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Chesterfield u3a

OPEN MEETING

at the Market Hall on

WEDNESDAY 13th JULY at 2 pm

Marjorie Dunn will speak about Queen Mary's dolls' house. It was built between 1921 and 1924 by the leading British architect, Sir Edwin Lutyens. It includes pieces from over 1,500 artists, craftsmen and manufacturers of the early twentieth century.

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August 2022 e-BULLETIN

Group Coordinators or events organisers with new information they want to pass on to their members, or important dates which are coming up, should send the details to Jeanne Clark by 23rd July.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

The Platinum Jubilee long weekend is over – it was (mostly) fine weather and I hope you enjoyed yourselves in whatever ways you chose to celebrate the Jubilee.

As you are aware, this year is the 40th anniversary of the UK u3a movement, and we are marking the occasion in a number of ways. During June there was a Chesterfield u3a display in a shop window in the Pavements shopping precinct, which I hope some of you saw on your visits to the town centre.



On July 26th we will be having a stall at the Medieval Market, so please come along and have a chat with the u3a volunteers helping out.

The September 7th Open Meeting will be a special one; we will be celebrating the 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.

At the time of writing, the possibility of a joint activity by all the u3as in Derbyshire – comprising a Baton Relay Walk, with members of each u3a walking a route of their own devising to a neighbouring u3a, and then members of that u3a walking the following day to another of its neighbours. In our case, we may be walking to Bolsover on Saturday 17th September (appropriately just at the start of the Anniversary Week itself).

The July Open Meeting will be the second one this year to be held in the Assembly Room in the Market Hall building. This will be the venue for our Open Meetings from now on – feedback from members who attended the May meeting was positive, and it is considerably cheaper than the Winding Wheel.

Irene Wilkinson, 01246 234924, chair@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our new members:

Molly and Richard Wood, John Robertson, Philip Yeatman, Francis Beasley, Susan Altus, Carole Davis, Susan and Joseph Cain, Michael Hoole, Emma Strong, Chris Barker, Victoria Ingram, David Parkin, Caroline Matthews, Tom Hardwick, and Janet and Colin Miles..

Kathryn Lambert, Membership Secretary

GROUP FACILITATOR

I am sure that many members will remember me from my time on the Committee and Group Coordinator of Golf for Beginners. I would like to introduce myself to all the members who have joined since 2017 when I finished my stint as Chairman and left the Committee.

I joined Chesterfield u3a in 2004, became Groups Coordinator (as it was then) in 2005, Vice Chair in 2013 and Chair in 2015. I changed the name to Group Facilitator as I felt that better described the role as I saw it. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the other committee members and was pleased to accept the nomination to re-join the Committee as your new Group Facilitator.

I have to say that things have changed a lot in the past six years! The Beacon system has been fully introduced, we have a new website and there is much more contact between members, coordinators and the Committee via the internet.

Four members wish to start new groups for Rummikub, Ukulele, Modern Greek Conversation and Photography. Details of the Photography group and the Rummikub group appear elsewhere in the newsletter. If you are interested in any of the two other proposed groups, please contact me as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to serving the Committee and all the members over the next few years.

Philip Arrandale

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INFORMATION AND UP AND COMING EVENTS

u3a TALKS: OPEN MEETING

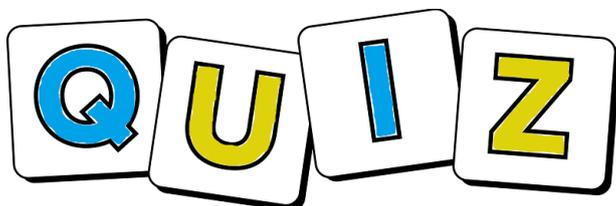
Wednesday 13th July at 2 pm at the Market Hall – PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

Marjorie Dunn will talk about *Queen Mary's Dolls' House*.

Sylvia Jackson, Meetings Organiser



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DARMSTADT TWINNING PROGRAMME DETAILS

There are lots of events and meals taking place in September from 7th – 13th when we play host to our German visitors from our twin town, Darmstadt:

Wednesday 7th: This is the day they arrive and we have arranged transport by vintage bus to Chesters for fish and chips, setting off from the Town Hall at 5.45 pm.

Thursday 8th: We have planned a full day out by coach to Wedgwood and Lichfield (places still available on the subsidised trip). In the evening we have booked a group meal at the Rectory (next to the Crooked Spire) for 7.15 pm.

Friday 9th: There will be a trip to Poole's Cavern (car sharing) followed by a free afternoon at leisure in Buxton.

Saturday 10th: David and Joyce Hart are leading a guided walk to Chatsworth House.

