, Wensleydale Railway, Bolton Castle and Aysgarth, Gainsborough Old Hall as well as a German Christmas Market in Birmingham. We have two new short breaks, based in Winchester and Glasgow. Already, we are planning for 2015 with short breaks in the Isle of Man, South Wales and the Cotswolds.

After questions and comments from the floor, the meeting concluded with a nostalgic picture show of our activities during 2013, followed by refreshments. It was a pity that more members had not been present to contribute their ideas.

Travel Group: Visit to the Lowry, Salford

Wednesday 13 August 2014

Following the huge demand for places on the visit to the Lowry Theatre, Salford last December to see the celebrated London production of Michael Morpurgo's play *War Horse*, we have booked seats for a return visit in August.



There will be time to visit the Art Gallery with its exhibition of Lowry paintings, the nearby Imperial War Museum and the huge Retail Centre. There are cafés and restaurants to suit all tastes and pockets. The performance starts at 14.30. The inclusive cost is **£50.00** per person.

Applications may be made using the form on page 30 and should be sent as soon as possible, together with a cheque and small stamped addressed envelope, to Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, Sheffield S17 4LA.

Travel Group: Visit to Wensleydale, Bolton Castle and the Aysgarth Falls

Tuesday 5 August 2014

Our summer excursion is a day in beautiful Wensleydale, one of the most attractive areas of Yorkshire. The visit begins with a trip on the steam-powered Wensleydale Heritage Railway from Leeming Bar and Bedale through striking scenery to the small market town of Leyburn. From here, the coach takes us to the formidable Bolton Castle, with its long and turbulent history and its association with Mary Queen of Scots. After a buffet lunch we have booked a guided tour and (weather permitting) a falconry display.

The day concludes with a short visit to Aysgarth and the famous Falls.

The inclusive cost – coach, train, castle admission, guided tour, lunch and gratuity is **£32.00** per person.

The application form on page 32 should be sent as soon as possible to Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, Sheffield S17 4LA.



Travel Group: Visit to the Lowry, Salford

Wednesday 13 August 2014

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Address Tel:

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Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

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

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



Travel Group: Three Churches Visit

Wednesday 3 September 2014

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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(**£25.00** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a small
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as soon as possible to: Margaret Bullivant, 14 Kingsley Park Grove, S11
9HL.

Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

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

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 08.45 (....)

Travel Group Visit to Anderton Boat Lift, Northwich

Thursday 25 September 2014

Our day in Cheshire starts with a visit to the Weaver Hall Museum in Northwich (formerly known as the Salt Museum). After a cup of coffee, we can explore this museum and workhouse, full of displays and tales of the history and industry of West Cheshire. The stories are told through films, reconstructions, models and displays of intriguing artefacts relating to market towns and the famous Cheshire salt industry.

We then drive the short distance to the Anderton Boat Lift.



By kind permission of The Canal & River Trust

Before we go on our canal and river trip we will be served with a lunch of soup, sandwiches and a hot drink. There will be time to view the interactive exhibition focusing on the lives of those who designed, built and spent their working lives around this mighty structure. This massive iron framework, a masterpiece of Victorian engineering, lifts or lowers canal boats 50ft between the River Weaver and the Trent and Mersey Canal.

We will step aboard the Edwin Clark trip boat, which will take us into the heart of the Anderton Boat Lift and lower us down to the river. We will continue for a 45 minute cruise along the river to the Heritage Town Swing Bridge in Northwich and return to our starting point.

The cost of the day is **£27.50** per person. This includes coach travel, gratuities, admission and coffee at the museum, a soup and sandwich lunch and boat trips at the Anderton Boat Lift. If you would like to come with us, please complete the booking form on page 32 and send it with a cheque and a small stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible to Barbara Robertshaw, 20 Whinfell Court, Sheffield, S11 9QA.



