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Walking Group 'A' at Lakeland's famous Bowder Stone

- the group are 25 years old this year!

Photo: Graham Southgate

Contact Us

Our website is at: www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk

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

Welcome back!

I hope you have all enjoyed our intermittent summer, are refreshed and ready to throw yourselves back into SU3A activities. I know many of us will have been away, on grandparent duties or had the chance to meet with friends in a more relaxed manner, as many of our groups took a break for the summer.

Over the summer, along with other SU3A members, I attended the YAHR Summer School. There were several courses to choose from and I thoroughly enjoyed mine, which was on DNA/Criminology, though I failed in my first experiment to draw DNA material from a strawberry! I must thank Denise West, a SU3A member who took a large part in organising the event and the Belly Dancing and Old Time Music Hall Groups for providing excellent entertainment at one of the evenings. The link to a short video clip of the Summer School can be found on our website.

So what else has been happening within our U3A since last time? Firstly, the lease for Room 50 at the Victoria Hall Methodist Church, Norfolk St. has been renewed for another 12 months. Many groups along with the EC use this room for regular meetings, so if your group is struggling for a venue please enquire, via Chris Cave our treasurer, or look on the website. Do you know what our volunteers are doing for us? Have a look at our page, Focus on SU3A Helpers, as we start to get to know these members who all carry out vital tasks on our behalf.

Looking ahead to 2016, SU3A will be 30 years old in January. Well done to all of us, old and new! We are not just the largest U3A in the country but we are thriving as new groups continue to be introduced. Having attended the National AGM a few weeks ago I can tell you that many U3As are extremely envious of the enthusiasm we in Sheffield have for instigating new group activities. Look out for the December edition of Links for more on our special birthday!

Samina



Focus On SU3A Helpers

What happens when you make an offer to volunteer?

You meet new people with interesting backgrounds and ideas.



You feel a sense of purpose in being part of a brilliant and big U 3 A.



Those who know what you do are appreciative.



The rest of Sheffield U 3 A can enjoy the opportunities you have helped to facilitate.



*Jan Henry
Links Proofreader*

Introducing SU3A Helpers

I am part of the Wild Apricot Administration Team which helps with the on-line registration of new members. I also attend the monthly Drop-Ins to help members with computer matters. So if you need help with Ipads or tablets, or accessing the website come along to the Drop-Ins, first Tuesday of every month.



Richard Cooper

My name is Camilla Jordan. I am part of the Wild Apricot Administration team. I also assist the general coordinators by updating membership lists for the groups. These activities have enabled me to develop and maintain my computing skills. In the process I have also made some new and good friends.



Camilla Jordan

I have been the Membership Records Secretary for over 10 years. I had only just joined the SU3A when I saw a notice in Links asking for a volunteer to be the membership secretary. Not surprisingly my offer was jumped on! Little did I know what I was letting myself in for but I don't regret it. It's an important job which brings me into contact with many interesting people and the changing technology has certainly been a challenge.



Lorna Baker

My role as Initial Enquiries Officer involves taking enquiries from potential members via the SU3A published telephone number. We have a chat about U3A, the activity groups and how we encourage participation with members being free to hold a group in their own home. That is how we have grown and continue to grow, by members helping to run their own groups. It is an opportunity to assure potential members that they will be most welcome and will indeed make many new friends.



Rita Webster-Carr



Vera Dyer

My function in the Links Editorial Team is to acknowledge information that is sent to the Links Editor for inclusion in LINKS and to log it onto an Excel spreadsheet. So now you know who this 'mysterious' Vera is, who responds to your submissions!



Maggie Bower

I am the Editor of Links and it's my role to produce the magazine from the content you submit. This involves checking, editing and preparing the text, photos and artwork. Links proofreaders, **Jan Henry** and **Avril Williams**, help refine the draft which is then approved by the Executive Committee. The final version goes to the publisher for production and delivery to all SU3A members.



John Evans

I have been a member of SU3A since summer 2011 and have been Publicity Co-ordinator since March 2013. The role consists of promoting awareness of SU3A throughout the area and is immensely rewarding. I particularly enjoy talking to pre-retirement groups in the city and helping to point people in the direction of an enjoyable and purposeful retirement. Publicising our activities both locally and nationally also helps to raise awareness of this wonderful organisation. From 2013 until the present SU3A membership has increased from 2800 to 3200 - an increase of 14%.

**Is there something YOU would like to help with?
Come along to the next Drop In
TUESDAY 6 October 10:00 - 12:00**

NEWS

OPPORTUNITIES

Edition 4 of your audio magazine is available now.

It's about Sheffield.

It's especially for people of the third age.

Listen to your magazine on the Internet using this link:

<http://www.mixcloud.com/su3aaudiomag/>
(and the link on the SU3A website)

The October 2015 edition includes:

**The Off The Shelf Festival - The Music Walk - Sheffield Foodbanks
Friends of Sheffield Castle - Who Are You? - The Flying Gardeners
Senior Moments - The SU3A Events Calendar**

OPPORTUNITIES

is produced by the SU3A Radio Production Group.

Harry Welburn mashitupharry yahoo.co.uk

Photographs are always welcome and liven up an article.
Please ensure they are sent separate to your copy and are in jpeg.

Booking Events Online Via Wild Apricot



Don't Forget Booking Online is now available for Weekender trips.

Why Book Online? You know you have a place immediately. You save two stamps! You save the organiser a lot of work.

