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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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Important membership notice page 3

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For queries about membership, joining SU3A, information on Groups etc. see the contacts list inside the back cover

From the Chair

Happy New Year to all our members.

The first Executive Committee meeting of the year was a special one because the National Chairman, Barbara Lewis, had asked to come and see how the largest U3A in the country functioned. It was a bit like being summoned to see the Headmistress, but she was charming and seemed impressed with the business. On the way back to catch her train she told me that she had had a wonderful day. She had learned a great deal from us and was going back to HQ full of ideas and praise for all our work.

Members of the Executive Committee hold office for a maximum of four years. This means that at each AGM we lose one or more of our trusted workers and we have to find replacements. This year it is Jim Walker, our General Coordinator, who is stepping down. He has worked brilliantly for the four years he has been in office. During the last couple of years he has been helped by Clare Chiba keeping the membership and Group data and by Vera Dyer who has classed herself as 'Jim's little helper'. This has made us realise that the job has grown so big that it really needs more than one person to do it. We are having discussions about splitting the job. If anyone thinks they might be able to be a team member then please read the information on page 27 then ring me on (0114) 327 6294 or Jim on (0114) 236 9687 for an informal chat. It is rewarding as you learn so much about SU3A and all the different activities.

Jean Stevenson

Chair



Time is running out to renew your membership

Your membership number changes every year so, find the envelope that this *Links* came in and read the address label inside the buff envelope.

If your membership number is greater than 6,000 you must renew it before 28 February 2014. If you need to renew, complete the form on page 5 and send it and a cheque to: Mrs Lorna Baker, 8 Thornsett Gardens, Sheffield S17 3PP.

Do it now as renewals after February will incur a surcharge of £5.00

[If the renewal email has not arrived, check your email spam (junk) folder.]

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. The final agenda for the AGM and 2013 minutes will be published in the April issue of *Links*. Members wishing to raise business under clause 13(viii) of the Constitution (see below) should notify the Secretary, in writing, by **1st March 2014** so that it can be included in the final agenda.

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

There will also be the opportunity for informal discussion (see agenda item 8) but no decisions can be made on these items at the AGM. There will be vacancies on the Committee. The Committee meets bi-monthly, usually on the first Friday of the month. **Nominations for election to the Committee should be made on the form on page 7 and should reach the Secretary no later than Friday 18 April 2014.**

Tricia Pulfrey

Secretary

AGM Draft Agenda

Registration from 9.45 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. Election 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

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2014 Membership Renewal Form

Regd. Charity No 703147

Name (1): (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms):

Date of birth: (dd/mm/yyyy) ____ / ____ / ____

Email:

Address:

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Postcode: Tel No:

Name (2): (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms):

Date of birth: (dd/mm/yyyy) ____ / ____ / ____

Email:

I / We attach a payment of £ for membership at **£10.00** per person.

If you do NOT wish to receive the national U3A News tick here:[...]

Please note that members not renewing before 28 February 2014 will be deemed to have resigned.

There will be a late renewal charge of £5.00 after this date.

Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a UK taxpayer Sheffield U3A can claim back tax on your subscription(s) provided that your current annual tax bill is more than the tax reclaimed (£2.50 on an £10.00 subscription). If so, please complete the declaration below:

I,, (*print name*) am a UK taxpayer in accordance with the above and wish Sheffield U3A to treat the above subscription(s) as Gift Aid donation(s).

Signed: Date:

**Please make cheques payable to: *Sheffield U3A* and send to:
Mrs Lorna Baker, 8 Thornsett Gardens, Sheffield S17 3PP.**

Participants needed for a study:

Why do people give up playing music?

I am currently working as a research assistant at Sheffield University's Music department with Dr. Stephanie Pitts who has been awarded an AHRC Cultural Value grant to explore themes of '*Dropping in and dropping out: investigating partial and lapsed arts engagement*'. This work asks challenging questions about why people stop attending concerts or belonging to amateur ensembles and whether there is a potential crossover of audience loyalty from one art form to another.

We have two questionnaires: one for past and present amateur musicians, and one for Sheffield's audience members. They are both online here:

<http://www.sparc.dept.shef.ac.uk/current-questionnaires>

and I would be incredibly grateful if SU3A members would take the time to complete them.

All questionnaires are covered by the 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 also free and within your right to withdraw your responses from the study at any time.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at the address below if you have any questions about the research.

A paper version of the questionnaire can be obtained by writing to:
Dr. Stephanie Pitts, Sheffield University Department of Music, Jessop Building, 34 Leavygreave Road, Sheffield, S3 7RD.

Thank you.

Katy Robinson

katharine.robinson@sheffield.ac.uk

Can you spare a few afternoons a year to help SU3A?

You have probably seen the numerous requests for volunteers to help keep the SU3A show on the road. We need people to make tea at the Drop-In, meet and greet people and talk to members at the new members' meetings.

If you would like to help then ring our Secretary, Tricia Pulfrey, for a chat on (0114) 247 3741.

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 Second:

SU3A membership number:

Signature of Second:

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:



Cruising on the Canal

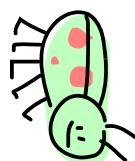
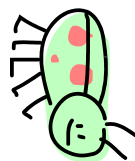
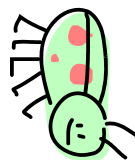
Sunday 13 April 2014

Come with us on Sunday 13 April 2014 for a trip on the Upper Peak Forest canal on board the *Judith Mary*. The 2½ hour cruise from Whaley Bridge will include a lunch of beef hotpot, served with red cabbage and French bread, (vegetarian option available) followed by apple pie and cream, accompanied by a commentary on the history and sights of the canal. There is a licensed bar on the boat.

After the cruise we will have a short visit to Buxton for a stroll in the Pavilion Gardens and a cup of tea – or even a drop of spa water!

The cost of the trip including the coach, driver's gratuity, the canal cruise and lunch is **£29.00** per person. Places on this trip are limited so if you would like to join us, please complete the form on page 38 and return it as soon as possible to Dot Sutcliffe with a cheque for **£29.00** per person made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders** and a **small s.a.e.**

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



A Peek into the BBC at Salford

Sunday 9 March 2014

Have you ever wondered how your favourite programmes arrive on your TV screen or radio? If you have, then the Weekenders' trip on Sunday 9 March 2014 to MediaCity UK in Salford may provide you with answers.

In the morning we will have a tour of the studios and facilities which will provide a fascinating insight into how TV and radio work. Later we hope to attend a recording of a programme (subject to the BBC's timetable. There will be an alternative activity if no recording is taking place.)

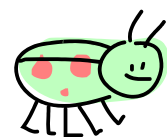
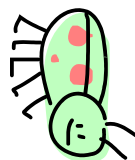
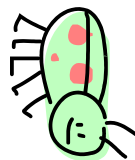
The cost of the trip, including the coach, driver's gratuity, the tour and possible recording is **£26.00** per person.

NB: security at MediaCity is very strict. There will be a check and items such as knives, scissors, nail-files and penknives may be confiscated.

