

# The GAZETTE



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**Our  
Empty  
Chair**



Well, the good news is that we've had our first Chairless committee meeting and it went well and we managed very nicely. Our new Treasurer, Neil Sharples, made his first appearance - thank you very much to him for accepting the post as we would have been in a mess without him. And Sam Lewis took his first

minutes as our new Secretary - again, our thanks to Sam for his continuing commitment to BU3A; Sam has been our website manager for years.

I've been in BU3A since 2007, always, in some way or other on the committee, about 8 years as Secretary, so I've seen a lot of Chairmen in my time - a bit like the Queen and her Prime Ministers, though not for quite so long. And they've all been very different, have brought their individual strengths and weaknesses to the role, and have performed it in very different ways - some very hands on and some, what could be described as minimalist. But it never seemed to matter - they were there and they did the job as they saw it and members were grateful that BU3A had a Chairman. Do give some thought to whether YOU may be what we're looking for . . . . and we'd be very happy that you'd do it in your own, special way.

## **Bakewell Area U3A - Registered Charity No 1111699**

### **YOUR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

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**Bakewell U3A warmly welcomes all new members. Please contact the Membership Secretary for more information. Membership forms are also held at the Library, the Medway Centre and the Information Centre. The form can be downloaded from our website.**

This is something new that I'm trying - partly because I have an extra page to play with, and partly because sometimes I want to find something in a past Gazette, and searching can take ages. **Ed**

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### **A Future Meg Laird talk to anticipate**

*Put it in your diary now*

**Tuesday, 31 January 2023 - Christine Gregory, local wildlife photographer, author, painter - talking about our farming 'industry'**



# Chairman's Remarks



**This was Jane's address to the Annual General Meeting on 29 June at the Friends Meeting House. It's a little longer than her usual remarks, but well worth the space, and a read.** *Ed.*

This is a very personal statement and will not contain a report of everything we have done this year or a big pat on the back, although I do think we do deserve it. The Gazette covers our big adventures on a quarterly basis and I am not going to repeat that.

Since I spoke to you at the 2021 AGM our U3A has pretty much got back to normal working. Most groups are now operating again and people have been tempted away

from their Zoom screens by coffee and biscuits in homes and meeting rooms, but mostly by real contact with real people. Our first Meg Laird talk after the pandemic attracted over 100 people, which shows many people want to get 'back to normal'.

Personally I am in no doubt that Covid has some bad legacies. I feel, and I am not alone, that I have aged more than two years in the past two years, with much of the strain caused by wondering if I am doing the right thing, not just for me but for all the people I know and love. I have noticed that there is still a small but significant air of anxiety about public gatherings, and we must continue to appreciate that there are those who are still nervous in public spaces. At the Medway on Saturday, where our choir performed a wonderfully upbeat summer concert, someone was anxious that one of the many doors was shut. 'There is still a pandemic on, you know,' she said. It's easy to think that, for most of us, Covid is just like a cold, but it isn't for everyone.

On the flip side there have been extraordinary kindnesses shown as a result of recognising that there are vulnerable people in society who do

require more consideration, and this is a good thing. We are, by and large, an extremely fortunate generation. We have always had jobs when we wanted them, vaccinations and free health care, and we could buy our own houses. We have had access to healthy and varied food, enjoyed holidays, many of us have good pensions - in some cases paid for by our employers, and we are, mostly, living into old age fit and well. The pandemic made me think that we should not take all this for granted.

We have also, for the past 40 years, had this wonderful institution, the U3A. This brings me, finally, to the point. We are operating again. We have had a walking holiday, an Out & About holiday, trips to the theatre and gardens, stitched and painted, photographed and cooked, written and read stories and poetry, spoken foreign languages, bowled and birded, scribbled and Scrabbled. We even have a new group. However, several groups have struggled, mostly because no one has wanted to take on the responsibility of being coordinator for the group. Jayne Northcott has kindly taken over the Spanish Group, after many years of fun with Mari-Carmen, and thank you to Jayne for that. But Bridge, one of our best supported group, is currently leaderless and not operating as it was before the pandemic.



The Out & About group, much loved by a significant number of our members and seamlessly run by Glyn and Lesley Peat, would have collapsed if we hadn't decided to approach it in a different way, a collaborative way, where the running of the group is a joint responsibility and members share the organisation of going 'out and about'. Whether we can get this to work or not remains to be seen, but we are not giving up. Losing Out & About would be truly awful for our U3A and we need to find ways to ensure we can continue with it, as well as other groups.

I feel that I have given, over the past four years, all I can as Chair for our U3A. The two years of the pandemic were not, as some people have suggested, two years off. With the support of the committee, I am now standing down, and so are Alisoun and Martin. I thank them both from the bottom of my heart for making my life so much easier, for making committee meetings so much fun, and for doing their bit for their U3A.

We have a nomination for Treasurer and one for Secretary. You can rest assured that your £10 a year will be well looked after and well accounted for, and committee meetings will be scrupulously managed and minuted. We do not have any nominations so far for chairman despite numerous pleas, job descriptions being written and circulated and then a few more pleas. Constitutionally we can run our U3A without a chairman, but I think you will agree, it's not ideal.

My belief, supported by committee and members I have spoken to, is that a large number of our members have been members since the early days of our U3A, which was started in 1998. That's 24 years ago and most people have 'been there and done that', and will not be persuaded back into office by any amount of pleading and cajoling.

We are not as young a town generally as Matlock with its vast membership, and we know that people can't afford to retire as early as some of us were able to. But there must be people in Bakewell and surrounding villages for whom our U3A is perfect, and yet I have met people who have not even heard of it. We need to address this, and do it in an organised, structured way. I am proposing that we set up a small



group to market our U3A as widely as possible, starting with social prescription and regular articles about group activities. A concerted effort may reach more people and that can't be a bad thing. Hopefully, a recruitment drive will bring into our orbit a chairman, a bridge group leader and people with ideas for new groups.

I have loved being chairman of Bakewell U3A. I have made some lovely friends and worked with some very able and committed people in the past four years and I have no doubt that we will endure. I would like to thank the committee, the group leaders, the social team and the Meg Laird team and everyone else who has worked to get us up to Covid, through Covid and onwards.