Travel Group: Visit to Wensleydale

Tuesday 5 August 2014

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Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 08.00 ()

Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 08.15 ()



Travel Group: Visit to Anderton Boat Lift

Thursday 25 September 2014

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By popular demand, a repeat visit:

Travel Group: Visit to Three Churches

Wednesday 3 September 2014

The churches to be visited are: St. Mary and St. Hardulph, Breedon-on-the Hill, St. Wystan, Repton and St Michael with St. Mary, Melbourne.

These three churches offer almost too much for those interested in the history of the church and its architecture from the time of the Anglo-Saxons to the present day. We leave Ecclesall at 08.30 and the Interchange at 08.45 to travel into Leicestershire.

Having met our guide Pat McLaughlin for coffee at Breedon-on-the-Hill we will begin at the church of St. Mary and St. Hardulph, a notable landmark standing on the summit of a limestone knoll, once the site of an Iron Age Fort and Saxon Abbey dedicated to St. Hardulph, a 7th century saint about whom little is known. This was a monastic church dating from the 7th century but the church as it is now dates from the 13th century with 15th century additions and only the carvings date from the 7th century. An elaborate box pew attests to the dominance of the Shirley family in the 17th century.

We leave Leicestershire for Derbyshire and Repton where the good ladies of the parish will provide us with lunch.

We will then visit the Norman church of St. Wystan although the earliest church dates from the 7th century when it housed the first bishop of Mercia. The crypt is considered one of the finest survivals of Anglo-Saxon architecture.

Replete and informed we intend to conclude our visit at the fine Norman church at Melbourne. With its massive rounded pillars, elaborately decorated and carved, the church might have indeed offered respite to the bishop of Carlisle as he sought to escape the rapacious Scots in the 12th century.

The cost of this day is **£25.00** per person. This covers travel, donations to the three churches, gratuity for the driver and payment to our guide, as well as coffee and lunch.

To apply for a place, please complete the form on page 30 and send it as soon as possible to Margaret Bullivant, 14 Kingsley Park Grove, Sheffield S11 9HL



European Travel Group Events

Our trips are open to all SU3A members

Committee

Samina Aslam	Coordinator	(0114) 235 1489
	<i>sammas1747 gmail.com</i>	
Julie Edworthy	Secretary	(0114) 201 5847
Brian Cave	Treasurer	(0114) 230 5312

Travel Insurance:

All members are responsible for arranging their own insurance to cover the costs of cancellation (whether the deposit or total amount) through sickness, personal injury, any change of personal circumstances, accidents and loss of or damage to luggage or personal property. Sheffield U3A cannot be responsible for any such claims.

Cancellations:

In case of cancellation please note that refunds for deposits or for full payments can only be made if a replacement (who must be a Sheffield U3A member) can be found by the organiser. All refunds are subject to an administration charge of £10.00.

2014/15 Calendar

2014

4-9	Sept	Dordogne and Lot
7-11	Dec	Valkenburg, Aachen and Antwerp

2015

20-26	April	A Classical Sicilian Adventure (book in Aug <i>Links</i>)
	June/July	Ireland (Aug <i>Links</i>)
	Sept/Oct	La Rioja and the Pilgrimage Trail, Spain
	Dec	European City break, Christmas markets



Short trip: Valkenburg, Aachen and Antwerp

7 – 11 December 2014

We depart from our designated pick up points by executive coach and travel with our tour manager to Hull for our P & O Ferries overnight crossing to Zeebrugge. We will stop en route at a place of interest and will have dinner on the ferry.

After disembarking in the morning we will enjoy some free time in Bruges, famous for lace-making, chocolate and picturesque canals, before continuing to the 3* Hotel Atlanta in Valkenburg near Maastricht for a two night stay on a half board basis. In the evening you may visit the Valkenburg Christmas market which is held in caves underneath the town's ruined castle.



We spend the next day in Aachen with a guided tour of the magnificent cathedral which is the burial site of Charlemagne and was the first German building to be included in the UNESCO World Heritage list.

The rest of the day is then at leisure to explore the colourful Christmas market in the squares and streets around the Town Hall.

The following day we start with a guided tour of Chocolate Jacques' factory and then travel to Antwerp.