How to Book Online:

1. Login at <https://su3a.wildapricot.org> using your email address and password.
2. If you have forgotten your password click on the 'Forgot password' link, next to the Login button.
3. If your email address does not work, email wa-admin@su3a.org.uk for help.
4. Once logged in, click on 'Events' in the big blue menu bar.
5. Select the event you want and follow the online instructions.
6. To book for 2 or more people at once, complete the booking form for the first person. BEFORE paying go back and book the next person. You will need to know the email address that person uses to log in to Wild Apricot. Repeat this as needed. When you pay, all the booking fees will be taken from the one credit/debit card.

Events can still be applied for via the application forms in Links.

The Monthly Drop-In is moving!!

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to use the downstairs facilities at the CURC.

Our monthly Drop-In which takes place on the first Tuesday of each month at the CURC is moving from the ground floor to the top floor. There is a lift available for those unable to use the stairs.

The time remains the same: 10.00-12.00

STOP PRESS

REMINDER: Churchill Study Day Friday 9 October 2015

If you intend to go but have not yet applied please note the cut-off date for applications is **SEPTEMBER 30th**.

The venue will be the newly refurbished **Creative Lounge at the Showroom Workstation**. Registration from **9.45am**.

Programme

- 10.00-11.15 Lecture 1 *Churchill and Empire*** by Professor Bruce Collins of Hallam University, followed by questions.
- 11.15-11.35** Break for refreshments. Tea/coffee/biscuits.
- 11.35-12.35** Showing of ***Churchill-Renegade and Turncoat***. This is the first of a quartet of films by Martin Gilbert, official biographer of Winston Churchill. Part one covers his early life and political career and should relate to both of the talks during the day.
- 12.35-13.55** Lunch Break Please make your own arrangements.
A special 2 course meal for £7.95 will be available at the Showroom for course participants only. The menu will be meat and potato pie/vegetarian dish, with apple pie and custard to follow. If you are interested in this, please book by telephoning 0114 221 0239 or by e- mailing Jamie.ring@showroomworkstation.org.uk
- 14.00-15.15 Lecture 2 *Churchill and Social Reform*** by John Evans of Sheffield U3A, followed by questions.

The cost including mid-morning refreshments will be £6.00. Please complete the application form below if you would like to attend. Linda Evans



Churchill Study Day Friday 9 October 2015 at 10.00am.

Full Name(s)

SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Post Code

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £
(£6.00 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A**. Please enclose a **small S.A.E.**
with your remittance and send asap to: Jan Cuthbert, 21 Beechwood Road,
Dronfield S18 1PW. Tel: 01246 418815.

Help! Pond Clearance at Whirlowbrook Park Wednesday 7th and Wednesday 14th October

The Gardening at Whirlowbrook Park Group needs your help. We want to really get to grips with the pond silt this autumn. Please come to the top pond at Whirlowbrook Park on either or both of Wednesday 7th and 14th October at any time between 9.00 am and 12 noon. The more the merrier! If you cannot wield a bucket or push a barrow, then there is plenty of brushing, hoeing and general tidying to be done. Drinks and cakes are available throughout the morning.

All you need is a pair of gloves and some welly boots.

Enquiries to Shelagh Woolliscroft on 01246 768212

Lunch and Lecture reminder

If it has slipped your mind, there are still places available for the above event at the Doubletree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 8BW on **Friday 23 October 2015**.

Gerry Kersey

You may have heard Gerry on Radio Sheffield, where he has had a regular slot for many years on a Sunday afternoon. Now's your chance to hear him 'in the flesh', so to speak! For this event he will be talking about '**A Light-hearted Examination of the Humour Business**'.

You can be guaranteed an entertaining afternoon!

Please arrive at 12:00 for a 12:30 start. Cost **£16.00**

If you would like to book a place, please fill in the booking form on page 10 of July Links (menu choices are on page 9), or download from the SU3A website, and send it with a cheque made payable to Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture, to arrive no later than **Monday 12 October 2015**.

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

EVENTS



**Classical Concertgoers
European Union Chamber Orchestra
Saturday 6 February 2016
19:30 at Leeds Town Hall**

This winter we are travelling to a new venue, Leeds Town Hall, site of the Leeds International Piano Competition. The concert is part of the Leeds International Orchestral Season and the programme below, played by the European Union Chamber Orchestra, is directed by Hans-Peter Hofmann. The soloist is Martin James Bartlett, an up-and-coming young pianist.

Bach	Brandenburg Concert No 3
Vivaldi	Concerto for Two Oboes
Mozart	Piano Concerto No 12
Liszt	Angelus Prayer to the Guardian Angels
Haydn	Symphony No 55 (Schoolmaster)

The coach will leave the bus stop at the junction of Knowle Lane / Ecclesall Road at **17.00**, and we shall be dropped at Leeds Town Hall in time for a pre-concert talk. The talk is optional but provides an opportunity to learn more about the music, the background to the composers and what to listen for.

The cost of the ticket (mid-stalls), coach travel and driver's gratuity is **£30.00**.

To apply, please complete the form on **page 12** and return it by **Friday November 13**. After that date ring me to check availability.

Remember!
**Copy deadline for the December Links
is 30 October 2015**



Classical Concertgoers: Leeds Town Hall Saturday 6 February 2016

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

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..... Post Code

Please reserve place(s) for me (£30.00 per person). I enclose
a cheque for £ payable to **SU3A Concertgoers**
and a **small S.A.E.**

If possible I would like to sit with

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

Pamela Sandford Tel. 2361815



U3A Events Mailing List

To receive updates regarding national U3A events direct to your email inbox, you can sign up to the events mailing list, via the U3A website: www.u3a.org.uk See SU3A website Notice Board for more information. Your email address will be used only for this purpose, and never passed on to third parties.