Places on this trip are limited so, if you wish to join us, please complete the form on page 38 and return it as soon as possible to Shirley Marney, with a cheque for **£26.00** per person made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders** and a **small stamped addressed envelope**.

Please ring (0114) 235 0801 for further information.

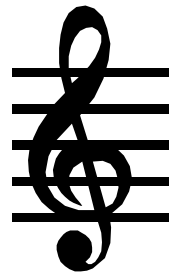
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Classical Concertgoers

Friday 2 May 2014

**The BBC Philharmonic at the Bridgewater Hall,
Manchester, with conductor Juanjo Mena and
Stephen Hough, soloist**



Mendelssohn Overture : 'The Hebrides' (Fingal's Cave)

Schumann Piano Concerto

Mahler Symphony No. 1

In October 2012 we heard a wonderful performance of Mahler's 5th Symphony by the BBC Philharmonic under the baton of Juanjo Mena. Now we can hear them interpret Mahler's joyous First Symphony.

Stephen Hough has been named as one of the greatest pianists of our time and his playing gets to the heart of Schumann's concerto which is half showpiece, half love-letter to his wife, Clara.

The concert opens with Mendelssohn's evocative overture 'The Hebrides'.

We will leave from the bus-stop at the bottom of Knowle Lane, Ecclesall, at 16.30 to allow plenty of time to reach Manchester for a pre-concert drink. Light refreshments are usually available at the Bridgewater Hall.

The cost is **£33.00** to cover your ticket (in the mid-stalls), coach seat, and the driver's gratuity. Please complete the booking form on page 10 and send it to me, Pamela Sandford, at 289 Abbey Lane, S8 0DA and enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

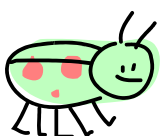
I advise early booking to secure a seat. If your application is delayed please ring me to find out if places remain.

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

Pamela Sandford

Coordinator

(0114) 236 1815



Don't forget the Weekenders' Beetle Drive!

There are a few places left on our Beetle Drive on **Saturday 15 February 2014** at the Central United Reformed Church. The cost including afternoon tea is **£12.00** per person.

Please see December's *Links* for full details and the application form or contact Jane Whitehead on (0114) 230 9312.

website: www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk

Study Day: World War 1: Update

We have two speakers for this event:

Dr Miriam Dobson, Sheffield University Department of History, with a lecture entitled:

*' We aged a hundred years, and this
Happened in a single hour. '*

(Anna Akhmatova) War and Memory in Russia.

The quotation is from a poem about the outbreak of war in 1914.

Dr Matthew Stibbe, SHU Department of History, will speak on:

**Remembering, Commemorating and (Re-)Fighting the First
World War in Germany from 1919 to the present.**

We have a waiting list of about 17 so if you are unable to attend please contact Audrey Heeley, tel (0114) 239 7213, auntaud@btopenworld.com so that we can offer your place to someone on the waiting list.



Classical Concertgoers: Steven Hough

The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Friday 2 May 2014

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me (£33.00 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.

21 February The Brutal Reality of Climate Change

Just how worried should we be about climate change? What does the latest science say? And what should we be doing about it? Dr. Aaron Thierry explores the possible implications for Earth's ecological systems.

Dr Aaron Thierry, Department of Animal and Plant Science, University of Sheffield.

21 March The Life and Death of Richard III

The story of the last king of the Middle Ages who was raised in Wensleydale, died in the Battle of Bosworth Field and who was recently unearthed in Leicester.

Pauline Podmore, Secretary, Richard III Society, Yorkshire Branch

11 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. (*Advance booking will be required. See April Links*)

Lord Roy Hattersley

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

Lunch and Lecture

Friday 28 March 2014

**Doubletree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield
Road South, Meadowhead, S8 8BW**

Life in the Music. . .

Andy Smith will take you on a journey through life with a selection of songs interspersed with lots of entertaining chat. He will accompany himself on a multitude of instruments, including guitars, mandolin and banjo ukulele. He hopes you will go away with a smile on your face.

Please arrive at 12 00 for a 12 30 start. Cost **£15.50**

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

The menu will be a choice from:

- a. Salmon en croute
- b. Maple and thyme roasted chicken supreme with a smoked bacon and sherry sauce
- c. Stuffed, filled portobello mushrooms with a pine nut and blue cheese crust

The dessert is: Chocolate-filled profiteroles with cream

Should you have a special dietary request, please contact Dot or Vera, details below.

Please ensure you fill in your choice(s) on the booking form

If you would like to book a place, please fill in the form on page 14 and send it with a cheque made payable to **Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture**, to arrive no later than **Friday 14 March 2014**.

Dot Sutcliffe

(0114) 268 5918

Vera Dyer

(0114) 237 7854

Literature Network

George Orwell: from Realism to Dystopia

Professor Chris Hopkins, Sheffield Hallam University

Wednesday, 30 April 2014 at 14.00

Quaker Meeting House, 10 St. James Street, Sheffield S1 2EW

Chris Hopkins is Professor of English Studies and Head of the Humanities Research Centre at Sheffield Hallam University where he teaches and researches twentieth-century literature, especially works published between 1930 and 1945.

He has published *Thinking About Texts - an Introduction to English Studies* (Palgrave, 2001, revised second edition 2009) and *English Fiction of the 1930s: Language, Genre and History* (Continuum Books, 2006). He is currently working on a book on Walter Greenwood's *Love on the Dole*.



27 Canonbury Square, Islington.

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The talk will discuss how Orwell's best-remembered dystopic narratives, *Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, emerged from his earlier realist and documentary writing (including *Down and Out in Paris and London*, *The Road to Wigan Pier* and *Coming up for Air*) and from his commitment to finding a kind of writing which was able to be wholly truthful.

For this talk only, tickets are free, including refreshments. However, because of limited availability, **tickets must be obtained prior to the meeting** from Ann Barclay.

Kindly book in advance using the form on page 14.

Belinda Barber

Coordinator

0114 230 4717

Lunch and Lecture: Andy Smith, Life in the Music

Friday 28 March 2014 at 12.00 for 12.30

**Doubletree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield
Road South, Meadowhead, S8 8BW**

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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..... Postcode

Menu choice(s) (please indicate): (a) (b) (c)

Please reserve place(s) for me (**£15.50** per person). I enclose a small stamped addressed envelope and a cheque for £ made payable to ***Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture.***

Forms should be sent to arrive **no later than Friday 14 March 2014** to:

Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, S10 5DA

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Literature Network: Lecture on George Orwell

Wednesday 30 April 2014

Quaker Meeting House, 10 St. James Street, S1 2EW

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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..... Postcode

Please reserve places for me. I enclose a small stamped, addressed envelope.

Send completed forms to:

Ann Barclay, 14 Clarendon Court, Carr Bank Lane, Sheffield, S11 7FN.

