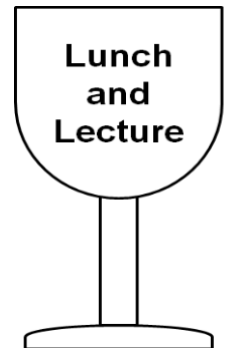
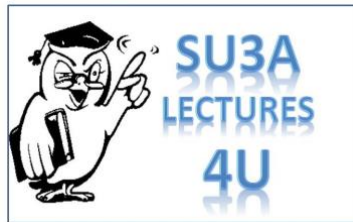


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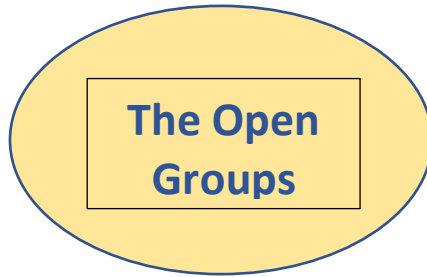
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The Open Groups are open to all members of Sheffield u3a

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.

RIVIERA Travel

Riviera Travel offer a 10% payback on the cost of your holiday to your u3a. **Please mention at the time of booking that you are a member of Sheffield u3a.**

Payment is made on completion of your holiday. All money received from Riviera Travel is used for the benefit of all our members.



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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you are unable to print out any application form, please write ALL of the requested information on a sheet of paper and return that, together with your payment, as directed.

Payment by BACS ETG & UK Travel

We now accept deposits and final payments by bank transfer (BACS). Payment details will be shown on the booking form.

**You must put the tour ID and your surname as the reference.
Failure to do so, may invalidate your application.**



Ever wondered how products in your online shopping cart get from Amazon to you? Then why not join us for a tour of one of those giant warehouses you see at the side of motorways.

Amazon Tours

10th September (Ref: AZ)

During your tour, you'll have the chance to explore their state-of-the-art technology that powers their fulfilment centres, from cutting-edge robotics to advanced logistics systems. Their knowledgeable guides will take you through their innovative processes,



showcasing how they strive to continuously improve and innovate to better serve their customers. They will also shed light on how they are working towards a more sustainable future, both within their operations and beyond. You will learn about their inclusive culture and commitment to diversity, where everyone's unique talents are celebrated and valued.



After the visit to Amazon, we shall make our way to Melbourne Hall Tea rooms for a light lunch before travelling on to the National Trusts' Kedleston Hall

The cost for this trip including travel from/to Sheffield, entry to the Amazon warehouse, lunch, entry to Kedleston Hall and all gratuities is £50 per person. For non National Trust members, please add £20 per person for entry to Kedleston Hall.

Please note, we can only take 25 members on this visit to Amazon. All application forms received by the closing date of 10th August will be put in a hat and drawn out at random until all 25 places are filled. Couples applying will be kept as one draw. A valid photo ID is required for all visitors. Amazon will accept any official document that displays the person's first name, surname, and photograph. E.g. Driving Licence, Rail Pass, Passport

Further details will be sent when your booking is confirmed. **Please ensure you have included a S.A.E.** To join this trip, please complete and return the form below.

We now accept deposits and final payments by bank transfer (BACS). Please use the following details when making the transfer:

Account name: **Sheffield u3a UK travel.**

Sort Code: **08-92-99** Account number: **67203497**

Ref: **AZ** *your initial & surname*

Failure to quote the correct tour ID and your surname may invalidate your application

Amazon Tour Booking Form

Please reserve places for the 10th September visit to Amazon

Name: Su3a No:NT Member

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Name: Su3a No:NT Member

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Address:.....

..... Post Code:

Email address:

Mobile telephone number:

Emergency Contact Name:

Telephone: Email:

I enclose a cheque for £..... (£50pp or £70pp for non National Trust members). Cheques must be made payable to **Sheffield u3a UK Travel**. This is non-refundable unless a new person can be found to take your place in the event of your cancellation.

