

Sheffield



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

# Links 170: April 2014



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**Here you will find all the latest news and information about SU3A -  
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## From the Chair

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As you may have read, the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive has decided to clip our wings somewhat by restricting the hours during which we can use our bus passes. This may have implications for the start times of some of our usual activities but it has been decided to start the AGM at 10.00 for 10.30 since this has already been advertised.

The Lecture Series organisers are continuing to start at 10.30 to see how it goes this summer. We may have to change as time goes on if members are finding it difficult to arrive on time. Please keep your eyes on the notices in *Links* and on the web.

I hope that you will support the AGM on Thursday 15 May. It will be held, as usual, at the Central United Reformed Church.

**We are offering entertainment this year** and some of the SU3A Groups will be performing for us. There will be two singing groups, the belly-dancers and the ukulele group. It will give us all the opportunity to see what fellow members are doing. It might make you want to join them, who knows? They will be performing straight after coffee at 10.30. By inviting the entertainers we have restricted the time a little and would therefore ask members who intend raising issues to give us advance notice if possible so that we can judge the time available.

Sadly we are losing our General Coordinator, Jim Walker, this year. Jim is stepping down because he has served SU3A for the last four years. The whole Committee would like to thank him for the excellent job that he has done on our behalf. It is proving very difficult to fill his shoes and there was no response from members to the pleas in the last issue of *Links* for a replacement. We think that the time has come to review the post and accept that, maybe, the job seems too large for any one person to volunteer. We are considering creating a team of Coordinators who help each other to support the Groups, with one member reporting to the EC. More will become apparent as we consider the future of the role.

We are also losing Shirley Marney this spring as she has decided to 'go south' and live nearer to her family. Shirley and her trips will be missed by us all. Her work in helping to set up Weekenders was invaluable as her knowledge of the travel industry both in the UK and abroad is vast.

Thank you Shirley.

I would like to thank all the members of the Executive Committee for supporting me through this, my first year of being Chairman. It is definitely a team effort and I will not single out members to thank, but I am very grateful to all of them. When an organisation works as smoothly as SU3A does it appears effortless but there is a great deal of work being done behind the scenes. If you would like the chance to be a part of this team, fill in the nomination form, get someone to propose and second you and give it a go. I am convinced that you will not regret it.

There are lots of wonderful events coming up this year: lectures, outings, walks etc. If there is something which is currently not being covered, please let one of the Executive Committee know and we will try to find out if we can include it in our programme.

I would like to thank those members who work in the Groups as Coordinators, tea-makers and general dogsbodies. Your work is appreciated and we wish we could thank you individually.

I have just looked at the *Links* for this time last year where Denise, our past Chairman, mentioned that we were looking for a cheap, affordable, central venue in which to hold small meetings, store our equipment and carry out some of our clerical work. We are still looking and if any of you know of a suitable site please let us know. It does not need to be in the city centre providing there is parking and a bus service nearby.

Finally, once again, a request for invitations to visit Groups would be welcomed. I have had a great first year in my job, but feel that there are so many members that I never get the chance to meet. I look forward to an equally fulfilling second year.

*Jean Stevenson*

*Chair*

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## **Important: U3A Insurance Cover**

**Do you know what insurance cover U3A provides?**

**Do you know if your Group is covered?**

**Do you know if you are covered?**

If not, for your own protection, you should find out.

You can do so by looking on the Coordinators' page on the website or by ringing Chris Cave on (0114) 236 4648.

## **SU3A IT Strategy panel**

**Calling all new members . . . .**

The Executive Committee is reviewing the way we use IT to run the organisation. If you have **recent** knowledge of systems, IT support, web technologies, implementation, etc. then we would appreciate your advice and comments.

**You will not have to talk to users, fix printers or fiddle with routers.  
All we want to do is to pick your brains.**

If you could spare a few hours to attend a couple of meetings and perhaps help behind the scenes to get the final decisions made then please contact Jean Stevenson or Dave Longson, the Web Coordinator, for a chat.



### **SU3A Commemorative Garden**

**At Whirlowbrook Hall**

Friends and family are cordially invited to a memorial service to be held in our garden

Wednesday 11 June 2014 at 11.00

*Light refreshments available*

## **Flying Gardeners**

### **Monday afternoon 7 April:**

Come and join the Sustainable Development Group as they tackle another neglected area of our lovely parkland.

The arrangements are: we will meet at 13.00 by the Council's Parks and Countryside Department offices at Meersbrook Park, Brook Road, S8 9FL (just off the Chesterfield Road).

There is ample parking on Brook Road. Bring stout shoes or boots and gloves - all tools are provided. Enquiries to

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# **Sheffield University of the Third Age**

## **Notice Of 28th Annual General Meeting**

**The 28th Annual General Meeting of Sheffield U3A**

**will be held at 10.30 on Thursday 15 May 2014**

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

Only current 2014 members may attend and vote at the AGM.

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 8) but no decisions can be made on these items at the AGM. There are 3 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 14 and should reach the Secretary no later than Friday 18 April 2014.**

*Tricia Pulfrey*

*Secretary*

### **AGM Agenda**

Registration from 10.00 when tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting.
3. Chair's Annual Report 2013/14.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Elections to Committee, including vacancies.
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner of Accounts.
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).

*Tricia Pulfrey*

*Secretary*

# **Sheffield University of the Third Age**

**Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting held on 18 April 2013**

**at the Central United Reformed Church, Sheffield**

**Present:** around 59 members, with Denise West in the chair.

**Apologies for absence:** Ann Barclay, Mike and Pam Bennett, Rati Chiba, Anne Firth, Margaret Langrish, Pat Liversidge, Betty Marker, Sue Morton, John Richards, Hilda Risbey, Pamela Sandford, Maggie Stevens, Beryl Toplis, Rita Webster-Carr, Shelagh Woolliscroft.

## **1. Minutes of the 26th AGM**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 18 April 2012 (previously circulated) were agreed as a correct record. Proposed: Alan Wisbey, seconded: Steffon West.

## **2. Chairman's Annual Report**

2.1 The Annual Report had appeared in the April *Links*.

There were currently 2894 members in Sheffield U3A, 186 activity groups, and 7 open groups. Sheffield U3A was once again the largest U3A in the country. The annual subscription would remain at £10.00.

2.2 The Development Plan for 2013/14 was on the SU3A website.

2.3 Communication with Members

Running a large organisation was difficult and ways were always being sought to improve communication with members.

2.3.1 The most popular method of communication was via the bi-monthly publication, *Links*. Efforts were continually made to give as much notice as possible about forthcoming events and activities. Changes had been made to the format of *Links*, making it more eye-catching and the printing more easy to read, which had received favourable comments. Distribution would in future be undertaken by a newly appointed printing company, who would label, stuff and deliver to Sheffield Hallam for franking and posting. Denise West thanked the few selfless volunteers who had worked tirelessly behind the scenes for many years and for which they were heartily thanked.

2.3.2 The website was designed to not only attract new members but also to give more up-to-date information than could be achieved via *Links*.

