

From the Chair

I hope that you are enjoying the lazy days of summer that are now upon us. It is a tonic to be able to potter in the garden or explore the countryside. The bilberry crop promises to be good again this year.

I have recently attended the annual Woolliscroft family reunion, at the Izaak Walton Hotel in Dovedale. This faithful band of amateur sleuths operates just like a U3A Group in that someone organises the venue, someone else prepares the name badges, another brings a lap-top to access the Woolliscroft website, etc, etc. The get-togethers have a comfortingly familiar pattern to them: people search old photographs for familiar faces; and the results of recent research are shared. Scandal and gossip about family members at home and abroad is eagerly devoured along with the roast beef. As with SU3A, democracy is the key.

Academics sit down with farmers and butchers; civil servants chat to gardeners and engineers - everyone is equally valued and feels at ease. The problems of everyday life are put into perspective as we listen to the sad story of the Woolliscroft who was transported to Australia for stealing a tablecloth!

There have been yet more published reports of research into ageing, all of which agree that whilst we may get slower as we age, most of us have better judgement. I gather that, unless there are NHS cutbacks, there is to be a new test to determine whether or not an older person is normal. We are to be shown a bath full of water and then we will be offered a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket in order to empty it.

We shall be asked which item a normal person would choose. What a waste of tax-payers' money, I told my doctor – who would choose anything smaller than the bucket?

I am sure that whilst we are enjoying the summer break many Groups are also planning new programmes of activity. Others have been hard at work too. Vera Dyer has been attending meetings of the newly-formed Yorkshire and Humberside Region Management Committee; and Peter Barclay has made great progress with

Cover Picture : Peacock at Leeds Castle

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updating the History of SU3A. Under Peter Hughes' leadership the WW2 Project has reached the editing stage, and Denise West has been busy finding new speakers for the autumn lectures.

Members who are reading volunteers in Sheffield primary schools were invited to a celebration event at the Town Hall in July, where they were thanked for their significant contribution to raising Sheffield's literacy standards. Two other strands of the programme were announced – *SATs Volunteers* (who help pupils to understand what is expected of them in the summer term SATs tests) and *Talk Volunteers* (who provide ongoing support with oracy). Do contact Yvonne Rowland on (0114) 242 5201 if you are interested in helping out.

I must once more invite help with various tasks. As you will see from the Secretary's report, there is now a urgent need for someone to take over from Roger Heesterman in assisting John Williams with the production of *Links*. Please will someone volunteer?

Another task which must be tackled soon is the sorting out of SU3A's archived material. There are three boxes of miscellanea in the City Archives – is anyone interested in bringing about order from chaos? If so, Vera would be delighted to hear from you!

My doctor has just phoned – the bad news is that research shows normal people would use the plug to empty a bath. But the good news is that he will let me off if I can name the Prime Minister. It is on the tip of my tongue

Shelagh Woolliscroft

Sheffield U3A News Update

Executive Committee Report

SU3A continues to grow. At our July Executive Committee meeting, it was reported that our membership has reached 2,780. We continue with our outreach work in the hope that membership can be encouraged from the under-represented areas of Sheffield.

We are still seeking a Deputy Editor of *Links*, so if you think you can help out, please contact our *Links* Editor, John Williams. We are pleased to report that Dave Caborn has stepped into the role of *Links* Distribution Officer, with Ken Cliff as backup.

We are also starting the process of trying to find a successor to our Treasurer, Jim Rowland. Ideally, it would be someone with an accounting background, who would be willing to shadow Jim for a period, prior to taking over with effect from the AGM in April 2011. Please think about it and contact Jim to find out what the duties entail.

An Incident Management Seminar has recently been held, facilitated by the St John's Ambulance Brigade, which was found most helpful by those who attended. Due to this success, it has been decided it should become an annual event, so long as demand is there. If you are interested in attending a seminar in 2011, keep a lookout in *Links*.

We would like to encourage members to carry next of kin details and/or put ICE (In Case of Emergencies) against a number or numbers in your mobile phone book. Please also note the postcode of your public meeting venues so that, should an emergency arise of a medical nature, the emergency services will be able to find the venue quickly.

Speaking of public meeting venues, we are sure members are aware that finding free/cheap venues is becoming increasingly difficult. If you know of anywhere that could be used by SU3A Groups, please contact Jim Walker, our General Coordinator.

Please do not forget the Drop-Ins, first Tuesday of the month, 10.00 - 12.00, Central United Reformed Church, opposite the Crucible Theatre!

The date of the next Executive Committee meeting is 3 September 2010.

Vera Dyer

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A Word of Thanks

I would like to thank the many, many members of SU3A who have contacted me via cards, letters, emails and by phone to express their thanks and appreciation for the holidays, short breaks and day trips I have organised during my sixteen years with the SU3A Travel Group, the last ten as Coordinator. I am delighted to have left SU3A Travel in the knowledge that I have helped many members create a lot of happy memories, as well as many new friendships.