SU3A Charity Quiz

Presented by Peter Chatterton

at the Abbeydale Sports Centre

Saturday 15 March 2014, 19.00 for 19.30 start

Quiz and Pea and Pie Supper

£11.00 per person

There is a bar at the Centre and plenty of parking

Teams of 6 or fewer made up of U3A members

Please complete the form on page 34

Cheques made out to **SU3A Charity Quiz**

For further information contact:

Marion Edmondson

(0114) 235 0313

Flying Gardeners

Two dates for your diary:

Saturday morning 29 March:

a makeover of Beauchief Gardens, Abbeydale Road South. Meet in the Gardens at 10.00, drinks provided. Finish at 12 noon.

Just bring boots and gloves.

Monday afternoon 7 April:

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

See April *Links* for further details.

Enquiries to

Shelagh Woolliscroft

(01246) 416 139

shelagh@woolliscroft.com



Group News

Calling All Coordinators!

Very Important

It is time for the Annual Check of all Groups

Within a week of your receiving this *Links* you will be getting an email (or in a few cases a letter) asking you to check your Group's details and to let me know of any changes - including your personal new U3A number. Please check your email junk (spam) folder if it does not arrive.

PLEASE RESPOND! Since, as a minimum, your U3A number will have changed, every Coordinator will need to contact me.

If you have problems replying to the email PLEASE send the details in a separate email or telephone me on (01433) 659 864.

Hoping you will make my life much easier by doing the above!

Clare Chiba, Database Manager

data@sheffieldu3a.org.uk

(01433) 659 864

. . . also Very Important . . .

Coordinators' Spring Meeting: Monday 14 April, at *The Hubs* from 10.00-13.45with free LUNCH

Once again it is reward time for the indispensable work you, the Group Coordinators, do to make Sheffield's U3A the most diverse in the country.

Do keep the morning of 14 April free. It is an information-packed programme but with the added facility of being able to buttonhole speakers at lunchtime for extended advice. Or you can simply enjoy a FREE LUNCH catching up with fellow Coordinators.

The meeting venue (as last year), *The Hubs* in Paternoster Row, has limited capacity. You may attend by application only. A letter will come to you by email or by post in February giving details.

We look forward to seeing you there, so watch out for the invitation and apply.

Jim Walker, Chris Goldthorpe and Vera Dyer.

New Members Welcome

A Capella group

The SU3A A Cappella group has enjoyed 25 happy sessions since we began but now we have become vulnerable. We need an extra tenor and/or an extra bass to help cut down cancellations of our performances.

We sing mainly 19th and 20th century songs, e.g. Elgar, Sullivan, Porter, Gershwin.

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

We do not aspire to perform – just to enjoy it. I hope one or two members would join us: there is something special about singing in a small group.

Mike Maas

Coordinator

mikemaas@live.com

Saturday Strollers 11

Our Group meets fortnightly for a gentle 2-3 mile walk and optional pub lunch at the end of it. We walk mainly in the Derbyshire countryside between Chesterfield and Tideswell and try, where possible, to avoid tricky stiles and overtaking hillsides. The aim is to enjoy the countryside with a congenial group of friends. Members are expected to provide their own transport but some car sharing is possible.

If you are interested in our pleasant variety of walks arranged throughout the Peak District year, please contact:

Norman Benson on (0114) 236 1080 or Bill Alty on (01246) 415 303.

Norman Benson

Coordinator

Sunday Walkers

Blow away the winter cobwebs – step out in the crisp spring weather and enjoy the scenic delights of Sheffield's Golden Frame with an invigorating 8 mile walk with SU3A Sunday Walkers.

Contact David on (0114) 288 7815, or Jean on (0114) 249 1933, or look on our home page on the SU3A website (*see below*).

David Hydes

Coordinator

Poetry For Pleasure

This poetry Group has run for many years. We have space for two or three new members. Interested members should be aware that this is not a Group that makes deep, in-depth probes into poetry so, no previous deep study of poetry is necessary to become a member. We read and enjoy and decide for ourselves what the poet may be trying to convey.

We meet fortnightly in Totley. We are a very welcoming group and we also find fun in our sessions too.

If you are interested please telephone Pat Parkin on (0114) 236 8009.

Woodworking Facilities

In last December's issue of *Links*, no. 168, I advertised the availability of a dry cellar with workbench, etc.

Four people have expressed interest and I would like to take the offer further by arranging a visit. One hold-up is that two of the names have 'dropped out' of my notebook and I cannot retrieve them, so I would appreciate it if all four of you contacted me again, by phone or by email, and we will get the visit set up.

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

Report: Nether Edge Folk Club Rocks To SU3A Musicians

Drumming and Ukulele are two of our recently formed Groups. It was great therefore to see them both perform at an open mic event at Nether Edge Folk Club. Arrangements of 'Winter Wonderland', 'Let It Snow', 'Frosty The Snowman' and 'Yuletide' with words specially written by Graham and Eileen Pratt had the whole club joining in.

Three of the ukulele players (who are also members of the drumming Group) performed specially arranged versions of 'My Grandfather's Clock', 'Oh Susanna' and 'Deck The Halls' accompanied by members of the drumming Group. One of the more unusual instruments played was the guiro (of South American origin).

Amongst experienced amateurs, neither U3A Group looked out of place and it is evident that both Groups have made an extraordinary amount of progress in a relatively short time.

Particular thanks should go to both Coordinators, John Lee (Drumming) and Ann Beedham (Ukulele) for their hard work and commitment.

John Evans

Sheffield U3A Activities and Interest Groups: February 2014

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

Anyone wishing to join a Group should ring the Coordinator first. If you find the Group is full, has a waiting list, or wish to suggest a new Group, please ring the General Coordinator, Jim Walker on (0114) 236 9687.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please notify any amendments to this list to the General Coordinator.

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
ART						
Art (SE)	V	We.pm.w	S13	PVAL	Paul Garland	269 3219
Art I	V	We.am.w	S11	PVHL	John Carr	230 8866
Art II	V	Th.pm.w	S11	PV	Ruth Lamb	236 2807
Art III	V	We.pm.w	S11	PVAL	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I	V	Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Jane Anne 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 I	V	Fr.am.f	various	O	Daniel Merrills	230 5952
Visiting Art	V	1st We.-m	various	PVAL	Linda Jackson	235 0852
ARTS AND CRAFTS						
Appreciating Architecture		3rdTh.pm.m	Greenhill	PV	Margaret Short	266 0269
Architecture Past and Present	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Roy Pilkington	01246 416 139
Card Craft	V	Mo.pm.f	S7	PVAL	Margaret Lycett	269 0429
Digital Photography	V	3rdTh.pm.m	S11	PV	Alan Zinober	236 7001
Dressmaking		Mo.am.f	S11	PV	Ruth Bernard	258 9026
Dressmaking II	V	Th.pm.f	S11	PV	Ann Granville	230 9754
Handwork & Craft II		Th.am.f	S11	MH	Jean Davis	233 9784
Handwriting Workshop		Tu.pm.m	S1	PVAL	Roger Watkins	07981 871 558
Knitting	V	We.pm.m	S10/11/17	MH	Jane Harling	230 9576
Patch & Quilt	V	Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Quilting Hive	V	Mo.pm.	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
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

