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Chesterfield u3a  
**OPEN MEETING**

upstairs at the Market Hall on  
**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY at 2 pm**

Ashley Franklin will talk about  
***Derbyshire Life***. Established back in  
1931, *Derbyshire Life* magazine celebrates  
Derbyshire as a county which deserves to  
be championed.

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## **u3a BUSINESS**

### **COPY DATE FOR NEWSLETTER 167 JULY 2022**

Please send all items for the Newsletter to Jeanne Clark by email or post to the addresses above, as soon as possible and at the latest by **8<sup>th</sup> June**. The editor will acknowledge receipt, edit and abridge as necessary and her decision on inclusion, content and format is final.

### **LINKS**

These links give advice on the current guidelines on covid which will have changed before the publication of this newsletter.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/covid-19-advice-on-u3a-activities>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### **JUNE 2022 e-BULLETIN**

Group Coordinators or events organisers with new information they want to get out to members, or important dates coming up, should send the details to Jeanne Clark by 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

I am pleased to be writing my first 'Comments' as the new Chair of Chesterfield u3a. Thank you again to the members who came to the AGM in March and voted for me.

Two new Trustees were also voted onto the Committee (although one, Philip Arrandale, has been on before and is no stranger to many of you). Philip is taking over the role of Groups Facilitator which I have relinquished. Valerie Myers is a new trustee, and will be concerned with New Member Support. Kathy Davies was co-opted back onto the Committee at its March meeting, after a short break from committee responsibilities. We now have a strong team leading Chesterfield u3a in 2022, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of u3as in the UK. A complete up-to-date list of Committee members is provided in the front of the Newsletter.

Our u3a is showing encouraging signs of getting back to the level of activity it was at before Covid-19 interrupted our lives. Membership has been steadily increasing in recent months and a number of new groups have got underway, with others in the pipeline. Let's hope this continues. At an event at the Winding Wheel on 5<sup>th</sup> April – the Great

Chesterfield Get 2gether, organised by Chesterfield Borough Council – to promote activities and services for people over 55, we had a display stand and provided information about our u3a activities to many people throughout the day.

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

## **NEW MEMBERS**

A very warm welcome to our new members:

David Stevens, Alan Keegan, Lynn Holmes, Christine and Mick Winfield, Jane and Steve Randolph, Marilyn Booth, Alison Mccran, Simon Cork, Rhoda Waygood, Paul Kingslan, Jean and Simon Moul, Lesley Urwin, Patricia Holmes, Angela Corby, David Fuller, and Margaret Sambrook.

**Kathryn Lambert, Membership Secretary**

## **INFORMATION AND UP AND COMING EVENTS**

### **u3a TALKS: OPEN MEETING**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2 pm at the Market Hall – PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE**

**Ashley Franklin will talk about *Derbyshire Life*.**

### **COFFEE MORNING**

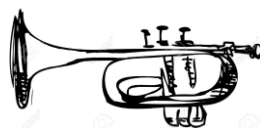
There will be a coffee morning on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June from 10.15 am - 11.45 am** in Rooms 1 and 2 at the Market Hall.



### **u3a TALKS: ZOOM MEETING**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 2 pm**

**Sharon Stansfield will talk about *Brassed Off*: a history of brass bands and instruments of Long Eaton Prize Band, along with musical interludes.**



**Sylvia Jackson, Meetings Organiser**



## **SHOP-FRONT DISPLAY**

A number of activities are already planned to promote the up and coming 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we may add more to the programme as the year progresses. In June there will be a shop-front display in the Low Pavement precinct - make sure you come along and have a look, and tell your friends about it.

Please help us to publicise our u3a and its colours of yellow with two shades of blue, by making (knitting/crocheting/crafting) a yellow and blue flower – similar to the Remembrance Day poppies – and wearing it when you are in Chesterfield. Doing this would be especially useful during June (when the shop-front display is on view) and September (because the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary ‘Week’ is 17<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> September) but any time would be good.