As Buzz Lightyear would say, 'To infinity and beyond!'

***Jane Kayley- Burgess, Chairman***



You have been our Chairman for ages  
It must sometimes feel like forever  
You have done so many things for us  
We all think you're very clever.

You always have such energy  
Ideas just seem to flow  
You're always doing something for us  
Do you know the meaning of "slow"?

You managed to steer us through Covid  
You tackled Risk Assessments galore  
At least, now restrictions are lifted  
You don't need to do those any more

You chair our meetings nicely  
Because you're really a gentle soul  
But in the end a position like yours  
Finally takes its toll

So now we need a replacement  
Who it will be? We haven't a clue  
You're a really hard act to follow, Jane  
Every one of us knows that's true!

So we give you a heartfelt thank you  
And we wish you all of the best  
And as far as BU3A is concerned  
You can now have a well earned rest.

## A poem for Jane



My boyfriend used to  
say, "I read *Playboy* for  
the articles." Right - and  
I go to shopping centres  
for the music.

**Rita Rudner**

An attic is where you  
store all the junk you'd  
throw away if you didn't  
have one.

**Herbert Prochnow**

Home is the place you  
can scratch any place you  
itch.

**David Brenner**

As a source of entertain-  
ment, conviviality and  
fun, she ranks some-  
where between a sprig of  
parsley and a single ice  
skate. **Dorothy Parker**

If I were two-faced  
would I be wearing this  
one? **Abraham Lincoln**

### AGM GOODBYES

Alisoun, Jane and Martin, our long-  
serving Secretary, Treasurer and  
Chairman, have now left the  
Committee. We hope you'll be glad  
that we marked their passing with gifts  
of garden vouchers for Alisoun and  
Martin, and bottles of wine for Jane.



## Editor's Ponderings

I always find it interesting to watch, as each Gazette unfolds, and notice its shape forming. I don't suppose there's anything more to it, really, than the particular articles I receive or the section I've got to in one of Margaret Hardinge's invaluable joke books. You may, in fact, notice that I've got to the "dog" section - and some of them have made me laugh out loud. I do enjoy trying my jokes out on people before I go to print - my sister hooted with laughter at one on Page 21 but says she was ahead of me with the other.

On another topic, I've always dreaded needing to change my computer, having heard horror stories from friends of the difficulties they faced. Mine was getting slower and slower, becoming very frustrating, and PagePlus, the programme I'm using at this moment, was doing some very strange things. I'd had the shop in Matlock recommended to me, my son had done a bit of research and suggested a set up I might consider, and, on a whim, as I was returning home from Chesterfield, the car didn't turn at Stanedge, but went straight on, and I found myself in the computer shop in Matlock, discussing my needs, being reassured by the care the young man was already displaying, and was promising for the future. (Long sentence!) Anyway, the long and short of it is that I went the whole hog, the young man was as good as his word, the changeover was relatively painfree, and I've been up and running for about a month. I can't believe how quickly it responds, and I have the hugest screen in the shop, so my Gazette pages on the screen are MUCH bigger, and everything, so far, is hunky dory. So - not an official recommendation, but read into this paragraph what you will.

And talking of quirky books, one of them HAS to be "*Did You Know...*", *Wise Words and Advice for Gardeners & Floral Designers*," published by National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc, Washington DC. You'll find some of the wise words on Page 16.

And I'm grateful to Mrs Blossom AND a one-off Teazel article for gardening advice and chat this issue.

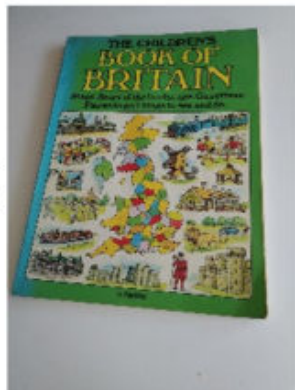
**Editor**



## It's never too late . . .

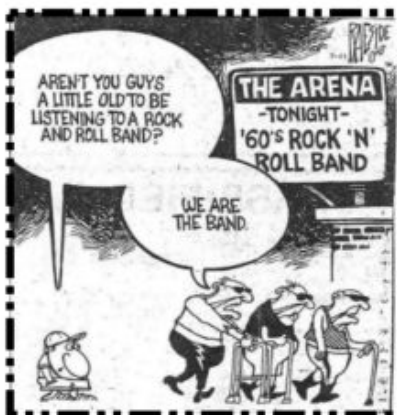
Geography has never been a strong point. I blame Miss Lant, an uninspiring, though very pleasant, teacher with whom I spent many hours over 5 years - she certainly didn't inspire me. So Geography-related quiz and crossword questions always receive the response, "I don't do Geography".

A few weeks ago, Ruth Miles handed me a motley collection of books to be taken to the Charity Bookshop by the Bridge, run in aid of Bakewell and Eyam Community



Transport, and the large bag has languished in the back of my car. Glancing down, I spied an Usborne book, "The Children's book of Britain", I idly picked it up and suddenly, my interest was captured. I found lovely, colourful maps with just the right amount of interesting detail, just my skill level, and now I'm on a journey to learn the counties at the bottom of the country. I know the ones where I've had a holiday, but as for Dorset and Wiltshire and Sussex and Kent and Hampshire and Berkshire, well. It has a gazetteer with "Fun Things To Do", so who knows where my new book will lead. This one's not going to the Bookshop for a while. And I see there's an Usborne Atlas with stickers - I might move onto that one next.

**Kate Thomas**



Our jokes often come from Jane KB. Thanks. I hope she'll carry on sending them.





## **Bakewell U3A Photography Group - Summer Exhibition**

Do come and look at our photographs, on the theme of "Bakewell and Surrounding Area". The exhibition will be in place until the end of September in Bakewell Parish Church. We hope you will enjoy what we have on display, and perhaps get an idea or two for your own photographs. We are inviting donations which will go towards restoring the fabulous organ in Bakewell's beautiful parish church.

