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## From the Chair

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Happy New Year to all our members. I hope that you had an enjoyable holiday time with families and loved ones and that you are ready to meet 2015 with as much vigour and enthusiasm as last year.

We have had some big changes in SU3A during the last year. Some of them were planned and some unexpected but, we greeted the challenges which they threw up and, with help from some amazing members, we got through. In some cases the changes made us re-assess the working practices and achieve new and innovative ideas. None of the changes could have been achieved without the skills and knowledge brought to SU3A from members who had gained years of experience during their working lives.

Thank you to all members who helped and volunteered during the last year.

The new membership system is operating very well and many of you have renewed on-line. Those of you who didn't give it a go, chat to your friends, ask our help team and pluck up the courage to try it next year. I don't have the latest figures but, by the middle of December almost half of the membership had renewed on-line. Please remember that one of the main reasons for introducing the new system was to cut down the huge workload heaped upon our Membership Secretary every year.

There are always jobs to be done and places to be filled. U3A is run BY THE MEMBERS FOR THE MEMBERS. No-one gets paid; all work is done by volunteers working away in the background for the rest of the members to enjoy the fruits of their labours. It is not too overwhelming, no one is expected to work long hours and no-one is expected to take on too much. The more volunteers we have the less work for everyone. Please read "Sheffield U3A Needs You" on page number 4 and take a step forward.

The aim last year was to ensure that every member with a job has a deputy to help and to discuss matters with. We must continue to strive and achieve this aim. The intention is to continue this year. We should never get to the stage where a sudden illness or a holiday causes a crisis.

Thanks once again for the holidays, trips, concerts etc. offered to us by the various groups. Having recently been co-opted onto the planning committee of one of those groups, just in case I get bored when I hand over the reins at the AGM!, I now realise what is involved in planning a day trip. All credit to those who have done it for years.

Following the resignation of Jenny Emby as Editor of Links, we would like to take this opportunity of thanking Jenny for helping to produce such a professional product, the envy of many other U3As, during her time as Editor. This has resulted in the Links magazine editorial team experiencing some changes recently and even more will be happening in the future. So, I plan to keep this a short 'From the Chair' so as not to take up too much space. Hopefully, the changes to Links will not affect the quality of the magazine itself.

Jean Stevenson  
Chair

### **Volunteers: Your Sheffield U3A needs you!**



As mentioned in 'From the Chair', SU3A is run by the membership for the membership, and there is always a need for volunteers. No more so than now. The tasks are not onerous or too time consuming, and decisions are taken as part of a team, so no one has to work in solitary isolation!

To paraphrase a very famous quote: 'Ask not what your SU3A can do for you, ask what you can do for your SU3A', and we, the members, have so much knowledge, experience, skills and good old common sense to offer. So look at the following vacancies and get in touch, or why not come to the Drop-In for a chat. Either way you'll be assured of a warm welcome.

## Current vacancies

**Hospitality Team:** Made up of a small group of approx. 3-5 people organising, with help, approximately 4-6 meetings per year and the monthly Drop-In. Duties will include organising refreshments, arranging other volunteers to help, greeting members on arrival and preparing meeting rooms with relevant literature or banners.

For more information please contact: Jane Whitehead: (0114) 230 9312 or Dot Sutcliffe (0114) 268 5918

**Equipment Officer:** We need a new Equipment Officer to work alongside Brian McAteer. The job entails being the keeper of the SU3A pieces of equipment and ensuring that Groups can borrow it when they need it.

This is neither a demanding nor time consuming role. You will be shown how to use the equipment and how it is set up. If you think that this suits you, please contact: Brian McAteer (0114) 236 9383) or Jean Stevenson (0114) 327 6294

**General Executive Committee Members:** For more information please contact: Jean Stevenson email: [chair@sheffieldu3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@sheffieldu3a.org.uk) or Samina Aslam email: [vicechair@sheffieldu3a.org.uk](mailto:vicechair@sheffieldu3a.org.uk)  
Alternatively, a nomination form can be found on page 9

**Links Editor:** To guide and work with an existing small but experienced team in the production of Links. For more information please contact: Jean Stevenson email: [chair@sheffieldu3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@sheffieldu3a.org.uk) or Samina Aslam email: [vicechair@sheffieldu3a.org.uk](mailto:vicechair@sheffieldu3a.org.uk)

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## Membership Renewal: Final Reminder!!!

There is still time to renew your membership.

Please try to ease the burden on your Membership Secretary and renew online using Wild Apricot. Help will be available at the February Drop-In. Instructions for online renewal and the paper application form are in your December 2014 Links.

**Please note that members not renewing before 28 February 2015 will be deemed to have resigned. There will be a late renewal charge of £5.00 after this date.**

## **The Flying Gardeners**

It poured down last Saturday but despite that an intrepid foursome at Beauchief Gardens filled four huge bags with clippings, rubbish etc. This maybe indicates that you don't have to be mad to fly with us but it helps!

Our next take-off will be on Saturday 28 February, same place, same time. Let us hope for better weather!

*Enquiries to Shelagh Woolliscroft (01246) 768 212*

## **Obituary : Jack Holland**

Jack Holland, a former Chair of Sheffield U3A in the 1990s, died recently. Then on the committee myself, I knew Jack at that time, not only in his role as Chair, but also as a member of the Playreading Group then run by my wife Ruth. There was quite a furore during his time as Chair over proposals for reform put forward by a member of the committee and subsequently rejected.

In our group, he was a brilliant reader, but we never got to know him personally very well, because he was a rather shy and retiring person, always reluctant to divulge much about himself. He had been a lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University I believe, and also ran a Literature Appreciation Group for the U3A.

Jack had a most engaging personality, friendly and rather avuncular, and we all loved him. He retired from our group some years ago, because his wife was very unwell, and sadly I never saw him again.

The family have our deepest condolences.