The homepage was simple to understand and also had links to other areas of information. The number of hits was, on average, 224 a week.

There was now the facility to inform members on matters of urgency via email. Over 72% of members had email addresses and there was a 'buddy' system for members who were not online. The Membership Records Officer could now let members have their new membership number via email, which was a saving in time and postage.

2.3.3 The monthly Drop-Ins continued to evolve. There was now a meeter/greeter to welcome prospective members and introduce them to someone who could inform them about SU3A. It was still a venue for meeting up with friends over a cup of tea but also for holding small meetings for, for example, members on waiting lists.

2.3.4 There were now 3 new members' meetings per year, which continued to have a high level of input from the Executive Committee. At these meetings great emphasis is on volunteering for tasks within SU3A and it has been heartening that so many new members have 'signed up' to help.

2.3.5 There would continue to be 2 Coordinators' meetings per year, with the spring meeting being general and the autumn meeting being for new Coordinators. This would continue to be an opportunity for networking and exchanging knowledge/experiences. Efforts would continue to be made to improve the content of these meetings.

2.3.6 Publicity continued to be an essential part of raising public awareness. Information was already available in libraries and it was intended to target supermarkets, dentists and community noticeboards in the future. SU3A had participated in 10 pre-retirement talks over the past year and Meersbrook and Heeley had been targeted for outreach work. A promotional DVD on SU3A activities had been produced, which had proved a very useful tool. It was intended to use the press and local media more during the coming year.

2.3.7 New openings with inter-generational work continued to be sought as it helped to break down barriers and pre-conceived ideas.

2.3.8 Collaboration with the two Sheffield universities continued, resulting in the very successful lecture series and with SU3A members volunteering to help with various research projects.

2.3.9 The postage for Third Age Matters magazine had increased. However, the EC would continue to fund the difference of around £735 a year for members who wish to receive the magazine.

2.4 Denise West would take up the post of External Liaison Officer for one year. This role was to represent SU3A with outside bodies across Sheffield but is not a trustee post.

2.5 Thanks went to the following people for their tireless work behind the scenes over the chair's tenure:

Lorna Baker, Membership Records Officer

Rita Webster-Carr, Initial Enquiries Officer

Stephanie Dixon, the Memory Course

Vera Dyer, YAHR Rep.

Mike Ford and Brian McAteer, Equipment Officers

Robert Mellers, Independent Examiner of Accounts

Yvonne Rowland, ESCAL

Derek and Maureen Shipley, especially, for 22 years of *Links* envelope stuffing: 132 editions, 250,000 envelopes

Thanks also to all members who had helped with the Drop-Ins and new members' meetings

The Chair thanked her fellow EC members with whom she had worked for the past 4 years. Thanks to Pat Battams, Dave Caborn and Richard Morton. Particular thanks went to Clare Chiba, Web Coordinator, for her 5+ years of dedication and commitment.

Finally, thanks to Steffon West for all his support during the Chair's term of office.

Proposed: Margaret Bullivant, seconded Shirley Marney and accepted by the meeting.

### 3. **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer made a number of comments on the accounts that had been sent to all members via *Links*.

Whilst membership and subscription income had increased when compared with 2011, gift aid income had fallen. This, he explained, was due to the ending of the transitional relief on gift aid.

The expenditure of £1074.00 on upgrading the membership secretary's systems had already been recovered by a saving in postage costs.

A late invoice for £744.00 in respect of printing the October edition of *Links* had not been included in the accounts. The treasurer apologised for this.

The 2013 budget for *Links* had been prepared when the costs of the new colour *Links* and of the printers arranging for the dispatch of *Links* were unknown. It now appeared that this budget was likely to be over-generous.

At several recent AGMs concern had been expressed about the possibility of the government ending gift aid and the effect it would have on Sheffield U3A. The Treasurer pointed out that the Executive Committee's policy was to retain a reserve equivalent to 6 months' expenditure, in line with Third Age Trust guidelines, and a further reserve of £5,000 for emergencies. The short-term effects of any withdrawal would be met from these sources. In the long-term subscriptions would then have to rise by £2.00 to £12.00. Subscriptions at neighbouring U3As were currently from £12.00 to £30.00.

The treasurer asked for questions – none were forthcoming.

Before asking for a proposer and seconder for the adoption of the accounts the Treasurer pointed out that they had been examined by an independent examiner not yet elected by the members.

#### **4. Election of Independent Examiner of Accounts**

It was proposed to appoint Bob Mellers as the independent examiner of accounts. Proposed by John Lees, seconded by Barbara Robertshaw and accepted by the meeting.

#### **5. Elections to the Committee**

There were two nominations and two vacancies to fill. The nominees introduced themselves and gave details of their careers and interests:

John Evans                      Voted in unanimously by the meeting

Tricia Pulfrey                  Voted in unanimously by the meeting

The meeting was asked to vote in the continuing members of the Executive Committee *en bloc*. This motion was agreed and carried by a majority vote.

It was pointed out that 2 more committee members were required: web coordinator and general member. A deputy *Links* editor was also sought.

#### **6. Any other business**

No matters had been formally notified in advance and no matters were brought up at the meeting. The meeting closed at 11.30 with thanks from the chair for members' attendance.

## **Annual Report Sheffield U3A 2013-2014**

Sheffield U3A is in a healthy state both financially and with membership numbers. This year we reached a total of 3043. Our 3000th member was recruited in October and he was given a certificate to commemorate the event. Annual re-enrolment is in progress at present but we still remain the largest group in the UK. We have 189 interest Groups and 7 open Groups. The Groups change throughout the year as some close but others form to keep the numbers relatively stable. It was decided to keep the membership fee at £10.00 for another year as this was enough to keep financially sound.

The Executive Committee members worked hard all year to continue the efficient running of the organisation but managed to enjoy themselves whilst doing so. All the officers must be thanked for their tireless support of the Group.

We were rewarded at the January meeting with a visit from the National Chairman who joined us for the meeting and our annual lunch. She appeared to be impressed with the way business was conducted and how the large numbers were catered for. The job descriptions of the trustees were revised this year and brought up to date. Whilst doing so, it was realised that some of the jobs had grown to almost unmanageable proportions and that when the time came to replace the current post holders it would be difficult.

Meetings are planned to assess the larger jobs and to discuss how to split the roles into smaller parts which will enable the work to be done by teams rather than individuals. There will still be a spokesperson reporting back to the Executive Committee.

We continue to forge close links with both universities in the city and this has been helped by the new post of External Relations Officer. We have also been approached during the year by two large national organisations to help them with future projects. We met with them, discussed what they had in mind and agreed to help in the future once funding had been obtained. These were both social schemes in the city of Sheffield where it was felt that the expertise and maturity of our members would bring assistance to the plans.

We publicise the group in the local newspapers and in the national magazine when possible but find that our most successful tools for obtaining new members are pre-retirement courses and word of mouth from happy and contented members.

