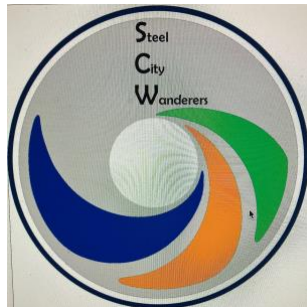
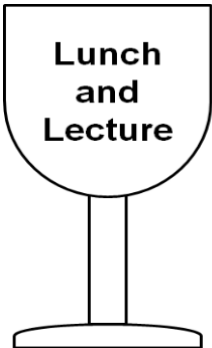


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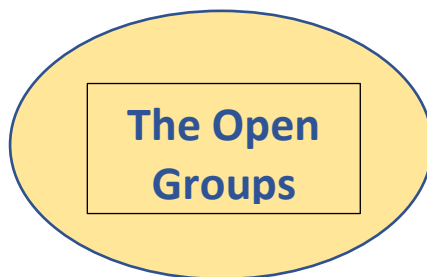
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The Open Groups are open to all members of Sheffield u3a

Most open group activities require you to send in a booking form with deposit and S.A.E. The booking forms will be found in Links, in the Open Groups Supplement and in the monthly e-newsletter and should be completed and returned to the person named by the due date.

If you are looking to learn more about our city, go on day trips, travel to Europe, listen to a lecture and meet new people, then one of the open group activities is for you.

Travel Audio System

To further enhance the tours where guides are used, Su3a have invested in the Whisper Audio System. Basically, you are provided with a small receiver (about the size of a pack of cards) which you wear around your neck. This has an earpiece attached. The guide wears a transmitter with a microphone and talks normally. Through your earpiece, you can hear the guide up to 70 metres away.

Ideal for those city walks or when visiting country houses and churches. For those with hearing aids with a 'T' switch, loop receivers are available. Just let the organiser know in advance.

Your tour organiser will let you know if these will be used on your excursion.

Breaking News

The Third Age Trust have announced they will be holding their first ever three-day festival and Yorkshire has been chosen for the venue.

It will be held on the Campus of The University of York 18-20 July 2024. Further details will be found on the Web site, newsletter and Links as they are announced. **See update later in this edition.**



Sheffield u3a Private Facebook group

Sheffield u3a now has a private, members only group on Facebook. The aims for this group are to share photographs of us in our group activities (please obtain everyone's permission first), share the benefits we gain, promote information about new groups, post updates about drop-ins and new members' meetings, plus links to our monthly e-newsletter and other useful information. This private group will help us all keep much more in touch and aware, and spread the buzz and love about Su3a.

Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sheffieldu3a/> and hit 'Join'. You will be asked to answer 2 questions including typing in your u3a membership number. See you in our new Facebook group.



FRIDAY LECTURES

Held at the Showroom Cinema

If you weren't at our December lecture you missed out on a great speaker.....

You also missed out on some very tasty mince pies! Our Speaker was Neal Hanson, author of over 70 books, ghost writer to the stars and one-time landlord of the Tan Hill Pub, the highest pub in England and famous for its starring role with Ted Moulton in an Everest Double Glazing ad (only those of a certain age may remember it). Neal took us on a light-hearted romp through the vicissitudes of owning the country's most remote and dilapidated inn; on one occasion, being snowed in from December until early March, on another, being told by the local planning department to remove the free of charge double glazed windows and reinstate the old ones. It had taken Neil months of haggling with Everest to get all the windows for free but unfortunately, despite its dilapidated state the inn was Grade 2 listed. Lucky for him that the old windows had fallen into pieces

during removal and he had burned any remaining wood for Winter fuel. The planners saw sense.

By contrast **our November lecture** tackled a more sobering subject, the world of **fraud, cyber crime and scams**. We saw case studies from S. Yorks Police where it became clear that phone scams in particular, target older people.

Advice from the Police - Always be on the alert if you are asked for money, gift vouchers or personal information whether it be on the phone, by email or even by a text supposedly from a family member using their own or someone else's mobile phone.

Never assume that someone is telling the truth.

Never believe what they say unless you are confident that they are who they say they are and always independently confirm the details they have provided.