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Bridge - Friday Ill	V	Fr.pm.w	S7	PV	Louise Cooper	230 7191
Bridge - Monday	V	Mo.pm.w	S7	PV	Patricia Latham	01246 419 106
Bridge - Thursday	V	Th.pm.w	S17	PV	David Buckle	236 7893
Bridge - Tuesday	V	Tu.am.w	S11	PV	Michael Brumby	236 5876
Bridge - Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	PVAL	Jean Bowie	230 1002
Bridge Stocksbridge	V	Tues.pm.w	S36	PV	Bob Smith	288 8624
Chess	V	Tu.pm.4 wkly	S17	MH	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Evening Rummikub	V	M.eve.w	S17	MH	Chris Cave	236 4648
Rummikub (SE)		Mo.pm.f	S13	MH	Joan Brown	269 4829
Rummikub I		Mo.pm.f	S7/8/17/	MH	Shirley Wilks	438 0480
Rummikub SE 2		Monday pm f	S20	MH	Barbara Steel	247 4696
Scrabble	V	Fr.pm.f	S7	PVAL	Liz Barber	288 4113
Whist cntct & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Sun.eve.w	various	MH	Gerald Cartwright	281 1499

DISCUSSION, PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS AND RELIGION

Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Claire Attwood	250 8286
Discussion II		Tu.am.m	various	MH	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Ideas	V	Mo.am.m	S35	MH	Alec Jenner	286 2546
Jesus and Christianity	V	1st Sa.pm.m	S4	PV	John Vincent	243 6688
Meditating Together	V	3rdTu.am.m	S7	MH	Patsy Gibbon	250 0663
Meditation and Light Discussion	V	3rd Mo.pm.m	S10	MH	John Wragg	229 5181
Personal Finance	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	PV	Helen Marsh	230 1622
Philosophy- Hist/Classical	V	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	David Pierce	281 9414
Wealth & Poverty	V	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 416 139
Gardening C		Mo.am.m	S10/11/1	PVAL	Susan Fielding	230 3987
Gardening D		2ndTu.am.m	various	MH	Helen Drury	236 7053
Gardening Greenfingers	V	2ndTu.pm.m	S8	PV	Jane Gregory	274 9246

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HISTORY						
Classical Civilisation		Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Anne Thomas	230 5281
Family History I		2ndWe.am.m	S10	PVHL	Annie Grassick	230 2777
Family History IV		4thWe.am.m	S11	PV	Monica Stagg	274 8397
History I	V	Tu.am.f	S17	PVHL	Robert Bragg	281 9534
History II	V	Mo.pm.m	S10/11/17	MH	Angela Jakubovic	236 3858
Local History (SE)	V	We.pm.f	S21 4BH	PV	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Local History III		Mo.am.f	S7	PV	Carmel Rogers	266 0792
Local History IV	V	Fr.pm.m	S11	PV	Margaret Laycock	236 4109
Local History V	V	Tu.pm.f	S7	MH	Margaret Etchells	236 3317
Military History	V	Th.pm.m	S7	PV	Marion Monaghan	01246 414 137
Modern East Asia	V	4thTu.pm.m	S1	PV	John Evans	230 1173
Visiting History	V	Tu.pm.m	various	PVAL	Jenny Clark	266 9395
LANGUAGES						
Cercle Francais I	V	Fr.am.w	S7	PVAL	Alan Price	234 4172
Cercle Francais II	V	Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	Margaret Platts	230 7300
Classical Greek Alpha	V	We.pm.f	S1	PV	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
Conversational German		We.am.We.pm.w	S25	MH	Anne Greenhaigh	01909 564 464
French for Holidays		Mo.pm.f	S7	MH	Usha Fitch	236 5009
French-Advanced		Fr.am.w	S10	PV	Lorrie Flannery	273 1788
French-Intermediate		Th.am.w	S11	PVAL	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
German for Improvers	V	Mo.am.w	S18	MH	Shelagh Wooliscroft	01246 416 139
German-Advanced		Tu.pm.f	S6/8/10/	MH	Peter Gill	263 0640
German-Intermediate		Mo.am.w	S10	PV	Rosalie Ayscough	262 1626
Italian		Tu.pm.f	S10/11/6	MH	Rosalind Rogerson	268 1426
Italian for Beginners	V	Tu.pm.w	S11	PV	Mel Kingsley	230 2701
Italian for Holidays	V	Fr.pm.w	S11	PV	Mike Hague	236 6336
Latin II		2nd & 4th Fr.am.m	S1	PV	Jean Hart	247 0586
Latin III	V	Tu.pm.f	S10	MH	Audrey Ward	230 3423
Latin Improvers		Mo.am.f	S1	PV	Paul Cordwell	327 3954

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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 (Inter) I	V	Th.am.w	S7	PVAL	Hilda Wisbey	262 1730
Spanish Inter III	V	Th.am.w	S7	PV	Pat Smith	230 6432
Spanish Stage 2	V	We.pm.w	various	MH	Greta Pearman	236 3336
Welsh Conversation	V	Tu.am.f	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
LITERATURE AND DRAMA						
Book Group I		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Margaret Walton	255 6563
Book Group II		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Irene Voyce	235 2637
Book Group III		2ndTu.am.m	S17	PV	Wendy Jenrick	268 7047
Book Group IV		Fr.am.m	S17	PV	Mary Whymys	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		We.am.f	S7	MH	Roger Smith	268 6924
Film Appreciation	V	Tu.pm.m	S1	PV	Lesley Dixon	268 5881
Novel Reading I		Mo.pm.4w	S10	MH	Pam West	266 2188
Novel Reading II	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	MH	Kay Beeston	01433 631 247
Novel Reading III	V	2ndFr.am.m	various	MH	Judith Vernier	01246 418 607
Novel Reading IV	V	We.am.m	S5	MH	Mary Simpson	245 2568
Play Reading I		Tu.pm.4w	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188
Play Reading II	V	Last Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Doreen Findlay	266 8577
Play Reading III	V	Mo.am.4w	S 17	MH	Mavis Frost	236 4249
Poetry for Pleasure	V	We.pm.f	S17	MH	Pat Parkin	236 8009
Poetry Study		We.pm.f	S11	MH	Freda Green	236 4882
Reading for pleasure		Th.pm.m	S17	MH	Susan Kirkman	236 1971
Shakespeare for Pleasure	V	Tu.am.f	S10/11	MH	Kay Nicholson	268 6220
Story Writers	V	Tu.am.4w	various	MH	Margaret Briddon	262 0501