For my part, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with SU3A Travel, and have had the pleasure of meeting hundreds of very special people.

Shirley Marney

ICT Courses

Basic Course

I shall be running the 10 week basic ICT course for beginners and those who have taught themselves, starting on Tuesday 28 September at Notre Dame High School between 4.10 pm and 6.00 pm. The course covers word processing, email, the internet and file management.

Tabs and Tables

I am also running a short course on the use of tabs and tables in Word, on Tuesday 17, Thursday 19 and Tuesday 24 August. This is not a beginners course.

This course would be particularly useful for Coordinators needing to draw up a programme for their Group, but is useful for any kind of list or even a simple catalogue of your music collection, books or whatever is your 'thing'.

The course has already been offered to a number of Coordinators, but there are still a few places available.

If you are interested please would you ring me on
(01433) 659 864

Clare Chiba

Lectures for All

Sheffield U3A invites you to the next event in their series of monthly Lectures. This event takes place at The Showroom Cinema 2, Paternoster Row. Sheffield S1 2BX.

Take advantage of the FREEBEE Bus - it stops right outside. Coffee and biscuits can be purchased from 10.00 am prior to the lecture, which begins at 10.30 am until 12.00 noon. Lunch is available to buy in the café afterwards if you don't have to rush home.

FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2010

Sheffield Hydro-Power - Past, Present and Future

This illustrated talk is by the *Sheffield Renewables Group*. A team of three speakers will be led by *Christine Ball*, who will begin by tracing the history of water power in Sheffield. She will look at the unique topography of the city, being surrounded by seven hills, and how the natural resources of five rivers running through these hills gave rise to Sheffield as the predominant cutlery making centre in the world.

Richard Collins will take the story further and discuss modern, low head, hydro-power technologies and how they use river currents and tidal flows to produce a renewable energy source that will have minimum impact on the environment.

Finally, *Rob Pilling* will examine the future of the industry and opportunities to get involved through volunteering and investing.

Thank you to SU3A's Sustainable Development Group for helping to organise this event.

Join us for this FREE event. Everyone is welcome.

Songs of a Texas Ranger

It is a long time since Linda Lee Welsh left Texas. Since then she has studied at the University of Alaska and at RADA, and was guest lecturer at the University of Meikai in Japan. She has a particular interest in that country. Her home in America was filled with Japanese artefacts, following her parents' visit there at the end of the second World War.

We enjoyed her morning as guest of the SU3A Literature Network at The Showroom. Between them, Linda and her accompanist Michael (pictured right), presented a tantalising collection of seashore images through words and sound. We were back by the sea, watching the boats bob together, listening to their clatter and groans, exploring a figure by the shore. We drifted through the sounds of fairground music and the banter of boatmen by the quay. There were touches of folk song and the cry of sea gulls, strange hints of mermaids, and a weird sea creature from the



deep. The audience was intrigued by all this and wanted to learn more about their style of presentation. Michael, at sound control, explained that the voiceover was made with the help of several friends, the sounds of the sea were authentic recordings and that he had worked with various groups on this type of production. It proved a memorable occasion.

Our thanks to Judith Vernier for chairing the meeting admirably, and for giving a summary of the achievements of the Literature Network during the course of the last twelve meetings.

The Network meets again at Shirley House in the Autumn. Watch this space for details.

Peter Barclay

Lunch and Lecture

You are invited to lunch at the Sheffield Park Hotel,
Chesterfield Road South, Meadowhead, Sheffield S8 8BW on

Friday 22 October 2010

Please arrive at 12.00 for 12.30 pm – cost £15.50

There is ample parking, and the number 53 bus from bay A3 at Sheffield Interchange and number 75 bus from Ecclesfield, via High Street, run every ten minutes and stop outside the hotel.

The menu will be Roulade of Turkey (*prime turkey breast wrapped around a chestnut stuffing with traditional roast gravy*), seasonal fruit crumble served with custard, coffee and mints. The vegetarian option is roast Mediterranean vegetables (*roasted with pesto and served in a buckwheat crepe*).

Speaker:

Mike Higginbottom – Fun Palaces

Mike Higginbottom has lectured in social and architectural history for several universities, the WEA and NADFAS. He is an historian who provides lectures and tours about historic buildings in the UK and further afield.

Fun Palaces focuses on types of architecture where rich effects were contrived with wit and ingenuity, often by fairly cheap means, to give the poorer classes of society at least a temporary experience of luxury, comfort and freedom. He will be introducing us to the best of the surviving entertainment buildings of the 19th and 20th century with enjoyable insights into unlikely, but successful, marriages of commerce and art.

If you would like to book a place, please fill in the form at the back of this issue of *Links*, to arrive **no later than Friday 1 October 2010**.