*Frank Abel, Play Reading Group 1*

**SHEFFIELD U3A**  
**NOTICE OF TWENTY- NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 29th Annual General Meeting of Sheffield U3A  
will be held at

**10.30 on Wednesday 6 May 2015**

at the

**Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield**

Only current 2015 members may attend and vote at the AGM. The final agenda for the AGM and 2014 minutes will be published in the April issue of Links. Members wishing to raise business under clause 13(viii) of the Constitution (see below) should notify the Secretary, in writing, by **Sunday 1 March 2015** so that it can be included in the final agenda.

Clause 13 (viii) reads 'The agenda for the AGM shall be published in the last edition of the SU3A Newsletter to be issued to members at least 14 days before the AGM and shall include any other business notified in writing to the Secretary in sufficient time before publication'.

There will also be the opportunity for informal discussion (see agenda item 9) but no decisions can be made on these items at the AGM. There will be vacancies on the Committee. The Committee meets bi-monthly, usually on the first Friday of the month. Nominations for election to the Committee should be made on the form on page 9 and should reach the Secretary no later than **Saturday 18 April 2015**.

Tricia Pulfrey, Secretary

**AGM AGENDA**

Registration from 09.45, when tea/coffee and biscuits will be served.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting.
3. Chair's Annual Report 2014/15.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Elections to Committee, including vacancies.
7. Any Other Business (previously notified in writing and which can be voted on).
8. Any Other Business (brought up informally but no decision can be taken at the meeting).

## **SHEFFIELD U3A 2015 AGM**

### Draft resolution

To amend clause 6 of the constitution to read “The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and General Co-ordinator shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Secretary, Treasurer and General Co-ordinator need not be members of the Executive Committee; if not members they will have no vote on any matter at meetings of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may in addition appoint not more than 2 co-opted members who shall have full voting rights and have tenure until the next AGM.”

### Explanatory note

The current constitution states that the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and General Co-ordinator must be appointed from the Executive Committee elected by the members. Other officers do not have to be Executive Committee members. The present Committee are of the opinion that, whilst the Chair and Vice Chair should be elected members of the committee, it is not necessary for the other officers to be so. It is frequently difficult to find volunteers to fill these posts and the change in the constitution would give the Executive Committee the opportunity to look for members to fill these posts outside the confines of the elected members.



## NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION TO SHEFFIELD U3A COMMITTEE 2015

To be returned by **Saturday 18 April 2015** to the Secretary:  
Tricia Pulfrey, 72 Toll House Mead, Sheffield, S20 5EN

Name of nominated person .....

Address .....

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SU3A membership number .....

Tel no. ....

Groups to which nominee belongs .....

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Name of Proposer .....

SU3A membership number .....

Signature of Proposer.....

Name of Secunder.....

SU3A membership number .....

Signature of Secunder.....

I am a member of Sheffield U3A and agree to be nominated as a  
candidate for election to the Committee of Sheffield U3A at the Annual  
General Meeting on Wednesday 6 May 2015.

Signature of Nominee.....

Date .....

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## EVENTS

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### **Friday 13 March 2015: Lunch and Lecture Suzanne Bingham – The Story of the Sheffield Blitz**

You are invited to lunch at the Doubletree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 8BW.

2015 is the 70th anniversary of the ending of World War II. As a librarian and now researcher into local and family history, Suzanne's knowledge of her subject is extensive, and she delivers with huge enthusiasm. We are sure she will fascinate us with her presentation.

Please arrive at 12.00 for a 12.30 start. Cost £15.50

There is ample parking, and the number 53 bus from bay A1 at the Sheffield Interchange stops outside the hotel. The number 75 bus from Ecclesfield via High Street stops near the hotel at Meadowhead.

The menu will be a choice from:

- (a) Beef and ale pie with separate crust
- (b) Gammon and pineapple
- (c) Broccoli and stilton tart

The dessert is: Chocolate torte

Please ensure you fill in your choice(s) on the booking form. Should you have a special dietary request, please contact Dot or Vera, details below. To book a place, please fill in the form on page 11 and send it with a cheque made payable to Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture, to arrive no later than **Monday 2 March 2015**.

Dot Sutcliffe (0114) 268 5918

Vera Dyer (0114) 237 7854

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**Remember: Deadline for April Links is 2 March**

**Make a note in your diary, no copy will be accepted after the deadline**

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**Friday 13 March 2015 at 12.00 for 12.30**

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Meadowhead, S8 8BW

Name(s)..... SU3A No(s) .....  
Address ..... Tel.....  
Postcode.....

Menu choice(s) (please indicate): (a) ..... (b) ..... (c) .....  
Please reserve ..... place(s) for me (**£15.50** per person). I enclose a  
**small stamped addressed envelope** and a cheque for £.....  
payable to **Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture**  
Forms to arrive **no later than Monday 2 March 2015 sent to:**  
Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, S10 5DA.



**Thursday 12 March 2015: Sheffield City Street Art Walk.**

Sheffield is home city to several of the finest street and urban artists in the UK, and is fortunate to host some of their best work. On Thursday 12 March starting at 10.15 from the Winter Gardens, ( opposite the Central Library) there will be a circular guided walk of approximately three miles, taking in some of the work of such Sheffield-based artists as Faunagraphic, Rocket01, Coloquix, Kid Acne and Phlegm. The work is constantly changing, being overpainted or tagged, and this promises to be a walk of discovery and perhaps artistic controversy. We hope to be joined by the creator of the Sheffield Street Art website to discuss the role and function of street art.

You are free to join and leave the walk at any point and we intend to finish by lunch time back at the Winter Gardens – we will make a café stop by popular demand. If you would like to join the walk or would like full details of the walk route, please email us so that we have some idea of numbers.