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MUSIC						
A Cappella Singers	V	Tu.pm.f	S6,7,20	MH	Mike Maas	230 4435
Drumming	V	Th.pm.w	S1	PV	John Lee	233 8517
Enjoying Opera I		Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	John Williams	230 4568
Handbell Ringing	V	We.eve.w	S35 9XY	PVAL	Hazel Bradey	234 2608
Jazz Appreciation I		2ndTu.am.m	S10	MH	John Green	230 7768
Jazz Appreciation II		Tu.am.m	S7	MH	David Bone	268 1016
Music Appreciation I	V	Th.pm.f	S6	PV	David Andrews	235 3389
Performance Choir	V	Mo.am.w	S1	PVAL	Carole Hurst	293 9163
Singing for Pleasure		Fr.pm.f	S1	PVAL	Irene Lees	267 1857
Ukelele		Alt.Tu.pm.m	S8	PVAL	Ann Beedham	274 8331
PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES						
Belly Dancing Stocksbridge	V	Tu.am.w	S36	PV	Kathryn Smith	283 1171
Bowling Cm Grn (SE)	V	Th.am.w	S20	O	John Hunt	269 8811
Bowling Crown Green	V	Mo.am.Th.am.w	S8	O	Tony Hobson	281 5373
Country Dancing	V	Tu.pm.f	S8	PV	Anne Marples	266 8794
Croquet	V	We.am.Tu.pm.Th.pm.w	S11	O	Peter Jones	230 5987
Fitness: Tailor made for you.	V	Tu.am/Th.am/Fri.am	S11	PV	Ann Evans	348 6607
Midweek Cyclists	V	Mo.am.f	various	O	Yvonne Bland	283 0992
Pilates		We.pm.w	S18	PVAL	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Racketball (Mon)	V	Mo.am.w	S17	PVAL	Peter Keen	236 4914
Racketball (Thurs)	V	Th.pm.w	S17	PVAL	Peter Hawksworth	230 7678
Table Tennis	V	Mo.Th.am.w	S17	PV	Anne Coghlan	236 4770
Tai Chi & Chi Kung: South Sheffield		Fri. pm w.	S17	PV	Pat & Clare Ryan	236 8749
Tai Chi Stocksbridge	V	We.pm.w/Fr.am.w	S36	PV	Christopher Goldthorpe	01226 762 201
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE						
Civil Engineering	V	Fr.pm.m	S11/S8	MH	Anne Marples	266 8794
Environment I	V	Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Cliff Ellis	250 0883
Exploring Permaculture	V	Fri. am. f	Various, in Sheffield district	MH	John Baker	275 6697

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Geology	V	We.--.m	various	O	David Edmonds	234 3604
Natural History		Th.--.m	various	O	Ken Balkow	266 6750
Science & Technology	V	Mo.am.m	S8	PV	Neil Lawrie	236 6294
Sustainable Development	V	Mo.pm.m	central	PVAL	Jo Couldry	268 5496
Transport Umbrella Group	V	3rd Tu.eve.m	S11	MH	Colin Price	236 8062
SOCIAL						
After Hours		Eve/wk.end	various	PVAL	Mary Entwisle	255 2368
After Hours NW		Tu.eve.m	various	PVAL	Joyce Franks	234 8587
Dining Out I	V	Wed.eve.m	various	PVAL	Lorna Baker	236 9025
Indian Veggie Buffet	V	3rd We.eve.m.	various	PV	John Wragg	229 5181
Safari Supper	V	Random	various	PV	John Wragg	229 5181
WALKING						
Dippers "Too"(7-10mls)		Mo.-.f	various	O	Margot Williams	268 2476
Dippers I (4-6mls)	V	Mo.-.f	various	O	Donald Ward	236 3332
Gannets (5-7mls)		Mo.-.f	various	O	John Lees	267 1857
Late Walkers (5mls)		We.am.w	various	O	Jill Whyns	258 9935
Peak in Bloom	V	Sun.-.f	various	O	Wendy Taylor	230 9290
Strollers I (Public Trspt.)		We.-.f	various	O	Michael Ball	287 9226
Strollers II (Public Trspt.)		Mo.-.f	various	O	Sheila Hewitt	268 6891
Strollers II (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Norman Benson	236 1080
Strollers II (Tuesday)	V	Tu.am.f	various	O	Clive Williams	230 8177
Strollers III (Public Trspt.)		We.-.f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Strollers III (Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Angela Lam	01246 416 842
Strollers SE(Saturday)	V	Sa.am.f	various	O	Barbara Steel	247 4696
Sunday Walkers (7-9 mls)	V	Sun.-.f	various	O	David Hydes	288 7815
Walking Grp A (5-6mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Pat Crook	265 4731
Walking Grp B (7-8mls)	V	Tu.-w	various	O	Gail Digby	274 7319
Walking Grp C (5-7mls)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Gilbert Smith	230 5769
Walking Grp D (9-11mls)	V	Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Jan Taylor	230 2511

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Walking (cont)						
Walking Grp E (5-7mils)	V	Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	John Ould	236 9606
Walking Grp F (10-14mils)		Alt We./Th.-w	various	O	Peter Digby	236 6821
Walking Grp G (5-7mils)		Th.am.w	various	O	Tim&Pauline Caley	230 3212
Walking Grp H (9-11mils)		Mo.--w	various	O	Eric Bridgeland	250 8819
Walking Grp J (10-14mils)	V	Alt Tu./We.-w	various	O	Mike Gallivan	266 6797
Walking Grp K (5-7 mls) Pub Trspt.		Th.--f	various	O	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Walking Grp L (4-5 mls)		Th.am.w	various	O	Barbara Cassidy	262 0699
Walking Grp M (6 - 8 mls)		Fr.--w	various	O	Gordon Young	296 2402
Walking Grp N (5 - 7mils)		Fr.am.w	various	O	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Walking Grp NW (5 - 8mils)		Th.am.w	various	O	Mary Condon	288 5238
Walking Grp P (8 - 10mils)	V	Alt We./Th.w	various	O	Mollie Ibbotson	01246 412 849
Walking Grp Q (5-7mils)	V	Tu.am.f	S5/S35	O	Anne Chatterton	246 2106
Walking Grp R (7 - 9mils)	V	Mo.--w	various	O	John Woolston	235 2181
Walking Grp SE (8 mls)	V	Tu.--w	various	O	Kenneth Stringfellow	230 4063
THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE ADVERTISED IN LINKS AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS						
SHORT COURSES						
Memory Course		Th.pm x 4 sessions	S1	PV	Stephanie Dixon	247 0119
OPEN						
Classical Concertgoers				PV	Pamela Sandford	236 1815
European Travel Group		various		PV	Samina Aslam	235 1489
Literature Network				PV	Belinda Barber	230 4717
Lunch & Lecture		twice yearly	S8	PV	Dorothy Sutcliffe	268 5918
Travel		various		PV	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102
Weekenders		Sa.Su.m	various	PVAL	Dot Sutcliffe	268 5918



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Become the next General Coordinator

What does he or she do?

Briefly:

The General Coordinator works to familiarise him/herself with the operations of our Group Coordinators. S/he acts as a conduit between the Executive Committee and the Group Coordinators and frequently between the public and SU3A's activity Groups.

