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June 2023



Future Events

There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 7th June
from **10.15 am – 11.45 am**



in Rooms 1 and 2 at the Market Hall.
Refreshments will be available whilst you
meet new members or chat with friends.

u3a BUSINESS

COPY DATE FOR E-BULLETIN 10 (AUGUST 2023)

Please send all items for the e-bulletin to Jeanne Clark by email newslettereditor@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk (or post to 8 Abbeydale Park Rise, Sheffield, S17 3PD) by **23rd July**.

The copy date for the July Newsletter is **8th June**.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT

There will be an
Open Meeting on
Wednesday 5th July
from **2 pm – 4 pm**
in the **Market Hall**
BOB NEILL will lead
an activity called
BITS AND BOBS

This will be a fun session that involves all members.

We bring a box of old items which came out of my grandfather's shop and house.

We pass the items around the group to see if they can work out what they are or what they were used for.

It makes for a really enjoyable social session.

We have around 20 boxes in the collection.

There will be a lot of reminiscing and laughter!

DERBYSHIRE u3as' WALK AND TALK EVENTS

Derbyshire u3as are running a series of walks and talks to which you are invited. If you are interested, please book your place with the named contact person.

MELBOURNE AREA u3a

Melbourne is a small Georgian market town 8 miles south of Derby with a wide range of historic buildings and landscapes in a compact area. Our four km stroll will take in the remains of an Elizabethan castle, one of

Date	Thursday 29 th June
Time	10.45 – 12.15
Place	Melbourne Market Place *
Max. number	15
Cost	None
Contact	Margaret Whitehead
email	madu3achair@gmail.com

the finest Norman churches in the country, the home of Queen Victoria's favourite Prime Minister (Lord Melbourne), birthplace of Thomas Cook (the pioneer of modern travel), and a rich agricultural and early industrial heritage. Participants may like to join us for lunch at a local pub, visit Melbourne Hall gardens (entrance £10) or go on a longer walk. Mostly flat with gentle slopes.

*No 2 bus from Derby. Free parking on streets/public car park (2 hours)

NEW MILLS u3a

Mike Daniels, historian from New Mills Local History Society will talk about the history and buildings on the route, taking in Rock Mill Lane, Torr Top Street, the top of High Street, Meal Street,

Date	Thursday 6 th July
Time	10.30 am
Place	Rock Mill Centre*
Max. number	None
Cost	None
Contact	Mike Daniels
email	secretary.nmlhs@gmail.com

the bottom section of High Street, Dyehouse Lane, Spring Bank and Spring Bank Arts Centre where the walk finishes. There are fairly steep slopes with narrow pavements, some cobbles. Stout walking shoes are advisable.

* Rock Mill Lane (behind the New Mills bus station at the top of Union Road). Car parks at Market Street, Town Hall or Torr Top Street: charges will apply.

WALKING HOLIDAY

CHESTERFIELD u3a SPRING WALKING HOLIDAY

The 2024 walking holiday will be 15th – 22nd March at Nythfa House, Brecon Bannau Brycheiniog National Park.

The cost will be of the order £584 per person for, exact cost will be known in September, a deposit of £100 is required and balance is due by 19th January 2024. The holiday is full board including packed lunches. There are seven double/twin rooms available. If you are interested, please contact me.

Valerie Myers, email vmyers@talktalk.net or telephone 07854509129

WHAT THE GROUPS ARE UP TO

COUNTRY DANCING

Country Dance Dates are:

22nd June, 27th July, 24th August and 28th September.

We meet in the Ragged School Church Hall on Markham Road from 7 pm to 9 pm.

All welcome – just come along and enjoy some movement, music, and fun.

Joy Houghton

JOINT GARDEN APPRECIATION GROUPS

The joint Garden Appreciation Groups are looking for a small number of u3a members to join us on our outing to **The Dorothy Clive Garden**, Willoughbridge, Market Drayton, TF9 4EU. on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

Cost: £24 for a full coach, garden entry and driver's tip.

There is an option to have a tour of the garden lasting ¾ hour at an added cost of £2.40 per person. A booking form is available on the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/chesterfield/page/112070> (Fingers crossed this link works – my IT skills are very poor!).

This 4.8 ha plantsman's paradise features a quarry of azaleas and rhododendrons, roses, herbaceous and tropical borders, and a Mediterranean glasshouse. There is a new winter garden in the quarry with waterfall, an alpine scree and pool, rose walk and amazing seasonal borders.

There is a tea room serving drinks, light lunches and afternoon teas, as well as a gift room. A picnic can be eaten in the garden.

Colonel Harry Clive created the original garden to provide walks for his wife, Dorothy, as she battled Parkinson's disease. The Willoughbridge Garden Trust has been managing what has become a much larger garden.



PLAYREADING GROUP

Calling all male would-be thespians

The u3a Playreading group, co-ordinated by Margaret Armour, would love to have two or three male members. No need to learn lines, as we just sight-read a variety of plays from the comfort of armchairs. We meet once a month in the Walton area. Please contact me if you are interested.

Margaret Armour, 01246 232134, or marmourling@talktalk.net

UPWORDS

The meetings in June and July are as follows:

7th and 21st June, and 5th and 19th July

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