## **Vice Chair of Southwell u3a seeking information**

I am currently Vice Chair of Southwell u3a. I used to live in Chesterfield, and in 1987 we opened the Abbeydale Hotel in Cross Street. We sold the hotel in 1997 and moved away. The hotel was taken over by others and did quite well for a time. But when we pass through Chesterfield from time to time, we notice that it is no longer a hotel. It’s just curiosity, but I wonder if any of your members have memories of what happened? We would like to hear from any of your members with any news.

Please reply to Marjorie Bramhill: [Marjorie.bramhill@gmail.com](mailto:Marjorie.bramhill@gmail.com)

## **Literacy Charity Schoolreaders is seeking Volunteers**

We have been contacted by Schoolreaders, a national charity supporting literacy in schools. You can find out about this charity at [schoolreaders.org](http://schoolreaders.org)

“This national children’s literacy charity is looking for volunteers in the community to listen to children read in primary schools.

Even before the pandemic, one in four children were leaving primary school unable to read well and our service is more than ever in demand after months of school closures. Worryingly, estimates suggest the most disadvantaged pupils are now seven months behind their peers. Children who struggle with reading are more likely to live in poverty and to be unemployed as adults.

No qualifications are required to join Schoolreaders as a volunteer, just a love of reading, some spare time each week in term time and a willingness to go where children need you the most.”

Schoolreaders’ aims as a charity are in accordance with the aim of our u3a to promote education, and members who may be interested in volunteering can find details on their web site.

**David Hart**

## **DARMSTADT TWINNING**

This year celebrates 62 years of Chesterfield and Darmstadt twinning. We have planned a coach trip on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September to World of Wedgwood and Lichfield.

The day with our German guests starts with a leisurely drive by coach to spend the morning at the World of Wedgwood. A guided tour of the factory is included in the price plus there is free access to the very interesting Wedgwood V&A Museum. Enjoy your lunch in the Wedgwood Tea Conservatory or your packed lunch in the Courtyard Gardens. After a short drive to Lichfield, the afternoon will include a visit to the beautiful (and very old!) Lichfield Cathedral, and/or take in the free museums of Samuel Johnson, (the man famous for writing our first dictionary), and Erasmus Darwin. If time on your own is what you like then there are many other sights to enjoy in this wonderful, historical city.

Places are subsidised and limited in number so please send your booking form and cheque for £20 per person as soon as possible.

**Pauline Holmes, 07905 641432**

## 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:

Heage Windmill - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 pm.

Tideswell, blue badge guided tour - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm

Sheffield Manor Lodge, guided tour - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15 am

Bolsover, guided tour - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 am

Darley Abbey, guided tour – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 detail, please contact me well in advance of the relevant dates.

**Tony Clark, [tony.clark1@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.clark1@btinternet.com)**

### BOWLS GROUP

Outdoor bowls starts at 2 pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the Robinson Bowling Green, Walton. Members who wish to play regularly need to be social members of the Robinson Bowls Club at a cost of £35 but this allows members to bowl anytime the green is available. For those who do not wish to commit or just to try, there will be, for a limited number of occasions, a casual visit fee at a cost to be determined. Sessions end at 4 pm. We look forward to seeing you in the warm sunshine.

The Group moves back indoors on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**Alan D Wood, [alandwood@alanwood.plus.com](mailto:alandwood@alanwood.plus.com)**

### TRAVEL GROUP

#### **ALL trips are open to ALL u3a members**

This will be my last Travel Group report as Co-ordinator for the newsletter, but I am delighted to tell you that, as many of you already know, Frank Wharram has stepped in and will be taking over the running of the group. I have enjoyed being in the Travel Group Team and I will continue to enjoy going on the trips. This year there will be at least two trips – to Grimsthorpe Castle with Frank on 1<sup>st</sup> June, and to Brodsworth Hall with Mary South on 18<sup>th</sup> June. **PLEASE** support Frank

and Mary as we try to recover from the last two years of disruption. There are booking slips for both trips enclosed and on the website.