Did you know that most UK banks now subscribe to a generic phone number? If you want to check that a phone call supposedly coming from your bank is genuine, hang up on the call, use another phone if possible otherwise wait 5 minutes then **dial 159** and ask to be put through to your own bank for verification. If your bank is not part of the scheme use the number shown on the back of your bank card or on your bank statement.

Forthcoming Lectures:

February 16th – **A History of Sheffield Cats Shelter.** Christine Goddard
Established in 1897 the Shelter is one of the oldest charities and is still going strong.

March 15th - **Artificial Intelligence.** Alessandro Di Nuovo (Sheffield Hallam University) Dr Nuovo will outline how AI can be used to benefit society.



Coach tour of the Italian Lakes

6th – 13th September 2024

This is the opportunity for those who do not enjoy the airport or flying experience to enjoy a 7 night, 8 day coach tour to the North Italian Lakes.

Leaving Sheffield on a Silver Service coach from Leger Travel, we cross the channel into France. After an overnight stop in France, we arrive at our 4* hotel on the banks of Lake Maggiore.

During the tour of the Italian Lakes, we visit the Borromean Islands, Isola Bella where we tour its Baroque palace and gardens and we visit Isola dei Pescatori with its picturesque fishing village. We visit the little known Lake Orta, considered a hidden gem amongst the Great Italian Lakes and enjoy a lakeside lunch. We also cruise to San Giulio which boasts the oldest church in the region with frescoes dating back to the Renaissance.



On day 5 we travel by coach through the 'Val Grande' National Park to Domodossola. Here we board the Centovalli train for a ride through the fascinating 'valley of one hundred valleys' to the Swiss town of Locarno. During the journey, you pass tranquil villages, waterfalls, chestnut forests and over bridges which span deep ravines. There will be time to explore this beautiful

town before returning to our hotel by coach,



We visit Lugano, a popular Swiss city on the banks of Lake Lugano. Lugano is famous for its bustling atmosphere, amazing attractions and its stunning location. Here you will find narrow cobblestone streets lined with boutiques and excellent little shops.

You will also be able to take advantage of the many pavement cafes with superb views over the lake.

The cost of this tour is £1420 per person sharing a twin or double room. The single supplement is £279 for a double or twin room and sole occupancy.

The cost includes Silver Service coach throughout the tour, ferry crossings, 2 nights hotel in France (going and return) 5 nights at the 4* Hotel Concorde Arona (www.concordearona.com), local guides, boat rides, the train journey, 6 dinners, 1 lunch at Lake Orta and 7 breakfasts, entrance fee to Isola Bella Palace and all gratuities.

To book your place, please complete the form below and return it with your deposit cheque.

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Designed for comfort and style whilst travelling throughout Europe.

With a maximum of 40 seats, you can sink into the deluxe, reclining seats with leather headrests for added comfort, enjoy extra legroom and stretch out as you soak up the beautiful passing scenery, and get to know your fellow passengers in the spacious rear lounge – you may even make friends for life!

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Coach tour of the Italian Lakes 6th – 13th September 2024

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I/we require a double / twin / single

Please delete as appropriate

All rooms are en-suite

I enclose my deposit cheque for £ (£100 per person) made payable to **Leger Holidays**. Please put your name and Sheffield u3a on the reverse and send it to **Brian Cave, 73 Highcliffe Road, Sheffield, S11 7LP** to arrive no later than **15th February 2024**.

Acknowledgements will be by email. Please enclose a SA&SE

Self addressed & stamped envelope

The full booking form and detailed itinerary will be sent early March.

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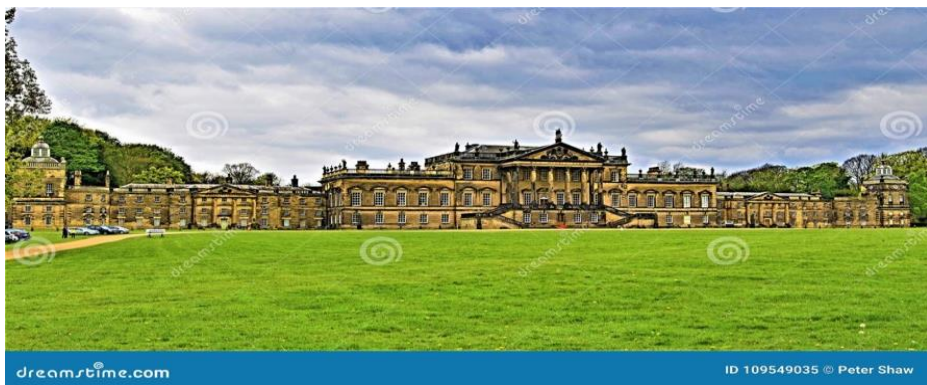
LUNCH AND LECTURE (LL) OPEN GROUP

