



## 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.

**NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!**

**UPDATE: CHATSWORTH HOUSE TRIP**

The proposed trip to Chatsworth House Christmas Markets on 22<sup>nd</sup> November has been cancelled

**NEW GROUPS COMING SOON**

**READING GROUP, MODEL MAKING, INDOOR BOWLS**

TO JOIN MAD U3A contact [MADu3amem@gmail.com](mailto:MADu3amem@gmail.com), come along to the monthly meeting (*see below for forthcoming meetings*) or use the contacts link on the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/melbourne-area>.  
The annual fee of £16 gives you access to the monthly meetings and group activities.

**Thurs, 3<sup>rd</sup> October: 14:00-16:00: Melbourne Assembly Rooms**  
**Talk by Paul Stafford on his travels in North Korea**

**Thurs, 7<sup>th</sup> November: 14:00-16:00: Melbourne Assembly Rooms**  
**Browse the U3A stalls and see the activities on offer. There will also be a book/jigsaw/dvd swop so bring along items for swapping.**

**Thurs, 5<sup>th</sup> December: 14:00-16:00: Melbourne Assembly Rooms**  
**Festive refreshments, quiz, games and free raffle**

Access to all group activities is included in your membership fee. Please bring your membership card with you. There may be a small charge to cover the costs of venue hire, refreshments etc.

To join a group or for further information see the contact details on the website, contact [madu3agroups@gmail.com](mailto:madu3agroups@gmail.com) or call 07843 746217.

ACTIVITY	WHEN	FREQUENCY	WHERE	CONTACT
Bridge (all abilities)	Monday 2-4	Weekly	MSP	Steve Hollingsworth
Italian	Mon 10.30 -12	Weekly	Harpurs	Eddie Morgan
Crafts4U	Mon 2-4	Monthly 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of month	Senior Citizens Centre	Jill & Tricia
Knit and crochet	Wed 11-1	1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> week	Alma	Pam & Dorothy
Scrabble	Fri 2-4	Monthly Last Friday of month	Alma	Frances Johnson
Art Appreciation	Wed 10.30 - 12.00	Last Wednesday of month (NB Sept meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> )	MARS	Vicky Angus
Family history	Weds 2-4	Fortnightly 2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> week of the month	Library at MARS	Sue Webster
Craft group	Weds 11-1	1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> week of the month	Alma	Pam and Dorothy
French country dancing	Thur 2-4	Last Thursday of the month	Thomas Cook Hall	Diana and Steve Wilkins
Computer User Forum (all abilities)	Wed 2-4	Fortnightly 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> week	Library at MARS	Geoff Dowell

Book club (waiting list)	Thur 11-1	Monthly 2 <sup>nd</sup> week	Alma	Llyn Hackett
Walking Group (short)	varies	2 to 3 times a month	Join email list for info	Sharon & Frances
Walking Group (med/long)	varies	2 to 3 times a month	Join email list for info	Sharon & Frances
History	Fri 3-4	Fortnightly from 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	MARS lounge	Margaret Gildea
Photography	Fri 10-12	Fortnightly	Alma	Larry

**If you wish to start a new group contact [madu3agroups@gmail.com](mailto:madu3agroups@gmail.com) or call 07843 746217.**

**You do not need to be an expert, just enthusiastic! Ideas could include darts, gardening, sewing, quizzing chess, cycling...but anything goes!**

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