The monthly Drop-In sessions go from strength to strength. Members seem to be using the opportunity to network with each other. New Groups have been formed and we still get members of the public coming along to find out about us. We usually have one or two postgraduate students recruiting volunteers for their research, mainly on topics to do with the ageing process. We continue to encourage shared projects with them.

We held three new members meetings this year and received very positive feedback from our newer members. At the meetings we try to stress our open approach and tell them how to find out what is going on within the organisation and how to suggest new ideas.

The website has been revised and updated and is now very exciting to use. It is the most current and topical way of spreading news. It is used both by members for information about Groups and events but also seems to attract browsers who are new to the city and are looking to find out what is happening. We are constantly looking at new and improved ways of contacting the majority of our members quickly, such as occasions where bad weather conditions force activities to be cancelled. This is improving but luckily it has not had to be used much.

The magazine *Links* has been much improved this year and the editorial team have to be congratulated on an excellent product. It is full of information and notices but despite the best efforts of the Editor is only as good as the information submitted. There have been some very good articles contributed and the colour photographs have made it so much more inviting to read. Although the Editor is never completely happy with the finished result and could always tweak it more, production has to be kept to a very strict schedule so your cooperation is appreciated when submitting copy. Well-deserved, positive feedback has been received from the membership.

As reported earlier, there have been some Groups which have been forced to close this year but we have kept the numbers up by new and exciting Groups starting. We try to keep waiting lists down by starting a new Group when sufficient numbers make it a viable prospect. Thank you to the General Coordinator for supervising this.

The Executive Committee members serve for a set number of years and we are looking to replace the current General Coordinator post-holder who must be congratulated for the work that he has put in over the years.

We need, and are looking for, fresh new members of the team in order to keep up the standards that have been set.

A very successful lunch meeting was held for all Group Coordinators, both as a way of thanking them for their work, but also as a chance for them to get together and air their views. It was declared a success and another one is planned for spring 2014.

A smaller meeting is planned for the autumn to enable new Coordinators to get together.

The open Groups continue to amaze with the varied programmes they offer from outings to lectures to lunches. The monthly lecture series has offered a variety of excellent speakers on diverse topics and more are planned for this year.

There were courses, concerts and much, much more to tempt members. The trips and holidays gave a wide range of experiences for our members to try and thanks are offered to ALL the Groups and ALL the teams who run them. SU3A is lucky to have you.

The intergenerational scheme ESCAL, working in schools, still continues and offers a brilliant service. Involvement continues with the universities both in research projects and shared learning opportunities like the Passages Theatre Group. More are planned for the future. The Gardening Group worked with Sheffield City Council Parks and Gardens Dept. at Whirlowbrook Park, which has been renovated to look fantastic. The Group has also begun to operate a 'flying gardeners' Group where they clean and tidy up bits of the city which need attention (see page 5).

We continued to work with YAHR (*Yorkshire and the Humber Region*) this year and attended meetings and events such as the Askham Bryan Open Day.

Also we were happy to participate in the first Northern Summer School. This was very successful and YAHR are to be congratulated.

It has been another fulfilling year for Sheffield U3A. There are more members enjoying more Groups on a regular basis. There are many opportunities to socialise whilst learning new things and visiting new places. However, we do not sit back, we are always looking for more chances to improve and widen the scope of our activities.

**Thanks to everyone who works to make the organisation successful, from making tea, offering lifts, planning and organising to simply being there to help. You make SU3A what it is.**

*Jean Stevenson*

*Chair*

# Nomination Form

## Election to Sheffield U3A Committee 2014

To be returned by **18 April 2014** to the Secretary, Tricia Pulfrey, 72 Toll House Mead, Sheffield, S20 5EN

**Name of person nominated:** .....

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 Seconder:** .....

SU3A membership number: .....

Signature of Seconder: .....

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 Thursday, 15 May 2014.

**Signature of Nominee:** .....

Date: .....

SHEFFIELD U3A  
Registered Charity 703147  
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER

	2013 £	2012 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>		
Cost	4,223	4,223
Accumulated depreciation	4,222	4,222
Net book value	1	1
<u>Current assets</u>		
Debtors & prepayments	7,388	6,185
Cash on deposit	54,847	45,349
Cash in hand & at bank	414	340
	62,649	51,874
<u>Current liabilities</u>		
Creditors and accruals	21,691	17,253
<u>Net current assets</u>	40,958	34,621
<u>Total net assets</u>	40,959	34,622
<u>Represented by</u>		
Accumulated funds at 1 January	33,877	25,533
Surplus for the year	7,082	8,344
	40,959	33,877

The 2012 figures have been restated to include a charge of £745 relating to "Links" for that year which was omitted from the accounts approved at the 2013 AGM.

Accounting policies

- 1 The accounts are prepared on an accruals, historic cost basis.
- 2 Fixed assets are written off in the year of purchase.
- 3 Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.
- 4 The Committee considers that individual groups are special interest groups not undertaking charitable activities and as a consequence, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidelines, their accounts are not included in these accounts.

Jean Stevenson  
Chairman

Chris Cave  
Treasurer

SHEFFIELD U3A : Registered charity 703147  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

	2013				2012		2014	
	Actual		Budget		Actual		Budget	
	£	Per member						
<u>INCOME</u>								
Subscriptions	30,418	10.00	29,000	10.00	29,510	10.00	30,000	10.00
Gift aid	6,087	2.00	5,438	1.88	5,812	1.97	6,000	2.00
Late renewal fees	130	0.04	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	229	0.08	275	0.09	323	0.11	200	0.07
TAT grant	-	-	-	-	120	0.04	-	-
Sundry	200	0.06	-	-	251	0.08	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>37,064</u>	<u>12.18</u>	<u>34,713</u>	<u>11.97</u>	<u>36,016</u>	<u>12.20</u>	<u>36,200</u>	<u>12.07</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>								
<u>External</u>								
National affiliation fee	10,251	3.37	10,259	3.54	10,015	3.39	10,558	3.52
U3A news	3,619	1.19	3,045	1.05	2,591	0.88	3,780	1.26
National AGM	713	0.23	500	0.17	-	-	800	0.27
Regional meetings	-	-	100	0.03	-	-	300	0.10
	<u>14,583</u>	<u>4.79</u>	<u>13,904</u>	<u>4.79</u>	<u>12,606</u>	<u>4.27</u>	<u>15,438</u>	<u>5.15</u>
<u>Membership</u>								
New members enquiries	313	0.10	250	0.09	252	0.09	400	0.13
New members meetings	446	0.15	600	0.21	575	0.19	600	0.20
Membership renewal	504	0.17	500	0.17	542	0.18	750	0.25
Publicity	204	0.07	250	0.09	104	0.04	250	0.08
Promotional material	424	0.14	-	-	519	0.18	1,000	0.33
Outreach	5	-	1,000	0.34	140	0.05	300	0.10
Computer system upgrade	-	-	-	-	1,074	0.36	-	-
	<u>1,896</u>	<u>0.63</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>0.90</u>	<u>3,206</u>	<u>1.09</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>1.09</u>
<u>Communication</u>								
Links magazine	7,951	2.61	9,200	3.17	5,283	1.79	8,480	2.83
Website	238	0.08	250	0.09	230	0.08	120	0.04
Bulk emailing	42	0.01	-	-	-	-	150	0.05
	<u>8,231</u>	<u>2.70</u>	<u>9,450</u>	<u>3.26</u>	<u>5,513</u>	<u>1.87</u>	<u>8,750</u>	<u>2.92</u>