Sunday 11th: We have planned a group visit in the morning to Crich (car sharing) followed by a free, relaxing afternoon at the Wirksworth Festival. At 5 pm there will be a late Sunday Lunch at the Greyhound at Cromford.

Monday 12th: We are off on a train journey to Derby to visit the Museum of Making, Derby Cathedral and Art Gallery. As this is the last night, we have planned a group meal at Souville (South Street). We have reserved a separate area for our group, have a fixed price menu and a free 60's jukebox. This should be great fun and a lovely way to meet up with old and new friends

Please come and join us! You can come just for a meal, join us on a day out, volunteer to drive – the choice is yours.

Pauline Holmes, 07905 641432



Photography Competition to celebrate u3a at Forty and u3a Week

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 18 u3as in Derbyshire, whether they belong to a u3a photography group or not, whether they use their phone or a separate camera to make their pictures.

We hope that each u3a will publish the entries and results on their own website and they will also appear on the Derbyshire site. We will tell *Third Age Matters* about the competition and hope they will publish the leading entries. A panel will rate photos for interest, humour, topicality and relevance rather than technical quality alone.

You can enter photos 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 photos to an email:

- Save your photo as a file of up to 10 MB
- Give it a filename in this form: **u3acmpyournameimagename**. So, if your name is Joan Smith and your picture is called “Derbyshire Dawn” the filename would be **u3acmpjoansmithderbyshiredawn**
- You can enter up to three photos in each section.
- Send them as attachments to an email to:
derbysu3aphotocomp@gmail.com

The closing date for entries is **August 31st 2022** and we hope to have completed judging in time to announce results on 21st September 2022. Please set your entry email out like this so we know in which section you are entering each of your photos and that people in the photo are happy about use of their images. We can only accept photos including people where assurance is given that the advice has been followed, unless the photos are clearly of large groups or distant individuals in a public space. For further information please look at <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/taking-photographs-in-public-places/> If you have any queries about the competition, please email derbysu3aphotocomp@gmail.com

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.

GROUP AND ACTIVITY NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

ARCHITECTURE APPRECIATION GROUP

The Architecture Appreciation Group has arranged a number of visits to a variety of interesting places. Any u3a member is very welcome to join us on any of the following trips:

Sheffield Manor Lodge, guided tour - Monday 11th July at 11.15 am

Bolsover, guided tour - Monday 8th August at 10.30 am

Darley Abbey, guided tour – Monday 12th September time tbc

Charges for these visits range from free to £7 per head. You will need to make your own travel arrangements.

If you are interested in any of these trips and would like more details, please contact me well in advance of the relevant dates.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

COUNTRY DANCING

The Country Dancing Group will be meeting on 28th July; 25th August and 22nd September (the 4th Thursday in the month), at The Ragged School Church Hall on Markham Road from 7 pm to 9 pm. New and old members welcome.

Joy Houghton

HANDICRAFT GROUP

At our meeting in May we had a very special guest speaker to talk to the Handicraft Group. Jan Jefferson shared her knowledge of the Amish community of Pennsylvania and brought along a large selection of quilts to show us.

Jan is from Pennsylvania and has many Amish friends. There is a tradition of quilt making, originally as a necessity to keep warm, but nowadays mainly for tourists to buy. The quilts were made using scraps from the clothes the women made and were all sewn by hand. The Amish are a Christian community who live a simple life; Jan described them as simple, plain, kind, quiet, contented and happy people. They don't use cars or have electricity.

We invited the Patchwork group to come to the meeting and share this fascinating session with us.

I think we have been very fortunate to be able to enjoy this talk as Jan has travelled all over Europe and beyond sharing her interest in the Amish.



On Sunday 10th July the Handicraft group are having a stall on the *Crafters' Bazaar Market* in Chesterfield (10 am – 3 pm) The idea is to buy and sell craft raw materials, anything that could be used for making purposes, not finished items. A great way to declutter and raise some money.



There is also a Record Fayre on the market on the day. Fingers crossed for fine weather!

Sue Hart

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

We now have a u3a photography group, set up for all, whether you're a beginner or an expert. Our aims will be to learn together, create opportunities to practice our skills and have fun in the process. We'll have some themed weeks, for example portraiture, landscapes and macro photography, and have mini challenges to focus on between meetings.

We plan to meet every other Thursday morning starting on 7th July for a couple of hours, with the venue yet to be decided.

I am a retired photographer and videomaker with lots of experience in enthusing with, and supporting, groups of photographers, so for more details please do contact me.



