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Future Events

There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 3rd August
from 10.15 am – 11.45 am
in Rooms 1 and 2 at the Market Hall



u3a BUSINESS

COPY DATE FOR E-BULLETIN 5 OCTOBER 2022

Please send all items for the e-bulletin to Jeanne Clark by email (or post to 8 Abbeydale Park Rise, Sheffield, S17 3PD) by **23rd September**.

The copy date for the September Newsletter is **8th August**.

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

A number of our u3a members will have Ukrainian guests, who have fled the war in their own country, staying with them at present. Nationally the u3a organisation has taken the decision that, where appropriate, we should make these visitors welcome at our activities. The Chesterfield u3a committee agrees with this and, in fact, also feels that refugees from other countries who are staying with u3a members should be equally welcome. To comply with our insurance we will offer temporary membership of the u3a with a zero subscription.

Members should bear in mind that we are an organisation set up for people in their "third age" and it is not likely that our activities would appeal to the younger generations of visitors. Participation in any of our group activities will always be with the agreement of the group co-ordinator and members should discuss any plan to take visitors along with that person. Assuming that the age of the guest is appropriate and co-ordinator approval has been given, then let's make anyone who comes along very welcome and do our best to ensure that they enjoy our u3a activities as much as we all do.

For any members who may be interested in getting involved with helping Ukrainian refugees, a useful website exists at Links, the Council for Voluntary Service for Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire. The website address is <https://www.linkscvs.org.uk/> and has a lot of relevant information.



WHAT'S COMING UP



OPEN MEETING 7th SEPTEMBER SPECIAL 40th ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The 7th September Open Meeting will be a special one; we will be celebrating our 40th anniversary with a 40-themed quiz and some music – there will be cake as well as the usual refreshments, so come along and enjoy the afternoon.



DERBYSHIRE u3a PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

u3a is forty this year. As part of our local celebrations, the Derbyshire network of u3as is holding a photographic competition. It's open to all members of all the eighteen u3as in the County, whether they belong to a u3a photography group or not, whether they use their phone or a separate camera to take their pictures. A panel will rate pictures for interest, humour, topicality and relevance rather than technical quality alone.

You can enter pictures in either or both of two sections:

"The Spirit of Derbyshire" or "The Spirit of u3a"

To make an entry you need to be able to attach your pictures to an email:

- Save your picture as a file of up to 10 MB
- Give it a filename in this form: **u3acmpyournameimagine name**. So, if your name is Joan Smith and your picture is called "Derbyshire Dawn" the filename would be **u3acmpjoansmithderbyshiredawn**
- You can enter as many pictures as you wish, up to three in each section
- Send them as attachments to an email to:
derbysu3aphotocomp@gmail.com
- Please set your entry email out like this so we know in which section you are entering each of your pictures and that people in the picture are happy about use of their images.

We can only accept pictures including people where assurance is given that the advice has been followed, unless the pictures are clearly of large groups or distant individuals in a public space.

Your Name

Your u3a

Your u3a Membership Number

Filenames of attached entries in "The Spirit of Derbyshire" section

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People in my photos have been consulted as set out in the instructions for the competition and are happy for the images to be used as described there.

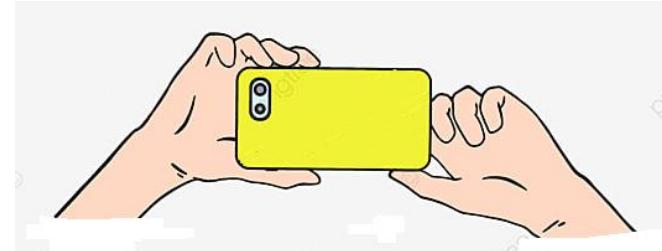
The closing date for entries is August 31st 2022, so there is still plenty of time to enter! We hope to have completed judging in time to announce results on u3a Day, 21st September 2022.

If you have any queries about the competition, or would like more information, please email derbysu3aphotocomp@gmail.com

NOT REALLY LOOKING TOO FAR AHEAD ...

THE CROOKED SPIRE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2022

Do any members, groups (or groups of groups!) want to decorate a Christmas tree for u3a this year, in the Crooked Spire's annual Christmas tree festival? The Handicraft Group have done a brilliant job for several years but would like to take a break this year. There is always a greater demand for places in the Festival than they can accommodate, so the faster we can respond the better – but the absolute deadline is the 31st August. If you are interested, please contact the Chair, Irene Wilkinson, by email chair@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk



WANTED – PLEASE READ ON ...

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS AT OPEN MEETINGS AND COFFEE MORNINGS

We are seeking new volunteers to supplement our existing volunteer refreshment team. There is a rota system so no-one has to help at every meeting. It is a good opportunity to get to know other members. If you are interested, please contact the Chair, Irene Wilkinson, by email chair@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk



FRENCH INTERMEDIATE GROUP

There are vacancies for a couple of new people to join us. We are a welcoming group but we keep numbers relatively low as this is a spoken French group.

We meet on the first and third Tuesday morning of the month in Walton.

The group has been labelled 'intermediate' for a few years now and over that time, the standard of people's French has also risen. It would be preferable to have French to at least O level standard or equivalent if joining the group.

We work from authentic French articles which cover a huge variety of topics and these provide us with information and subjects for discussion. The majority of the time goes on discussion in French.

Please contact: janalcock2803@gmail.com