Friday Lecture Programme 2015

Venue: **Showroom Cinema**. Normally no charge and no booking required. Refreshments from 09.30. Lecture from 10.30 to 12 noon. Greeters wearing lanyard badges will be there to welcome you! Half-price parking at Q-Park with a voucher from the Showroom Box Office.

*Lecture Enquiries, offers and suggestions to Shelagh Woolliscroft
(01246) 768212*

Friday 16 October

Political Culture and the Development of the 'Commonweal' in 16th Century England. *Cathy Shrank, Professor of Tudor and Renaissance Literature, University of Sheffield.*

Whilst Henry VIII's quest for a male heir led to religious and political instability, in fact, this time was also one of peace and expansion into the New World. Professor Cathy Shrank will examine how the establishment of a "Commonweal", especially in the reign of Elizabeth I, improved the lives of her subjects and strengthened the nation. With great personal sacrifice, this much studied Queen, strove to give happiness, health and safety and a common good to the ordinary people of her nation.



Friday 20 November

The Battle of Waterloo - What happened Next?

Professor Bruce Collins, Sheffield Hallam University.



Recent media coverage has focused mainly on the battle itself. In this lecture Professor Bruce Collins will talk about the impact and legacy, from Napoleon's fall to the return of the Bonapartes, 1815-1848. We're sure we will learn many interesting, and possibly not generally known, facts about this period of history.

Friday 18 December

The Star of Bethlehem.

David W Hughes, Emeritus Professor of Astronomy, University of Sheffield.



Christmas would not be Christmas without the star, but did it really exist? A quiet astronomical debate has been bubbling away for decades. Could some real cosmic event have drawn "three wise men" on a journey to find a newborn king? David Hughes pieces together myth, art and science to explore the facts behind the birth of Jesus.

Membership Renewal

The membership renewal forms will be in the December Links and available on the website from 1 October 2015.

For those with an email address, renewal reminders will be sent automatically in December 2015.

GROUP NEWS

Thursday Art Group (Art 2)

Over the summer the group has been 'out and about' drawing and painting, including sessions at the Botanical Gardens and at Whinfell Quarry Gardens. Our regular meetings take place 14.00 – 16.00 at Ecclesall Church Parish Rooms, and we'd be delighted to welcome some new members.



*The group painting trees
in the Botanical Gardens,
helped by tutor Roy Ridsdale.*

Coordinator: Ruth Lamb Tel: 0114 236 2807

VINTAGE MALE VOICES

Vintage Voices (originally known by the catchy title of Sheffield U3A Performance Choir) has now been together for over 2 years. We presently number nearly 30 mixed ability singers and have performed for many lunch clubs and friendship groups around Sheffield, not to mention at 2 SU3A AGMs. We have also been able to contribute regularly to Lost Chord, our charity of choice.

Our main problem is the same as in many choirs – i.e. a scarcity of male voices, which limits our repertoire and puts pressure on the men concerned. We would love to see/hear more men coming forward. There are no auditions and we offer a highly supportive environment to inexperienced singers although previous choir membership is also valued. Why not give us a try? For more information:
Carole Hurst Tel 0114 293 9163 or e-mail carolehurst hotmail.com.

The Music Appreciation Group Hillsborough – New Venue

Trinity Methodist Church, Middlewood Rd, Hillsborough, S6 4HE
between Dorothy Road and Lennox Road.

This change is effective from Thursday 3 September.

Contact Group Co-ordinator:

David Andrews (0114) 235 3389 or david.andrews60 talktalk.net

Strollers III



Do you enjoy walking but find 10-mile hikes too much? If so, Strollers III might be the group for you. We walk on every other Saturday throughout the year, usually in and around the Peak District or Sheffield. We usually cover about 3-5 miles in about 1½ to 2 hours, setting off promptly at

10.30am, finishing off with lunch in a nearby pub or café. Walks are decided upon up to 6 months in advance, and each one is led by 2 of our group. We are looking for new members who would be willing to lead, or help to lead, approximately one walk every 6 months.

If you think this might be for you, come and try us out before committing yourself. We would love to see you on our next walk!

For more information, please contact:

Angela Lam Tel: 01246 416842 angela.lam.76 gmail.com

Latin III

Latin III will be meeting fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon, between 14.00 - 15.30, from 2 September 2015. The group previously met fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons. The venue is 15 Glentilt Road, S7 2EG. At present there are no vacancies in the group.

Co-ordinator: Deidre Eastburn

Tel 0114 281 8446 deidre.eastburn blueyonder.co.uk

Dressmaking Group

The group displaying some of their skills and the process from the design stage through to completed garments.



Dress making group



Members of the group: Judith Webster, Ellie Johnson, Jocelyn Baggaley, Jane Whitehead, Jenny Forster and Ruth Bernard

New Portuguese Group

Following the note in July Links about a possible new Portuguese language group for beginners, I have now got about 5 possible members. A few more would be ideal, so it's not too late to get in contact if you think you might be interested. Contact me or just come along to meet me at the Drop-in on 6 October.