If paid by bank transfer, please put date of transfer here:

Please state any mobility or dietary requirements:

Select pickup point: Sheffield Interchange Pier E5: 08:45

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or at Knowle Lane: 09:00

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(Corner with Ecclesall Road South)

Please send this completed form together with your cheque and an S.A.E to **Brian Cave, 73 Highcliffe Road, Sheffield, S11 7LP by 10th August.**



**National Space Centre and
Abbey Pumping Station with
'Steam with the Team'
Saturday 24th October 2026**



Come with us to Leicester and spend time in the past and the future.

We are planning to visit the National Space Centre, which houses UK's largest planetarium, with many things to explore. There are many exhibits to look at. We are booking a Jupiter Mission Package which will give you access to the galleries, and a Planetarium show which will be booked in advance. I will be booking the show before we go.

As it is the school half term break we are unable to book the Booster's café for lunch although it will be open. You can sit under rockets and eat your lunch.

You can go around the centre at your own pace. I can still remember the excitement of the Moon landing and being able to stay up to watch it "live". I hope there will be information about the recent Artemis II mission. As we cannot pre-book as a group your entry ticket is a lifetime pass. I will definitely be returning.

Please visit the website to find out more information. It makes it easier to plan your visit.

We have chosen this date as it is a 'Steam with the Team' Day at the Abbey Pumping Station.



We will walk from the Space Centre to the Pumping Station, which is adjacent to the Space Centre. The magnificent machines and giant cogs will be turning.

This is a guided walking tour which lasts about one hour and must be pre-booked.

Please be aware that there are many steps. As an ex working environment the floors can be uneven and the many stairs are uneven and can become slippery especially in wet weather.

The cost for the tour of the Pumping House is £9.50 pp.

I understand (but cannot promise) there is an excellent tea room with delicious cakes on special days!

The Pumping Station is organised and run by volunteers. All bookings for the Pumping Museum tour are with Leicester Museums Service. I have reserved 35 tickets.

At the end of our day into the past and the future we will return to Sheffield for approximately 6pm

If you are interested in joining us please complete the form below and return it to me. Payment can be by cheque or BACS transfer. Details and booking form are on the following page.

We now accept deposits and final payments by bank transfer (BACS). Please use the following details when making the transfer:

Account name: **Sheffield u3a UK Travel.**

Sort Code: **08-92-99** Account number: **67203497**

Ref: **NSC** *your initial & surname*

Failure to quote the correct tour ID and your surname may invalidate your application



**National Space Centre and
Abbey Pumping Station with
'Steam with the Team'
Saturday 24th October**

Please complete all sections of the booking form in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

NAME..... Su3a No.....

NAME..... Su3a No.....

ADDRESS.....

..... POSTCODE.....

Email address.....

Mobile telephone number.....

Please reserve.....places. I enclose a cheque for £39pp (entry to the space
centre only) or £48.50pp (including guided Pumping Station guided tour)
Cheques must be made payable to **Sheffield u3a UK Travel**

Or I have paid by Bank Transfer. Date of Transfer:

Please note the UK Travel Group are not responsible for any lost or deleted payments if you do not use the
correct Reference details when making your payment

In case of emergency, contact

Name Tel

Please indicate your preferred pick-up point:

Knowle Lane: or Sheffield Interchange stand E5.....

Please send this fully completed form together with your cheque(s) and a SAE to
Julia Daine, 27 Gaunt Close, Killamarsh, Sheffield, S21 1SW Closing date
30th August 2026. Additional enquiries: juliadaine@aol.com



**Visit to the Garden Room
Tennants of Yorkshire Antiques and Fine Art
Auctioneers Ltd
Thursday 12th November 2026**



We are travelling to Leyburn to visit Tennants Garden Room for a Talk and Tour.

Tennants Auctioneers, established over four generations, are widely recognised as the largest family-owned fine arts auctioneers in the UK. Holding about 80 auctions each year they attract buyers and sellers from around the globe.

The day will begin on arrival with tea, coffee and home-made biscuits followed by a video including the history of Tennants and a specialist talk.