We are a totally amateur, and non-competitive group. We have all been learning from each other for many years now. If you are interested in our group, please leave a note in the donations container at the exhibition, or contact Neil, our group co-ordinator. (Neil Sharples 07954 241294)

**NB** *This is the notice displayed in the church so is also written as an explanation for non BU3A people.*

**Are you a walker? Do you fancy coming to the Walkers' Christmas Lunch? THEN SAVE THIS DATE, Friday 16th December 2022.**

We'll be lunching at the Derwentwater Arms, Calver, 12 for 12.30 pm. Details and menu will follow when they become available and will be sent out by email to the walking group.



## Companionable Munching

I'm extremely fond of these two ladies and I have no doubt they'll have my guts for garters when they see this photo in print - but then-Chairman Jane loved it, Jill Ormerod took, liked and sent it, and I think



it's a belter.

Alisoun and Barbara weren't able to take part in the organised walking on the Sedbergh holiday so enjoyed doing a lot of their own thing instead, along with Jill O. This bit of

"their own thing" was a nice gentle cruise around Lake Windermere, scoffing crisps. They seem to be taking them very seriously.



### An amicable coming together

For a long time we've had two groups organising social events for us - the long-standing Social Team and the newer Meg Laird committee. As circumstances have changed over time, it's become eminently sensible to bring the two groups together. At a recent meeting there was lively discussion of what we should now call ourselves - some support for "Meg Laird Plus", and also for "Meg Laird and Social Events", but whatever we call ourselves, we'll be covering all the same things - the Charity Coffee Morning, Christmas Lunch (see Pages 14, 15 and 16), as well as Meg Laird talks and anything else that takes our fancies. If something takes YOUR fancy that you'd like to see us doing, please get in touch.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** - Monday, 28 November 2022

**CHARITY COFFEE MORNING** - Monday, 23 January 2023

**Chosen charity** - Ashgate Hospice. More detail in November Gazette

**Members:** Alisoun Cunningham, Annette Dwyer-Joyce, Glenys Moore, Jill Ormerod, Anne Peller, Gill Roberts, Sheila Sidebottom, Jean Sutton





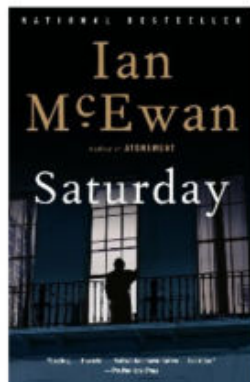
## What shall we read next?

**SATURDAY** by Ian McEwan is the latest book to be read by the Book Group. It describes a day in the life of neurosurgeon, Henry Perowne, in February 2003. He starts the day in the early hours of the morning witnessing from his bedroom window a potential plane disaster. Little does he know that in the course of the day the well-being of his own family will be threatened with disaster and it is going to take all his skill and ingenuity if tragedy is to be averted.

As the day unfolds we learn a lot about the expertise and precision needed to operate on the brain, about Henry's family: his talented children, his alcoholic poet father-in-law and his demented mother, and about the events in London that day when thousands marched in protest against the Iraq war. Against this background we share in Henry's musings on life, love, health, aging, moral responsibility and other topics.

The members of the group found the book a hugely rewarding read and it led to much discussion. I have enjoyed many of Ian McEwan's books, among them **Atonement** (made into a film with Keira Knightly), **Amsterdam** (a Booker Prize winner) and, the first one I read, **Enduring Love** which got me hooked. He is one of my favourite living authors.

*Diana Watson*



**Is that relevant?** An accountant walks down a road and comes across a tramp sitting in a shop doorway. "Spare some loose change, friend," says the tramp. "And why should I do that?" asks the accountant. "Because I'm skint, starving and haven't got a penny." "I see," says the accountant, "and how does that compare to the same quarter last year?"



*Oh dear, it doesn't open till 9.30 am, and it's only 9.12 am. Eighteen minutes to kill. What now? We had driven into Rowsley Retail Village for a breakfast treat and the absence of cars told the story. We glanced around, admired the dozens of ducks squatting on the car park, and then approached an arch at the back of the car park. An information board announced that we had found a Nature Reserve and we spent 18 very happy minutes exploring an area we hadn't known existed.*

## About the reserve

Since the **Peak Village and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust partnership** began in

September 2019, the Trust's staff and volunteers have been working to turn a field at Peak Shopping Village into a rich haven for wildlife. The reserve is gradually evolving into a special place for visitors, the local community, and most importantly for nature. In a short period of time the space has transformed into a home for a growing variety of wildlife and wild flowers, and there are plans to make it a more special place to visit in the near future.



**Derbyshire**  
Wildlife Trust



Anyone whose interested can take time out from shopping, and discover nature on their retail doorstep. Hidden away on site there's a flower meadow, a new home for bees, butterflies and bugs, a woodland, a lovely living

willow maze, an orchard and dry stone walling, which all aims to attract a wider variety of birds, animals and insects.

*Our amble through the reserve along the trail led us through the different areas, providing handy hints about what to look out for on nicely designed information boards. We discovered a huge, carved wooden bench to sit on to try to spot kingfishers and dippers flying up and down the river (though, sadly it had a big puddle on its seat from the recent rain), and there's a splendid, larger than life carved otter.*

*All in all, an extremely pleasant, even fun, 18 minutes. The photo shows some of the early work.*



# CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS?

## Can it really be that time of year again?

Well, yes it can. And, thanks to our new event-organising team, but mainly thanks to Anne Peller for being so far-sighted, we're well ahead with sorting out our Christmas Lunch. You may remember that this event is always a happy precursor to more fun in the pipeline, as we get together in November to have an early Christmas celebration. So here are the details -



### **BU3A Christmas Lunch at the George, Hathersage Monday, 28 November 2022 M E N U**



Roast turkey with braised red cabbage,  
maple-glazed carrots and parsnips,

Brussels sprouts, duck fat and herb roast potatoes, sausage stuffing,  
pigs in blankets and gravy

OR

Wild mushroom and lentil pie topped with truffle mashed potato,  
served with maple-glazed carrots and parsnips,  
sauteed kale and vegetarian gravy

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Christmas pudding with brandy crème Anglaise (V)

OR

Poached pears in spiced mulled wine, coconut almond crumble,  
orange sorbet and sticky port reduction (VE)

Tea or Coffee



The George welcomes you to the Bar for coffee or pre-lunch drinks. We're asked not to go into the dining room until called. LUNCH will be served at 12.30 pm prompt.