Responsibilities:

- Convene two Coordinator Meetings per year – in spring open to all Group Coordinators, in autumn to new Coordinators by invitation.
- Compile reports for (i) each Executive Committee Meeting, (ii) Coordinators' Meetings and (iii) *Links*.
- Be prepared to intervene and support Groups going through the Problem Resolution procedure.
- Collaborate with the Database Manager and Web Coordinator to maintain accuracy of information on Access database and the Excel *Links* Centre pages.

A requirement:

The person carrying out this duty should strive to understand how to use several functions of Microsoft Access.

READ ON, PLEASE! Above is only the dry bones of an utterly exhilarating occupation. If you want a privileged view of how an ultra-successful organisation like Sheffield U3A powers its way ahead of most others, then take up the challenge of being our General Coordinator.

My predecessors, Brian and Doreen, told me: '*You meet the nicest people doing this job*', and I heartily endorse that.

Go on – add zest to your living – reciprocate for enjoyment received from your third age 'alma mater' – give her the favour of your talent – offer yourself as the next General Coordinator – meet the nicest of people . . .



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Report: Lesotho Trip

The idea for the venture came about following an inspirational talk to the SU3A by Mr Ken Dunn of the charity Africa's Gift.

He described the wonderful work being done by young volunteers at the Malealea Development Trust in Lesotho, Southern Africa and following the talk considerable interest was expressed in the idea of U3A members becoming involved. Following further meetings with Ken twelve of us, predominantly SU3A members, signed up to help with the Trust. As mature individuals we thought we could bring a different range of experiences which might be useful. We were a mixed group with backgrounds in medical, academic, engineering, technical and other skills. The party would be led by Ken and accompanied by a doctor, Hannah, and a South African based guide, Tim.

The Sheffield group left for Cape Town in early November meeting up with Tim and the doctor there.



Malealea Gorge

Before travelling to Lesotho we spent some time in the beautiful city of Cape Town and its surroundings.

Whilst there we did the usual tourist visits to Kirstenbosch World Heritage site, the Cape of Good Hope (seeing the penguins on the way), Table Mountain and of course Robben Island.

At the prison, now a museum, in which Mandela spent some eighteen of his twenty seven years' incarceration, we were most privileged to be shown around by the chief guide, a one-time prisoner himself and a personal friend of Nelson. We were taken into Mandela's cell, something tourists are not normally allowed to do.

We all felt this to be a most moving experience and hearing our guide's experiences illustrated the greatness of Mandela.

A few days later we began our travel towards Lesotho by flying to Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State from where we made the long road journey to the Lesotho border, that county being entirely landlocked by South Africa.

On the journey we stopped off at Bethulie, a small town in Boer War country. A local historian took us around many of the sites including an old concentration camp set up by the British!

We were invited to the home of a retired concert pianist who gave us a wonderful recital in his living room.



This was much appreciated.

We eventually crossed into the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho, one of the world's poorest but most beautiful countries. Metalled roads soon gave way to dirt tracks as we approached the Malealea valley through a pass which has been described as 'The Gates of Paradise'.



In summary the Malealea Development Trust works hand in hand with the Malealea community on a range of educational, socio-economic and environmental programmes. Together they promote empowerment, improved livelihoods and a spirit of independence. We hoped we could

contribute to these aims. The Trust is based in a century-old trading station now converted to an award winning lodge and is an integral part of

Many more wonderful photographs from this trip are on our website www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk. They have been taken by John Williams, Ken Dunn and other members of the group

Projects we were involved with included: the development of a community farm where we planted fruit and nitrogen fixing trees and illustrated the importance of enriching the soil, the demonstration of clean burn stoves and thermal cookers called wonder bags or magic ovens! These are similar to hay boxes but are made from cloth and polystyrene. Both the stoves and the wonder bags help reduce premature deaths from smoke inhalation. They also use far less fuel-wood hence freeing the women who spend much of their time collecting firewood.

Some of our group spent time skill-sharing with a local women's sewing group and repairing old Singer machines. Plans are well underway now for this group to start making the wonder bags in the community!



Our medical colleagues did a splendid job engaged with village health workers and made up simple medical kits from supplies which we took with us. They also participated in some training for the workers and this work will continue via ongoing dialogue and electronic materials. Other activities included undertaking surveys on health and stove usage and we made visits to local schools where in one case we had about 200 children out on the field doing the hokey cokey to much amusement.

Fortunately there was also time for wonderful treks to local beauty spots including a spectacular high waterfall. To aid the village economy we always employed local young people to act as guides and interpreters. Responsible tourism and experiences such as this are very powerful indeed and truly involve giving and receiving! Future groups will carry on the development work under the guidance of the Malealea Trust!

On the completion of our work in Malealea we travelled overland via the capital Maseru back into South Africa and made our way up toward Johannesburg taking in the famous Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Museum and the wonderful wildlife in Pilanesberg National Park.

I believe that I and my fellow travellers returned home having given of ourselves but we were also recipients of that true sense of shared humanity - Africa's Gift!



This report is dedicated to the memory of Peter Robinson, a much-loved member of our group.

'Peter's Tree' a late-flowering cherry planted at Malealea in his memory.

John M. Williams

UK Travel Group Events

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

Insurance

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

We strongly recommend that members be insured.

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Advance Notice: Travel Group Visits for 2014

Day Visits for 2014

24 June	Austin Roses, Wolverhampton	(See April Links)
8 July	Great Yorkshire Show	(See April Links)
21 July	Visit to 3 Derbyshire Churches	(See April Links)
13 August	Repeat visit to Salford to see 'War Horse'	(See June Links)
August	Wensleydale Railway/Bolton Castle	(See June Links)
September	Anderton Boat Lift and Lion Salt Works	(See June Links)
October	Gainsborough Old Hall and Lincoln	(See August Links)
29 November	Capesthorpe Hall at Christmas	(See August Links)
December	Birmingham Jewellery Museum and German Christmas Market	(See October Links)

Travel Group AGM

Thursday 13 March 2014

from 13.30 – 16.00

at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Grove Road, Millhouses

Come and discuss the past year's activities, our programme for 2014 and plans for the future.

Put the date in your diary and we look forward to welcoming you.

Open to all SU3A members

Barbara Robertshaw

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Travel Group Short Break to Chichester and Sussex

28 September – 2 October 2014

Chichester was founded by the Romans 2,000 years ago. It is an interesting walled Cathedral city with many ancient buildings.

On our first day we will arrive at Canons Ashby (National Trust), an Elizabethan manor house, in time for lunch (not included). It has been the home of the Dryden family since the 16th century. There are Elizabethan wall paintings and outstanding Jacobean plasterwork. We then continue our journey to Chichester in time to relax before dinner.