We will then have a 2-course lunch in the bistro with tea and coffee. This will have been pre ordered and I will try as hard as I can to meet needs. Details will follow closer to the date of the visit as I should receive a sample menu. It is important that if you have any food allergies you fill this in on the application form.



This is followed by a behind the scene tour by a member of the team including discussion on forthcoming sales and current exhibitions. We have selected a fine art day.



We can then independently browse the exhibitions on display and of course visit the gift shop.

At 3.30pm we will have tea and coffee and a sweet treat in the bistro and will leave at 4.00pm.

It looks like a very enjoyable day that is a little bit different and has been recommended by another u3a as a place to visit. (Thank you Brian!) I hope you can join me

The cost of the visit including the coach, entrance, talks, lunch, gratuities and refreshments as described will be £55pp.

We now accept deposits and final payments by bank transfer (BACS). Please use the following details when making the transfer:

Account name: **Sheffield u3a UK Travel.**

Sort Code: **08-92-99** Account number: **67203497**

Ref: **TAA** *your initial & surname*

Failure to quote the correct tour ID and your surname may invalidate your application



Images courtesy of Tennants



Visit to the Garden Room
Tennants of Yorkshire Antiques and Fine Art
Auctioneers Ltd
Thursday 12th November 2026

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Mobile telephone number.....

Please reserve.....places. I enclose a cheque for £55pp

Cheques must be made payable to **Sheffield u3a UK Travel**

Or I have paid by Bank Transfer. Date of Transfer:

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In case of emergency, contact

Name Tel

Please state any dietary allergies:

Please indicate your preferred pick-up point:

Knowle Lane (08:00): or Sheffield Interchange stand E5 (08:30)

Please send this fully completed form together with your cheque(s) and a SAE to
Julia Daine, 27 Gaunt Close, Killamarsh, Sheffield, S21 1SW Closing date
31st August 2026. Additional enquiries: juliadaine@aol.com

Any future communication about this trip will be by email. To ensure you receive them please put the following email into your contacts: If you require postal communication you must send an SAE.



Sheffield u3a 40th Anniversary Day

**Tuesday 9th June 2026
Whirlow Brook Hall & Park**

And so it had arrived, the day that had been in the planning for 18 months and had been the cause of many a sleepless night for some. Would anyone turn up? Would too many turn up? Would the weather be kind? To paraphrase former US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, there were too many “known unknowns” not to mention the “unknown unknowns”



The day itself dawned bright and by 8.00am the Limb Lane car park had been opened by our trusty Logistics Manager Pete (if you can manage 90 Su3a Croquet players you can manage anything), and a truck was on the way from Barnsley with 100

outdoor chairs. By 9.00pm at least 30 people were on the terrace lawn unloading chairs, putting gazebos up and fixing the electrics.

At 10.30 the Blues Group opened proceedings on the Terrace Lawn in “upbeat Blues mode”. Down in one corner of the lawn Art Group 1 were doing their “Drawing for the Terrified” session. In the opposite corner Outdoor Sketching were under their gazebo...sketching. Play Reading 2 were doing the whole Noel Coward thing, performing an extract from Blithe Spirit to an appreciative audience in the Oak Room. The sun continued to shine and, it being a public park, we were joined on the lawn by a mums and toddlers group.

The great and good started to arrive with Third Age Trust (TAT) Council Rep Pat Collard and Yorkshire & Humberside Region Chair Frank Bailey. The other TAT rep, our own Brian Cave had been chair shifting since 8.30 but



managed to tidy himself up in time for the arrival of the Lord Mayor who officially opened proceedings at 11.30 by cutting our enormous yellow and blue Anniversary cake. Hot on the Lord Mayor's heels came TAT Chair Allan Walmsley, delayed by a Board meeting but as he put it “in time for lunch”.

But enough of the name dropping, what were our members and groups doing? The Whirlow Brook Park gardeners had set up their stall, literally, plus a plant creche and were doing a good trade. Vintage Voices and A Capella sang their hearts out from the Terrace whilst the Guitar Group serenaded a sizeable audience in the Su3a Commemorative Garden. Our Bird Watchers had set themselves up on the Horseshoe Lawn but the shrubbery had grown so much in the previous few weeks that initially we had to send out an expeditionary force to make sure they were there. The mums and toddlers bopped on the lawn to the music of the Uke Groups.