Doreen Bezant Coordinator (0114) 236 6596

Situation Vacant

Deputy Editor of *Links*

It is time to commence the process of identifying a replacement for Roger Heesterman, who will be standing down during the next year. The role of the Deputy Editor is to shadow the Editor for a period, before ultimately taking over the role.

Those interested should be reasonably conversant with the use of the internet, email and Microsoft Word. Training can be given in the use of Microsoft Publisher (which has many similarities with Word), the software currently used (and provided by SU3A).

If you are interested in hearing more about this post, please contact either John Williams on (0114) 230 4568 or Roger Heesterman on (0114) 230 7654.

Group News

Arabic Dancing

I recently read in the national U3A magazine about “laughter being as good for you as exercise”. I really can agree with this statement regarding the SU3A Group I attend.

Every Tuesday morning I don my bangles and coin belt and join an energetic group of ladies for Arabic Dancing. I will never pretend that we will be up there on the *X Factor* with our dances. However, we do learn dances with strange names such as Jaffa Cake and Habet Veils (yes, we do use veils as well!).

The process of learning the steps to these dances provokes much laughter, as age and wisdom does not necessarily mean good memory and suppleness! The Group has learnt and improved, much of this through laughter and helping each other and through the sense of fun our instructor gives us.

Sheffield U3A Activities & Interest Groups - AUGUST 2010

To join Sheffield U3A please contact Rita Webster (Initial Enquiries Officer) on (0114) 289 1351.

Anyone wishing to join a Group should ring the Coordinator first. If you find the Group is full, has a waiting list, or wish to suggest a new Group, please ring the General Coordinator Jim Walker on (0114) 236 9687. Groups currently notifying they have vacancies are marked with a **V** in the following pages. Full details and some Group programmes can also be found on our website - www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk.

Sheffield U3A is committed to the principles of inclusion and good access wherever possible. We are making every effort to ensure that our activities are available to everyone who wishes to actively participate. Accessibility of Group meetings and activities is listed using the following key -

- ° MH** Member's Home - access variable; if you have any specific needs you are advised to contact the Group Coordinator
- A*** Public Venue - meeting is fully accessible, including a hearing loop
- A** Public Venue - meeting is physically accessible, but does not include a hearing loop
- X** Public Venue - meeting access is limited; if you have any specific needs you are advised to contact the Group Coordinator.

KEY TO MEETING DETAILS:-

This shows Day, Time & Frequency - e.g. *Mo.am.f* = Monday Morning Fortnightly. *We.pm.m* = Wednesday Afternoon Monthly. *Tu.--.w.* = Tuesday All Day Weekly. *4w* = Every 4 weeks. **AREA**:- The Postal Area in which the Group meets - e.g. (SE) indicates that the Group meets in the South East of Sheffield.

Please notify any amendments to this list to the General Coordinator.

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TEL No.
ARTS AND CRAFTS						
Appreciating Architecture		Th.pm.m	S8	A	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Architecture Past and Present	V	Tu.pm.m	S8	A	Roy Pilkington	01246 416 139
Art (SE)	V	We.pm.w	S13	X	Sylvia Ludlam	269 7034
Art I		We.am.w	S11	A*	Ann Ritchie	230 4552
Art II	V	Th.pm.w	S11	A	Ruth Lamb	236 2807
Art III	V	We.pm.w	S10	X	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I		Th.pm.m	S7	A	Beryl Moore	268 6632
Aspects of Art II		Th.pm.m	S7	A	Valerie Wiley	236 0726
Card Craft	V	Mo.pm.f	S7	X	Margaret Lycett	269 0429
Cards 'R' Us		Fr.pm.f	S20	MH	Lily Taylor	248 0565
Digital Photography	V	Th.pm.m	S11	A	Grenville Morgan	230 5981
Handwork & Craft II		Th.am.f	S11	MH	Jean Davis	233 9784
Looking at Art	V	Th.pm.m	S8	A	Christine Green	01709 519 175
Knitting	V	Mo.pm.m	S10/11	MH	Jane Harling	230 9576
Outdoor Sketching I	V	Fr.am.f	various	A	Florence Ames	236 7108
Outdoor Sketching II	V	We.am.f	various	A	Audrey Morris	236 3619
Patch & Quilt	V	Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Photography NW	V	Fr.pm.f	S36	A	Harold Norton	288 6920
Practical Dressmaking	V	Th.pm.f	S7	X	Christine Barker	250 8807
Quilting Hive		Mo.pm.f	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
Woodworking/Woodcarving		Th.pm.w	S7	MH	Bob Adkins	255 1968
BIRD WATCHING						
Bird Watching I		Mo.am.f	various	X	Gillian Tutt	236 6237
Bird Watching II	V	We.--w	S11/17	X	Malcolm Swift	01246 412 737
CARDS AND BOARD GAMES						
Bridge - Friday I	V	Fr.pm.w	S17	A	Audrey Lupson	235 1618
Bridge - Friday II	V	Fr.pm.w	S10	A	Brian Jeremiah	230 7250
Bridge - Friday III	V	Fr.pm.w	S7	A	Rati Chiba	01433 659 864
Bridge - Monday		Mo.pm.w	S7	A	Patricia Latham	01246 419 106
Bridge - Thursday		Th.pm.w	S17	A	David Jones	236 7405