## Groups

Coordinators meetings	1,056	0.35	2,400	0.83	77	0.03	1,500	0.50
Start up support	539	0.18	500	0.17	338	0.11	1,000	0.33
Equipment	-	-	1,500	0.52	-	-	500	0.17
	1,595	0.53	4,400	1.52	415	0.14	3,000	1.00

## Committee & administration

Administration expenses	483	0.16	840	0.29	645	0.22	900	0.30
Room hire	317	0.10	330	0.12	317	0.11	330	0.11
Insurance	65	-	275	0.09	135	0.04	-	-
SU3A AGM	122	0.02	125	0.04	65	0.02	125	0.04
Sundries	987	0.32	1,670	0.57	-	-	210	0.07
					1,162	0.39	1,565	0.52

## Central activities

Drop ins	820	0.27	1,000	0.35	927	0.31	1,000	0.35
Lectures **	1,871	0.61	2,500	0.86	1,546	0.52	2,800	0.93
Study days **	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	0.07
Equipment	-	-	-	-	1,614	0.55	1,500	0.50
	2,691	0.88	3,500	1.21	4,087	1.38	5,500	1.85

## Projects

Silver jubilee celebrations	-	-	-	-	40	0.01	-	-
SU3A history	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regional jubilee	-	-	-	-	642	0.22	-	-
	-	-	-	-	682	0.23	-	-

## Total

	29,983	9.85	35,524	12.25	27,671	9.37	37,553	12.53
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## SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

	7,081	2.33	811	0.28	8,345	2.83	- 1,353	- 0.46
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\*\* - net of related income

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of The Sheffield University of the Third Age**

I have reviewed the income and expenditure accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013 and the balance sheet as at that date and report as follows:

### **Respective Responsibilities of the Executive Committee and the Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993) (*the Act*) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of *the Act*); follow the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of *the Act*) and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners and included a review of the accounting records and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of *the Act* and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of *the Act* have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Bob Mellers*

*24 February 2014*

12 Ryefield Gardens, Sheffield, S11 9UD

## Participants Needed

**Sheffield  
Hallam  
University**

### **A Study on Health and Illness**

I am a mature student studying an MA Interior Design degree at Sheffield Hallam University and am currently undertaking my graduation project. The project explores the issues of the growing ageing population as well as the impact of financial constraints on how much is spent on health and social care. Interests of the project include looking at collaborative care for all ages, promoting interaction across different generations and exploring a more community based approach to care. Your opinions would be appreciated and you can register these by completing the online questionnaire at: <http://bit.ly/1dkH4nb>

*All questionnaires are covered by Sheffield Hallam University's code of ethics and any responses you may give will be kept anonymous if used in written reports of the research. You are free and within your right to withdraw your responses from the study at any time. The responses will only be used to inform this one project and will not be disclosed to any other parties. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the research.*

Thank you. Laura-Anne Robinson

*[laura.anne.design@gmail.com](mailto:laura.anne.design@gmail.com)*



### **Growing up in Sheffield**

I am a third year English Language and Linguistics student and I am looking for volunteers who have been brought up and educated in the Sheffield area. My study is looking at language use in Sheffield, and it would be great to have a short conversation with you about this issue. The interview will be recorded, and I will ask you to fill in a short questionnaire after we're done. Interviews will take place at a time and place convenient for you.

*This research has been ethically approved by the School of English Ethics Review Committee, and all information will be treated as confidential.*

If you have any queries or would like more information about taking part, please email me at [agraham2@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:agraham2@sheffield.ac.uk). You can also contact my research supervisor, Dr. Gabriel Ozon at [g.ozon@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:g.ozon@sheffield.ac.uk).

Many thanks. Alice Graham

*[agraham2@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:agraham2@sheffield.ac.uk)*

## A Study on Health and Illness

I am a postgraduate student at the University of Sheffield and we are looking to interview members of the general public for a study on health and illness.

The NHS needs to know the value that people place on different aspects of health in order to make decisions about what services to provide. The aim of this study is to compare different methods for finding these values.

We are looking for participants to take part in a group meeting with 5 to 7 other participants. You will be asked to individually complete a questionnaire comparing different health states. You will then be asked to discuss your thoughts about the task with other participants in the group. The meeting should last about two hours in total and refreshments will be provided. You will be reimbursed with a £15.00 gift voucher for your time.

If you are interested in taking part in the study, or if you have any questions, you can contact me at [mkarimi@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:mkarimi@sheffield.ac.uk) or on (0114) 222 6382 or 07530 350 567

*The ethics committee of the School of Health and Related Research of the University of Sheffield has reviewed and approved this project. The information that we collect will be kept strictly confidential. You will not be identified or identifiable in any reports or publications. The audio recordings will be transcribed and all references to personal details removed. You can withdraw at anytime, you do not have to give a reason and there will be no penalty.*

Milad Karimi

[mkarimi@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:mkarimi@sheffield.ac.uk)

PhD Student, Health Economics and Decision Science, School of Health and Related Research (SchARR), University of Sheffield

### Message of Thanks

"I would like to thank all of the U3A volunteers who participated in my research into emotion perception across the adult lifespan. I received a great response and met some interesting and inspiring people. Also, my parents have recently moved to Sheffield and will soon be joining the U3A and I have explained to them how welcoming the organisation is."

*Nicola Dimelow*

(In the next issue of *Links* will be details of how you can obtain a copy of the project results.)



## **Shakespeare: 'As you Like It'**

### **Stamford**

**Saturday 14 June 2014**

We will be having our third visit to the open air theatre at Tolethorpe Hall near Stamford to watch an afternoon performance of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. This pastoral comedy tells the story of Rosalind and Orlando who are forced into exile in the Forest of Arden where they become entangled in a game of love, lust and mistaken identity. Will there be a happy ending? Come with us to find out. . . . .

All the seats are under cover and no performance is cancelled because of rain. (A T loop is available for anyone hard of hearing.)

There will be free time in Stamford before the play to wander round the town and have lunch.

The cost of the trip is **£27.00** per person. This includes the coach fare, theatre ticket and the driver's gratuity. Places are limited so if you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 40 and return it to Dot Sutcliffe to arrive by **Monday 26 May**.

For further information please ring Dot Sutcliffe on (0114) 268 5918.

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## **Yorkshire and Humber U3A: Photographic Competition on the theme of Yorkshire Life**

**Closing date: 30 June 2014**

Maximum 3 entries per person. Images to be taken with a camera or iPad but not iPhone.