### **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June: Visit to Grimsthorpe Castle**

This Lincolnshire castle and Tudor house was remodelled as a miniature Blenheim Palace by Sir John Vanburgh in the 1720s. There is a magnificent arcaded hall and the cost of £33 will include a guided coach tour of the estate, landscaped by Capability Brown. Then there will be a break for lunch, either a picnic or there is a café available. In the afternoon we will have a guided tour of the castle. If you wish to join us, please complete the booking form carefully.

### **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June: Visit to Brodsworth Hall**

This English Heritage property, well-known for its wonderful gardens, is near Doncaster. The interesting hall was built in 1851, so it is mid-Victorian and has been adapted by the same family over three generations. There will be plenty of time to wander around and there are catering facilities on site. We shall arrive at about 10.30 am and leave at 3 pm, arriving back in Chesterfield between 4 - 4.30 pm. An ADDED BONUS is that there will be a CLASSIC CAR RALLY on the day we are there! There are 15 places left, with places limited to 37. The cost will be £26 (£13 for English Heritage members). Please fill in the booking slip carefully.

**Margaret Armour**

### **UPWORDS AND SCRABBLE**

We meet every other Wednesday at 1.45 pm at Loundsley Green Community Centre, the next meetings being on 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and 6<sup>th</sup> July.

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](mailto:tony.clark1@btinternet.com)**

### **WILD FLOWER GROUP**

It is good to be planning another series of wild flower walks for the spring and summer. We will visit a variety of habitats throughout the season. No expertise is needed, just an interest in our native flowers. Details of meeting places for the first three walks are given below.



### **13<sup>th</sup> May: Frith Wood, Dronfield**

Take the turn to Callywhite Lane at the junction of the B6057 and B6158. There is a small, unsurfaced car park at the end of Callywhite Lane, *Ordnance Survey GR SK365783*, or on-street parking in the same area.

### **27<sup>th</sup> May: Coombs Dale**

Park in the car park adjacent to the Stoney Middleton Playing Fields, on the left off the A623 shortly after Calver Crossroads.

*Ordnance Survey GR SK235751; postcode: S32 4TB*

### **10<sup>th</sup> June: Hoe Grange Quarry Nature Reserve**

From the A5012 (Via Gellia) turn left at the Grange Mill crossroads onto the B5056, then right at the cross roads at Longcliffe. After a few hundred yards Haven Hoe Farm is on your left, Turn into the track just before the farm and park at the end of the track before the gate into the reserve. *Ordnance Survey GR SK22425626; postcode DE4 4HX; What3Words ///bookmark.reds.arrival*



Please contact me in advance if you have not been on one of our wild flower walks before.

**Irene Wilkinson, 01246 234924, iw43central@gmail.com**

## **WALKING GROUPS**

### **WALKING GROUP D (TUESDAY)**

These walks are usually of 5 to 7 miles. We set out at 10 am and all walks include a coffee stop and a packed lunch 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 will 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 will 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 all walks you should bring a packed lunch, unless otherwise specified.**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> May:** GR 131508. DE6 2AZ Ilam NT CP. Val and Dorothy 208120 or 07854 509129; 7 miles moderate

**10<sup>th</sup> May:** GR 149831. S33 8WN Castleton CP (fee). Joyce and David 567667 or 0792 654 7112; 6 miles moderate

**17<sup>th</sup> May:** GR 246606. DE4 2DU Winster CP by primary school. Andy 277292; 5 miles moderate

**24<sup>th</sup> May:** GR180834. S33 6RD Hope railway station. Sue G. and Dave M. 07999 306996; 7 miles moderate

**31<sup>st</sup> May:** GR 479614. NG 17 3HJ Teversal Visitor Centre. Robin 0797 791 0934; 6 miles easy

**7<sup>th</sup> June:** GR 350632. S45 0BA Ashover Village Hall. Ken 07884 275 099; 5.5 miles moderate

**14<sup>th</sup> June:** GR 127660. SK17 9QJ Sparklow CP at Hurdlow. Linda and Trevor 07769 030 391; 7 miles easy

**21<sup>st</sup> June:** GR 149666. DE45 1JZ Jack Mere CP Monyash (donation). Liz and Peter 208857 or 07527 995 776; 6 miles moderate