Tom Hardwick, 07890 872534, tomrhardwick@gmail.com

RUMMIKUB GROUP

Rummikub is a sociable friendly game and I'm starting a group meeting fortnightly in my home not far from Walton hospital on Thursday afternoons 2 pm -4 pm followed by a cuppa. I have a few people interested already and would like 8 people maximum to fit comfortably around my table. The rules of this game have changed with each edition so I will explain them.



If you need any more information or anything clarifying please let me know.

Julie Hardy, jfhardy48@hotmail.com

TRAVEL GROUP

ALL trips are open to ALL u3a members

Our attempt to operate a trip to Grimsthorpe Castle failed, with only 15 members booking. I feel that this was due partly to the less than usual period of notice, coupled with the fact that a lot of members who might have booked had already made other plans for the date. It seems therefore that we have to plan well ahead and, given the easier times we are now living in, this should not be a problem.

Although Mary is still on the team, she will not be offering any more trips this year, so basically this leaves only me active. I am looking at a city go-as-you-please visit in October and also Christmas Lunch at Haddon Hall in early December.

I hope that things will be back to normal in 2023 and I plan to offer a full program of trips. Please watch this space in future. And of course, if anyone wants to join me on what for me at least is an enjoyable experience don't hesitate to contact me!

Frank Wharram, 07742 454045 or 01246 942007

UPWORDS AND SCRABBLE

We meet every other Wednesday at 1.45 pm at Loundsley Green Community Centre, the next meetings being on 6th and 20th July, 3rd, 17th and 31st August.

We play by the rules, but informally and for fun. Scrabble is available, but most of us prefer a variant called Upwords.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

WILD FLOWER GROUP

15th July: Hartington Meadows Nature Reserve: Meet in Hartington Station CP (pay and display) on the Tissington Trail, off the B5054 to Hartington from the A515. GR:SK149611; *postcode SK17 0AZ;*

29th July: Poolsbrook Country Park: Meet at CP near the café. From the A6192 (Erin Road) turn onto Meadows Drive, then onto Pavilion Drive. GR: SK436736; *post code SW3 3WL.*

12th Aug: Calver riverside walk along the Derwent: Park in the layby beside the school and the Bridge Inn. GR SK247744; *postcode S32 3XA*

26th Aug: Bradford Dale, Alport: Park just after the telephone box at Alport on the LHS of the B5055 road from the A6 to Youlgreave, two small laybys or park on the road. GR: SK220646

9th Sept: Rother Valley Country Park: Follow brown signs from M1 J31, taking A57 towards Sheffield. At the roundabout take A618 towards Clowne, Mansfield and Wales Bar; follow A618 straight on at the traffic lights, go down the hill and at the bottom turn right into the entrance drive to the park. GR: SK 466838; *the advise is not to use a post code for directions by Satnav*

All the walks are morning-only walks. We meet at the venue at 9.50 for a 10 am start. If anyone needs a lift, please contact me and I will email round group members. Please car share if possible. ***Please contact me if you have not been on one of our wild flower walks before.***

Irene Wilkinson, 01246 234924, iw43central@gmail.com

WALKING GROUPS

u3a WALKING HOLIDAY

This took place in the Shropshire Hills at Easter. John, Joanne and Pamela finally got to the top of Caer Caradoc (1506 feet).



Pamela Bolt

WALKING GROUP D (TUESDAY)

These walks are usually of 5 to 7 miles. We set out **promptly** at 10 am and all walks include a coffee stop (bring your own). New walkers are always made welcome. **Easy** walks have no or very short steep climbs and descents, and are up to about 5 miles long. They may include long but gentle climbs and descents. **Moderate** walks may be up to 7 miles in length, and may have a number of climbs and descents of which some may be steeper or longer. **Hard** walks may be 7 miles or a little more in length and will have a number of steep or long climbs or descents. **Please note that on most walks you should bring a packed lunch. Some**

shorter walks may include the option of a pub/café lunch after the walk. If this is the case, this will be shown below.

The named leader will decide if the weather is suitable for the walk: if you are in any doubt, ring them.