BBC News Northamptonshire 25 February 2013: Canons Ashby 'masonic' chamber discovered after 400 years

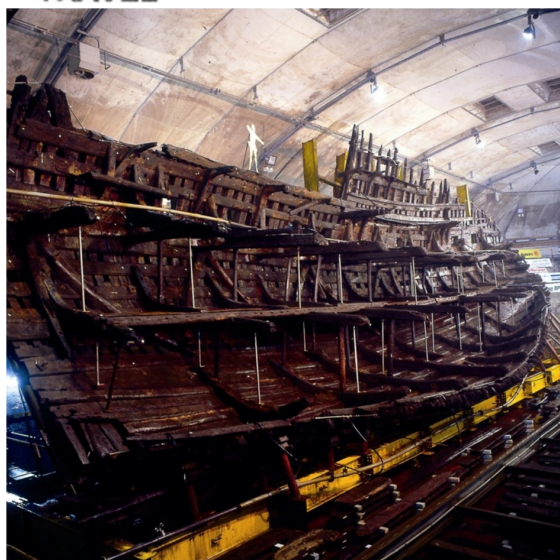


A secret chamber, hidden for 400 years and with possible links to early freemasonry, has been discovered. The entrance to the room, which has plastered walls, was found inside a cupboard at the National Trust-owned house Canons Ashby, near Daventry.

It is a panelled room with walls showing crests of local families and enigmatic symbols.

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The following day we travel to Portsmouth to see the new Mary Rose Museum and the historic dockyard.



The Museum is purpose-built to preserve and display this irreplaceable piece of British history. There are 19,000 artefacts from the wreck. A boat trip is included in our visit.

On Tuesday we visit Gilbert White's house and garden. He was one of the fathers of natural history and his book 'The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne' has never been out of print since it was published in 1789. There is also the moving story of Captain

Lawrence Oates' memorable journey to the South Pole with Scott.

We return to Chichester for lunch and free time to explore this ancient city. The Cathedral has windows by Marc Chagall and an altar cloth by John Piper.

Wednesday morning we travel to Brighton where a visit to the Pavilion with audio guides is included. We then go to Arundel Castle. This magnificent castle was destroyed by Cromwell and largely rebuilt in the 18th century. It has retained a 13th century barbican. We can also see 15th century furniture and paintings by Gainsborough, Van Dyck and Reynolds.

On Thursday we leave Chichester for home. On the way we visit Hughenden Manor (National Trust), home of Benjamin Disraeli for 40 years. This comfortable Victorian house still holds many of Disraeli's pictures, books and furniture. Lunch will be available in the café.

For this 4 night/5day break at the Chichester Park Hotel, the cost per person is **£340.00**, with a single supplement of **£67.00**. The hotel has the usual facilities and an indoor pool. The price includes bed, breakfast, evening meal, coach travel, gratuities and all admission fees except for the two National Trust properties. Lunches and snacks are not included.

To reserve a place, please complete the booking form on page 36 and send it with a deposit of **£50.00** per person to Margaret Langrish as soon as possible. Before submitting your application please read the Travel Group notice on page 31 about travel insurance.



Travel Group: Holme Pierrepont Hall Visit

Tuesday 13 May 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 £..... (**£30.00** per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the completed slip with a small stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible to: Margaret Langrish, 19 Almshill Road, Sheffield S11 9RR.

Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 08.00 (....)

Bus bay Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 08.15 (....)



SU3A Charity Quiz

Saturday 15 March 2014

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me at **£11.00** per person. I enclose a cheque for £ made out to **SU3A Charity Quiz**.

I would like vegetarian meals

Completed forms together with a cheque and a self-sealing, stamped addressed envelope should be returned as soon as possible to:

Marion Edmondson, 4 Alton Close, Sheffield S11 9QQ

Travel Group Visit to Holme Pierrepont Hall and Nottingham Castle

Tuesday 13 May 2014



Holme Pierrepont Hall is a privately-owned late medieval manor house. It was built in 1500 and is one of the oldest brick built houses in the country. You will see a magnificent ballroom, a long gallery and a Charles II grand staircase. The house stands in extensive parkland and has a Victorian walled garden.

Descendants of the Pierrepont family still live there and the present owner will be giving us a guided tour of the house. Coffee/tea will be served on arrival and later a buffet lunch.

In the afternoon we will travel the short distance to Nottingham Castle and gardens. There we can relax in the gardens and explore the castle.

The cost for the day is **£30.00** per person. This includes travel, coffee, guided tour, buffet lunch and entrance to Nottingham Castle

To reserve a place, please complete the booking form on page 34 and send it with a cheque and a small stamped addressed envelope to Margaret Langrish, 19 Almshill Road, Sheffield S11 9RR, as soon as possible.



Travel Group: Wentworth Woodhouse Visit

Wednesday 2 April 2014

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me. I enclose a cheque for £..... (**£30.00** per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel**. Please return the completed slip with a small stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible to:

Barbara Robertshaw, 20 Whinfell Court Sheffield S11 9QA.

Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

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

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 09.30 (....)

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Travel Group: Short Break Chichester

28 September – 2 October 2014

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me.

Room type: Twin/double/twin share/single.

I enclose a cheque for £ (**£50.00** deposit per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a *Links*-size stamped addressed envelope.

Completed forms should be sent to arrive **as soon as possible** to:
Margaret Langrish, 19 Almshill Road, Sheffield S11 9RR.



Wentworth Woodhouse is one of the finest and grandest Georgian Houses in England. A formidable mansion, it was one of the most expensive ever built.

The current house was built by the first Marquis of Rockingham and incorporated part of an earlier manor house, built c. 1630.

In the 18th century considerable external alterations and adaptations were made to the house. Intriguingly, the façades of the west and east fronts were completed by different architects. The east front is sober, precise, stark Palladianism, with its political associations with Whig architecture. It is also the longest façade of any English country house. In contrast, the slightly earlier west front was built in Baroque style.

Over the years, the house has seen enormous changes as well as being used as a College of Physical Education. Finally, since 1999, Mr Clifford Newbold and his family have owned and maintained the buildings and landscape.

We will have a guided tour to see approximately 15 rooms of the restored mansion and our guides will tell you more about the family and their fortunes.

After the tour, we will have lunch at the Wentworth Garden Centre. You can then visit its historic garden and browse in the Garden Centre and the shops. Refreshments will be available in the afternoon.

The cost of the day is **£30.00** per person. This includes coach travel, gratuities, coffee and biscuits on arrival at Wentworth, guided tour of the mansion and a light lunch at the Garden Centre.

If you would like to come with us, please complete the booking form on page 36 and send it with a cheque and a small stamped addressed envelope to Barbara Robertshaw, 20 Whinfell Court Sheffield S11 9QA.



weekenders

BBC tour at MediaCity, Salford

Sunday 9 March 2014

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

Postcode

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ (**£26.00** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**. Please send to Shirley Marney, 21 Everard Ave, Bradway S17 4LY with a small stamped addressed envelope to arrive **as soon as possible**.

Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

Pond Hill (Penny Black pub)	07.45 (....)
Ecclesall Road South/ Knowle Lane	08.00 (....)
Old Mother Redcap	08.15 (....)



weekenders

Upper Peak Canal Cruise

Sunday 13 April 2014

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

Postcode

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £ (**£29.00** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**.

I would like vegetarian meals.

Please return the form with a small stamped addressed envelope to Dot Sutcliffe, 32 Tapton Crescent Road, Sheffield S10 5DA to arrive **as soon as possible**.

Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

Pond Hill (Penny Black pub)	10.15 (....)
Ecclesall Road South/ Knowle Lane	10.30 (....)
Old Mother Redcap	10.45 (....)



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 sammas1747@gmail.com
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Brian Cave Treasurer (0114) 230 5312

Welcome!

I am very pleased to announce that our Group is now officially up and running with our first organised trips in May and September 2014 (see separate articles). Our aim is to organise trips of educational/vocational interest for members of SU3A. We will use all modes of transport and our first trip is by coach via the Eurotunnel. Though in the short term we are looking at two to three trips per year we are keen to increase the number of trips as we get more comfortable in our roles and with the organisational requirements. Indeed our long-term goal will be to also explore further afield than just Europe!

We are open to ideas from you, the members. If you have any destination ideas for 2015 please get in touch with me, Samina, preferably by email so that the Group can investigate in good time.

2014 calendar:

May	Cities of Flanders by coach
September	Dordogne by train
December	Traditional German Christmas market town
December	AGM

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

Cancellations: In case of cancellation, please note that refunds for deposits or for full payments can only be made if a replacement (who must be a Sheffield U3A member) can be found by the organiser.

Samina Aslam Coordinator (0114) 235 1489 sammas1747@gmail.com



European Travel Group: Cities of Flanders

22 - 26 May 2014

We depart from our designated pick up points by executive coach and travel with our tour manager to Folkestone for our Eurotunnel crossing to Calais. We continue to the 4* Mercure Lille Roubaix Grand Hotel in Roubaix for a four night stay.

We will enjoy guided tours of Ghent, originally the capital of Flanders, and Bruges, famous for lace making, chocolate and its picturesque canals. On these days the afternoons will be free for your own leisure.

A full day will be spent with our specialist battlefield guide as he takes us to see some of the sights and monuments that formed part of the infamous Ypres Salient in Belgium and, as the day closes, after dinner, we will be attending the deeply moving 'Last Post' Ceremony under the Menin Gate which bears the names of almost 55,000 men whose bodies were never found. On the final day on our way home we descend into Carriere Wellington near Arras, a vast subterranean city of underground tunnels constructed by New Zealand miners during 1917, where at one stage over 20,000 men sheltered.

For this 5 day/4 nights' stay on half-board basis the cost per person sharing a twin/double room is **£499.00**, with a single occupancy supplement of **£79.00**. The prices quoted include hotel room, breakfast, evening meals (set menus with drinks at extra cost), pre-arranged entrance to museums and all payments to guides and gratuities. Except for refreshments as stated, all other drinks and food in the hotel or any visits are at your own expense.

To apply for this holiday please complete the form on page 42 and send it with a deposit of **£75.00** per person,

cheques made payable to *Sheffield U3A ETG*

together with a *Links*-size stamped addressed envelope, to:

Samina Aslam. 342 Abbey Lane, Beauchief, Sheffield S8 0BY,

by 18 February 2014.

Before submitting your application please read the European Travel Group notice on page 39 about travel insurance and cancellation policy



European TG: Dordogne and Lot by train

4 - 9 September 2014

Discover the history, pretty villages and meandering rivers of this delightful region of France.

We will be based in Souillac with its 12th century church of Sainte Marie, the Musee de L'Automate which contains one of the most varied collections in Europe of ancient mechanical dolls along with modern models and robots and a distillery producing 'Vieille Prune' liqueur.

We will take in Martel, the medieval 'city' of seven towers and the pilgrimage site of Rocamadour built almost vertically into the face of the limestone cliff high above the river Aizou. The itinerary also includes a journey on the restored 'Truffadou Train' formerly used to transport truffles to the village of St Denis as well as travelling along the Dordogne river in a traditional gabare boat cruising past some of the valley's most beautiful chateaux.

We will travel from Sheffield railway station to St Pancras International and catch the Eurostar to Paris. Here we join our train to Souillac and will be transferred to the 19th century 3* Grand Hotel.

The cost of this 6 day and 5 nights stay is **£775.00** per person with a single occupancy supplement of **£130.00** and includes 5 nights' hotel stay; breakfast and dinner at the hotel for the duration of the stay; all train journeys as listed above; boat trip and gratuities. Lunches are not included and any optional excursions are at extra cost.

Successful applicants will be expected to make their own way to and from Sheffield railway station.

To apply for this holiday please complete the form on page 42 and send it with a deposit of **£150.00** per person,

cheques made payable to *Sheffield U3A ETG*

together with a *Links*-size stamped addressed envelope, to:

Samina Aslam, 342 Abbey Lane, Beauchief, Sheffield S8 0BY,

by 18 February 2014.

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European Travel Group: Cities of Flanders

22 – 26 May 2014

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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..... Postcode

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

I enclose a cheque for £..... (**£75.00** deposit per person), payable to **Sheffield U3A ETG** and a *Links*-size stamped self addressed envelope.

Application forms must be received no later than **Tuesday 18 February 2014**; any forms received after this date will not be valid.

(Balance of payment required by 20th March) Completed forms should be sent to: Samina Aslam, 342 Abbey Lane, Beauchief, Sheffield S8 0BY.



European Travel Group: Dordogne & Lot

4 - 9 September 2014

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

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Address Tel:

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..... Postcode

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

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From the Editor: The Brutal Truth . .

Unfortunately the Editor's job is sometimes to be cruel. If your carefully-crafted copy has been truncated - or even omitted - then it is probably only for reasons of space (*but see the apology below*)

We are obliged to keep to a maximum of 44 sides of copy to keep to the 2nd Class postage limit and this, combined with other constraints, means that the axe has sometimes to be wielded.

Many apologies if it fell on your article.

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The poor quality of this *Links* is due to the copy that arrived late. I cannot produce accuracy, let alone miracles, at short notice.

Calendar 2014

February	4	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	15	Weekenders: Beetle Drive: CURC: 13.30
	21	Showroom Lecture: Climate Change: 10.30
	28	Membership renewal deadline
March	4	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	9	Weekenders: A Peek into the BBC: Day Visit
	12	Travel Group: Bletchley Park: Day Visit
	13	Travel Group AGM: Holy Trinity Church Hall: 13.30
	15	SU3A Charity Quiz: Abbeydale Sports Centre: 19.00
	21	Showroom Lecture: The Life and Death of Richard III: 10.30
	28	Lunch and Lecture: Life in the Music: 12.00
	29	Flying Gardeners: Beauchief Gardens:
April	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: 14.00
May	2	Classical Concertgoers: Steven Hough: 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
	15	SU3A AGM
	16	Showroom Lecture: Emotional control: 10.30
	22-26	European Travel Group: Cities of Flanders: Short Break
June	3	Drop-In Session: 10.00-12.00: CURC
	5-10	Travel Group: Glasgow: Short Break
	20	Showroom Lecture: The Devonshires: 10.30
	24	Travel Group: Austin Roses, Wolverhampton: Day Visit

CURC: Central United Reformed Church