Cost is £30 per person, excluding gratuities. Please send your cheque for the full amount and choices to:

Anne Peller  
St Martin's  
Butts View  
Bakewell DE45 1FE

using the form below.

**The restaurant requires a £10 deposit, per person, which is non-refundable.**



### **BU3A CHRISTMAS LUNCH BOOKING FORM**

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to book \_\_\_\_\_ place/s at the Christmas Lunch.

I/We enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Bakewell Area  
U3A Meg Laird Meetings Group

I/We understand that £10 per person is a non-refundable deposit.

## Some of the Wise Words for Gardeners mentioned in Editor's Ponderings

If your swimming pool is ready for winter covering, use the water by the bucketful to give shrubs and trees a thorough soaking.

Check the chlorine level as plants may be damaged.

If you're planting daffodil bulbs and want them to bloom over a longer period, plant some of the bulbs upside down - it will take them longer to come up and bloom.



If you can't tell which end of a bulb is UP, plant them on their sides, and you can't be wrong.

Decorate your terracotta pots by creating a mosaic using broken heirloom china plates.

**Simply scrumptious** - nasturtiums, chives, daylilies, violets, lavender, pansies, roses, sunflowers and bee balm are all edible flowers. **Simply not scrumptious** - clematis, azaleas, iris, datura, daffodils and wisteria are not edible **Be sure to identify your blooms before partaking.**

A small piece of dampened panty hose can be used to wipe leaves and clean plant material. A dry piece will remove dust from leaves.



## Christmas Lunch Booking Form

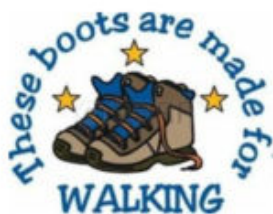
Please return this form,  
with your payment, to:

Anne Peller  
St Martin's, Butts View,  
Bakewell, DE45 1FE

Our choices are: Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Wild Mushroom \_\_\_\_\_

Xmas pud \_\_\_\_\_ Poached pears \_\_\_\_\_

Just put in the number of each required.



# Walking Programme August - November 2022

**All Walkers: please read these paragraphs.**

The format of the walking programme has changed and we no longer give walk leaders' names. Occasionally we do not have enough volunteers by the time the pages need to go to print, which is understandable, given how far in advance we are asking. Instead we are now providing dates only for each walk, along with a short generic description and lunch arrangements.

**Note also:** Winter Monday Walks have changed due to large numbers of pubs/cafes being closed on Monday. If you don't receive an email before the walk, or you are unsure whether it will be suitable for you, please contact the walk organiser for details. It is vital to get agreement before bringing a dog. You need to tell the walk leader if you intend to walk, and if you change your mind.



## **MONDAY/TUESDAY WALKS**

**Week 2 – Monday/Tuesday Around 5 miles** at a moderate pace but may include steep paths, stiles and uneven terrain.

**Organiser: Alison Stuart** 01629 812203 [alisongayford@gmail.com](mailto:alisongayford@gmail.com)

Dates: Monday 8th August, Monday 12th September, Tuesday 11th October, Tuesday 8th November



**Week 3 - Monday Gentle stroll** over easy terrain with very little incline and no stiles for approximately one and a half to two hours. Walk aimed at those wanting more than a trail walk but with limited challenge. However, all are welcome and should be aware of the very gentle pace. Plenty of time to chat and enjoy the environment. Lunch at café/pub in winter

**Organiser: Jill Ormerod** 01298 872339 [jillormerod@gmail.com](mailto:jillormerod@gmail.com)

Dates: 15th August, 19th September, 17th October, 21st November



## Details of our Group Activities - August 2022

Subject	Co-ordinator	Telephone	Meeting day	Time	Location
Ancient Greek	Peter Ward	01629 732210	Alternate Mondays	2 - 4 pm	Phone Co-ordinator
Art	Linda Fussey	01629 636793	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	2 - 4 pm	Beeley Village Hall
Birding Short Walks	Jane Burgess	07954 588053	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Am	<a href="mailto:janeburgess50@yahoo.co.uk">janeburgess50@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Bowling	Mary Creswell	01629 810134	Tues & Thurs April - Sept	10 - 12 noon	Bakewell Bowling Club
Book group	Jane Kayley- Burgess	01954 588053	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	2 - 4 pm	Friends' Meeting House, Bakewell
Cooking by Men	Peter Holt	01246 583279 07801183913	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	5.30 - 7.30 pm	Lady Manners School <a href="mailto:peter@emailholt.com">peter@emailholt.com</a>
Craft	Gill Roberts	01629 813414	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	2 - 4 pm	Wye Bank, Bakewell Phone the Co-ordinator
French conversation	Gary Morewood	01629 812299	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	10 - 12 ish	At Costa Coffee
Gardens & Houses	Sheila Sidebottom Vivien Stephenson	01629 814842 01629 813643	Various Tuesday visits	Varies	Contact Co-ordinators
History	Richard Thurlow	01629 636944	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	10 - 12 noon	Bakewell Methodist Church
Luncheon Club	Anne Peller	01629 813591	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	Need you ask?	Various restaurants

## Details of our Group Activities, Page 2 - August 2022

Subject	Co-ordinator	Telephone	Meeting day	Time	Location
Out and About			Varies		
Parish Churches					
Philosophy	Sam Lewis	01629 640352	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	10.00 - 12 noon	Phone the Co-ordinator
Photography	Neil Sharples Allen Flatman	07954241294 01629 812950	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	10.00 - 12 noon	Bakewell Parish Church
Poetry	Anne Gould	01629 810038	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	2.00 pm	3 Brookside, Bakewell
Polish up your French	Liz Gelanos	01629 810220	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	2.30 - 4.30 pm	Phone the Co-ordinator
Real Latin 1	Shelagh Gregory	01433 670026	Alternate Mondays	10.30 - 12.30 pm	Phone the Co-ordinator
Real Latin 2	Shelagh Gregory	01433 670026	Alternate Fridays	10.30 - 12.30 pm	Phone the Co-ordinator
Scrabble	Anne Peller	01629 813591			Phone the Co-ordinator
Social team					
Spanish	Jayne Northcott	01629 636458	Monday am, every two weeks	10.00 - 12 noon	Depends on numbers, phone for details
Theatre	Jan Chappell Diana MacBain	01629 812960 01298 873503	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	3.15 pm	Medway Centre
Walking	Jane Burgess	07954 588053	See programme in the Gazette	Email: <a href="mailto:janeburgess50@yahoo.co.uk">janeburgess50@yahoo.co.uk</a>	
Writing for Pleasure	Pip Young	01629 814796	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Phone co-ordinator

**Week 4 – Monday/Tuesday** A walk of some 4 good tempered miles, occasional ascents and a few stiles, but much topical interest and variety.