Pauline Miller Tel 0114 258 3678 pauline mm1728pm.plus.com

WALKING WITH 'A' GROUP

How old is a horse or a wild parakeet
How old is a great group of friends?
We're The Brians and Margaret who
trod the crisp snow fields,
and buttercup meadows.
We've marvelled at Nature
whilst lazing in sunlight.

We've Binod wild birds on the Fell.
We slumbered by firelight
after tramping Lake pathways and
garlic banked Derwent.
We've crackled in pub light
These twenty odd years.
We've tripped in this country
travelled abroad plenty.
Our A is so Active, Astonishing
– now Ageing
(We'd welcome new members
to walk here beside us.)

My scratchings completed
More questions deleted...
How old is a horse
or a grey parakeet?

Peter Barclay June 2015

'A' Group is twenty five years old this year. Thanks especially to Chris Hobson for her help and advice.

General membership enquiries: Pat Crook Tel 0114 265 4731

Sheffield U3A Group and Activities Pages: August 2015

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

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

Sheffield U3A is committed to the principles of inclusion and good access wherever possible. We are making every effort to ensure that our activities are available to everyone who wishes to actively participate.

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

MH : Member's Home - access variable; if you have specific needs please contact the Group Coordinator

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

PV : Public Venue - meeting is fully accessible but does not include a hearing loop

PVAL: Public Venue - meeting access is limited; if you have specific needs please contact the Group Coordinator

O : Outdoors

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

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

ART	GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Art (SE)		V	We.pm.w	S13	PVAL	Paul Garland	269 3219
Art I		V	We.am.w	S11	PVHL	Daniel Merrills	230 5952
Art II		V	Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Ruth Lamb	236 2807
Art III		V	We.pm.w	S11	PVAL	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I			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
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 768212
Crochet and Knitting		V	Tu.pm.f	S1	PV	Jane Whitehead	230 9312
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			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
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
Bridge - Friday III		V	Fr.am.w	S7	PV	Louise Cooper	230 7191
Bridge - Monday		V	Mo.pm.w	S7	PV	Collin Jessop	266 3831

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
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 wklly	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		Mo.pm.w	S10	MH	Rita Webster-Carr	230 8866
Scrabble	V	Fr.pm.f	S7	PVAL	Liz Barber	288 4113
Whist cntnrt & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Sun.eve.w	various	MH	Gerald Cartwright	266 7032
DISCUSSION, PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS AND RELIGION						
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
GARDENING						
Gardening (SE)	V	Tu.am.f	various	PVAL	Carol Wright	251 0140
Gardening at Whirlowbrook Park	V	We.am.f	S17	O	Shelagh Wooliscroft	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
HISTORY						
European History		4thTu.pm.m	S1	PV	John Evans	230 1173
Family History I		2ndWe.am.m	S10	PVHL	Annie Grassick	230 2777
Family History III		2nd Tu.am.m	S1	PV	John Dawson	266 4203

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
History (cont)						
Family History IV		4thWe.am.m	S11	PVAL	Monica Stagg	07870350271
Greece and Rome	V	Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Anne Thomas	230 5281
History I	V	Tu.am.f	S17	PVHL	Geoff Moore	266 3024
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
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	Deirdre Eastburn	281 8446
Conversational German		We.am.We.pm.w	S25	MH	Anne Greenhalgh	01909564464
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 Wooliscroft	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 Continued		Tu.pm.w	S11	PVAL	Mel Kingsley	230 2701
Italian for Holidays	V	Fr.pm.w	S11	PV	Mike Hague	236 6336
Latin I		2nd & 4th Fr.am.m	S1	PV	Jane Blockeel	236 6861
Latin III		We.pm.f	S7	MH	Deirdre Eastburn	281 8446
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

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
LITERATURE AND DRAMA						
Book Group I		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Margaret Walton	255 6563
Book Group II		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Sally Carter	236 2066
Book Group III		2ndTu.am.m	S17	PV	Wendy Jennick	268 7047
Book Group IV		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Mary Whynns	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	01248 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 III	V	Mo.am.4w	S17	MH	Mavis Frost	236 4249
Poetry for Pleasure		We.pm.f	S17	MH	Pat Parkin	236 8009
Poetry Study		We.pm.f.	S11	MH	Freda Green	236 4882
Radio Production		Various			Harry Welburn	249 8284
Reading for pleasure	V	Th.pm.m	S17	MH	Susan Kirkman	236 1971
Shakespeare for Pleasure	V	Tu.am.f	S10/11	MH	Kay Nicholson	268 6220
Story Writers	V	Tu.am.4w	various	MH	Margaret Briddon	262 0501
World of The Book	V	We.am.m	S1	PV	Denise West	274 6797
MUSIC						
A Cappella Singers	V	Tu.pm.f	S6,7,20	MH	Mike Maas	230 4435

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
Music (cont)						
Drumming		Th.pm.w	S1	PV	John Lee	233 8517
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		2ndTu.am.m	S10	MH	John Green	230 7768
Jazz Appreciation II	V	3rdTu.am.m	S7	MH	David Bone	268 1016
Music Appreciation	V	Th.pm.f	S6	PV	David Andrews	235 3389
Old Time Music Hall	V	1st We. Am.m	S1	PV	Graham Williams	230 7756
Recorder	Y	Fri.am.f	S1	PVAL	Linda Evans	230 1173
Singingfor Pleasure		Fr.pm.f	S1	PVAL	Irene Lees	267 1857
Singingfor Fun	V	Th.pm.f	S1	PV	Jill Whyms	258 9935
Ukulele		Fr.pm.f	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	S9	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.w	S11	O	Peter Jones	230 5987
Fitness: Tailor made for you.	V	Mo.pm.Tu.am.Th.am.Fri.am	S11	PV	Ann Evans	348 6607
Fly Fishing	V	Various	Various	O	John Shemeld	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