Photographs can be digitally manipulated providing any manipulation is done by the author and does not introduce the use of any images which are not the work and copyright of the author.

Images to be emailed to *rodmarsh hotmail.com* and must be 2500 pixels by 2000 pixels minimum to enable a good quality print to be made for successful entries.

Send only one image at a time to ensure they do not exceed the size of the email. (*Ed: or use MailBigFile, a free, online, large-file transfer resource.*) For full terms and conditions see the YAHR website.

## **SU3A Memory Course For Older People**

We hope to run a course in June/July with another in October.

If you would like to be considered for a place on a course please complete and return the application form on page 40. (Only postal applications will be considered. Please do not phone.)

Courses of 12 participants at a time are held over four weekly sessions of approximately 2 hours on Thursdays, either morning or afternoon, and are located in the city centre. Exact dates have yet to be decided. The cost is **£22.00**. This includes a course handbook and refreshments. We ask that participants commit to the four weeks.

The course is aimed at 'the worried well' among us. It is not a treatment but aims to reduce anxiety about memory problems. It includes among other things some anatomy and physiology, looks at the ageing process and attitudes to ageing. We also spend time trying to understand the memory system.

We share experiences and tips on how to deal with memory loss. It is hoped participants will feel enabled to change their lifestyle behaviour thus making them feel more positive about themselves and possibly reduce the risk of developing dementia. All information shared on the course is treated as confidential and the course is also practical and fun!

Those diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment may still benefit from the course but please let us know your diagnosis. We also appreciate knowing if anyone has sight/hearing or mobility problems.

*Stephanie Dixon*

*stephanie.m.dixon btinternet.com*

## **Technology alert: Do you use XP?**

If you have an older, Windows (Microsoft / Bill Gates) computer and did not understand the heading there is a good chance your computer is running XP. From April, Microsoft will no longer be supporting XP.

What does this mean?

In the past, Microsoft have automatically fixed problems that arise in XP. This makes it harder for hackers to break in. When Microsoft stop doing this it will become easier for hackers. If you use XP - **especially if you do online banking** or even shopping - you need to get some professional advice on what to do.

# Classical Concertgoers: HMS Pinafore

## The Royal Hall, Harrogate

### Sunday 3 August 2014

A matinee performance by the G&S Opera Company of *HMS Pinafore*.

The Company has transferred the 21st International G&S Festival from Buxton to Harrogate, so we will be exploring a new venue.

This is an opportunity to spend some time during the morning in the Spa town, exploring the delights of the Valley Gardens and Betty's teashop perhaps. There will be time for lunch or a picnic before the afternoon performance.

We will leave from the bus stop at the bottom of Knowle Lane, Ecclesall, at 9.00 to reach Harrogate by mid-morning. The cost is **£31.00** to cover your ticket (in the stalls), coach seat, and the driver's gratuity. Please send your booking form (*below*) to me, Pamela Sandford, at 289 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0DA and enclose a stamped addressed envelope. I advise early booking to secure a seat. If your application is delayed please ring me on (0114) 236 1815 to find out if places remain.

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

# Classical Concertgoers: HMS Pinafore

### Sunday 3 August 2014

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

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

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..... Postcode .....

Please reserve ..... place(s) for me (**£31.00** per person). I enclose a cheque for £ ..... payable to **SU3A Concertgoers** and a **small SAE**.

If possible I would like to sit with .....

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

## Friday Lecture Programme 2014

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

**Bus pass users: the lecture start time remains unchanged until further notice.**

### **18 April                      The Hollywood Musical**

Insights into American musical theatre, many of which are drawn from unpublished material. If you have seen *My Fair Lady* recently you may well have read Dominic's programme notes!

**Dr Dominic McHugh**, Lecturer in Musicology, University of Sheffield

### **16 May                      Emotional control is good for everyone (not just adolescents)**

The Chimp Model of mind management has been developed to help individuals to understand how there are two thinking brains in their heads that are often in conflict.

**Glenn Mead**, Psychological Skills Mentor and Corporate Director Chimp Management Ltd

### **20 June                      The Devonshires**

They fought and fornicated, made and lost fortunes, patronised the arts and built great houses – truly a dynasty unequalled in the history of Britain.

The lecture is the result of much time spent in the archives at Chatsworth and in conversation with members of the family.

#### **Lord Roy Hattersley**

Lifelong politician, journalist and author who, it is hoped, will sign copies of his latest book *The Devonshires*.

Admission by free ticket only. Booking form on Page 25.

**18 July**

**Dame Laura Knight – a Life**

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

**Dr Barbara C Morden**

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

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



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**Sheffield U3A Friday Lecture Series**

**The Rt Hon. The Lord Hattersley: The Devonshires**

**20 June 2014**

***Please Note: Admission is by ticket only and allocated on a first come, first served, basis***

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

Address: .....

..... Postcode: .....

Tel .....

Please reserve ..... place(s) for me.

I enclose a **small stamped addressed envelope** for my ticket(s).

Forms should be sent to: Vera Dyer, 202 Westwick Road, S8 7BZ

***As we anticipate this will be a very popular lecture, should you find you are unable to use your ticket(s), please let Vera Dyer know as soon as possible on (0114) 237 7854***

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# Group News

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## New Groups

### Rummikub

I shall be happy to accept anyone interested in Rummikub 2 to be held fortnightly on Monday p.m. in the Fulwood area.

For more information contact Rita Webster-Carr on (0114) 230 8866

### Walk'n'talk German

SU3A has many language Groups, meeting in various venues to practise. Several of you may have seen the front cover of *SOURCES* (January 2014, no. 51), the national U3A journal which came through your letterbox recently if you are enrolled to receive *Third Age Matters*.

The front cover showing a happy hiking group outdoors obviously attracted two of our members who came to the Drop-In a few days later asking if Sheffield could launch Walk'n'Talk German.

Well, can we? If this advert attracts enough responses I can set up a meeting and the Walking and Talking can start. To declare your interest email or phone your details to:

*Antje Barker*                      (0114) 268 3912                      *antje.barker gmail.com*

### Computing and IT: learn to love it!

We are investigating the formation of a U3A IT Group where users can find solutions to whatever IT difficulties they face, no matter how basic.

If such a Group would interest you, please let us know.

It is proposed to hold an exploratory meeting to gauge structure, requirements and levels of interest, at the May U3A Drop-In in Sheffield city centre.

If you are interested then contact:

*Steve Smyth*    (0114) 236 2708 or 07910 146 358  
*generic planetmail.com or*

*General Coordinator, Jim Walker*                      (0114) 236 9687 groups  
*sheffieldu3a.org.uk*

## **Folk Jamming for Fun**

- *Guitar collecting dust in the attic?*
- *Accordion languishing in a corner?*
- *Fiddle lying idle in a cupboard?*
- *Whistle forgotten in a drawer?*

We are looking for musicians of literally any standard, any instrument to form an informal, relaxed and flexible group with a folk music focus.