**Organiser: John Anderson**

jan@ganderson@btinternet.com 01629 734531

Dates: Monday 22nd August, Tuesday 27th September, Tuesday 25th October, Tuesday 22nd November.

### **LONGER WALKS**

#### **Week 1 - Wednesday 7 to 9 miles**

A moderately paced walk over a variety of terrains. Picnic all year round, unless very inclement

**Organiser: Neil Sharples** neils.sharples@tiscali.com 07954 241294

Dates: 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November

**Week 2 - Thursday 8-10 miles**, at a moderate pace. Picnic all year round.

**Organiser: George Wolfe**

geowolfel@gmail.com 01433 631308

Dates: 11th August, 15th September, 13th October, 10th November

**Week 3 – Friday 5 to 7 miles** at a moderate pace. Pub or café lunch



**Organiser: Martin Pape** 01629 820265 empapecromford@gmail.com

Dates: 19th August, 23rd September, 21st October, 18th November

**Week 4 – Wednesday 7 to 9 miles**, a moderately paced walk over a variety of terrains. Picnic all year round, unless very inclement



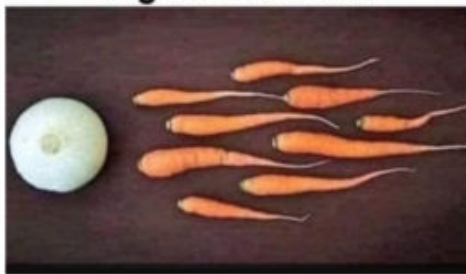
**Organiser: Neil Sharples**

neils.sharples@tiscali.com  
07954 241294

Dates: 24th August,  
28th September, 26th October,  
23rd November



...and that is how  
vegans are born



I asked the waitress for a quickie.  
The man next to me said, "It's  
pronounced quiche."

*Luigi Amaduzzi,  
Italian Ambassador*

There was a young man from Peru  
Whose limericks stopped at Line 2.

*Can't stop chuckling at this one. Ed*

## A dead giveaway

A man walks past a table in a casino and notices three men and a dog playing cards.

"That's a very smart dog," says the man.

"He's not so clever," says one of the players. "Every time he gets a good hand, he wags his tail."



## Cycling Fun

"I'm really fed up with my dog," says Bert to his friend Tom, "he'll chase anyone on a bike."

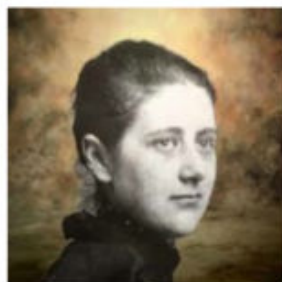
"So, what are you going to do," asks Tom, "lock him in the house?"



"No," replies Bert, "I'll just take his bike away."

*And these*

## ***The Tale of the Writer and the Canon***



Beatrix Potter came from a wealthy Victorian family who lived in London. Her father, Rupert Potter, a barrister by profession, was a keen photographer, naturalist and artist who enjoyed renting large country houses for the family's holidays, with the summer



holidays often lasting several months. These houses included Wray Castle, near Ambleside, where the Potters were visited, in 1882, by the Vicar of Wray, Canon Hardwicke Drummond Rawnsley. He took a great interest in Beatrix's drawings and encouraged her to publish her first book, *the Tale of Peter Rabbit*, for which he wrote some verses, the early beginnings of an influential friendship.

In 1885, when Beatrix was 19, the Potter family spent their first holiday at Lingholm, in Portinscale, which became her favourite Lakeland holiday home. Beatrix is said to have fallen in love with the area, where she spent 10 summer holidays over a 22 year period. She loved the lakeside setting of



the estate, the woods filled with red squirrels, the flowers and trees, and the dramatic fells surrounding the lake. It was during her time at Lingholm, and the surrounding area that she wrote some of her best known stories, *The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin* and *The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle* are both closely associated with her time here, and the Lingholm Kitchen Garden was the original inspiration for Mr McGregor's garden in *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny* was set next door at Fawe Park.



Canon Rawnsley was also a great lover of the Lake District, and in 1883, with his friend, John Ruskin, he formed the Lake District Defence Society, the beginning of a lifelong effort to secure the natural beauty of the area for future generations. In 1895, together with social reformer, Octavia Hill, and solicitor, Sir Robert Hunter, he founded the National Trust. They were united by a belief that nature, beauty and history are for everyone; they wished to see natural and historic places preserved for all. Its first purchase of land was 108 acres of woodland and pasture on the western shore of Derwentwater, Brandelhow Wood. Beatrix's father was the first life member.



Beatrix and Canon Rawnsley were close friends who shared a desire to preserve the landscape and traditions that defined the Lake District. In 1905 Beatrix used the proceeds from her first book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, to buy Hill Top, a small working farm in the village of Near

Sawrey, and thus began her gradual transformation from a London writer and artist to a Cumbrian farmer. She became most passionate about the local traditional breed of sheep, the Herdwick.

When she died, in 1943, Beatrix left 4,000 acres of land, including 15 farms, to the care of the National Trust. Her legacy has helped ensure the survival of the Lakeland landscape and way of life that she and Canon Rawnsley loved so well.