Group Coordinators: Pat & Clare Ryan.  
Tel: (0114) 236 8749 email: drpjryan@gmail.com



## Wild Apricot Online Renewals

1. Please will anyone with an email address who has NOT received a renewal reminder email contact us on [wa-admin@su3a.org.uk](mailto:wa-admin@su3a.org.uk) so we can correct your email address on Wild Apricot and send you the reminder.
2. We have upgraded our account with the PayPal Bank so paying by debit/credit card should now be simple. We apologise for the problems people have had with this.
3. If you are a member and have difficulty logging in to Wild Apricot please email us on [wa-admin@su3a.org.uk](mailto:wa-admin@su3a.org.uk) and we will help. Please **DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE FOR YOURSELF**. This is causing confusion and extra work for the Wild Apricot team.
4. A very big **THANK YOU** to all of you who have renewed online. We would be very interested in your feedback, both positive and negative. Please email it to the wa-admin address.

**REMEMBER:** If, at any time, any of your contact details change (including, most importantly, your email address) log in to Wild Apricot and make the changes to your profile yourself. You do not have to inform anyone that you have done this.

The Wild Apricot Admin Team

**[wa-admin@su3a.org.uk](mailto:wa-admin@su3a.org.uk)**



**Classical Concertgoers  
Sunday 14 June 2015: A Summer Special**

We will be paying a visit to **Holme Pierrepont Hall, near Nottingham**, for a concert of Baroque music played on ancient instruments by Musica Donum Dei, a leading professional baroque ensemble. ([www.MusicaDonumDei.org](http://www.MusicaDonumDei.org))

Holme Pierrepont Hall is a delightful Tudor manor house set in 30 acres of parkland and gardens. We will arrive early to enjoy a picnic in the grounds (indoors if the weather is bad ) before the concert, which starts at 14.30. Strawberries and a glass of wine or fruit juice are included in the tickets.

The cost of the ticket, coach travel and driver's gratuity is £25.

The coach will leave the bus stop at the junction of Knowle Lane / Ecclesall Road at 11.00, and we expect to be back at Ecclesall by 18.00. To apply, please complete the form below.



**Classical Concertgoers: A Summer Special  
Sunday 14 June 2015**

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

Address ..... Tel .....

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Please reserve.....place(s) for me (£25.00 per person). I enclose a cheque for £.....payable to SU3A Concertgoers and a small stamped addressed envelope. If possible I would like to sit with

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Forms should be sent to:

Pamela Sandford, 289 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0DA



## **Friday Lecture Programme 2015**

Venue: Showroom Cinema 4 (unless stated). Normally no charge and no booking required. Refreshments from 09.30. Lecture from 10.30 to 12 noon.

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

### **Friday 20 March 2015:**

#### **Music And The Emotions**

*Professor. Nicola Dibben BSc. MA. MEd.PhD. FHEA., Sheffield University*

For many listeners music evokes strong emotional experiences, and film soundtracks often exploit that potential. Think how the music in the shower scene of *Psycho* heightens the effect of suspense and terror, or the love and romance, as in *Brief Encounter*. The lecture will explore some of these issues, illustrated with clips from films, and data drawn from research.

### **Friday 17 April 2015:**

#### **Love, Lust, Politics and Magic**

*Dr. Charles West.*

How or how not to get divorced in the ninth century: The case of King Lothair II and Queen Teutberga. The year is 855 AD and for political reasons, to forge ties of kinship with the Carolingian dynasty, the imperial family of Francia Bosonid Boso the elder; arranged for his daughter Teutberga to marry Lothair II. The rest is history!

*Enquiries, offers and suggestions to Shelagh Woolliscroft (01246) 768 212*

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## Opportunities for members

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### DWELL – Do you live in Sheffield?

Bungalows, city centre flats, small houses, residential care homes, flats in the suburbs, big houses, semis, sheltered dwellings with wardens, terraced cottages, Sheffield has them all, but are they suited to the needs of people as they grow older?

Many toy with the idea of downsizing, yet where do we start? How close are the shops and bus services? Above all - those hills! Do we love them or hate them as we grow older? They tax the best of us.

The University of Sheffield's DWELL project looks at all of these issues and in the spring and summer of 2015 will focus on three particular areas of the City: Sharrow, Parson Cross and Dore.

The DWELL team is looking for residents from those areas (age fifty or over), especially men, interested in exploring the future of housing in Sheffield. If you would like more information please call:

Peter Barclay (0114) 230 4327

Dr.Friederike Ziegler (0114) 222 8385

Website: [www.dwell.group.shef.ac.uk](http://www.dwell.group.shef.ac.uk)

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### **Literature Network:** What Is 'Middlebrow'?

The inter-war Battle Of The Brows

The subject of the autumn meeting of the literature network was on the 'battle' between 'middlebrow' and 'highbrow' literature and arts in the inter-war years and was presented by Dr Erica Brown of Hallam University. None of the definitions of middlebrow that she quoted (the OED, Virginia Woolf, the BBC) were at all kind.

Woolf wrote in a letter to a newspaper, “The middlebrow is the man, or woman, of middlebred intelligence who ambles and saunters now on this side of the hedge, now on that, in pursuit of no single object, neither art nor life itself, but both mixed indistinguishably, and rather nastily, with money, fame, power, or prestige”, which put the middlebrow firmly in his place. She never submitted this for publication and other sources suggest that she was less critical of middlebrow than she appears to be in this letter, and even had some middlebrow literary friends.

The designations ‘highbrow’, ‘middlebrow’ and ‘lowbrow’ were also applied generally to works of art. Q.D. Leavis, wife of F.R. Leavis, insisted that to qualify as highbrow (which was obviously superior) a work of art had to be intellectually challenging and, most importantly, not popular. Middlebrow was often popular and readable. Indeed a book could move from highbrow to middlebrow simply by virtue of becoming popular or being chosen by a book club of the day.

Erica showed a couple of amusing pictures published after WWII giving examples of how people could be classified on the basis of their tastes. In the end, the battle was as much about intellectual snobbery as literary or artistic merit and highlighted some of the social tensions present in society between the wars.