It was too good to last. At 1.00pm the heavens opened! The Recorder players were halfway through their set at the bottom of the terrace steps, no gazebo for them, barely an umbrella between them but they carried on, didn't miss a beat, after all this is Yorkshire so you'd expect a bit of grit!! Everyone else hightailed it to the Hall or the nearest tent.

Would the rain stop? No, it would not but unlike a well-known high street retailer, we did have a Plan B. Somehow, we managed to get the performers and audiences into the Hall. We had Air Yobics in a “boudoir” upstairs. Downstairs Walk & Talk

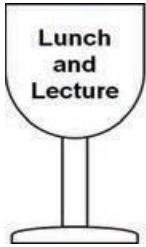


German had turned into Walk & Sing German. The Folk Group fitted very nicely into one of the bay windows from where they could perform for us. Creative Writing were in the Oak room but battling against the music somewhat, which was a

shame. Also, a shame that the Tree Walks and Orienteering were affected but the Wellbeing in Nature Walk may just have managed to finish before the rains came down.

Unfortunately, our two “sparks” Dave & Les , declared their own electrical equipment too wet for use so Cellar V had to conclude proceedings with an unamplified set. One over- exuberant member attempted an ill-advised rendition of House of the Rising Sun a la Eric Burden. The guitar accompaniment was flawless but thankfully the singer could only remember 3 verses which was more than enough for most of us!

Our thanks are due to everyone who made it possible, those behind the scenes and those who put themselves out there. All told, it was an enjoyable day in a very British way!



LUNCH AND LECTURE (LL) 23rd October 2026

In May Michelle Rawlins gave us a brilliant presentation about the women who took on roles in the Sheffield Steel factories during World War II: dangerous professions, 'to do their bit' for 'the war effort'. Quite a number of her non-fiction book about them were sold. Michelle has also written several novels around "The Women of Steel" theme which make very entertaining reading.



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Please reserve **Friday, 23 October 2026**, for our autumn **Lunch and Lecture** at **The Mercure Sheffield, Kenwood Hall Hotel & Spa**, Kenwood Road, SHEFFIELD S7 1NQ. We had to increase

the price of tickets last year in order to cover our costs and are pleased to report that we have been able to avoid a further increase this year, therefore, the charge remains at £27.00. As usual, we advise arrival at 12 noon for a 1230 start. (May I suggest that you leave a little extra time if you are concerned about parking.)



Dr Jenny Stephenson will be joining us in October to give a talk entitled, **"Medicinal Plants - the good, the bad and the beautiful"**. She has kindly sent a brief outline of her presentation which you can see below:



"For centuries Man has appreciated the benefits of plants to maintain health and treat disease, with various degrees of success. How they were made into medicines depended on the need and the prevailing medical theories of the time. Some were very poisonous and were thought to rid the body of disease by purging; many, however, had some benefit and later

were found to have anti-inflammatory action.

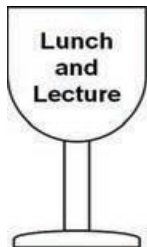
(The above photograph and text was supplied by Dr Jenny Stephenson with permission for it to be used in publicity for the LL group).

Take a walk with Dr Jenny through the ages, from ancient times, imagining what life was like in the struggle to treat disease. The talk brings us up to the present, with the search for some medications which are based on plant technology. **This is not a talk about Herbalism, and discussion about remedies should not be tried at home!"**

Booking details below - these should also be accessible via a link in the monthly newsletters.