*This little article arises from several delightful visits we've made to Lingholm Kitchen, the cafe on the estate visited by Beatrix for many holidays, along with a gradual awareness of Canon Rawnsley's and Beatrix's importance in taking care of the Lake District which many of us love. Lingholm is a bit further on beyond Derwentbank, the HF House.*

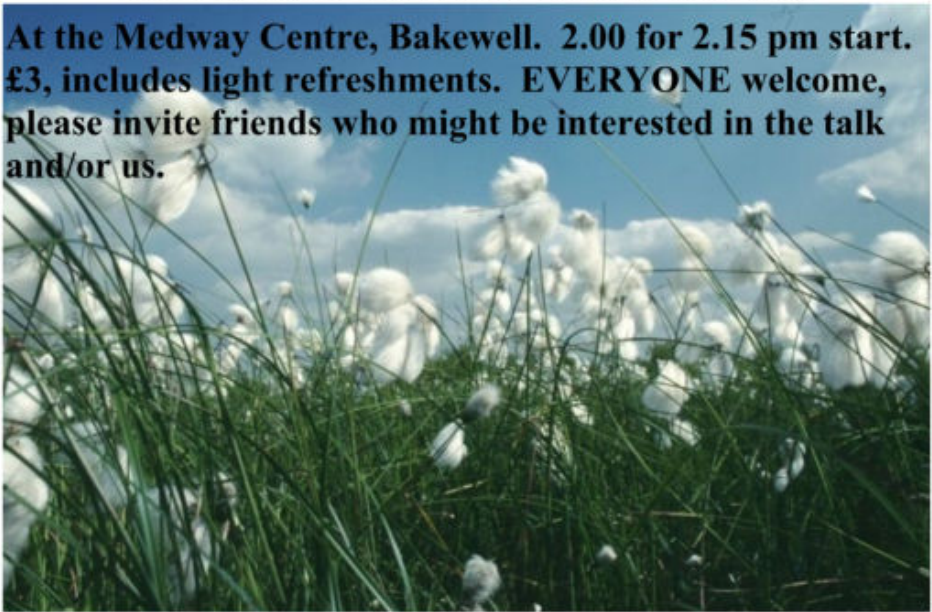
**Kate Thomas**



A date for your diary  
**The next Meg Laird talk**

**Tuesday, 25 October - Douglas Kennedy  
The Flora and Fauna of the South Pennines**

**At the Medway Centre, Bakewell. 2.00 for 2.15 pm start.  
£3, includes light refreshments. EVERYONE welcome,  
please invite friends who might be interested in the talk  
and/or us.**



**An ECO 22 Event - Making Space for Nature**

**Saturday, 6 August, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm.**

**The Whitworth, Darley Dale**

**Stalls, a timed programme of speakers and attenders,**  
including Forestry Commission, Community Gardens and  
Orchards, Derbyshire Swift Conservation, Derbyshire Dales  
Climate Hub, Local allotment holders, St Helen's Peace Garden,  
Derbyshire Dales Horticultural Society, Woodland Officer, Peak  
District NP, Forest Therapy, Forest Bathing, children's activities.

**Supported by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Labour Party  
Derbyshire Dales CLP, Darley Dale Town Council,  
The Whitworth**

**Google - Making space for nature in Darley Dale and beyond  
for more information. Why not consider attending this event?**

# TRYING TO KEEP ON GETTING OUT & ABOUT

On Page 4, in Jane's AGM report, she mentions how we're hoping to keep the Out & About group going, with a different way of organising it. You may have picked up that a small group met to discuss continuing with some Out & About visits and activities, and one suggestion, which was greeted with enthusiasm, would be a first for BU3A. We wonder whether members would like to pay a visit to the -

## **BBC Good Food Show - Winter 2022 - Birmingham NEC on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The BBC says . . .**

*After an amazing Show in November 2021 we are delighted to announce that we will back in November 2022 for the ultimate festive foodie day out!*

*This year's Show will be packed full of fantastic shopping from 100s of artisan producers alongside your favourite big brands, tantalising tasting experiences in the Fabulous Food Finds Tasting Theatre, delicious recipe inspiration for all your sweet and savoury treats in our Festive Kitchen and Get Baking! Stage. Plus, top chefs and experts cooking live in our Big Kitchen and much more!*



I counted 250 stalls on offer. The Festive Kitchen, the Tasting Theatre and the Get Baking Stage are all free, first come first served. To see the "big" cooks in action, in the Big Kitchen, you have to book and pay a small extra payment - more details about this when we know whether the trip is viable.

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## **BOOKING FORM FOR BBC GOOD FOOD SHOW Friday, 25 November 2022**

Name/s .....

Address .....

Tel No .....

Email address .....  
(if appropriate)

**PTO**



It could be an excellent opportunity to buy Christmas presents of the best kind - those you can eat and drink, or use.

Arrivals are timed, we'd probably choose one around 11.00 am and leave 4.30 or 5.00 pm.

**And now down to business, the cost for entrance to the show, coach travel with Slacks and driver's tip, is £42. This is based on 25 of us wanting to go.**



If you'd like to join this trip, please complete the form below and return it, with your cheque, payable to BU3A Meg Laird Meetings Group to

Jean Sutton,  
Uplands, Maynard Road,  
Grindleford, S32 2JD,

**by Monday, 12 September.**



We do appreciate that it's not the cheapest of trips, but it would be lovely to feel that Out & About is alive and kicking, and it could be the first of many pleasant trips in the future. If YOU have ideas of what you'd like Out & About to consider organising, please get in touch with Anne Peller 813591, Jane Kayley-Burgess 07954 588053 or Jean Sutton 01433 639713.

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## Mrs Master's Fuchsias

Mrs Master's fuchsias hung  
Higher and broader, and brightly  
swung.

Bell-like, more and more,  
Over the narrow garden-path,  
Giving the passer a sprinkle-bath  
In the morning.



She put up with their pushful ways,  
And made us tenderly lift their sprays,  
Going to her door.

But when her funeral had to pass  
They cut back all the flowery mass  
In the morning. **Thomas Hardy**

## It was rather hot!

Though I was determined not to  
go on about the weather in this  
issue, this little snippet from  
Val Cartwright had to be  
included. And the photo is from a  
Chatsworth Newsletter back in  
2018, when it was also hot.

"Last night when using the  
watering can on my runner  
beans, the flow suddenly stopped  
. . . there was a rather surprised



frog  
blocking  
the spout!  
Seems I'm  
not the  
only one  
confused  
by the  
current  
heat  
wave!"