We will play, maybe sing, traditional tunes, airs and songs from here, there and everywhere, sometimes with music, sometimes by ear, but always with enthusiasm and a sense of humour. Performance will not be an aim, just a willingness to have a go, muck in and have fun.

If this sounds like your style of music-making, why not come and join us? Just bring your instrument, some ideas, some music and an open mind! Musical competence is welcome, but not essential. We will meet fortnightly on Thursday evenings at various members' houses.

For more details contact:

*Barbara Stewart      (0114) 233 3238      barbarastewart53 hotmail.com*

## **Beginners' Spanish**

All our Spanish groups have moved on apace. Enquiries are coming in about opportunities for new students of Spanish. If you would be interested in joining such a group please get in touch with me, General Coordinator, and I will arrange a meeting when the numbers reach an optimum point.

*Jim Walker                      (0114) 236 9687                      groups sheffieldu3a.org.uk*

## **Wood/metalwork workshop**

City centre, easy access, convenient loading/unloading warm, secure, dry, clean, 24/7 availability, shared rental charges which of course become cheaper the more members we have using this facility.

Bring your own tools and be ready to share both implements and knowledge. I am willing to coordinate the arrangements.

If you want to know more and to be part of such a privileged Group, contact me as indicated below:

*George Evans                      (0114) 348 6607                      email: tattyheadx2 gmail.com*

## **Guitar Group**

It is intended to form a group for guitar enthusiasts which once formed will be a midweek, afternoon two-hour session located in a suitable central(ish) venue. This Group is for improvers and intermediates and will not involve open mic and nobody will be expected to demonstrate or play on their own. It will be a learning group for exchanging ideas and learning and playing easy songs together.

You will need your own steel-strung acoustic guitar so you can practise at home and you will need to already be familiar with the main open chords (eg. A, C, D, E, G). A music stand will also be required. Genre will be blues, rock, pop and folk, generally from the 50s, 60s and 70s. - but anything suitable will be considered.

Initially some song sheets will be provided, however members will also be expected to suggest songs to play and bring along copies of song sheets. A loose-leaf file with dividers will be needed for storing/ organising song sheets. Note: This is not a guitar class: there is no guitar tutor. It is a self-help group where everybody is invited to contribute to the learning process, exchange tips, help each other, play simple songs together and have some fun.

Singing is not mandatory but volunteers will be welcome.

*John Shimeld*

*07986 780 223*

*jmsconsulting tiscali.co.uk*

## **Fly Fishing**

Do you want to join a group interested in river and still-water fly fishing, targeting mainly brown and rainbow trout and possibly grayling, salmon and pike?

All levels of experience will be accommodated and guidance and teaching will be available regarding equipment, casting, water craft and the skills of fly-tying.

Although a relatively sedate pastime, fly fishing involves standing, walking and casting for between 4 and 8 hours and hence participants will need an appropriate level of fitness. Fishing trips will be organised mainly to local venues, and occasionally further afield.

For further information please contact:

*John Shimeld, preferably by email at: jmsconsulting tiscali.co.uk*

*or, if necessary, by telephone on 07986 780 223*

## **New Members wanted**

### **Racketball Group**

Can we tempt you . . . . . to Racketball??

What is racketball? A 'gentle' squash-like game, played with a larger and softer ball.

The groups have been running, very successfully now, for over two years but there is always room for more players. Particularly good for those who would like to give it a try, or return to play after a break. A great workout, and an excellent reason to get out of bed on Monday morning (or Thursday afternoon!)

See the activities listing for details of sessions at both Abbeydale and Stocksbridge.

*Peter Keen*

### **Bridge for Novices**

Would you like to play Bridge? We started a Beginners' Bridge Group in Stocksbridge in September 2013 and now have a group of people regularly attending our Tuesday afternoon sessions.

We have progressed from absolute beginners to knowing something about the game but we still have a lot to learn! We meet at Stocksbridge Golf Club from 14.00 to 16.30 for an enjoyable but stimulating session and once a month our tutor Graham comes to try and help us to improve.

We have room for a few new members so if you might be interested in learning Bridge or starting playing again we would like to hear from you.

Why not give it a try? Contact:

*Bob Smith*                      (0114) 288 8624                      *email smithr383 gmail.com*

### **Help! an Art Group looking for a tutor**

The Thursday Art Group (Art 2) has been tutored for years by Alan Birchall, who taught art for many years at High Storrs School. Sadly Alan died in late February after a short spell in hospital, and the group is now looking for a new tutor.

If you could help, or know someone who could, please contact the Group's Coordinator Ruth Lamb on (0114) 236 2807.

## **Tai Chi**

There has been so much news about the Tai Chi Groups that it has had to be held over to the next *Links*. If you cannot wait until then, get in touch with either of the two Groups mentioned below.

In the next *Links* you will discover how sword-fighting is involved . . . .

### **Stocksbridge Tai Chi Group**

The Stocksbridge Tai Chi group holds two classes a week at the Inman Pavilion which is situated next to the Stocksbridge Leisure Centre on Moorland Drive, Garden Village, Stocksbridge. The Wednesday class starts at 13.00 and the Friday session begins at 11.30. Each session is of one hour duration. Classes are taught by David Barrow and his senior student, Ken Thomas. Beginners to Tai Chi are strongly advised to join the Wednesday class to learn the basic moves before transferring to the more advanced Friday class.

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

*Chris Goldthorpe*

*Coordinator*

### **Tai Chi South Sheffield – Beginners**

We currently have a group that has been practising Tai Chi and Chi Kung since 2012. Our intention is to start a new group open to all, whether beginners or with some previous experience. We practise Yang style Tai Chi, primarily the 103 and 16 forms, and will also practise some Chi Kung.

The beginners' class will follow the intermediate class on a Friday afternoon starting at 15.15 until 16.30 in the Church Hall of St John the Evangelist on Abbeydale Road.

It is intended that classes will start in mid to late April and the cost will be to cover the cost of the Hall, currently £3.00 per session.

The only physical requirement is that you should be able to stand for 30 minutes without great discomfort (we will have a couple of breaks during the class). The only mental requirement is the commitment to participate in learning the Tai Chi form – the real benefits come with time.

If you are interested or would simply like further information, please contact us via: *drpjryan gmail.com*.

*Pat & Clare Ryan*

## Quilting Hive Group

Our group has been going for about 12 years now and we have had several new members these past few months. We help each other, teach and demonstrate different techniques as well as driving over to Leicester (Kisco) for warehouse fabrics.



Over the years we have made quilts for charity. Many have gone over to Belarus through Samaritan's Purse. What we lack in expertise we make up for in enthusiasm. No one is turned away!! My house needs to expand. We take over three rooms - including the kitchen where we cut and press.

Some members bring their knitting if they cannot transport a quilt already on the machine and we have made scarves and bags for the Shoe Box appeal whenever possible.

**On April 4-5 the Group has planned an exhibition** at the South Sheffield Evangelical Church, Sheffield S8 (next to the Fire Station on the Parkway).



Viewing times are 10.00 till 16.00 each day with an entrance free of £2.50 per person.