On arrival in the afternoon we will visit the Diamond Pavilion where we will discover the significance of the diamond industry to the city's economic success since the 15th century before we continue to Rotterdam for the return overnight crossing home.

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For this 5 day/4 night stay on half board basis the cost per person sharing a twin/double room is **£480.00** with a single occupancy supplement of **£39.00**.

The prices quoted include overnight berths with dinner and breakfast on the ferry in both directions, hotel accommodation, breakfast, evening meals (set menus with drinks at extra cost), pre-arranged entrance to the attractions (except optional visit to Valkenburg Christmas market) and all gratuities for driver and guides.

Except for refreshments as stated, all other drinks and food in the hotel or any visits are at your own expense.

To apply for this holiday please complete the form on page 38 and send it with a deposit of **£100.00** per person by Monday 23 June 2014 together with a *Links*-size stamped addressed envelope, to:

Julie Edworthy, 41 Struan Road, Carterknowle, Sheffield S7 2EJ.



Visit Sicily with the European Travel Group and see the Greek theatre at Taormina



Advance Notice: A Classical Sicilian Adventure

20 - 26 April 2015

Are you interested in exploring the classical sites of Sicily?

Join us on this trip as we enjoy guided tours of Palermo, a beautiful city with architecture ranging from Arabic to Norman style; Monreale with its magnificent Cathedral adorned with glittering Sicilian and Byzantine mosaics; the Valley of the Temples and the ancient gardens of Kolymbetra.

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The cost of this 7 day/ 6 night stay, half board at 4* hotels will be approx **£1,090.00** with a single supplement of **£119.00**.

The cost includes pick up and drop off by executive coach from designated points to and from the airport and all gratuities.

To register interest please respond by email or post to: Samina Aslam, 342 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0BY, email *sammas1747 gmail.com*

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Completed forms should be sent to:

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There are **a few places left** for the **Classical Concertgoers** visit to **HMS Pinafore** on **Sunday 3 August** at a cost of **£31.00**. If you are interested, telephone Pamela Sandford on (0114) 236 1815 or check our website.

And finally . .

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SU3A is making the most of the web. More information, news and opportunities are available online.

If you are not sure how to make the most of this then call in to a Drop-In where there will be a friendly guide to help you get started. See p.40 for dates of Drop-Ins.

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Calendar 2014

June	3	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	5-10	Travel Group: Glasgow: Short Break
	11	Memorial Service: Whirlowbrook Hall: 11.00
	14	Weekenders: <i>As you like It</i> : Stamford: Day Trip
	20	Showroom Lecture: The Devonshires: 10.30
	24	Travel Group: Austin Roses, Wolverhampton: Day Trip
July	1	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	8	Travel Group: Great Yorkshire Show: Day Trip
	18	Showroom Lecture: Dame Laura Knight: 10.30
	19	Weekenders: Newark and Harlaxton: Day Trip
	19	Flying Gardeners: Beauchief Gardens: 10.00
	21	Travel Group: Visit to 3 Derbyshire Churches: Day Trip
August	3	C'Concertgoers: HMS Pinafore: Harrogate: Day Trip
	5	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	5	Travel Group: Visit to Wensleydale: Day Trip
	5	YAGR Study Day: Northern College
	13	Travel Group: Repeat visit: <i>War Horse</i> at Salford: Day Trip
	14	Showroom Lecture: Lesotho and South Africa: 10.30
September	2	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	3	Travel Group: Repeat visit: Three Churches: Day Trip
	4-9	European TG: Dordogne and Lot by train: Short Break
	19	Showroom Lecture: The EU and how it works: 10.30
	25	Travel Group: Anderton Boat Lift: Day Trip
	28-2	Travel Group: Chichester: Short Break
October	3	Study Day: Dylan Thomas: Showroom: 10.00
	6	Travel Group: Gainsborough Old Hall and Lincoln: Day Trip
November	29	Travel Group: Capesthorne Hall at Christmas: Day Trip
December	7-11	ETG: Valkenburg, Aachen and Antwerp: Short Break
	10	Travel Group: Christmas Market: Birmingham: Day Trip