Many thanks to Erica for her excellent presentation.  
David Barber.

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### **STOP PRESS: Poets and Poetry Walk**

The postponed Sheffield City Poets & Poetry walk will be re-scheduled for April. The new date will be advertised in the next issue of *Links*.

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## Sheffield U3A Group and Activities Pages: February 2015

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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 appropriate Group Coordinator, or (01433) 659 864

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

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

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

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

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

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
<b>ART</b>						
Art (SE)	V	We.pm.w	S13	PVAL	Paul Garland	269 3219
Art I		We.am.w	S11	PVHL	Daniel Merrills	230 5952
Art II	V	Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Ruth Lamb	236 2807
Art III	V	We.pm.w	S11	PVAL	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I	V	Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Jean Stewart	262 1055
Aspects of Art II		Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Valerie Wiley	236 0726
Looking at Art	V	2ndTh.pm.m	S8	PV	John Cooper	01909 567 279
Outdoor Sketching	V	Fr.am.f	various	O	Daniel Merrills	230 5952
Visiting Art	V	1st We.-m	various	PVAL	Julia Duggleby	258 7637
<b>ARTS AND CRAFTS</b>						
Appreciating Architecture		3rdTh.pm.m	Greenhill	PV	Margaret Short	266 0269
Architecture Past and Present	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Roy Pilkington	01246 768212
Digital Photography	V	3rdTh.pm.m	S11	PV	Alan Zinober	236 7001
Dressmaking		Mo.am.f	S11	PV	Ruth Bernard	258 9026
Handwork & Craft II		Th.am.f	S11	MH	Elspeth Eggington	230 8755
Knitting		We.pm.m	S10/11/17	MH	Jane Harling	230 9576
Knitting II	V	Th.am.f	S1	PVAL	Helen Gwyddanes	221 6360
Patch & Quilt		Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Quilting Hive	V	Mo.pm.	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
Video Production (Documentary)	V	Varies	Sheffield area	MH	Ian Barkley	01709 812 351
Woodworking/Woodcarving		Th.pm.w	S7	MH	Bob Adkins	255 1968
<b>BIRD WATCHING</b>						
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
<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	Louise Cooper	230 7191
Bridge - Monday	V	Mo.pm.w	S7	PV	Colin Jessop	266 3831

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Bridge - Thursday	V	Th.pm.w	S17	PV	Brenda Fryer	236 5628
Bridge - Tuesday	V	Tu.am.w	S11	PV	Michael Brumby	236 5676
Bridge Stocksbridge	V	Tues.pm.w	S36	PV	Bob Smith	288 8624
Bridge Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	PVAL	Jean Bowie	230 1002
Chess	V	Tu.pm.4 wkly	S17	MH	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Evening Rummikub	V	Meve.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.w	S10	MH	Rita 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	266 7032
<b>DISCUSSION, PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS AND RELIGION</b>						
Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Claire Attwood	250 8286
Discussion II	V	Tu.am.m	various	MH	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Meditating Together	V	3rdTu.am.m	S7	MH	Patsy Gibbon	250 0663
Personal Finance	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	PV	Helen Marsh	230 1622
Philosophy- Hist/Classical		2ndMo.pm.m	S11	PV	John Kirkman	236 1971
Sugar & Spice	V	Mo.pm.f.	S8	MH	Eunice Southgate	281 1876
Today's World		Th.am.m	various	MH	John Green	230 7768
Wealth & Poverty		4thMo.pm.m	S11	MH	Helen Davies	266 3276
<b>GARDENING</b>						
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 768 212
Gardening C	V	Mo.am.m	S10/11/1	PVAL	Heather Curtis	255 7228
Gardening D		2ndTu.am.m	various	MH	Helen Drury	236 7053
Gardening Greenfingers		2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Jane Gregory	274 9246
<b>HISTORY</b>						
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

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
<b>History (cont)</b>						
History II	V	Mo.pm.m	S10/11/17	MH	Angela Jakubovic	236 3858
Local History (SE)	V	We.pm.f	S21 4BH	PV	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Military History	V	Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Marion Monaghan	01246 414 137
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
<b>LANGUAGES</b>						
Cerle Français I	V	Fr.am.w	S7	PVAL	Alan Price	234 4172
Cerle Français II	V	Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	Margaret Platts	230 7300
Classical Greek Alpha	V	We.pm.f	S1	PV	Deirdre Eastburn	281 8446
Conversational German		We.am.We.pm.w	S25	MH	Anne Greenhalgh	01909 564464
English Language		Tu.am.m	S11	MH	Maggie Lyons	236 6195
French for Holidays		Mo.pm.f	S7	MH	Usha Fitch	236 5009
French-Advanced		Fr.am.w	S10	PV	Lorrie Flannery	273 1788
French-Intermediate		Th.am.w	S11	PVAL	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
German for Improvers	V	Mo.am.w	S18	MH	Shelagh Woollicroft	01246 768 212
German-Advanced	V	Tu.pm.f	S6/8/10/	MH	Peter Gill	263 0640
German-Intermediate	V	Mo.am.w	S10	PV	Katharine Brown	265 6477
Italian		Tu.pm.f	S10/11/6	MH	Rosalind Rogerson	268 1426
Italian 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 Improvers		Mo.am.f	S1	PV	Rose Tanner	245 0200
Modern Greek	V	Th.pm.f	S11	MH	Margaret Halstead	258 2541
Portuguese For Fun		Tu.am.w	S11	MH	Pauline Miller	258 3678
Sanskrit	V	Th.am.w	S11	PV	Ronald Atkinson	274 5031
Spanish Beginners		Mo.pm.w	S10, S11, S17	MH	Israel Newton	266 3138
Spanish Beginners II	V	Mo.am.w	S10	MH	Diana Jackson	247 0614
Spanish Intermediate I	V	Th.am.w	S7	PVAL	Hilda Wisbey	275 1935
Spanish Intermediate II	V	Th.am.w	S7	PV	Pat Smith	230 6432