MENU CHOICES FOR 23 OCTOBER 2026

- A Roast Supreme of Chicken Breast, madeira & thyme jus
- B Teriyaki Salmon - pak choi, chilli & garlic noodles
- C Seasonal Risotto (V) pea and broad bean, butternut squash & Sage
- D Cambridge Burnt Cream - white chocolate & raspberry, served With Shortbread
- E Warm Chocolate Brownie (VG) - scoop of ice cream from our Parlour



LUNCH AND LECTURE BOOKING FORM:

Medicinal Plants presented by Dr Jenny Stephenson

Mercure Sheffield Kenwood Hall Hotel & Spa Kenwood Road SHEFFIELD S7 1NQ Friday, 23 October 2026, 12 noon for 1230 start. **If booking multiple places,**

please record all names and U3A membership numbers (use the back of the form or a separate sheet if necessary) and indicate their menu choices.

NAME..... Su3a No.....

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ADDRESS.....

..... POSTCODE.....

Email address.....

Mobile telephone number.....

Emergency Contact Name:

Telephone: Email:

(I **agree/do not agree** to you retaining my email address for the purpose of sending me further information about this event or future similar events - please delete as applicable.)

Signed

Date

MENU CHOICES - please tick one main and one dessert per person

A	B	C	D	E
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Allergies or Special dietary request:

Please reserve place(s) at **£27.00 per person**. I enclose a small **SAE** and a **cheque** for £ payable to **Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture**.

Please note that our deadline for notifying numbers to the hotel is 3 weeks before the event date and we cannot be as flexible as in the past. When you receive your receipt **please** keep it safe and **bring it with you** to the event as you will need your receipt number.

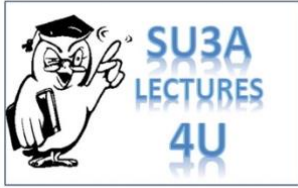
Enquiries: Barbara Hutton (01144384412 ~ 07873202996) barbara_hutton@hotmail.com Sue Connelly (01246418251 ~ 07890522014) ksueconnelly@hotmail.com

NB If you have an E-Links or E-Newsletter, not a paper copy, please printout the form or write out the required information clearly to send with your cheque and SAE.

Resources to help with hearing at the lecture - if you would like to find out more, please tick the box for someone to contact you.

Forms should be sent to arrive no later than Thursday, **1 October 2026**, to Barbara Hutton, 57 Bradway Road, SHEFFIELD S17 4QR

Please remember to send a Stamped Addressed Envelope with the booking form as you will need to use your receipt as a ticket to check in.



FRIDAY LECTURES at the Showroom Cinema

After a break in August, Friday Lectures will resume on **September 18th** with a tale of villainy and violence. In **Honey Bees & Hornets** Dillon and Peter of the



Report through the Asian Hornet Watch app or www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport



'Courtesy The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Crown Copyright'.

Sheffield Beekeepers Association will talk to us about their public enemy number 1, the Asian Yellow Legged Hornet which poses a threat to Honeybees in this country.



October 16th lecture tells **The Story of Portland Works** which opened in 1879 and is one of the last remaining working examples of a purpose-built metal trades Factory. Paul Iseard, Chair of the Friends of Portland Works will talk about the history of the Works and the role of the Friends in keeping it for posterity.

One for all our literary members on November 20th. Libby Tempest former chair of the Gaskell Society will talk to us about **The Life & Work of Elizabeth Gaskell**. Libby will tell us why she loves this iconic but sometimes regarded as a second-rate Victorian author.



Finally, as usual, on **December 18th** we will be saying goodbye to the past year on a more light-h earted and humorous noteaccompanied by mince pies! Pat Collard, Third Age Trust Council Representative for u3a Yorks & Humberside Region will entertain us with

her experience of taking part in **Who Wants to be a Millionaire**.

We try to offer a wide variety of talks during the year so there's something to appeal to most of our members. The average audience during 2025 was 134 with a high of 187 and a low of 75. We're now over halfway through 2026 and the average is 163 with a high of 218 and a low of 110.

We are now arranging the programme for 2026.

Recommendations for speakers are always welcome though they may have to wait for a suitable slot in the programme.



Departing 10th or 24th February 2027: The Bayeaux Tapestry: Registration of Interest



As many members may be aware following the state visit by President Macron earlier this year, France agreed to loan the world famous Bayeaux Tapestry to the UK for a limited period of time. For the first time since it was made nearly 1000 years ago the tapestry is returning to England. It is a 70 meter-long embroidered

canvas which tells the epic story of the conquest of England in 1066.