May the Lunch and Lecture (LL) Team wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year and welcome any new U3A members to the Sheffield Branch. Most existing members will know that LL hold 2 events per year: one in May and another towards the end of October or beginning of November. Talks are varied and usually very entertaining. As an "Open Group" it is open to any Sheffield U3A member. Our events are advertised here, in the Open Groups Supplement, in the E-Newsletter, on the web site and in both the hard and soft copy of LINKS. Once booking opens, a form will be included with the advertisement.



Our last Lunch and Lecture was on 3 November 2023 when our speaker for the day was Mr Stephen Croft, a volunteer, on behalf of Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA). He was a very interesting speaker who explained some of the background of YAA, explained about the extremely valuable service that YAA provides and recounted some amazing stories of real-life rescues, including his own. Together with a co-volunteer, Ms Emma Hurst, they kept us interested and entertained also displaying a small stall of merchandise which they sold on behalf of the YAA Charity. Many of you may be totally unaware that the YAA service is funded totally by their Charity Collections and Sales - there is no government funding for them.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, 10 May 2024, for our next Lunch and Lecture, which will take place, as usual, at The Double Tree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel, Chesterfield Road South. Full details are not currently available but will be published, together with a booking form, once the menu details/price have been agreed with the Hotel.



Our speaker for May 2024 is David Winpenny, who is joining us to speak about Wentworth Woodhouse. With an enormous, extravagant frontage and an amazing history, this Grade 1 listed country house gives David plenty to tell us about. He is a skilled lecturer who is accredited to the Arts Society, having spoken regularly on cruise ships, offering humorous talks on many subjects.

Again, may we wish you all 'A Happy and Healthy New Year' from the Lunch and Lecture Team:

Barbara Hutton (Co-ordinator), Sue Connelly and Martin Harvey



Saturday 20th April 2024



Beamish is the UK's largest living museum. A day spent here takes you from 1820s Pockerley village, the 1900s New Town, a 1900s Pit village, into a Colliery, a 1950s Town,



experience life on a 1940s farm, take a steam train ride, and travel around the museum on a tram.

All brought to life by people living the life of the period



You can visit peoples' homes which will remind you of what life was like in the past. You will be able to see the shops of the towns and what was high fashion in the 1900s and 1950s.



Why not enjoy a traditional fish & chip lunch in the Pit Village or the 1950s Town or a pint in The Sun Inn in the 1900s Town or relax in one of the Tea Rooms and Cafes.

This amazing day trip is available for £39 per person which includes coach travel from Sheffield, entrance to Beamish and Gratuities. To book your place please complete the form below.



All photographs courtesy of Beamish, The Living Museum of the North



Beamish Living Museum
Saturday 20th April 2024

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My preferred pickup point is **Knowle Lane Sheffield Interchange**

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18th to 20th July 2024



Latest time scale:

In mid-January work starts on the daily programme of events.

By early February the link will be released to book your chosen days at the festival.

By the end of March you will be able to book your individual sessions, tailoring your festival stay to your preferences.

Our goal is to offer a variety of activities each day, ensuring there's something enjoyable for everyone.



**Malton Food Lovers Festival
and
Eden WW11 Camp
Sunday 26th May 2024**

“Yorkshire's Foodie Glastonbury” is back!

Set across the streets of Yorkshire's Food Capital, **Malton Food Lovers Festival** is a celebration of Yorkshire's finest produce & cooking.



Expect artisan stalls, delicious street food, talks, tastings, celebrity chefs, demos, festival bar, live music & much, much more! Malton's family foodie extravaganza is a festival

like no other. A giant celebration, a huge gourmet street party.



Eden Camp Modern History Museum is a family owned and run business that started over 30 years ago.