5th July: GR 203664, DE45 1HZ: Over Hadden CP (fee). Sue G and Dave M 07999 306996; 6 miles moderate: steep climb involving lots of steps

12th July: GR 191768, S32 5QR: Foolow duckpond. Joyce and David 07926 547112; 6 miles moderate

19th July: GR 231814, S32 1DU Hathersage CP, Oddfellows Road (fee). Shirley and Valerie 07757 089914 or 07854 509129; 7 miles moderate

26th July: GR171705, SK17 9UH White Lodge CP (fee – card only). Linda and Trevor; 5.75 miles moderate

2nd August: GR 278740, DE45 1PQ layby on Old Brampton/Curbar road just before A621 crossroads. Mel; 6 miles moderate

9th August: GR 246606 DE4 2DU Winster CP by primary school. Andy; 5 miles moderate

16th August: GR 280721 DE45 1PU Robin Hood NT CP (free for NT members). Penny and Charles; 4.5 miles moderate

23rd August: GR 216765 S32 5RW Eyam CP. Liz and Peter 07527 995 776; 5 miles moderate

30th August: GR 300571 DE4 3RQ Cromford Rugby Club CP (fee). Mary; 5.5 miles moderate

Joyce Hart 07926 547112 and Peter Smalley 07527 995776



Tuesday walking group members strike a pose with the statue of a coal miner at the highest point in Nottinghamshire



Two of our members using the stocks at Eyam as a resting place for their coffee break.

WALKING GROUP B (Thursdays)

We start promptly at 10 am. Please arrive in good time to be suited and booted for 10 am. On walks of over 6.5 miles a drink for a coffee stop and a packed lunch should be carried. These walks are shown with TL after the distance. On shorter walks there will be a stop for coffee (which you should carry) and a pub or café lunch may be arranged at the end.

Easy walks involve a total ascent of less than 500 feet/150m; Moderate walks have between 500 and 1000 feet/305m and Harder walks have over 1000 feet/305m. Grid references for starting points are shown and should be prefixed by SK if you are doing a search.

If you are thinking of joining us for the first time give me a call or drop me an email so that I can look out for you.

Any problems, please give me a ring, numbers below.

7th July: GR 350632 Ashover Village Hall; Lynn, 6.6 miles: Ravensnest

14th July: GR 270623 small CP near Darley Bridge; Stuart, 8 miles (TL) Harder 1400ft ascent: Wensleydale, Brightgate, Upper Town

21st July: GR 164751 start in Litton village, roadside parking; Barry, 5.5 miles Moderate: Tideswell dale, Litton Mill, Cressbrook Mill, Cressbrook Dale, Tansley Dale

28th July: NO WALK

4th August: GR 266801 Longshaw NT CP; John, 7.5 miles (TL) Harder 1200ft ascent: Walk to Upper Burbage Bridge, south end of Stanage Edge, Millstone Edge, Granby Wood

11th August: GR 219645 Alport; Joy, 5.5 Moderate: Over Haddon, Meadow Place Grange, Youlgreave

18th August: GR 222689 Bakewell Station CP; Carole 7.75 miles (TL) Moderate: Holme Bridge, Ashford-in-the-Water, Monsal Head, Little Longstone, Hassop Station

25th August: GR 174893 Fairholmes CP: free parking in last layby on the right before the centre; Ian, 8 miles (TL) Moderate/Harder: Lockerbrook, Alport Castles, Derwent Reservoir

Carole Grew 01246 568841, 07739383772, carole.grew64@gmail.com



STROLLERS (Saturdays)

As usual walks take place fortnightly and will be on the following Saturdays:

9th and 23rd July, 6th and 20th August, and 3rd September

We do our best to avoid stiles and steep slopes and walk for a maximum of 3 miles. We meet at 10.20 am in the lower car park of Holmebrook Valley Park. This is on Linacre Road, which is off Loundsley Green Road. We leave for our walking venue at 10.30 am. We are not currently organising pub/café lunches at the end; however members may organise these themselves or bring a picnic. Also, depending on current guidelines and feelings of group members, we sometimes go for a coffee at a garden centre if weather conditions are very poor. If a walk is to be cancelled in advance, we send out an email to members the evening before if possible.

We must stress that everyone who joins us will do so at their own risk. If the social distancing rule is still in place, it will be up to each of us to observe it. Having said all that, it is always lovely to see everyone and we hope we have many pleasant walks ahead of us.

Sue and Brian Taylor, 07532 160 324, sue_taylor@live.com

FACTS ABOUT 40 (Answers)

- * Which of these animal combinations would have a total of 40 legs? 1 horse, 3 sheep, 2 cows, 6 chickens, 1 dog

BOOKS WITH NUMBERS IN THEIR TITLE (Answers)

In which books do these characters appear?

1. Winston Smith 1984
2. Guy Montag Fahrenheit 451
3. Sydney Carton A Tale of Two Cities
4. D'Artagnan The Three Musketeers
5. Nurse Ratched One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest
6. Captain John Yossarian Catch 22
7. Captain Nemo Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea
8. Montmorency Three Men in a Boat
9. Dave Bowman 2001 A Space Odyssey
10. Phileas Fogg Around The World In Forty Days