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
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
<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	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	V	Mo.pm.4w	S10	MH	Pam West	266 2188
Novel Reading II	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	MH	Kay Beeston	01433 631 247
Novel Reading III	V	2ndFr.am.m	various	MH	Judith Vernier	01246 418607
Novel Reading IV	V	Fr.am.m	S5	MH	Mary Simpson	245 2568
Play Reading I		Tu.pm.4w	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188
Play Reading 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
Radio Production		Various			Harry Welburn	249 8284
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
World of The Book		We.am.m	S1	PV	Denise West	274 6797
<b>MUSIC</b>						
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

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Music (cont)						
Enjoying Opera		Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	John Williams	230 4568
Guitar Group		Mo.pm.f	S1	PV	John Stevens	236 3557
Handbell Ringing	V	We.eve.w	S35	PVAL	Margaret Naylor	236 0245
Jazz Appreciation I	V	2nd Tu.am.m	S10	MH	John Green	230 7768
Jazz Appreciation II	V	3rd Tu.am.m	S7	MH	David Bone	268 1016
Music Appreciation	V	Th.pm.f	S6	PV	David Andrews	235 3389
Recorder	Y	Fri.am.f	S1	PVAL	Linda Evans	230 1173
Singing for Pleasure		Fr.pm.f	S1	PVAL	Irene Lees	267 1857
Singing for Fun	V	Th.pm.w	S1	PV	Jill Whymys	258 9935
Ukulele		Fr.pm.f	S8	PVAL	Ann Beedham	274 8331
Vintage Voices	V	Mo.am.w	S1	PVAL	Carole Hurst	293 9163
<b>PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES</b>						
Belly Dancing Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Kathryn Smith	283 1171
Bowling Cn 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.pm.Th.pm	S11	O	Peter Jones	230 5987
Fitness: Tailor made for you.	V	Mo.pm.Tu.am.Th.am	S11	PV	Ann Evans	348 6607
Fly Fishing	V	Various	Various	O	John Shimeld	07986 780223
Midweek Cyclists	V	Mo.am.f	various	O	Dave Jefferies	266 3612
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	Belinda Taylor & John Warwick	230 4489/253 0789
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
<b>SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>						
Civil Engineering	V	Fr.pm.m	S11/S8	MH	Anne Marples	266 8794
Environment	V	Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Cliff Ellis	250 0883
Geology	V	We.--m	various	O	David Edmonds	234 3604
Natural History		Th.--m	various	O	Ken Balkow	266 6750
Science & Technology	V	Mo.am.m	S8	PV	Dave Cassy	247 4454
Sustainable Development	V	Mo.pm.m	Central	PVAL	Jo Couldry	268 5496
<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
Afternoon Tea	V	We.pm.m	Various	PV	June Jackson	236 4474
Dining Out I		Wed.eve.m	various	PVAL	Lorna Baker	236 9025
Indian Veggie Buffet	V	3rd We.eve.m.	various	PVAL	John Wragg	229 5181
International Diners	V	Various	various	PVAL	John Wragg	229 5181
<b>WALKING</b>						
Dippers "Too" (7-10mls)		Mo.-f	various	O	Margot Williams	266 7807
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 Whyms	258 9935
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	Christine Edwards	01909 773 548
Sunday Ramblers	V	Sun.--f	various	O	Jenny Parker	236 0798
Sunday Walkers (7-9 mls)	V	Sun.-f	various	O	David Hydes	288 7815
Walk 'n' Talk German (5 mls)	V	Fr.am.f	various	O	Antje Barker	268 3912
Walking Grp A (5-6mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Pat Crook	265 4731

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Walking (cont)						
Walking Grp B (7-8mls)	V	Tu.-w	various	O	Joyce Cooper	236 2730
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	Chris Cave	236 4648
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	Anne Fitzpatrick	236 0989
Walking Grp Q (5-7mls)	V	Tu.am.f	S5/S35	O	Anne Chatterton	246 2106
Walking Grp R (7 - 9mls)	V	Mo.-.w	various	O	Camilla Jordan	268 5355
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>						
Memory Course	V	Th.pm x 4 sessions	S1	PV	Stephanie Dixon	247 0119
<b>OPEN</b>						
Classical Concertgoers		various		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 Group		various		PV	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102
Weekenders		Sa.Su.m	various	PVAL	Dot Sutcliffe	268 5918



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## Group News

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### Environment Group

We are a small friendly group which meets on alternate Tuesday mornings in Ecclesall. Our meetings consist of lectures given by members of the group, or discussions on current issues, the topics chosen relating to all aspects of the environment. Refreshments are available and the meetings are at 10.30 - 12.00. New members are very welcome.

For details, please contact:

Group Coordinator: Cliff Ellis

Tel: (0114) 250 0883

### Thursday U3A Bridge Club

Was your New Year resolution 'I must get playing Bridge again'? No partner? - no problem. We always have a stand-by to play with you. Why not join us on a Thursday at Abbeydale Sports Club from 13.00 - 16.00. Easy parking, pleasant surroundings and a warm welcome.

Group Coordinator: Brenda Fryer

Tel: (0114) 236 5628

*email: fryers2@gmail.com*

### Yoga Group

In our newly formed, mixed group, Jenny Weightman teaches a style of yoga ideal for people discovering it at a more mature age. If you are looking to improve your flexibility and well-being, why not join us? We meet at 14.00 on Thursdays at Blenheim Reach, Ecclesall Rd.

If you are interested in joining us contact:

Group Coordinator: Jenny Forster

Tel: (0114) 230 3353

*email: jenny4kv@yahoo.co.uk*

## **A Cappella Group Seeks Two Extra Members**

The SU3A A Cappella Group would like to recruit an extra tenor and an extra alto or soprano to join our happy singing sessions and improve our sound. We sing mainly 19th and 20th century short songs, e.g. Elgar, Sullivan, Porter, Gershwin.