Originally a prisoner of war camp, it was built on an agricultural plot on the outskirts of Malton in early 1942, by a small contingent of army personnel who had travelled from Castle Douglas, Scotland.

At its peak, Eden Camp's 45 huts were supplemented by a large area of tented accommodation and could house around 1200 prisoners at any one time.



Now each hut covers a different aspect of the war, starting with the rise of the Nazi Party, Hitler and The Outbreak of War. Other topics include: Rationing, the Utility Scheme, 'Save It' Campaigns, Evacuees, Propaganda, Home Guard, Home Front, The Blitz, Air Raid and Gas Precautions, Animals at War, The Street at War, Women at War, The Land Army and Timber Girls, The Munition Factories, The

Observer Corps, The Auxiliary Fire Service, The WVS, The Red Cross, Civil Defence, The Rescue Services, The Bevin Boys, etc.

There is something for everyone!

Our coach will take us first to Malton to enjoy a festival of Yorkshire Food. Here you can wander around tasting food, watching chefs at work, and generally enjoying the sound and sights of this picturesque market town. Early afternoon, our coach will take us to Eden Camp where we can immerse ourselves into the social history of life in Britain from 1939 to 1945.

The cost for this exiting day out is £37, which includes the hire of the coach, the visit to Malton Food Lovers Festival, entry to Eden Camp and all gratuities. To book your place please complete the form below:



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The History & Heritage of Hampshire **13th-17th June 2024**

The Travel Group invite you to join us on a trip exploring some of the History and Heritage of Hampshire

This 5 day, 4 night trip includes private executive coach throughout our journey and 4 nights half board accommodation at the **4* Hampshire Court Hotel** (www.thehampshirecourthotel.co.uk) on the outskirts of **Basingstoke**. Facilities at the hotel include a restaurant, bar, indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, sauna and a steam room.

On our way down to Basingstoke we will visit the National Trust's **Waddesdon Manor** in Buckinghamshire. The French Renaissance-style chateau was built for **Ferdinand de Rothschild** in the 19th century to display his vast collection of works of art, including French royal furniture, Sèvres porcelain and works by **Gainsborough** and **Reynolds**.

During the next few days we will take in: the **Great Hall** in Winchester and enjoy a guided tour at **Winchester Cathedral** with free time in the city followed by a visit to **Jane Austen's House Museum in Chawton**, the renowned author spent the last eight years of her life, and where she wrote some of her most popular works.

Stonehenge and Salisbury, a great stone circle and an exceptional survivor from lost prehistoric cultures, begun around 3000 BC in the late Stone Age, this unique monument evolved until about 1600 BC in the mid Bronze Age. With free time in Salisbury where you may choose to visit the National Trust's **Mompesson House**, or **Salisbury Cathedral**, a beautiful historic building, an international symbol of Christianity and a world class heritage attraction. Our final full day will see us at the **Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth**. We will have a pass for the day to look around the site at our own individual pace. Some of the highlights you may wish to explore are: **The HMS Victory** stands today as the world's oldest commissioned warship and has seen over 220 years of almost continuous naval service.



Or perhaps the HMS Warrior 1860 was launched during a period of uneasy peace between Britain and her traditional enemy, France. During her heyday she was the most formidable warship the world has ever seen. Alternatively you may wish to



explore the new **Mary Rose Museum's** interior evolved from the frozen moment in time seconds before Henry VIII's flagship sank on a fine summer day on 19 July 1545 as she sailed into action against the French fleet. The excavation and raising of the Mary Rose uncovered and lifted an extraordinary collection of Tudor maritime life. When she capsized onto her starboard side, she along

with tens of thousands of objects quickly settled beneath layers of protecting silts in the Solent. This provided a time capsule of the ship, her fittings, weaponry and armament, and all the possessions of her 500 crew and soldiers from the Admiral to the common sailor

After checking out of our hotel on the final day and en route back to Sheffield we will visit the National Trust's **Upton House and Gardens** in Warwickshire, a country mansion containing an outstanding collection of English and continental old master paintings including works by Hogarth, Canaletto, Brueghel and El Greco.