**28<sup>th</sup> June:** GR 373605. Woolley CP at Ogston Reservoir. Charles and Penny 566519; 6 miles moderate

**Joyce Hart 07926 547112 and Peter Smalley 07527 995776**

## **WALKING GROUP B (Thursdays)**

We start promptly at 10.00 am. Please arrive in good time to be suited and booted for 10.00. On walks of over 6.5 miles a drink for a coffee stop and a packed lunch should be carried. 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.

**5<sup>th</sup> May:** GR 240747 Sough Lane, Calver (next to cricket ground); Peter and Ruth, 7.1 miles Moderate: Deep Rake, Black Harry Lane, Stoney Middleton (TL)

**12<sup>th</sup> May:** GR 427642 Timber Lane CP; Bob C, 6.5 miles Easy: Holmewood, Asquith, Hardsoft, Pilsley

**19<sup>th</sup> May:** GR 128605 Hartington Village Centre; Carole, 5.5 miles Harder, 1100ft: Hartington, Pilsbury Castle

**26<sup>th</sup> May:** Shillito Wood; Steve, 5 miles Easy: Shillito, Barbrook Reservoir

**2<sup>nd</sup> June (BH):** GR 412673 Grassmoor Country Park; Joy, 5 miles Easy: Hasland, Winsick

**9<sup>th</sup> June:** GR 247744 Curbar School Carver; Adrian, 7.5 miles Moderate: Bramley Wood, Hassop, Rowland and Calver Peak (TL)

**16<sup>th</sup> June:** GR 311827 Whirlow Brook layby on A625; Barry, 6.6 miles Moderate/Harder: Limb Valley, Brown Edge, Porter Valley (TL)

**23<sup>rd</sup> June:** GR 260830 CP at Upper Burbage Bridge; Stuart, 7 miles Harder, 1100ft: Stanage Edge, Hathersage, Mitchel Field (TL)

**30<sup>th</sup> June:** GR 154743 CP Tideswell Dale (pay); Carole, 6 miles Moderate: Cressbrook, Litton, Tideswell

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



## **STROLLERS (Saturdays)**

As usual walks take place fortnightly and will be on the following Saturdays: **30<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June, and 9<sup>th</sup> July**

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.

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

- \* It took chemists 40 attempts to develop the useful spray, WD-40 (Water Displacement, 40<sup>th</sup> formula). It has often been said: "You only need two things in life: Duct Tape and WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use Duct Tape, if it doesn't move and should, use WD-40."
- \* Rather than 9 months, a typical pregnancy lasts 40 weeks.
- \* 40 is the number of winks Dr William Kitchiner suggests taking for a perfect nap in his 1821 guide.
- \* The age at which life begins . . .
- \* Which of these animal combinations would have a total of 40 legs?
  - 1 horse, 4 sheep, 1 cow, 8 chickens, 1 dog
  - 1 horse, 3 sheep, 2 cows, 6 chickens, 1 dog
  - 2 horses, 3 sheep, 2 cows, 5 chickens, 1 dog
  - 1 horse, 2 sheep, 1 cow, 4 chickens, 2 dogs

## BOOKS WITH NUMBERS IN THEIR TITLE

In which books do these characters appear? All have a number in their title.

1. Winston Smith
2. Guy Montag
3. Sydney Carton
4. D'Artagnan
5. Nurse Ratched
6. Captain John Yossarian
7. Captain Nemo
8. Montmorency
9. Dave Bowman
10. Phileas Fogg