Desirables are modest sight-reading, choir experience so that other people's notes don't put you off yours and a voice that is not too obtrusive. We meet at each other's houses on alternate Tuesdays for a couple of hours.

Group Coordinator: Mike Maas

*email: [mikemass@live.com](mailto:mikemass@live.com)*

## **Video Documentary Group (front cover photo)**

Since being awarded a Lottery Grant last summer, we are now extremely well set up with semi-professional video camera, audio, lighting and editing equipment. Thanks to Jude for all her hard work preparing and submitting the application to the Lottery Fund. We are furthering our training in all aspects of documentary video production and continuing our current group production for Green City Action about their positive approach to combating food poverty.

We have a small enthusiastic team who meet every Tuesday morning and enjoy a wide variety of discussion, review and creative activities whilst learning about video production and using their new-found skills to good effect on worthwhile projects.

We will shortly be seeking interesting video assignments for community groups in the area who would be unable to fund such projects themselves. We will be preparing an information sheet/consideration form to help us select appropriate groups for future projects.

Although we are compelled to limit our group numbers for practical accommodation reasons, if you would be interested in joining us (definitely no previous experience necessary – just an interest in people and communicating through film), please contact:  
Ian Barkley Tel: (01709) 812351 *email: [ibarkley@greenbee.net](mailto:ibarkley@greenbee.net)*

### **New Group: Discussion and Enquiry**

This is for subjects often described as 'alternative' or 'outside the box'. It will naturally draw on members' personal experiences, knowledge and abilities. It will serve as a medium for exploring and hearing that which is new to us. We need to find a practical format to enable references to video, books, internet and conferences.

Members phone or email to look at initial suggestions.

Group Coordinator: John Wragg

Tel: 07954 375688

*email: [ukflier2012@yahoo.com](mailto:ukflier2012@yahoo.com)*

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### **Christmas Cheer!**

The A Cappella Group sang Christmas music and collected for Cavendish Cancer Care in the Winter Gardens on 16 December.





## **Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre Sunday 22 March 2015**

Join us for a spring outing to the Fishing Heritage Centre in Grimsby, highly recommended by some of our members. The Centre tells the story of the North Sea fishing industry which was centred in Grimsby. Here we are shown the harsh life endured by the men who went out in all weathers to bring the fish home for the tables and chip shops of the north of England. The visit includes a trip around an old working trawler, the Ross Tiger, where we will be told stories of the life experienced aboard. Our guide will be one of the old fishermen.

Please note: there are some steps on board but staff will make every effort to help visitors. We are assured there is still plenty to see around the Centre even if you cannot manage the gangways.

On the way to Grimsby we will have a short stop at the Water's Edge Visitor Centre where there are displays about the unique environment of the Humber estuary and its wildlife, plus great views of the Humber Bridge. The Centre has a café and toilets.

We will arrive in Grimsby at lunchtime when a buffet lunch will be provided. As the restaurant cannot take the whole group in one sitting, one group will eat lunch at 12.30 with a tour at 13.30. The other half will be taken on the tour before having lunch at 13.30. This is because there is limited space on board the trawler.

The cost of the trip is £25.25 which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity, lunch and entry to the museum. If you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 29 and return it to Jean Stevenson with your cheque, made payable to Sheffield U3A Weekenders, and a small SAE **as soon as possible**. Please ring (0114) 327 6294 if you would like further information.

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**Reminder: Online Membership Renewal Help is available at  
the February Drop-in Session**

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**Travel Group Visit to Bolsover Castle  
and Creswell Craggs  
Wednesday 13 May 2015**

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

Address ..... Tel. ....

..... Post code.....

Please reserve .... place(s) for me. I enclose a cheque for £.....  
(£18.50 per person), payable to Sheffield U3A Travel. Please return the  
completed slip, with a small stamped addressed envelope, as soon as  
possible to: Margaret Bullivant, 14 Kingsley Park Grove, Sheffield S11 9HL  
Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5

09.00 ( )

Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 09.15 ( )



**weekenders**

**Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre  
Sunday 22 March 2015**

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Address ..... Tel. ....

..... Postcode.....

Please reserve .....place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ .....  
(£25.25 per person) payable to Sheffield U3A Weekenders.

Please send to Jean Stevenson, 3 Knowle Court, Button Hill, Sheffield S11  
9HH with a small SAE **as soon as possible**.

**\*\*Please indicate any special dietary needs**

Please indicate your preferred pick up point

Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane 09.00 ( )

Pond Hill (Penny Black Pub) 09.15 ( )



## **Focus On Recorder Group**

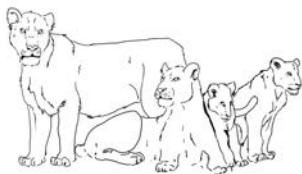
Formed in July 2014, the Recorder group has already attracted an enthusiastic following and has eleven members.

Its co-ordinator, Linda Evans, is fairly typical of the rest of the group in that she has played Recorder before and on moving to Sheffield in the last few years was disappointed to find there was no Recorder group. As you will know, all U3As depend on members coming forward to organise groups based on their own interests - so the message is clear - if SU3A does not cater for your own particular preferred activity, then form your own group!

At present the group has three tenor recorders, three trebles and five descants. The group is also fortunate in that one of the members is Hilary Dowson - Hilary not only plays tenor, descant treble and tenor, but as an ex- Music teacher leads the group sessions. The group meets at ETEN Cafe (adjacent to Sheffield Cathedral) fortnightly on Friday mornings 10.30 - 12.00. ETEN is an excellent venue, being accessible to all bus and tram routes in the city.

The group featured on the first SU3A radio programme by Harry Welburn and his Radio Production Group. It also hopes to host in the future a recorder playing day led by the U3A national subject Adviser for recorders, Steve Marshall-possibly along with other nearby U3A recorder groups.