If you are interested please contact:

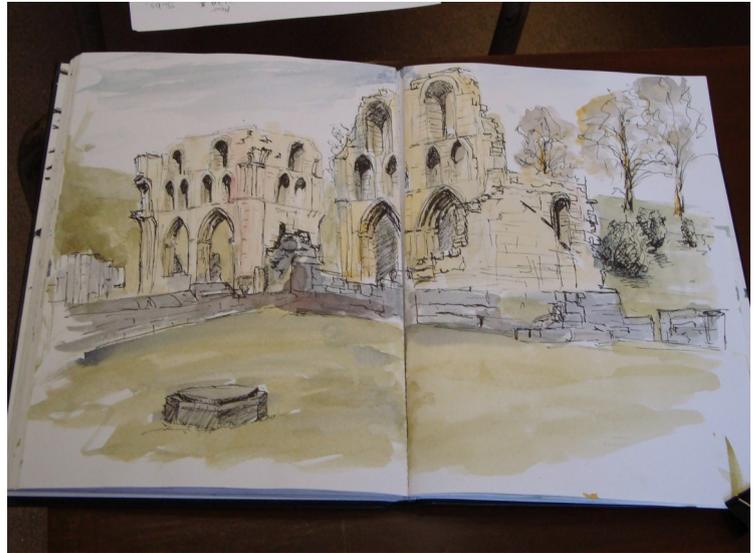
Lynne Browne, 230 Westwick Road, Sheffield (0114) 237 7643



## Focus On – Outdoor Sketching

Outdoor Sketching is one of our well-established Groups having been in existence for about ten years. For the past two years it has been jointly run by Dariel Merrills and Dot Balcombe. The Group is a true 'self help' Group in that neither Dariel nor Dot has any background in art – just an interest and enthusiasm which they have developed since retirement.

Do not be put off by the title OUTDOOR Sketching by our sometimes chilly Sheffield climate. The Group meets outdoors from April until October but retreats indoors for the winter months. In cold weather they sketch at Carter Knowle Methodist Church Café and local museums, while in spring and summer the group ventures out as far as Derbyshire villages.



Recent visits have included, Ecclesall Woods (at bluebell time), Monsal Dale, Roche Abbey, Baslow, Sheffield Peace Gardens and Sheffield Cathedral. Venues are carefully chosen with parking, toilets and a nearby café or pub being priorities.



Sometimes a member will suggest a homework challenge for the summer. 2013's suggestion was "On your outings or holiday travels this season, look out particularly for arrangements of street furniture, or street furniture in eye catching locations, or street furniture that tells a story. Do a sketch or painting and bring it along to the AGM in January".

The group meets on Friday mornings between 10.00 and midday. Meetings are fortnightly in summer and monthly in winter.

There are 20 members on roll with typical attendances being between 5-10. With spring just around the corner this is an ideal opportunity to sharpen your pencil, enjoy the fresh air and develop skills you may not be aware you have. The ethos of the group is based on mutual support, encouragement and advice where individuals seek it - and of course enjoyment and the development of friendships.

If you feel like it, just join them one Friday morning. Look for anybody sitting around with a sketchbook and introduce yourself. The Group Home Page on the SU3A website shows the current programme plus a review of recent activities, and for more specific information on the Group contact Dariel Merrills on (0114) 230 5952, [darielmerrills@btinternet.com](mailto:darielmerrills@btinternet.com), or Dot Balcombe on (0114) 232 4725, [timanddot@btinternet.com](mailto:timanddot@btinternet.com).



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 2014/5

### Day Visits for 2014

13	August	Repeat visit to Salford to see <i>War Horse</i>	(in June Links)
	August	Wensleydale Railway/Bolton Castle	(in June Links)
25	September	Anderton Boat Lift and Lion Salt Works	(in June Links)
	October	Gainsborough Old Hall and Lincoln	(in Aug Links)
29	November	Capesthorne Hall at Christmas	(in Aug Links)
10	December	Birmingham Jewellery Museum and German Christmas Market	(in Oct Links)

### Short Breaks for 2015

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

## Travel Group visit to the Great Yorkshire Show

### Tuesday 8 July 2014

Our July visit is a 'first' for us and an excellent opportunity to be at the beginning of one of our celebrated local traditions – 'The Great Yorkshire Show' in Harrogate.

There will be a full range of displays and exhibitions: falconry, farm animals, cookery, a local food extravaganza, show-jumping, displays and competitions of world class cattle and sheep and much more.

There will be a wide variety of stalls showing Yorkshire food and other locally produced goods to tempt your indulgence. There are cafés and food outlets where you can have lunch – and also a seated outdoor area where you can enjoy your own picnic.

The cost of the day is **£28.50** per person. This includes travel, driver's gratuity and entrance fee. For an optional **extra £5.00** you can book a day's reserved seat in the grandstand for your exclusive use, when and as you wish.

Please return the completed form on page 38 with a small stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible to: Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, S17 4LA

Please note that we will make an early start to avoid the anticipated traffic jams.





# Travel Group Visit to David Austin Roses and Weston Park

**Tuesday 24 June 2014**

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

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

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..... Postcode .....

Please reserve .... place(s) for me. I enclose a cheque for £..... (**£35.00** per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the completed slip with a small stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible to: Valerie Wiley, 112 Button Hill, Sheffield S11 9HJ

**Please indicate your preferred pick up point:**

- Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5                      07.45 (....)
- Bus bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South      08.00 (....)

P.S.: A full menu selection is not yet available from David Austin, so please indicate if you need a vegetarian meal: YES /NO

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## **Travel Group Visit to David Austin Roses Albrighton and Weston Park House, Shifnal**

**Tuesday 24 June 2014**

We have, with some difficulties, secured a slot in June when the roses should be at their very best. All we need is some lovely June weather! The David Austin Rose Garden claims to be one of the most beautiful in the world with 700 different varieties of roses in a range of gardens covering two acres. The long garden forms the central core with smaller gardens, each with its own style leading from it. The central garden has many pergolas displaying climbing and rambling roses. There are many seats around from which you may enjoy the blooms and their fragrances as well as the sculptures of Mrs Pat Austin.

On arrival at the garden, north of Wolverhampton, we will have coffee before enjoying a conducted tour of the rose gardens. A two-course lunch has been arranged for us in the restaurant after which there will be time to browse around the shop or perhaps buy a rose.



At 14.00 we leave for the short journey to Weston Park for a conducted tour of the stately home. It was designed and built in the late 17th century and thereafter became the home of the Earls of Bradford. In the house there are fine tapestries and porcelain. The front hall reflects the third Earl's preoccupation with horses and the dining room displays an impressive collection of paintings by a range of artists including Van Dyck. Inevitably, Capability Brown left his mark in the gardens in the 18th century, but also of interest are the Italian Garden, the Victorian Orangery and the formal terraces. Before leaving at 16.30 there will be time to visit the café or the coffee bar and the gift shop.