**Val C**

My apologies to Mary and the Bowls Group - I omitted to include this in the  
May Gazette. Mea culpa! Ed

## Bakewell U3A Bowls



will start on Tuesday, 4th April at Bakewell  
Bowls Club. This is the Tuesday  
after the Bowls season starts. We  
play Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 -  
12 noon. Please contact Mary  
Creswell on 07811702838 or email  
mary.creswell@yahoo.co.uk if you  
would like more information.  
New players/potential players will  
be most welcome.

# Making a trough earn its keep

In the autumn of 2020 Teazel, in a not unheard-of mood of sloth and parsimony, decided to have a go at some permanent and therefore economical bulb planting in the trough outside the house which provides winter and spring colour and then doubles as a vegetable garden for the rest of the year. So a selection of early, mid and late flowering narcissi was obtained and planted very deep, a good 8 inches/20 cm down. There were also some crocus and tulips - these



haven't fared so well, not helped undoubtedly by the local mice - and three golden conifers that spent the winter in the trough and were then replanted into pots for the summer - this seems to work OK for about 4-5 years before they get too large and start to complain at the lack of a permanent home.

In winter/spring 2021 the display was lovely, colourful and long lasting. In May we uprooted the conifers into their pots and removed as much bulb foliage as we could (the rest came off when it was ready) and sowed french beans, radish, green and red frilly lettuces and a courgette, which all flourished with regular doses of liquid feed and supplied the kitchen all summer. Come October the conifers were returned to the trough along with a tray of short wallflower plants, and hey presto, we had a colourful display all winter and the bulbs had multiplied to give an even better show than their first season. We don't know how long this will go on but have no intention of digging up the bulbs until they have a blind season. Where they come up is a bit hit and miss, some emerged right in the middle of a wallflower, but does that really matter? **Teazel**







## BAKEWELL U3A THEATRE GROUP

### All's Well that Ends Well

We are very pleased that after two years' absence, the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford has announced its Summer Season. We shall be attending Thursday, 1 September, 1.15 pm, for the matinee performance of **All's Well That Ends Well**, priced at £39.50 each. A group of 19 members have booked.

Travel will be by coach and the pick-up point will be at Slacks Depot in Matlock. Parking is available. We have a 25 seater coach booked which will depart from Slacks Depot in Matlock early morning to allow some free time/lunch in Stratford, and return in late afternoon after the performance. If anyone else is interested they may be able to book a ticket direct through the Box Office or perhaps just enjoy a day out in Stratford.

The Box Office is: 01789 403440

If you have any queries please contact one of us.

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A dog walks into a grocer's shop with a basket in its mouth. In the basket is a shopping list and a purse. The grocer reads the list, puts the goods into the basket, takes some money from the purse and puts back the change. The dog then runs off. This happens every week for months and the grocer is very impressed by the animal's intelligence. One day he decides to follow the dog home. The dog eventually leads the grocer to a house where he puts the basket down and rings the doorbell with its nose. After a few seconds a woman opens the door and begins to berate the dog with a stick. "Stop," shouts the grocer, "what are you doing? That's the most intelligent dog I've ever seen." "Intelligent, my Aunt Fanny," replies the woman. "That's the third time this week he's forgotten his keys."





## Cooking By Men

Having emerged from lock-down the group reassembled for normal service in September 2021. Excepting school

holidays we meet on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Food Technology room of Lady Manners School between 5.30 and 7.30 pm. Currently we have 22 members with an average attendance rate over the year of 70%.

During a two-hour session two members come prepared to share their evening menu with the rest of the group. So we prep, cook and eat our meal then wash-up and tidy away, all in our allotted time. You can imagine this can be quite a challenge. During the year we have two “special” occasions when we invite and prepare a meal for our partners/friends and guests; in August we hold a barbecue on Baslow Sports Field and in December a “Christmas Supper”.

A good example of a typical gathering was our May meeting when members Andy Lloyd and Alan Goodall prepared a menu comprising: Asparagus Egg Salad and Peppered Tarragon Chicken which those attending thoroughly enjoyed. Andy’s recipe is included for your interest and, hopefully, for you to try.

Although we are pretty full at the moment, there is an inevitable slow turnover of members. So if you’re interested in joining us, do let me know through the U3A web site. **Peter Holt**



## ASPARAGUS, EGG AND SALAD STARTER

**Serves 4**

### **Ingredients:**

- 2 - 3 eggs
- 1 or 2 slices white or granary bread
- 100 ml extra virgin oil
- Extra olive oil for frying croutons
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- 2 tbsp cider vinegar
- 2 packs asparagus spears
- 1 pack mixed leaves or watercress

### **Method**

1. Boil the eggs for 6 - 7 minutes then place them in cold water to cool.
2. Cut the bread into small cubes and fry in olive oil until crisp, about 6 - 8 minutes, to make croutons. Set aside.
3. Whisk together the mustard, sugar and vinegar, then whisk in the 100 ml olive oil to make vinaigrette.
4. Bring a pan or asparagus pan of salted water to the boil; snap the woody bottoms off the asparagus spears and boil the spears for 3 - 4 minutes, then drain.
5. Serve by scattering the mixed leaves and asparagus on plates, quarter the eggs and arrange on top. Drizzle over the vinaigrette and scatter the croutons.



# NOTES FROM MY GARDEN



Each season brings its own tasks in the garden. In Spring I plant seeds and tend them till about May when I plant out the indoor ones. In early summer my first task is harvesting.

I have a small vegetable and soft fruit patch which is surprisingly productive. Right now soft fruit needs picking. The strawberries were plentiful but rather small and hard due to lack of rain. I have reluctantly picked gooseberries because I don't really know how to use them, not wanting jam or puddings. The blackcurrants started well and I turned them into juice and froze them to ward off winter viruses. However, the second picking was problematic as the heat wave sun had cooked the berries. Raspberries are good but also blemished in the sun,

The hot dry weather is causing plenty of problems in our gardens. The nightly watering takes time and keeps the vegetable doing well, but hardly touches the wilting flower garden. I don't waste water on the lawn as grass is programmed to survive.