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Tai Chi Stocksbridge	V	We.pm.w/Fr.am.w	S36	PV	Christopher Goldthorpe	01226 762 201
Yoga		Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Jenny Forster	230 3353
Yoga: Tailor made for you	V	Mo.am.w/We.am.w	S11	PV	Ann Evans	255 2368
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE						
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
Maths	V	Tu.am.m	S8	PV	Alan Zinber	236 7001
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
SOCIAL						
After Hours		Eve/wk end	various	PVAL	Mary Entwisle	255 2368
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	1st Th.eve.m.	various	PVAL	John Wragg	236 8475
International Diners	V	Various	various	PVAL	John Wragg	236 8475
Lunch Club		Tu.m	various	PVAL	Joyce Franks	234 8587
WALKING						
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
Garnets (5-7mls)		Mo.--f	various	O	John Lees	267 1857
Late Walkers (5mls)	V	We.am.w	various	O	Jill Whyrms	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

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Walking (cont)						
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
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 (5 - 8 mls)	V	Fr.--.w	various	O	Gordon Young	296 2402
Walking Grp N (6 - 7mls)	V	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	SE/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
SHORT COURSES						
Learning to be Retired	V	Mo.pm.w	S1 2JB	PV	Julia South	255 8523
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 Group		various		PV	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102
Weekenders		Sa.Su.m	various	PVAL	Dot Sutcliffe	268 5918

Omnivorous bookworms seek similar

If you are flexible and relaxed in your fiction-reading habits, Novel Reading IV could be the group for you.



We have been working our way through reading group book sets from Sheffield City Libraries for more years than any of us can remember and the end is still not in sight. Recently we've time-travelled with Claire North in *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August*, cosied up to Adriana Trigiani's American small-town saga *Big Stone Gap*, leapt feet-first into the comic alternative reality of Terry Pratchett (*Making Money*), and staggered back appalled at the casual racism of Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

We meet at Parson Cross Library, usually on the last Friday morning of the month, to find out how much we agree (or not) about our latest 'read', and then spend the rest of our hour or so together putting the world to rights. There's room around the table, so come along and pull up a chair.

Anne Chatterton Tel 0114 2462106 annechatterton@btinternet.com

Yoga, and Fitness... Tailor Made for YOU!

If you are tempted to give YOGA a try but are unable to attend the Thursday sessions featured in LINKS 177(July) then how about Monday mornings?

A first class tutor provides Tailor Made YOGA (it's the perfect exercise for the U3A age-group) just for us, at Fairplay Sport, Sharrowvale.

Sessions last 75 minutes or so, starting at 10.15. There is limited on-site parking, but plenty of spaces just a few minutes away.

Of course, our Tailor Made Fitness Sessions continue enthusiastically, so if either of these suggestions tempt you, just give me a call and all will be revealed.

Ann Evans tattyheadx2@gmail.com 0114 3486607

Learning to Be Retired – course to run a second time!

Mixed feelings about retirement? The course **Learning to Be Retired** may be just what you're looking for. And it's running again in early 2016. The course is designed for those of us who feel unsure about retirement and will help you approach this phase of your life with more confidence and relish. I have based the course on the book 'Retiring with Attitude' by Caroline Lodge and Eileen Carnell. The course explores what happens to our identity in retirement, the impact of ageism and sexism, and the importance of retaining purpose and strong social connections. It is for those already retired as well as those coming up to retirement. It does NOT cover financial planning, pensions or investments. Made up of 6 sessions, the course is running for the first time in October (all places filled). I'm now recruiting for a second course to run in early 2016. It will take place on six consecutive Monday afternoons in Sheffield city centre, starting January 11th (cost £7.50 for 6 sessions).

For more details and to sign up contact:

Julia South 0114 255 8523 Julia.South blueyonder.co.uk

U3A Racketball at Abbeydale Park



The U3A racketball group at Abbeydale Park is well established and has been running for over 3 years now. It is a very friendly group who enjoy learning the game and socialising with other U3A members. It is open to all members and we are always looking for new people to

join us. The racketball sessions at Abbeydale are very relaxed with a friendly and welcoming environment and with some tuition and coaching from club professional, Mark Tasker. More information can be found on the SU3A website or you can contact:

Peter Keen

0114 2364914

pckeen2000 yahoo.co.uk

Peter Hawksworth

0114 2307678

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Proposed New Social Group

Some of us cannot always get out and about to attend regular group activities so I am proposing to set up a new Social Group where contact via the telephone could be made on a regular basis. If you are interested please get in touch with me

Contact: Alexander Snook mobile: 07946373625

French – Advanced Group is looking for a new tutor

We are a friendly group of around 15 people who speak French at various levels, ranging from a member who has a degree in French to those of us who are regular visitors to France or who have second homes there. We have informal meetings on Friday mornings from 10.00 to 11.30, at Broomhill Methodist Church, where the parking is usually very easy. We meet regularly from September to early December then January to May. In the summer we have informal meetings once a month in members' homes. We work from the magazine 'La Vie Outre Manche'. We are seeking a new tutor as ours has retired. We need someone who has a strong command of the French language; preferably someone who has taught French before. Obviously, because we are part of the U3A we cannot pay for this role. If you think you could help us out please contact:

Group Coordinator: Lorrie Flannery

Tel: (0114) 2731788 email: lorrieflannery@btinternet.com



European Travel Group

We are looking for two members to join our group and help organise 2-3 trips per year for SU3A. No experience is required but you must have access to a computer and be comfortable using the internet. If you are interested please apply to:

Samina Aslam sammas1747@gmail.com tel: 0114 235 1489

U3A Green Open Homes 19th & 21st October (or by arrangement) – Sustainable Development Group

If you have been thinking about making your home warmer, cutting your fuel bills and being more energy efficient, you might like to visit the homes of some U3A members who have already made improvements. Those of us opening our homes are willing to discuss what we've done and may be able to show you fuel bills etc.