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CARDS AND BOARD GAMES cont.					
Bridge - Tuesday	V	Tu.am.w	S11	Michael Brumby	236 5676
Bridge - Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	Jean Bowie	230 1002
Bridge at Home	V	Mo.pm.m	S10	Christine Barton	230 8464
Chess	V	Tu.pm.m	S17	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Rummikub I		Mo.pm.f	various	Shirley Wilks	236 7673
Rummikub II		Mo.pm.f	S18	Rita Webster	289 1351
Rummikub (SE)		Mo.pm.f	S13	Joan Brown	269 4829
Scrabble	V	Fr.pm.f	S7	Liz Barber	288 1984
Whist cntrct & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Su.eve.w	various	Gerald Cartwright	281 1499
DISCUSSION, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION					
Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	various	Susan Hydes	255 2141
Discussion II	V	Tu.am.m	various	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Discussion Deepcar	V	Tu.am.m	S35	Hazel Millington	286 3814
Environment Discussion	V	W.pm.4w	S11	Frank Abel	272 0404
Ideas	V	Mo.am.m	S35	Alec Jenner	286 2546
Philosophy- Historical/Classical	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	Teresa McLaren	230 1320
Philosophy-Topics/Theme	V	Mo.am.m	S8	Janet Haigh	230 3070
Sugar & Spice		Mo.pm.f	S8	Eunice Southgate	281 1876
Today's World		Th.am.m	various	TBA	
Wealth & Poverty	V	Mo.pm.4w	S11	Jeanne Rogers	255 0584
GARDENING					
Gardening (SE)	V	Tu.am.f	various	Carol Wright	251 0140
Gardening A		Mo.am.m	various	Glennis Williams	230 5521
Gardening Aspen	V	Th.pm.m	various	June Pollard	231 4939
Gardening C		Mo.am.m	S10/11/17	Susan Fielding	230 3987
Gardening D		Tu.am.m	various	Hilary Hutson	225 8570
Gardening Greenfingers	V	Tu.pm.m	S8	Jane Gregory	274 9246

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HISTORY						
Classical Civilisation		<i>Fr.pm.m</i>	S11	MH	Anne Thomas	230 5281
Family History I	V	<i>We.am.4w</i>	S10	A	Ann Grassick	230 2777
Family History II	V	<i>Tu.am.4w</i>	S7	A	Stuart Lodge	220 7192
Family History III	V	<i>Tu.pm.m</i>	S35	A*	Paul Cordwell	232 2766
History I	V	<i>Tu.am.f</i>	S17	A*	Robert Bragg	281 9534
History II	V	<i>Mo.pm.4w</i>	S10/11	MH	Roy Morris	236 3800
Local History (SE)	V	<i>We.pm.f</i>	S20	A	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Local History III	V	<i>Mo.am.f</i>	S7	A	Peter Evans	281 9532
Local History IV	V	<i>Fr.pm.m</i>	S11	A	Margaret Laycock	236 4109
Local History North		<i>Tu.pm.m</i>	S5/35	A*	Peter Hughes	245 1172
Local History V	V	<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S7	MH	Margaret Etchells	236 3317
Military History	V	<i>Th.pm.m</i>	S7	A	Marion Monaghan	01246 414 137
Oral History	V	<i>Tu.am.4w</i>	S7	A	Vera Wibberley	255 4982
Visiting History	V	<i>Tu.pm.m</i>	various	X	Kathleen Head	243 8021
LANGUAGES						
Cercle Francais I	V	<i>Fr.am.w</i>	S7	X	Ronald Blunt	01433 650 758
Cercle Francais II	V	<i>Mo.pm.f</i>	S10	MH	Margaret Platts	230 7300
Classical Greek Alpha	V	<i>We.pm.f</i>	S1	A	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
French-Advanced		<i>Fr.am.w</i>	S10	A	Audrey Sainsbury	230 7446
French-Intermediate		<i>Th.am.w</i>	S11	X	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
French for Holidays		<i>Mo.pm.f</i>	S7	MH	Usha Fitch	236 5009
German -Advanced		<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S8/10/17	MH	Kenneth Gale	236 4057
German for Beginners		<i>Mo.am.w</i>	S18	MH	Shelagh Woolliscroft	01246 416 139
German- Intermediate		<i>Mo.am.w</i>	S10	A*	Anthony Gibbs	01246 410 003
Italian	V	<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S10/11	MH	Rosalind Rogerson	268 1426
Italian for Holidays	V	<i>Fr.pm.w</i>	S11	X	Mike Hague	236 6336
Latin II	V	<i>Mo.pm.w</i>	S17	MH	Dorothy Hill-Wilson	236 6042
Latin III		<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S11	MH	Frank Murphy	296 2424
Latin Quattuor		<i>Tu.am.f</i>	various	MH	Brian Bezant	236 6596
Modern Greek	V	<i>Th.pm.f</i>	S11	MH	Margaret Halstead	258 2541