The cost for the day is **£35.00** per person. This includes coach travel, gratuities, coffee on arrival, a two-course lunch and guided tours at both venues.

To reserve a place, please complete the booking form on page 36 and send it with a cheque and a stamped addressed envelope to:  
Valerie Wiley, 112 Button Hill, Sheffield S11 9HJ as soon as possible.



**Travel Group: Great Yorkshire Show Visit**  
**Tuesday 8 July 2014**

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

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

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..... Postcode .....

Please reserve .... place(s) for me. I enclose a cheque for £.... (**£28.50\*** per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the completed slip with a small stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible to: Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, S17 4LA.

\* I wish also to book a day's reserved grandstand seat and I include **£5.00 extra** for each place.

**Please indicate your preferred pick up point:**

- Bus bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 07.45 (....)
- Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 08.00 (....)



**Travel Group: Three Churches Visit**  
**Monday 21 July 2014**

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

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

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..... Postcode .....

Please reserve .... place(s) for me. I enclose a cheque for £ ..... (**£25.00** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a small stamped addressed envelope. Completed forms should be sent to arrive as soon as possible to: Margaret Bullivant, 14 Kingsley Park Grove, S11 9HL

**Please indicate your preferred pick up point:**

- Bus bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 08.30 (....)
- Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 08.45 (....)



## **Travel Group Visit to Three Churches**

**Monday 21 July 2014**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To apply for a place, please complete the form on page 38 and send it as soon as possible to Margaret Bullivant, 14 Kingsley Park Grove, S11 9HL.



# 'As You Like It', Stamford

## Saturday 14 June 2014

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

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

..... Postcode .....

Please reserve .... place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ ..... (**£27.00** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**.

Please return the form with a small stamped addressed envelope to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, Sheffield S10 5DA to arrive **by Monday 26 May**

### Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

- Old Mother Redcap 08.20 (....)
- Ecclesall Road South/ Knowle Lane 08.35 (....)
- Pond Hill (Penny Black pub) 08.50 (....)



## Application Form For SU3A Memory Course 2014

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

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

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

..... Postcode .....

Email: ..... Date: .....

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

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



## European Travel Group Events

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

### Travel Organising Committee

Samina Aslam    Coordinator    (0114) 235 1489 *sammamas1747 gmail.com*  
Julie Edworthy    Secretary    (0114) 201 5847  
Brian Cave    Treasurer    (0114) 230 5312



### Sheffield U3A Euro Travel Group Advance notice

#### 7-11 December 2014: European Xmas markets

Are you interested in visiting the European Xmas markets?

We are organising a trip around Valkenburg and Aachen Xmas Markets but need help in judging how much interest there is from you, the members. Travelling via P&O Ferries from Hull to Zeebrugge in the evening we will take in Bruges, the 'Venice of the North'; the Valkenburg Xmas market which is held in the caves underneath the town's ruined castle and the Roman spa city of Aachen. Aachen has one of Europe's most dramatic cathedrals, the burial site of Charlemagne and is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

We will have time to explore the Aachen Xmas markets and visit Chocolate Jacques and the Diamond Pavilion in Antwerp.

Finally we will make our way back overnight from Rotterdam to Hull.

This trip will be 5 days and 4 nights in a 3\* hotel on a half board basis. Entrance fees to the above venues, dinner and breakfast are included on the ferry for both directions with double and single occupancy berths at a cost of approx **£480.00 - £500.00** per person.

Would you please register your interest by post or email to:

Julie Edworthy, 41 Struan Road, Carterknowle, Sheffield S7 2EJ, email [julieedworthy@gmail.com](mailto:julieedworthy@gmail.com).

**Please note that registering your interest is not an application for this trip and, should the trip proceed, will be no guarantee of a successful application.**

### 2015 Calendar:

April/May

A Sicilian Adventure

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website: [www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk)



## Sheffield U3A Euro Travel Group questionnaire

Do you have a burning desire to visit a particular region within Europe? Have you missed out on previous trips? Do let us know as we are now planning for 2015. To help us provide the right kind of European trip we are trying to gather information from you, the members of Sheffield U3A. Your opinion matters.

We would ask you to please complete the questions below:

### 1. Do you prefer holidays by:

a: Coach                      b: Train                      c: Plane

If by coach, do you prefer:

a: Ferry                      b: Eurotunnel

### 2. Do you prefer holidays focused on:

a: Culture                      b: Religion                      c: Gastronomy

d: Relaxing                      e: Touring                      f: Scenic

g: Other (please specify) .....

### 3. Please indicate your preferred average price range per day, per person, including transport, accommodation, half board, tours and gratuities:

a: Less than £100      b: £100-£150      c: £150-200

### 4. What is your preferred duration for a holiday:

a: 5-7 days                      b: 7-10 days                      c: 10-14 days

### 5. Do you prefer:

a: Double room                      b: Twin room                      d: Single room

**Please suggest places or holidays you would like us to look at for 2015 onwards:**

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Please respond by post or email to:

Samina Aslam, 342 Abbey Lane, S8 0BY,

*sammass1747 gmail.com.*



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# Calendar 2014

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<b>April</b>	1	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	2	Travel Group: Wentworth Woodhouse: Day Visit
	4	Study Day: WW1: Weston Park Museum
	11	Showroom Lecture: The Hollywood Musical: 10.30
	13	Weekenders: Cruising on the Canal: Day Trip
	14	Coordinators' Spring Meeting: The Hubs: 10.00
	21-25	Travel Group: Stonehenge etc.: Short Break
	30	Lit. Network: George Orwell: Quaker Meeting House: 14.00
<b>May</b>	2	Classical Concertgoers: Steven Hough: Manchester: 16.30
	6	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	8-12	Appreciating Architecture: Tuscany: Short Break
	13	Travel Group: Holme Pierrepont Hall: Day Visit
	<b>15</b>	<b>SU3A AGM</b>
	16	Showroom Lecture: Emotional control: 10.30
<b>June</b>	3	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	5-10	Travel Group: Glasgow: Short Break
	11	Memorial Service: Whirlowbrook Hall: 11.00
	14	Weekenders: 'As you like It': Stamford: Day Trip
	20	Showroom Lecture: The Devonshires: 10.30
	24	Travel Group: Austin Roses, Wolverhampton: Day Visit
<b>July</b>	1	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	8	Travel Group: Great Yorkshire Show: Day Trip
	18	Showroom Lecture: Dame Laura Knight: 10.30
	21	Travel Group: Visit to 3 Derbyshire Churches: Day Trip
<b>August</b>	3	Classical C'goers: HMS Pinafore: Harrogate: Day Trip
	13	Travel Group: Repeat visit to Salford to see 'War Horse'
<b>Sept</b>	4-9	European TG: Dordogne and Lot by train: Short Break
	28-2	Travel Group: Chichester: Short Break
<b>Nov</b>	29	Travel Group: Capesthorne Hall at Christmas: Day Visit
<b>Dec</b>	7-11	European Travel Group: European Xmas markets

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CURC: Central United Reformed Church