The cost is **£650.00pp** with a **£119.00** single supplement, subject to minimum numbers being met. All gratuities for coach driver, hotel and guides are also included. **Please note for non National Trust members there will be additional entrance costs at Waddesdon Manor and Upton House and Gardens**

All applicants should have their own travel insurance. Su3a cannot be responsible for any claims. This tour is arranged by Tailored Travel who provide travel insurance if needed.

If you are interested in joining us please send in your **completed application form**, your deposit and an **A5 (Links size) sae envelope** to Samina Aslam.

Samina Aslam (sammas1747@gmail.com / 0114 2351489)

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The History & Heritage of Hampshire
13th-17th June 2024

Application Form

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Tel:email:

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £.....
(**£100.00** per person) payable to **Tailored Travel**.

Please send to Samina Aslam, 342 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0BY (with
an A5 (Links sized sae if postal acknowledgement is required) by no later
than **20th February**

Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

Knowle Lane / Ecclesall Road (.....)

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separate piece of paper to the address shown together with your
cheque.



Stamford and the Open Air Theatre Saturday 24 August 2024



The Weekenders' team cordially invite you to our annual outing to The Open Air Theatre and Stamford. This year the matinee performance is Jane Austen's ***Sense and Sensibility*** performed by the Stamford Shakespeare Company at their open-air stage set in the beautiful grounds of Tolethorpe Hall.

Sense and Sensibility is Jane Austen's first novel published anonymously in 1811. It is the story of the Dashwood sisters, Elinor (19) and Marianne (16) as they come of age. There is an older half-brother, John, and a younger sister, Margaret (13). The novel follows the 3 Dashwood sisters and their widowed mother as they are forced to leave the family estate Norland Park and move to the Barton Cottage. The novel is set in South-West England, London and Sussex, probably between 1792 – 1795.

In an attempt to avoid the heat of the previous years, Tolethorpe Hall's matinee performances commences at 11.30am. We will therefore make our way to the theatre first for 11.00am and following the performance we will be taken to Stamford for members to have a late lunch (or picnic) and wander round this lovely little town. The cost of the trip is **£42.00** per person which 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 application form and return it along with your payment asap (**no later than 19th April**)

There is also an **optional** guided walking tour of Stamford of about an hour's duration costing **£8** per head. Please indicate if you wish to do this and so the total price for the trip and tour is **£50**. There will be plenty of time as we will be leaving Stamford at about 6pm.

Once again for those who are willing to accept an email acknowledgment you do not have to send sae. In the case of insufficient interest and cancellation of the trip your applications and cheques will be destroyed.

If you need a postal acknowledgement you **must** send a sae with your application form

Olga Lidbury olgalidbury@hotmail.com 07792107747

Stamford and the Open Air Theatre
Saturday 24 August 2023



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Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £.....
(**£42 or £50** per person) payable to **Sheffield u3a Weekenders**.
Please send to Mrs Jo Fox, Dickfield Farm, Little Common Lane,
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Please indicate your preferred pick up point:

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Calendar 2024

Feb 6	Drop-in	10:00 to 12:00 CURC*
Feb 16	Friday Lectures**	Christine Goddard. A History of the Sheffield Cats Shelter, Established in 1897
Mar 5	Drop-in	10:00 to 12:00 CURC*
Mar 15	Friday Lectures**	Alessandro Di Nuovo. How AI can benefit Society
Apr 2	Drop-in	10:00 to 12:00 CURC*
Apr 20	Weekenders	Beamish Living Museum
May 10	Lunch & Lecture	David Winpenny talking about Wentworth Woodhouse
May 26	Weekenders	Malton Food Lovers Festival & Eden Camp
June 13 – 17	UK Travel Group	The History & Heritage of Hampshire
July 14	Weekenders	Port Sunlight and Liverpool Bay Cruise Details in the April Links
July 18 – 20	Third Age Trust	1 st Festival - York
July 22 – 25	YAHR	Summer School
Aug 24	Weekenders	Stamford and Open Air Theatre. Jane Austen's <i>Sense and Sensibility</i>
Sep 6 - 13	ETG	Italian Lakes Coach Tour
Sep 27	Weekenders	York & River Cruise with a Fish & Chip Lunch Details in the June Links

*CURC: Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street

** Friday Lectures are held in the Showroom at 11:00

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