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LANGUAGES cont.						
Portuguese For Fun		Tu.am.w	S11	MH	Pauline Miller	258 3678
Sanskrit	V	Th.am.w	S7	A	Roger Linstead	236 3640
Spanish for Beginners	V	Th.pm.f	various	MH	Greta Pearman	236 3336
Spanish (Inter) I	V	Th.am.w	S7	X	Hilda Wisbey	262 1730
Spanish (Inter) II	V	Fr.am.w	S1	X	Tom Jackson	235 2186
Spanish (Inter) III		Th.am.w	S7	X	Pat Smith	230 6432
Welsh	V	Mo.am.f	S8	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
LITERATURE AND DRAMA						
Book Group I		Fr.am.m	S17	A	Margaret Walton	255 6563
Book Group II		Fr.am.m	S17	A	Irene Voyce	235 2637
Book Group III		Tu.am.m	S17	A	Wendy Jenrick	268 7047
Book Group IV		Fr.am.m	S17	A	Mary Whyms	236 8628
Book Group V		Tu.pm.m	S11	MH	Mary Brookes	235 0180
Bookworm	V	Fr.pm.m	S36	A	Angela Butler	288 4778
Drama Study	V	Tu.pm.f	S11	MH	John Parsons	230 4902
Enjoying Literature I	V	Th.am.m	various	MH	Jack Holland	236 5060
Enjoying Literature II	V	We.pm.f	S7	MH	TBA	
Film Appreciation	V	Tu.pm.m	S1	A	Lesley Dixon	268 5881
New Writers		Mo.am.m	S11	MH	Peter Barclay	230 4327
Novel Reading I		Mo.pm.4w	S10	MH	Pam West	266 2188
Novel Reading II	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	MH	Kay Beeston	01433 631 247
Novel Reading III		Fr.am.m	various	MH	Judith Vernier	01246 418 607
Novel Reading IV	V	We.am.m	S5	A	Mary Simpson	245 2568
Play Reading I	V	Tu.pm.4w	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188
Play Reading II	V	Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Doreen Findlay	266 8577
Play Reading III		Th.pm.4w	S17	MH	Mavis Frost	236 4249
Poetry for Pleasure	V	We.pm.f	S17	MH	Pat Parkin	236 8009
Poetry Study	V	We.pm.f	S11	MH	Enid Bennett	236 1379
Shakespeare for Pleasure		Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Kay Nicholson	230 7576
Story Writers		Tu.am.4wk	various	MH	Margaret Briddon	262 0501

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MUSIC				
Enjoying Opera I		S10	John Williams	230 4568
Handbell Ringing	V	S35	Hazel Bradey	234 2608
Listening to Music (SE)	V	various	Brenda Keeling	266 1635
Listening to Music II		S8	Ray Cottam	235 0536
Music Appreciation I	V	S11/17	David Andrews	235 3389
Music Appreciation II		S6	David Andrews	235 3389
Singing for Pleasure		S1	Irene Lees	267 1857
PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES				
Belly Dancing	V	S36	Beryl Sharp	283 1392
Bowling Crown Green (SE)	V	S20	John Hunt	269 8811
Bowling Crown Green	V	S8	Keith Alcock	230 7813
Bowling Indoor - Mon		S36	Keith Alcock	230 7813
Country Dancing	V	S8	Anne Marples	266 8794
Croquet		S7	Peter Jones	230 5987
Pilates		S18	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Table Tennis		S17	Susan Wormald	268 0487
Tai Chi I	V	S35	Jenny Freeman	220 6670
Tai Chi II	V	S36	Beryl Sharp	283 1392
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE				
Environment I	V	S8	Elisabeth Vallance	255 3132
Geology	V	various	Dan Higbid	230 3919
Natural History I		various	Chris Hobson	253 0416
Natural History II	V	various	Marion Edmondson	235 0313
Science & Technology		S8	David Cassy	247 4454
Sustainable Development	V	central	Rose Tanner	245 0200