The peas I planted in spring germinated poorly with all methods of sowing, but those that did grow are producing a small but reasonable crop. I notice some eaten pods underneath, presumably eaten by mice. I have always used Grandpa's method of watering peas with Jeyes Fluid as the smell repels mice. However, the formula seems to have changed and now no longer smells of coal tar. Broad beans have been good and French beans, runners and courgettes are just beginning.



Benefitting from the heat this year are my tomatoes and cucumbers. I grew them from seed and I have picked my first greenhouse cucumbers and have the first tomatoes colouring up. The outside ones grow in growbags in bottomless plant pots, to help watering, and are even stronger plants than those in the



greenhouse. They are not so advanced as the greenhouse ones but its no bad thing to have a succession. I plan to freeze any excess for soups and sauces. I could do with a bigger freezer at this time of year.



At the moment my main love is my perennial flower garden in which I try to grow a succession of insect loving plants. This year I have had good lupins and delphiniums and the dahlias are just coming into bloom. A while ago I coaxed

a nettle leaved bellflower, which is a wild companion, to grow. This year it has taken over the bed and whilst it is tall and blue and very pretty, it is going to have to be drastically culled in the autumn and I will be offering clumps to anyone who wants it. Also to get the chop will be my bed of summer iris. I love them, with their big showy blooms, but they don't like me and are refusing to flower. I have planted them with their rhizomes lying above ground to bake in the sun but I think the soil is not dry and stony enough. I've pondered creating a special bed for them but have decided I don't have the energy. That will be another plant on offer in the autumn.

The next flower in my continuum will be phlox for its range of colours and scent, followed by Michaelmas daisies. In another bed I have planted hot summer colours, yellow, red, orange and purples. I have grown *Bishop's Children*, dark leaved dahlias, from seed and am eagerly waiting to see what colours they are. They are amongst sunflowers and rudbeckias, which should bloom well into autumn. Sadly, by then it will be the time for cutting back.

**Mrs Blossom**

**NB** Not sure the picture above shows **all** Mrs Blossom's much loved perennial flowers, but some are definitely there. I do agree that it's a joy as each perennial shares its beauty - for me, just now, my *Veronicastrum* (bumble bees love it), *Echinops* (lots of insects visit it), and *Potentilla* *Monarch's Velvet* are heavenly.

Perhaps we could have an Autumn Coffee Morning Plant Swap? **Ed**

## Sheds - places to hide and be creative?

I've come across a book called "Shedloads of Blessings", a mixture of biblical blessing quotes and interesting items about sheds and people who've found them inspirational. So I'll dip into it periodically. I know not EVERYONE has a shed, and that some sheds will just be a dumping ground for stuff. But some people love their shed. A friend who had an allotment three below mine encouraged and facilitated my shed a few months after my husband died - projects are always good at that sort of time. His was at the bottom of his allotment, in it he had an oil-powered generator, a tv and an armchair. He watched football and drank beer very happily, for years. Sadly, they moved to Chesterfield - not sure whether the shed love affair continued. Mine is a sort of potting shed, and I love it.



**Harley-Davidson:** William Harley drew up plans to create a bicycle that could be powered by a small engine. He worked with his good friend, Arthur Davidson, and the pair went on to build the bike in

Arthur's 10 ft by 15 ft wooden shed and so, in 1903, one of our most famous motorbike companies was born in a shed.



**Dylan Thomas:** wrote *Under Milk Wood*, and many other masterpieces, in his writing-shed-study, which had spectacular views of the Taf Estuary and the Gower Peninsula in Wales. He called it his "word splashed hut". It had originally been a garage, built to house the first car in the village of Laugharne, a Wolseley owned by a summer resident at the nearby house, the Boat House, later inhabited by Thomas.





Sitting in the  
laundrette  
Delight and  
Pat sit side by  
side,

Watch their washing whirl around,  
Wishing it was done and dried.

Delight begins to paint her nails  
While Pat sits by and stares.  
First vivid green, then silver specs,  
To match the shoes she wears.

Then Pat says, "That Stan of yours,  
He's quite a guy, you know.  
We met him down the Rink last week  
That day you didn't go.

He really fancies Sue, he does,  
Don't say you hadn't heard."  
Delight begins to paint her toes,  
She doesn't say a word.

"I think he asked her for a date -  
Of course, I couldn't swear -  
He never took his eyes off her,  
That day that you weren't there."

Delight gets slowly to her feet,  
Walks up to Pat's machine,  
Tips the paint in the top of it,  
Watches her washing turn green.

*Jennifer and Graeme Curry*



## PAYING SUBSCRIPTIONS

This may seem an odd subject for the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the year, but if you're still needing to pay your subscription for 2022, here's how:

1. **Send a cheque** for £10 to  
Phil Clarke at  
Shiralee  
Brassington Close  
Youlgrave DE45 1WG, OR
2. **Do a bank transfer** to the  
Bakewell Area U3A account,  
Account 12067954,  
Bank Code 60 01 33,  
use your name as reference  
and send an email to  
Phil Clarke and Neil Sharples  
(see Page 2 for email  
addresses). Paying subs does  
seem to have slipped some  
members' minds. If you're  
not sure, it's worth checking.

The limerick packs laughs  
anatomical  
Into space that is quite  
economical.  
But the good ones I've seen  
So seldom are clean,  
And the clean ones so  
seldom are comical.  
*Roger Gordon*







# **Gardens, Houses and Art Group**

## **Trentham Gardens, Wednesday, 17th August 2022**

The bus is FULL!

Please meet at

Slacks Depot at 8.30 am

Whitworth at 8.45 am, or

Bakewell Methodist Church at 9.00 am

PLEASE let me know if Slacks or the Whitworth is your preferred option.

**Thank you, Sheila.** Tel 01629814842, [s.sidebottom2017@gmail.com](mailto:s.sidebottom2017@gmail.com).

## **Winter Programme 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

Meetings are held at the Friends' Meeting House, Chapel Lane, Bakewell.  
Tea and biscuits at 2.30 pm for a 3.00 pm start.

**18th October 2022.** Mike Buford from Hazel Croft Nursery, Stoke on Trent, will speak to us about Hellebores. Thank you to Aileen Cooke for booking this speaker.



**15th November 2022.** With thanks to Mary Chaplin, Gillian Fearne from Darley Dale is coming to talk about "The Winter Garden".