We are trying to organise a trip with a visit to Waddeson Manor on the way down to our hotel, the Holiday Inn at Watford (dinner and breakfast included) and a visit to see the tapestry the following morning before making our way back to Sheffield.



Details have only recently been made available by the British Museum and unfortunately the first tranche of tickets are already sold out i.e no tickets available for 2026

We are attempting to obtain tickets in February 2027. Once the second tranche of tickets go on sale ("later this year") we would need to move very quickly. We are going to try and purchase tickets in the first instance for the 24th of February and should that fail for the 10th of February.

The cost of this trip is **£315pp** plus a single supplement of **£83** with a deposit of **£75pp**. This price includes; entry to Waddeson Manor for National Trust members (an additional cost will be incurred by non NT members), half-board accomodation for one night in Watford, cost of the coach, London transport charges and gratuities.



If you are interested in joining us on this trip please register your interest. Only two names per registration of interest. Multiple names will not be accepted

Should the trip be oversubscribed, names will be put into the proverbial "hat" and names drawn out.

Before registering your interest please check your availability for both dates. If you are available for both dates and want to join us, please register.

To register your interest please contact Samina Aslam at

sammas1747@gmail.com

0114 2351489, by **Friday 22nd August 2026** latest





Steel City Wanderers

On Friday 15 May, local author and historian Dave Pickersgill took us on the latest (#5) of his enthralling Pub Heritage walks.

The route took us from our initial meet at the Wellington on Henry Street into the heart of Kelham Island.

During the walk, Dave enlightened us on the architecture and history of the places we visited, his historical narrative enhanced with fascinating facts and stories.

Dave tailored the walk so that we visited Kelham Island Museum to see the mighty steam engine in operation. As a native Sheffielder, I'm reluctant to admit that this was the first time I'd seen the engine in action – it was truly spectacular.



We then adjourned to the Shakespear for welcome

refreshments and some entertaining post-walk conversation.

A big 'thank you' to Dave for entertaining and educating us, once again.

Coming soon: "Sheffield Pub Heritage Walk #6 – Millsands/Bridgehouses".



The next walk was on Friday 19 June 2026 and was lead by John Stocks, author of the "Sheffield 1925" book and a keen historian across many local themes.

On a glorious summers day; we met on the corner of Earl Street, outside the Lord Nelson, where John told us about the Gas Tank Gang. We walked up Arundel Street to the Crucible. Along the way, John's narrative also included items on

Sheffield's football heritage (he is a member of the "Sheffield Home of Football" group). From there we journeyed past the Cathedral, down to West Bar and, on a deserted parking lot on Lambert Street, John regaled us with the full story of the notorious feud between Mooney Gang and the Part Brigade.

From there we made our way to the Crow Inn on Scotland Street - which is in the heart of what has become known as Sheffield's 'Little Chicago' area - for a refreshment break. The walk ended in the Shakespear on Gibraltar Street.

Everyone who attended thanked John for treating us to a truly fascinating walk



Note: All Sheffield u3a members who appear in the photographs were asked to grant their permission for this, prior to the commencement of the walk.

Brian Clark

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Calendar 2026

Sept 1	Drop-in	10 – 11:30 at CURC*
Sept 10.	UK Travel	Visti to Amazon Warehouse and Kedleston Hall
Sept 18	Friday Lectures**	Honey Bees & Hornets by Peter & Dillon from the Sheffield Beekeepers Assoc.
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Nov 12	UK Travel	Tennants Antiques & Auction House
Nov 20	Friday Lecture**	The Life & Works of Elizabeth Gaskell by Libby Tempest
Dec 1	Drop-in	10 – 11:30 at CURC*
Dec 18	Friday Lecture**	Who Wants to be a Millionaire by Pat §Collard
Dec 25	Merry Christmas to you all	
Jan 4 2027	Drop-in	10 – 11:30 at CURC*

*CURC: Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street

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

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