GROUP	VACANCIES MEETING	AREA	ACCESS COORDINATOR	TEL No.
SOCIAL				
After Hours	<i>Eve/weekend</i>	various	Mary Entwisle	255 2368
After Hours NW	<i>Tu.eve.m</i>	various	Joyce Franks	234 8587
Dining Out I	<i>We.pm.m</i>	various	Lorna Baker	236 9025
Dining Out II	<i>We.pm.m</i>	various	Roy Morris	236 3800
Dining Out NW	<i>Tu.eve.m</i>	various	Pamela Conroy	288 7081
Lunch & Chat Social Group NW	<i>Th.pm.m</i>	S35	Sylvia Parry	288 2918
WALKING				
Dippers "Too" (7-10mls)	<i>Mo.--f</i>	various	Margot Williams	268 2476
Dippers I (4-6mls)	<i>Mo.--f</i>	various	Donald Ward	296 0629
Gannets (5-7mls)	<i>Mo.--f</i>	various	John Lees	267 1857
Late Walkers (5mls)	<i>We.am.w</i>	various	Jill Whymys	235 9893
Peak in Bloom	<i>Su.--f</i>	Pk Dst.	Wendy Taylor	230 9290
Strollers I (Public Trspt.)	<i>We.--f</i>	various	Pat Parkin	236 8009
Strollers II (Public Trspt.)	<i>Mo.--f</i>	various	Cicely Chibnall	230 8803
Strollers II (Saturday)	<i>Sa.am.f</i>	various	Norman Benson	236 1080
Strollers II (Tuesday)	<i>Tu.am.f</i>	various	Clive Williams	230 8177
Strollers III (Public Trspt.)	<i>We.--f</i>	various	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Strollers III (Saturday)	<i>Sa.am.f</i>	various	Judy Hillman	266 7574
Strollers SE (Saturday)	<i>Sa.am.f</i>	various	Barbara Steel	247 4696
Sunday Walkers (7-9 mls)	<i>Su.--f</i>	various	David Hydes	288 7815
Walking Grp A (5-6mls)	<i>Alt Tu./We.--w</i>	various	Jack Wearing	01246 413 613
Walking Grp B (7-9mls)	<i>Alt Tu./We.--w</i>	various	Margaret Barlow	231 5190
Walking Grp C (5-7mls)	<i>Alt Tu./We.--w</i>	various	Gilbert Smith	230 5769

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WALKING cont.						
Walking Grp D (9-11mils)	V	Alt We./Th.--w	various	various	Jan Taylor	230 2511
Walking Grp E (5-7mils)	V	Alt We./Th.--w	various	various	John Ould	236 9606
Walking Grp F (10-14mils)		Alt We./Th.--w	various	various	Peter Digby	236 6821
Walking Grp G (5-7mils)		Th.am.w	various	various	Glyn Davies	289 0987
Walking Grp H (9-11mils)		Mo.--w	various	various	Eric Bridgeland	250 8819
Walking Grp J (10-15mils)	V	Alt Tu./We.--w	various	various	Bill Barracough	258 1294
Walking Grp K (5-7mils)PubTrspt.		Th.--f	various	various	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Walking Grp L (4-5 mls)	V	Th.am.w	various	various	Barbara Cassidy	262 0699
Walking Grp M (6-8mils)		Fr.--w	various	various	David Lightowler	236 3177
Walking Grp N (5-7mils)		Fr.am.w	various	various	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Walking Grp NW (5-7mils)	V	Th.am.w	S36	various	Mary Condon	288 5238
Walking Grp P (8-10mils)	V	Alt We./Th.--w	various	various	Mollie Ibbotson	01246 412 849
Walking Grp Q (5-7mils)	V	Tu.am.f	S5/S35	various	Anne Chatterton	246 2106
Walking Grp R (7-9mils)	V	Mo.--w	various	various	Marion Edmondson	235 0313
Walking Grp S (5-7mils)	V	Fr.am.w	various	various	Mike Denial	235 0584
Walking Grp SE (8mils)	V	Tu.--w	S20	various	Kenneth Stringfellow	230 4063

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE ADVERTISED IN LINKS AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

Classical Concertgoers'	various	various	X	Derek & Maureen Shipley	236 6257
ICT	Tu.pm.w	S10	A	Clare Chiba	01433 659 864
Literature Network	various	S11	A	TBA	
Lunch and Lecture	various	S8	A	Doreen Bezzant	236 6596
Travel	various	various	X	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102

Group Coordinators are reminded that SU3A has a **YHA Group Card**, which means that non-YHA members do not have to pay the £3 per night additional charge. Please contact Marion Edmondson on (0114) 235 0313 for further details if you are planning a trip involving stays in Youth Hostels.

Some of our Group has even lost weight, which is a real bonus. If you enjoy having a laugh, learning something completely different and making new friends, do come and enjoy a free taster session with us.

For more information please contact: *Julia* on (0778) 686 8369 or *Beryl* on (0114) 283 1392.