This is a friendly and welcoming group and would be very interested in hearing from anyone with experience (however rusty) of the bass recorder. If you require any further details about this group please contact Linda on 230 1173 or email [l.evans624@btinternet.com](mailto:l.evans624@btinternet.com)



Come into the world of the animals at Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Walk through the safari animal areas, listen to a full programme of ranger talks and look out for the feeding times.

Don't miss the beautiful pride of lions that the public helped rescue from a zoo in Romania and who now live in Lion Country, and the latest arrival, Victor the polar bear. He now lives in one of the world's largest reserves.

In March 2012 the park opened *Leopard Heights*. The enclosure is claimed to be the largest leopard enclosure in the world. See the meerkats, tigers, lemurs and lots more.

The majority of the park has good access with hard pathways but there are some soft areas.

There are cafés and shops in the new Safari Village.

The cost of the trip which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity and entry to the Park is £23. If you are lucky enough to be under 60, the cost is £25. If you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 33 and return it to Jill Saxby with your cheque, made payable to Sheffield U3A Weekenders, and a small SAE **as soon as possible**. Please ring (01302) 532830 if you would like further information.

## Doddington Hall and Rufford Park Sunday 19 April 2015



*Doddington Hall*

Built in 1595 by Robert Smythson, Doddington Hall in Lincolnshire is a fine example of a late Elizabethan mansion. The house has never been sold and is still lived in as a much-loved family home. Join us for a guided tour of the Hall which has fascinating collections of ceramics, paintings and textiles.

Please note that there are two flights of shallow steps. If you feel that you cannot manage them, a member of staff will give you a “virtual” tour of the upper floors. We need to arrange this in advance, so please let us know at the time of booking.

There is a spacious restaurant and delightful gardens, including a well- stocked kitchen garden, plus a variety of high quality shops selling gifts, clothes and home and garden furniture and accessories, plus a farm shop.



After lunch we will take a short drive to the Dukeries to visit Rufford Abbey Country Park. There is a lake, 150 acres of woodland and parkland, a sculpture trail, a craft centre and a ruined medieval monastery, plus a café and shops.

The cost of the trip is £25.50 which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity and the guided tour. If you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 33 and return it to Jean Stevenson with your cheque, made payable to Sheffield U3A Weekenders, and a small SAE as soon as possible. Please ring (0114) 327 6294 if you would like further information.





**Doddington Hall and Rufford Park**  
**Sunday 19 April 2015**

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

Address ..... Tel. ....

..... Postcode.....

Please reserve .....place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ .....

(£25.50 per person) payable to Sheffield U3A Weekenders.

Please send with a small SAE **as soon as possible to:**

Jean Stevenson, 3 Knowle Court, Button Hill, Sheffield S11 9HH

Please indicate your preferred pick up point

Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane 09.15 ( )

Pond Hill (Penny Black Pub) 09.30 ( )



**Yorkshire Wildlife Park**  
**Sunday 17 May 2015**

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

Address ..... Tel. ....

..... Postcode.....

Please reserve .....place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ .....

(£23 per person if over 60; £25 per person if under 60.)

payable to Sheffield U3A Weekenders. Please send with a small SAE

**as soon as possible to:** Jill Saxby, 17 Spilsby Close, Cantley, Doncaster,  
South Yorkshire DN4 6TJ.

Please indicate your preferred pick up point

Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane 10.00 ( )

Pond Hill (Penny Black Pub) 10.15 ( )

## **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
Barry De Roeck	Treasurer	(0114) 236 9169
Derek Shipley	Secretary	(0114) 236 6257
Margaret Bullivant		(0114) 296 2256
Margaret Langrish		(0114) 296 2251
Val Wiley		(0114) 236 0726

### **Advance Notice: Travel Group Visits for 2015**

17 June	Boughton Hall, Northampton	(see April Links)
8 July	Burnby Hall, Pocklington and Sledmere House, Driffild, Yorks	(see April Links)
17 August	Four South Yorkshire Churches	(see April Links)

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### **Short Break to Cardiff 31 May - 4 June 2015**

There are a few places available on this holiday. If you are interested, please contact: Barbara Robertshaw, Tel. (0114) 236 9102

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**Short Break: The Cotswolds  
22 – 26 September 2015**

Name(s)..... SU3A No.(s).....  
Address: ..... Tel. No.....  
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Post Code.....

Please reserve ..... place(s)

Room type: Twin/double/twin share/single (delete as appropriate)

I enclose a cheque for £..... (£40 per person), made payable to Sheffield U3A Travel and a Links size stamped addressed envelope. Forms should be sent to arrive as soon as possible to:

Margaret Langrish, 19 Almshill Road, Sheffield S11 9RR.



**Travel Group Visit to Liverpool  
Friday 24 April 2015**

Name(s)..... SU3A No(s).....  
Address: ..... Tel. ....  
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..... Postcode.....

Please reserve .... place(s) for me. I enclose a cheque for £..... (£17.50 per person or £9.50 per person for N.T. members), 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 preferred pick-up point below:

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 07.45 ( )

Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 08.00 ( )

## **Travel Group Visit to Bolsover Castle and Creswell Crags**

**Wednesday 13 May 2015**

There is nothing else in England quite like this 17th century castle built by Sir Charles Cavendish, son of Bess of Hardwick. It was furnished and extended by the ardent Cavalier, courtier and horse enthusiast Sir William Cavendish. The well-preserved interiors of the “Little Castle” are renowned for their painted panelling, fine marble fireplaces and dramatic murals, and its first floor rooms will be dressed in the style of the 1630s, evoking their original purpose as a rich man’s prodigy house. English Heritage has recently restored the wall-walk round the Fountain Garden and colourful Stuart-style borders will be recreated around the Venus Fountain. When we visit, specimens of tulips and hyacinths, which were rare, fashionable and costly in Cavendish’s day, may still be in bloom.

