



## MELBOURNE AREA DERBY

**U3A (The University of the Third Age)** is a UK-wide movement which brings together people in their 'third age' to develop their interests and continue their learning in a friendly and informal environment.

If you're wondering what we mean by the third age - it is a time after you have finished working full-time or raising your family and have time to pursue your interests or try something new.

U3A has a 'university' of members who draw upon their knowledge and experience to teach and learn from each other but there are no qualifications to pass – it is just for pleasure. Learning is its own reward.

### **SUMMER HOLIDAYS!!**

**There will be no monthly meetings in July or August.**

**The next meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**(see aside for details)**

**Contact the relevant group leader for updates on the schedule of activities over the summer**

**TO JOIN MAD U3A** contact [MADu3amem@gmail.com](mailto:MADu3amem@gmail.com), come along to the monthly meeting or use the contacts link on the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/melbourne-area/welcome>

**Thurs, 5<sup>th</sup> September:** 14.00-16.00: Melbourne Assembly Rooms: A talk by Celia Sanger, volunteer from Calke Abbey about the history of Calke

**Thurs, 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** 14:00-16:00: Melbourne Assembly Rooms: Market Place for U3A groups: come and find out about the different groups. Coffee/tea and cakes!

**Thurs, 7<sup>th</sup> November:** 14:00-16:00: venue to be confirmed: A talk by Paul Stafford about a trip to North Korea

### VISIT TO MELBOURNE GARDENS

June's monthly meeting followed a slightly different format. We met in the Senior Citizens' Centre where local historian Philip Heath gave an interesting talk about the history of Melbourne Hall garden, placing it very much within the context of the development of the town.

Ian Turner then led a visit to the garden. The weather was kind and we were able to see many of the features referred to in Philip's talk - the statuary, the yew tunnel and the Birdcage amongst others. We are so lucky to have such a fine garden in our midst! Following the visit to the gardens we had refreshments at the tearooms which had kindly stayed open late to accommodate our visit.

A rather special afternoon.



### **WALKING GROUP UPDATE**

**Although the walking group does not stop completely, there will be fewer walks over the summer. A walk round Monyash is planned for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July and several others in the pipeline. Anyone interested in joining the walking group should contact Sharon through the U3A web page and once on the group's list will receive updates about forthcoming walks.**

**All welcome!**

**You do not need to be an expert to start a new group, just enthusiastic! It could be any interest or activity you would like to share. Contact [MADu3agroups@gmail.com](mailto:MADu3agroups@gmail.com) if you want to start a group.**

**These are current activities organised by MAD U3A members: for further details see our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/melbourne-area/groups>**

ACTIVITY	WHEN	FREQUENCY	WHERE	CONTACT
Bridge (all abilities)	Tues 2-4	Weekly (next meeting Sept)	MSP	Steve & Ian
Italian conversation and culture	Mon 10.30 - 12	Weekly	Bluebell, Chruch Street (new venue)	Eddie
Crafts4U	Mon 2-4	Monthly 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon of month	Senior Citizens Centre	Jill & Llynn
Knit and crochet	Wed 11-1	1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> week	Alma	Pam & Dorothy
Scrabble	Fri 2-4	Monthly Last Fri of Month	Alma	Frances
Art Appreciation (talks)**	Wed* 10.30 - 12.00	Monthly (next meeting Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug: nb different day to normal)	MARs (bar)	Vicky vangus@live.co.uk
Art Appreciation (visits)	Weds	Monthly (next trip 31 <sup>st</sup> July)	Various	Vicky
Family history	Weds 2-4	Fortnightly 2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> week	Library	Sue
French country dancing	Thur 2-4	Monthly 4th week	Thomas Cook Hall	Diana
Computer Club	Wed 2-4	Fortnightly 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> week	Library	Geoff
Book club (waiting list)	Thur 11-1	Monthly 2 <sup>nd</sup> week	Alma	Llyn
Walking Group (short)	Tues 10.00	Monthly	MARS	Sharon & Frances
Walking Group (med/long)	Thur 10.00	Monthly	MARS	Sharon & Frances
History	Fri 3-4	Fortnightly from 26th April	MARS	Margaret
Photography	Fri 10-12	Fortnightly	Alma	Larry