Classical Concertgoers' Group

Our first concert in the 2010-2011 season is at the De Montfort Hall, Leicester on Wednesday 29 September 2010. The performance will be given by the Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Esa-Ekka Salonen, with Héléne Grimaud (piano). The programme includes the Sibelius popular tone-poem Finlandia, Brahms' 1st Piano Concerto and the Suite from Romeo and Juliet by Prokofiev.

The inclusive cost is £28.00 and reservations may be made using the slip at the end of this issue. Please include the names and contact details of all members for whom you are applying and send to Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, Sheffield, S17 4LA as soon as possible. The coach will leave the bus parking bay on Ecclesall-Road South, near the top of Millhouses Lane promptly at 5.00 pm.

Our visits are open to all SU3A members and no special group membership is required. Please note that on the coach, safety belts must be worn at all times.

Contributors Wanted

Good Deeds works with retired people in Russia and is establishing an almanac. They are looking for contributors to provide poetry, stories, essays, memoirs, travel accounts or art work.

Although the main language of the almanac will be Russian, the intended scope is international, so pieces in different languages, including English, are very welcome.

The organiser is very keen to encourage contributors from England. Anyone interested should contact Miriam Dobson at (0114) 222 2567.

Travel Group News

Travel Organising Committee

Barbara Robertshaw, Coordinator (0114) 236 9102

Barry De Roek, Treasurer (0114) 236 9169

Derek Shipley, Secretary (0114) 236 6257

Margaret Bullivant (0114) 296 2256

Val Wiley (0114) 236 0726

Only members of Sheffield U3A are eligible to take part in our activities.

Insurance - for short breaks and holidays in the UK and overseas (but **not** day visits), travel companies require that all participating members have personal travel insurance cover.

Illness / Medical Conditions / Disabilities - when applying you must inform the Visit Organiser of any problem or pre-existing medical condition. Please remember that all visits will involve some walking. Access to sites and places of interest frequently involves steep slopes, steps and uneven or slippery surfaces. Always wear comfortable, suitable footwear.

Agreed Pick-up Point - if you wish to make a change, you must notify the Visit Organiser **in advance**.

Reply Envelopes - please remember to include a suitable **stamped addressed envelope** with your application. For day visits - any small envelope; for short breaks and holidays - a *Links* size envelope.

In case of problems or emergencies - first try to contact the Visit Organiser; or if they are not available, any member of the Travel Committee.

Travel Excursions

**Trentham Gardens, the Wedgwood Museum,
Heritage Centre and Factory Tour
Thursday 7 October 2010**

Our October excursion takes us into Staffordshire, where we

shall spend the morning at the Trentham Estate, the former home of the Duke of Sutherland. The present-day estate and lake date back to the 18th century when they were created by Capability Brown. There are formal gardens and lakeside walks with optional boat trips and a lakeside miniature railway. A recent addition is a prize-winning retail village and magnificent garden centre. There are lots of places for refreshments and lunch, ranging from simple cafés to restaurants offering a variety of meals. Prices are reasonable. You may of course prefer to bring your own lunch.

Later, after a short drive to Barlaston and the Wedgwood factory site, we shall visit the splendid new Museum, Gallery and Heritage Centre. If you missed lunch at Trentham, there are restaurants and cafés at Wedgwood. We have included a guided tour of the factory, where you will see the various processes involved in the manufacture of the famous Wedgwood Pottery. There will be time to visit the Retail Outlet, where you may be tempted to thwart the Chancellor by disposing of any spare money before the VAT increase takes effect! Walking at both venues is on level, even surfaces.

The inclusive price is £26.00 per person. Applications may be made using the slip on page 21. Please send it, with a cheque and small stamped addressed envelope, to Derek Shipley as soon as possible.



Classical Concertgoers' Group

Visit to the De Monfort Hall, Leicester

Wednesday 29 September 2010

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me (**£28.00** per person). I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **SU3A Concertgoers'** and a **small stamped addressed envelope**. If possible, I would like to sit with at the concert.

Forms should be sent to arrive **as soon as possible** to Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, Bradway, Sheffield S17 4LA .

Visit to the Birmingham Military Tattoo Sunday 28 November 2010

Our November visit is a new venture. Everyone has seen something of the famous Edinburgh Military Tattoo, but most people are not aware of the Birmingham version; just as colourful and exciting, but without the long journey north. We have reserved seats at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham for their annual Military Tattoo, on the afternoon of Sunday 28 November 2010.

This year's programme is not yet finalised, but for a taste of what will be on offer, last year's programme included marching and brass band music, led by the Band of the Coldstream Guards, the Band of the United States (Europe) and two other military bands from abroad. There was a Parade of Massed Standards, competitions between different sections of the Armed Services, drill and gymnastic displays - and more! The display will be an enjoyable, lively, varied and colourful experience, with lots of music and continuous action.