There is a large modern café where you can buy refreshments, before we move on to our second venue of the day. It is a short drive from Bolsover to Creswell Crags limestone gorge, where there is the only Ice Age rock art in Britain. We will have two guides to tell us about the remarkable archaeology discovered here and lead us into some of the caves to give a glimpse of how our ancestors lived during the Ice Age. There is an exhibition of rare stone tools and bone remains as well as other art and archaeology. There is a small coffee shop if you need a drink before we travel back to Sheffield.

The cost of the visit is £18.50 per person. This covers coach travel, gratuities, and entry to both venues. To apply for a place on this visit, please complete the form on page 29 and send it with a small addressed envelope and your cheque to Margaret Bullivant.

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Our first stop will be at Kenilworth Castle, built by Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, to impress Queen Elizabeth I. He was her great love. Newly created stairs and platforms mean we can climb the tower built to woo the Queen, to explore what used to be her private rooms and enjoy the magnificent views. The Gardens have been authentically recreated to resemble the original Elizabethan ones.

On Wednesday we visit Oxford with its 38 colleges and famous buildings. Many notable scholars have emerged from the Colleges including Lewis Carroll and J.R.R. Tolkien. We have a guided tour of the city in the morning, free time for independent sightseeing and a guided tour of Christ Church College in the afternoon.

We board the coach on Thursday for a tour of some Cotswold towns and villages. In Burford, one of the prettiest medieval towns in England, we meet our guide. We continue to Minster Lovell and then to the ancient market town of Brampton for lunch. Today it is famous for the outdoor scenes in Downton Abbey. Bibury, described by William Morris as the most beautiful village in England, is our next stop. Finally, we visit Chedworth Roman Villa to see the interesting ruins of one of the largest Romano-British villas in the country.

After breakfast on Friday we travel to Malmesbury Abbey House Gardens – a grade 1 listed building where it is said Athlestan, the first King of England, is buried. We continue to Lacock for lunch and finish the day with a visit to Lacock Abbey.

On our final day we enjoy a leisurely breakfast and begin our journey home. We stop en route to visit Kelmscott Manor, the Cotswold retreat of William Morris. He first saw it in 1871 and was delighted with its peaceful setting. He signed a joint lease with his friend Dante Gabriel Rossetti. The Manor contains an outstanding collection of possessions and works of Morris as well as his associates, including Benson, Burne Jones and Rossetti. After lunch we continue our journey home.

We are staying at the De Vere Villager Hotel Swindon. This is a modern hotel with all the usual facilities, including a leisure centre with an indoor pool. The cost of this 4 night/5 day holiday is £410 per person with a single supplement of £65. This includes bed, breakfast, evening meal, coach travel, gratuities and admission fees, except for the 2 National Trust properties. Lunches and snacks are not included.

To reserve a place, please complete the booking form on page 35 send it with a deposit of £40 p.p. to Margaret Langrish as soon as possible. Before sending your application please read the Travel Group notice about travel insurance.



**Travel Group Visit to “Another Place”,  
Crosby Beach and Speke Hall, Liverpool  
Friday 24 April 2015**

“Another Place” is a collection of spectacular sculptures by Antony Gormley. It consists of 100 life-size, cast-iron figures spread out along 3 km of the foreshore and stretching almost 1 km out to sea. These figures – each one weighing 650 kilos – are made from casts of the artist’s own body. All of them are looking out to sea, staring at the horizon in silent expectation.

We then go to the Albert Dock in Liverpool, where you can lunch and/or visit a museum, such as the Tate Gallery or the Maritime Museum. We will spend the afternoon at Speke Hall (National Trust), a rare Tudor timber-framed Manor House in a most unusual setting on the banks of the River Mersey. Restored and brought back to life in the 19th century, it is a unique and beautiful mixture of Tudor simplicity and Victorian Arts and Crafts aesthetics.

The cost of the day is £17.50 (National Trust members pay £9.50 with a valid membership card). This includes coach travel, gratuities and admission to Speke Hall, but no refreshments. If you would like to join us, please complete the booking form on page 35 and send it with a cheque and s.a.e. as soon as possible to Barbara Robertshaw.

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The Travel Group Report: Chichester Holiday can be found on Sheffield U3A website

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# Calendar

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February	3	Drop-In Session + iPad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	3	Online Membership Renewal Help: 10-12.00: CURC
	14	Weekenders: Cathedral Tour and tea: Sheffield: 14.00
	20	Showroom Lecture: Emigration from Norway: 10.30
	23	C'Cgoers: St Petersburg S.O.: Manchester: Evening Trip
March	3	Drop-In Session + iPad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	17	TG: BBC Media City: Salford Quays: Day Trip
	20	Showroom Lecture: Music & the Emotions: 10.30
	22	Weekenders: Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre
April	7	Drop-In Session + iPad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	17	Showroom Lecture: Love, Lust, Politics and Magic: 10.30
	18	C'Cgoers: Vladimir Ashkenazy: Leicester: Evening Trip
	19	Weekenders: Doddington Hall and Rufford Park
	20 - 26	ETG: A Classical Sicilian Adventure: Short Break
	24	TG: Crosby Beach (A. Gormley) and Liverpool: Day Trip
	30 - 5	Travel Group: Isle of Man: Short Break
May	5	Drop-In Session + iPad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	6	AGM: Sheffield U3A: CURC
	13	Travel Group: Bolsover Castle: Day Trip
	17	Weekenders: Yorkshire Wildlife Park: Day Trip
	31 - 4	Travel Group: Cardiff/South Wales: Short Break
June	2	Drop-In Session + iPad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	14	Classical Concertgoers: Summer Special
	28 - 2	ETG: Killarney and the Ring of Kerry: Short Break
Aug	3 - 6	YAHF Summer School: Northern College: Short Break
Sep	22-26	Travel Group: Cotswolds: Short Break

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