1. Edwardian terrace, Greystones, open Wed 21st 13.30 to 17.00 Tel 07941 687367. External and internal wall insulation, solar pv panels.
2. 1930s 3 bed detached, Sharrow, open Mon 19th 13.30 to 16.00 Tel 07817 284971. Internal wall insulation, new roof and boiler, solar pv panels, various low-tech improvements.
3. Edwardian terrace, Sharrow, open Mon 19th 15.00 to 17.00 Tel 07726 950897. Solar pv panels, roof/attic insulation, underfloor insulation.
4. 1930s 3 bed semi, Greystones, open Wed 21st 13.30 to 17.00 Tel 0114 268 5496. Cavity wall insulation, solar thermal panel for hot water, insulation of underfloor and bay, north facing triple glazed window and door.
5. Modern townhouse, 2002, Nether Edge open Mon 19th 14.30 to 16.30. Tel 0114 258 3678. Additional measures to improve energy efficiency eg topping up loft insulation, insulated draught proof door for integral garage and insulated garage walls, porches and some secondary glazing added to original double glazing.

If you want to visit any houses, ring the number given to get the address and make a booking. Most householders will be happy to arrange another time to visit, if their given time slot isn't convenient. Sorry, but visits can only be arranged for U3A members.

For any more information ring:

Jo Couldry 0114 268 5496



Weekenders' Quiz Night **Saturday 14 November 2015**

It's back! Following the resounding successes of the last two years, the quiz, with the best pie and pea supper this side of the Pennines, (vegetarian option available), with prizes for both winners and not quite winners, will be held on **Saturday 14 November 2015** at **19.30** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall, Grove Road, Millhouses, (good bus links and easy parking). The cost is **£13.00** per person.

Come and enjoy an evening of fun, conversation, mental stimulation, good food, and the odd question or two – and even some answers, themed on “our generation” with questions from across our years. We are looking for teams of four people but do not worry if you cannot form a team yourself: come along anyway and we will put teams together on the night. If you would like to join us, for a relaxing and stimulating evening, please complete the form on the reverse of this page and return it to Jane Whitehead with your cheque made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**, and a small SAE by **Friday 23 October 2015**. **You can also book online – login at <https://su3a.wildapricot.org> (See page 8 for more help.)** Please ring 0114 230 9312 if you would like further information.



Weekenders' Sunday Lunch **Sunday 17 January 2016**

Brighten up a January Sunday by treating yourself to a Sunday lunch with a difference at Cosmo restaurant, situated in St Paul's Square, near the back entrance of the Winter Gardens. Cosmo is an 'all you can eat' buffet-style restaurant, which offers a variety of food from around the world. You can take your pick from Indian, Chinese, Italian, Thai, Mexican, Japanese – even English – dishes, sampling whatever takes your fancy.

Pay for your meal on the day - the price is **£13.99** plus drinks. Please arrive at 12.15 for a 12.30 start. If you would like to join us, please complete the form on the reverse of this page and return it to Jane Whitehead with a cheque for **£5** as a deposit made payable to Sheffield U3A Weekenders and a small SAE by **Friday 11 December 2015**. **You can also book online – login at <https://su3a.wildapricot.org> (See page 8 for more help.)** Please ring 0114 230 9312 if you would like further information.



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Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address.....

..... Postcode

Contact details (email/Tel number)

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £
(**£13.00** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**.

I would like vegetarian meal(s).

Please send to Jane Whitehead, 21 Bingham Court, Graham Road,
Sheffield S10 3DZ with a small SAE to arrive by **Friday 23 October**.



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European Travel Group

Coordinator: Samina Aslam (0114 235 1489)

Our trips are open to all SU3A members

Advance Notice

10-16 October 2016 – The History of Berlin and Dresden by air and coach (more details in the December Links).

Cancellations and Insurance: 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 and with the agreement of the tour operator. All refunds are subject to an administration charge of £10.00. 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.



Alsace and the European Parliament 9th-13th May 2016



This 5 day, 4 night holiday is an ideal way to become acquainted with the Alsace region of France and Germany, as well as the European Parliament. The holiday includes: all travel by coach and air between Sheffield and Basel (including 1 x 20kg checked baggage and seat reservations), private midi-coach transportation

throughout the tour in France/Germany, 3 nights half board and 1 night bed & breakfast, 1 x 3 course dinner in Strasbourg on day 2 (excluding drinks) and all entrance fees outside of those you may visit during free time, tips and gratuities (except for the hotel which is left to the individual's discretion). Accommodation is at the 3 star Superior Best Western Hotel in Rastatt.

- There is an EU subsidy of approximately €250pp which will be refunded to you after the Parliament visit in Euros in cash.