The coach will leave the Sheffield Interchange at 9.45 am and the Bus Parking bay on Ecclesall Road South, near the top of Millhouses Lane, at 10.00 am. This will allow time in Birmingham for lunch or a snack at one of the many cafés or restaurants near the National Indoor Arena - or possibly a stroll round the nearby restored canal basin, before the performance at 2.00 pm.

The inclusive cost is £25.00 per person. Applications may be made using the slip at the end of this issue, which should be sent to Derek Shipley, with a cheque and a small stamped addressed envelope, as soon as possible.

**Trentham Gardens, the Wedgwood Museum,
Heritage Centre and Factory Tour
Thursday 7 October 2010**

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

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Please reserve place(s) for me (£26 per person). I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a **small stamped addressed envelope**. Forms should be sent to Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, Sheffield S17 4LA, to arrive **as soon as possible**.

Please indicate if you live in North Sheffield: YES / NO

My preferred pick-up point is - **please tick one**:

Sheffield Interchange - Platform E5 8.30 am ()

Bus Bay Ecclesall Road South / Millhouses Lane 8.45 am ()



**Lunch and Lecture
Sheffield Park Hotel
Friday 22 October 2010**

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me (£15.50 per person). I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture**. I request vegetarian meals.

Forms should be sent to arrive no later than **Friday 1 October** to Doreen Bezant, 52, Chatsworth Road, Sheffield S17 3QH, with a **small stamped addressed envelope**.

Gloucester

15 - 19 April 2011

For the first of our three short breaks in 2011 we will stay at the Holiday Inn, Gloucester. The rooms are en-suite with all the usual facilities and we will have half-board for our four nights there. Coach travel throughout will be provided by Walter Martin.

On our way to Gloucester, after lunch at the Royal Oak, we will visit Boscobel House, where King Charles found refuge after the battle of Worcester. On our first day in the city, as well as a guided tour of the Cathedral, we will visit the docks area and have a boat ride on the River Severn. On other days, our Blue Badge Guide will take us on a tour of some of the delightful Cotswold villages and to the ancient Forest of Dean.

The cost of this holiday is £305 per person, with a supplement of £60 for a single room. This price includes coaching throughout, a gratuity for the driver, four nights half-board at the hotel, Blue Badge Guide for two days and entry to various venues. The only lunch included is at the Royal Oak en-route to Boscobel House. No other lunches or refreshments are included. We may visit a National Trust property, where non-members would need to pay about £8 to enter.

If you would like to apply for a place on this holiday, please complete the form on page 23 and enclose with it a deposit of £60 per person (cheque made payable to Sheffield U3A Travel) and a *Links* sized stamped addressed envelope. Your application must be sent to arrive before 10 September 2010 to Margaret Bullivant, 14 Kingsley Park Grove, Sheffield S11 9HL.



Thinking of Forming a New Group?

Always contact the General
Coordinator to discuss your idea first.

Jim Walker
(0114) 236 9687

Birmingham Military Tattoo Sunday 28 November 2010

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me (**£25** per person). I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a **small stamped addressed envelope**. Forms should be sent to Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, Sheffield S17 4LA, to arrive **as soon as possible**.

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Gloucester 15 - 19 April 2011

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me. **Room:** Twin / Single

I enclose a deposit cheque for (£60 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a **small stamped addressed envelope**. Forms should be sent to Margaret Bullivant, 14 Kingsley Park Road, Sheffield S11 9HL, to arrive **before 10 September 2010**.

Please indicate if you live in North Sheffield: YES / NO

Poetry Pleasures

*Much have we travelled in the realms of gold
Or felt the rook delighting heaven's cold.
We've glimpsed the road not taken on our way,
Heard bells ring out the Knell of closing day.
Seen stars start out their cold slide through the night
The moon show silver fruit by silver light.
Heard traveler knock upon a moonlit door
And raven croak a ghostly NEVERMORE.
We've tasted Goblin's figs to fill your mouth
We've drunk a beaker full of the warm South.
All things counter, original, spare, strange
Ancient or modern come within our range.
We've looked for meaning in obscurity
But see
A poem should not mean
But be.*

Can you name the poets and poems I quote? If yea or nay, why not join our Group? Poetry for Pleasure has room for more. We do not only read the pretty stuff, some of the works we choose can be quite tough. If you are interested in learning more, please telephone Pat Parkin on (0114) 236 8009.

Poems quoted were -

On first looking into Chapman's Homer by John Keats
The Cold Heaven by William Butler Yeats
The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost
Elegy. Written in a country churchyard by Thomas Gray
Clear Night by Charles Wright
Silver and The Listeners by Walter de la Mare
The Raven by Edgar Allen Poe
Goblin Market by Christina Rossetti
Pied Beauty by Gerard Manley Hopkins
Ars Poetica by Archibald MacLeish

Pat Parkin Coordinator (0114) 236 8009

**If you want your Group's activities reported in *Links*,
then please get out your pen or keyboard and send
or email your report to the Editor.**