Failure to attend the Parliament visit for whatever reason will result in no subsidy being paid.

After our flight from Manchester to Basel, we shall be visiting Mulhouse “The town of Art and History”, with free time to explore this old textile town with its historical monuments and then onward to our hotel in Rastatt, our base for the holiday. We will have time to explore this town with its morning market, Baroque square and architecture and a guided tour of the **Rastatt Residential Palace** during the week. We spend a day in **Heidelberg**, one of Germany’s top tourist attractions, where we have a guided coach tour and visit the famous Castle, the old historic quarter and the **Kornmarkt** and enjoy a river cruise on “Neckarsonne” – a solar powered boat. We also spend a day in Strasbourg that includes a pre-booked tour of the European Parliament hosted by an MEP and it may also include the opportunity to observe a live debate from the “visitor’s gallery”. There will be free time to explore this fascinating medieval city with its stunning Cathedral which houses 17th Century tapestries and perhaps visit the popular **Astronomical Clock**.

During our holiday we also visit **Obernai**, the second most visited town in the Alsace, with its traditional half-timbered houses; the **Castle of Haut-Koengsberg** with its inn, forge and mill in the lower courtyard (some steps to be negotiated); the **Lalique Museum**; the city of **Colmar** where we enjoy a petit train tour of this city preserved from the Middle Ages highlighting churches, cloisters and facades with ornate wood sculptures, before leaving for the airport and our return flight.

The cost of this holiday is **£754 pp** and a single supplement of **£49**. Please remember if you visit the European Parliament you will receive a cash refund of approx. €250 (£180).



Alsace and the European Parliament 9-13 May 2016

Name(s) as on passport(s)

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Address SU3A No(s)

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..... Postcode

Contact details (email & tel no)

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Please reserve place(s) for me. I enclose a cheque for £.....
(£140.00 per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A ETG**. Please return
the completed slip with an **A5 Link sized s.a.e. by 21 October 2015** to:
Brian Cave, 73 Highcliffe Road, Sheffield, S11 7LP (0114 230 5312).

**Please note: Should the trip proceed the £140.00 deposit is non
refundable** as this will be used to reserve and purchase your airline
ticket based on the information you have provided above.

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Travel Group Events

Travel Organising Committee

Barbara Robertshaw	Coordinator	(0114) 236 9102
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Derek Shipley	Secretary	(0114) 236 6257
Margaret Langrish		(0114) 236 2251
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Margaret Bullivant		(0114) 236 2256

Advance Notice: Travel Group Day Visits for 2016

10 March	The World of James Herriot, Thirsk and Beningbrough Hall, York (December Links)
April	Lincoln Castle and Belton House, Grantham (December Links)
May	Beamish Folk Museum (December Links)
June	Laxton Village, Notts (April Links)
July	Scampston Hall and Walled Garden (April Links)
August	Southport Flower Show (April Links)
September	Hat Museum and Bramall Hall, Stockport (June Links)
October	Lion Salt Works, Northwich /Little Moreton Hall (June Links)

Short Breaks 2016

6-10 June	Northumberland
15-19 September	Suffolk



Travel Group Visit : Arley Hall at Christmas and Manchester Christmas Market Saturday 5 December 2015

Arley Hall, near Northwich, is one of Cheshire's most charming country houses. The present Hall and Chapel were built between 1832 and 1845 and are an important example of the Victorian Jacobean style. It is the home of Viscount and Viscountess Ashbrook, whose family have owned the estate for



over 550 years. On arrival, we will have a cup of coffee, before we see the Floral Extravaganza with the Hall magnificently decorated for the occasion. From there, we will travel to Manchester's award-winning Christmas market, offering mouth-watering international food, drinks and delicately crafted Yuletide gifts. There will be 300 seasonal stalls spread across the city centre! The cost for the day is £18.50. This includes coach travel, gratuities, coffee and admission at Arley Hall. If you would like to join us, please complete the application form on **page 37**, and send it with a small s.a.e. and a cheque to Barbara Robertshaw as soon as possible.

**Travel Group Visit to Arley
Hall and Manchester
Saturday 5 December 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 s.a.e., as soon as possible to Barbara
Robertshaw, Sheffield S11 9QA.

Please tick your preferred pick-up point below:

Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 08.45 ()

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 09.00 ()

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**The World of James Herriot,
Thirsk and Beningbrough Hall,
York. Thursday 10 March 2016**



A visit to the museum of the world of James Herriot will take you on a nostalgic journey through the former home and surgery, where the world's most famous vet Alf Wight, practised. Here he wrote his best-selling books "All Creatures Great and Small" under the pseudonym of James Herriot, which were the basis

for the hit TV series and films that are still shown around the world.

After some free time and lunch, (not included), in Thirsk, we will travel to Beningbrough Hall, a National Trust property. Inspired by his Grand Tour, John Bouchier created Beningbrough as an Italian Palace, near York.

The impressive rooms are a perfect backdrop for the rich collection of portraits on loan from the National Portrait Gallery.

The paintings feature people who have made, and are making British history. There is also a working walled garden with herbaceous borders, a restaurant and a kiosk selling refreshments.

The cost for the day is £24 and £14.50 for National Trust members. This includes coach travel, gratuities, admission to the Herriot Museum and Beningbrough Hall for non NT members.

To reserve a place, please complete the application form below, and send it with a small s.a.e. and a cheque to Barbara Robertshaw as soon as possible.



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Thursday 10 March 2016**

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Address Tel.

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(£24 per person), or, for NT members, (£14.50 per person), payable to
Sheffield U3A Travel. Please return the completed slip, with a small s.a.e.,
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Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 08.30 ()

**Travel Group Short Break to
Northern Ireland
23 – 28 April 2016**

Belfast, Northern Ireland's capital city, is now a thriving modern metropolis. It has a colourful history and was a key player in the Industrial Revolution. This is our base for the spring break in and around the city. We will travel to Northern Ireland by coach to Holyhead in Anglesey, board the ferry to Dublin, and then go back on the coach for about 2 hours to Belfast. Quite a long day, but well worth it! The return journey will be slightly shorter as we will be travelling on the fast ferry from Dublin to Holyhead.

Our programme will include a visit to Springhill House (NT), a 17th century "Plantation" home, described as one of the prettiest houses in Ulster. The highlight here is the celebrated costume collection dating from the 18th century to the 1930's. At Wellbrook (NT), the last working water-powered beetling mill in N.I., we can experience the pounding of the linen to make it less porous, and enjoy hands-on demonstrations. There will also be a Belfast City tour and a visit to the "Titanic experience" to uncover the remarkable story of the Titanic, the world's most famous ship. At the Giant's Causeway World Heritage Site (NT), we can see the extraordinary geometric columns formed as a result of volcanic activity over 60 million years ago. Whisky Lovers will enjoy a tour of the famous Bushmills distillery nearby! The return journey to Belfast will be on the Antrim Coast road, often described as one of the most beautiful coastal routes in the world, the drive of your life! At Downpatrick, we will also follow the story of St. Patrick, Ireland's Patron Saint. No trip to Northern Ireland would be complete without a visit to Hillsborough, a real showpiece Georgian village, including a tour of Hillsborough Castle, the Queen's official residence.

The cost for this **5 night/6 day** break is **£460** per person with a single supplement of **£75**. We are staying at Corr's Corner Hotel at Newtownabbey. The hotel has all the usual facilities.

The cost covers bed, breakfast and evening meal at the hotel, transport throughout by Walter Martin, ferry crossings, all gratuities and admission fees, except those of the 3 National Trust properties (approx. £16). Lunches, snacks and any other refreshments (unless stated) are not included.

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



**Travel Group Short Break
to Northern Ireland
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Name(s) SU3A No(s)
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..... Post Code

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

I enclose a cheque for £ (£50 per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the completed slip, with a Links-size s.a.e. as soon as possible to:
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Italian For Holidays Group go To Summer School

“Don't climb out of the window. It is not a door.” (Notice in bedroom.)

Oh, the joys of living in student accommodation again! Five of us from Sheffield's U3A Italian group went to Summer School this year.

The venue was Cirencester's Royal Agricultural University and the course was “La Bella Italia”, run by Heather Westrup, General Languages Adviser, who turned out to be *molto simpatica*, dealing well with a mixed level class of fifteen, all there for the fun as much as the Italian.

Being in a classroom all day and concentrating hard proved to be more exhausting than we had expected, despite the fact that Heather provided a variety of games and learning activities. We were glad of the regular tea/coffee breaks, mostly set up outdoors so that we could get some fresh air. The old university buildings in the centre of the campus are very attractive in their golden Cotswold stone. This was where we had our meals and evening entertainment. We were well looked after, with (real) students on hand to redirect us if we got lost. Winning the pub quiz on the first evening was a bonus. We soon became famous as “the Sheffield group”.

The town of Cirencester, about a mile from the campus, is a real gem, and we only had time for a brief visit. Perhaps the travel group would consider a trip there? Our experience has made us think of trying out another U3A Summer School next year. Perhaps Scandi Noir?

Val Kermode

Cape Wrath Trail Challenge



Paul Jarvis and Jackie Payne, members of Walking Group F took the challenge of the Cape Wrath Trail – ‘a challenging and often remote route which, in essence could be described as the hardest long distance back packing route in the UK’. In successfully completing this 232 plus mile trek, they proved not only that

they could do it, but also raised £1450 for the Weston Park Hospital Cancer Charity, where Paul had recently been successfully treated. More details of this trek can be obtained by contacting Paul on paulgjarvis@mac.com.



Cape Wrath Lighthouse



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A full calendar for 2016 will appear in the December 2015 Links.

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Calendar 2015/16

Oct	6	Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00:CURC
	7	Whirlowbrook Park pond clearance
	9	Study Day: Winston Churchill
	10	Weekenders: Richard III Vis/Cent + Leicester Cathedral
	14	New Members Meeting: 10.30-12.00: CURC
	14	Whirlowbrook Park pond clearance
	16	Showroom Lecture: Political Culture in 16 Century Britain
	19	Green Open Homes
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	23	Lunch & Lecture: Examination of the Humour Business
	25	Travel Group: Day Trip: Royal Shakespeare Theatre
Nov	3	Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00:CURC
	14	Weekenders: Quiz, Pea+Pie Supper
	20	Showroom Lectures: Battle of Waterloo: What Happened Next?
Dec	1	Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	5	Travel Group: Arley Hall at Christmas
	18	Showroom Lectures: Star of Bethlehem
Jan	5	Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	17	Weekenders: Sunday Lunch
Feb	2	Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	6	Classical C'goers: EU Chamber Orchestra, Leeds Town Hall
Mar	1	Drop-In Session + ipad/web support: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	10	Travel Group: World of James Herriot, Beningbrough Hall, York

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