



**Chesterfield u3a
OPEN MEETING**

on

Wednesday 3rd May
from 1.45 pm – 4.30 pm
in the Market Hall

There will be an illustrated talk by
Dr ANN FEATHERSTONE,
entitled

A STORM IN A TEACUP:
the waitresses' strike of 1908

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u3a BUSINESS

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

JUNE 2023 *e-BULLETIN*

Coordinators with new information which they want to pass on to their members, or details of activities or events which are coming up, should send the details to Jeanne Clark by **23rd May**.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

There was a good attendance at the combined Annual General Meeting and Open Meeting at the beginning of March. Because we need to have at least 10% of our members present at the AGM (over 80 people), it's always a tense few minutes for the committee before the meeting starts, as the number of people present gradually creeps up to the required number. So, thank you to everyone who came.

Two Committee members retired as trustees: Sylvia Jackson and Peter Minchin; and two new trustees were elected and welcomed at the AGM: Sue Atherton and Lynn Cussons.

If you haven't been to an Open Meeting yet, why not give them a try – they are free to attend, on the first Wednesday afternoon of alternate months. As well as an interesting talk, usually illustrated with photographs or artefacts, there are refreshments to enjoy, plus the opportunity to meet and chat with other members.

Spring is now well underway (hopefully with good weather – I'm writing this at the end of March, so don't know yet!) and with spring the season of garden visits, local history outings and coach trips is underway. Take advantage of all the opportunities offered to you as u3a members.

Derbyshire u3as are making efforts to work together more; later in this newsletter there is information about events of other local u3as which are open to our members so, if you are interested, please go along.

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

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our new members:

Sara Williamson, Roy Wells, Lorna Wallace, Christine Rowbottom, Allison Naylor, Jan Dicker, Richard Moore-Coolson, Mary Houghton, Peter Pettit, Michelle Mateer, Pauline Matthews, Rebekah Clayton, Stephen Phelps, Jane Nutting, Catherine Heelin, Debbie Almond, Sheila and Stephen Leigh, Lesley Stanley, Derek Roe, and Frances and Phil Morris.

Kathryn Lambert, Membership Secretary

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO 2023 AGM

Membership:

- 765 members at beginning of 2022; 931 members at the end

Support for New Members

- New-Member Supporter volunteer
- 86 enquiries by telephone or email; 18 enquirers went on to join
- Coffee Mornings

Managing Chesterfield u3a - The Committee

- 10 members for most of the year, but Vice-chair position remained vacant
- 8 committee meetings
- a lot of governance and management business dealt with

Information and communication

- 6 *newsletters* were published, as usual
- An *e-bulletin* successfully trialled
- Information constantly being added or updated on the website
- 12% of members signed up to our Facebook page, with 87 members viewing Facebook posts each week

Events

- Open Meetings are now all at the Market Hall
- Successful Special Open Meeting in September, and four other Open Meetings

Publicity and Promotion

- A stand at the Council's *Big Chesterfield Get-together* in April
- A shop window display in the Pavements Precinct in June
- A stall at the Mediaeval Market in July

- A display in Chesterfield Library in September

Derbyshire u3a Network

- 18 u3as (including Chesterfield); more active during 2022

Priorities for 2023

- Looking at ways of improving communication and relations with members
- Developing an Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy

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DE-MYSTIFYING BEACON

Beacon is an online database that holds all the details that you gave about yourselves when you joined. It is a system used by over 500 u3as. It was preceded by a home-grown system installed on two members' computers and dependent on the gardener (me) for maintenance. (More on that below.) Although a lot of people have access to some aspects of Beacon, that access is limited by what the person needs and no more.

Beacon enables us to contact all our members, most usually these days by email (to the 95% of you that have email).

Note to those who no longer use their email – please let us know and we'll delete it.

It allows members to renew online – and about 60% of you use that method. This saves you the trouble of finding your chequebook, envelopes and stamps, the Membership Secretary a lot of paperwork and the Treasurer trips to the bank with cheques. The somewhat arduous logging-on system is being replaced by a more conventional email/password. Most of our new members join online – again saving our volunteers admin work.

It has a system of Groups Management so that a Coordinator does not have to maintain a list of all the group members on paper or on their own computer. It ensures email contact with the members without giving everyone's email address (blind copy). A waiting list can be kept. Once again it gives continuity – if the coordinator departs, the list is still there for the new coordinator. It allows the Groups Facilitator to see which groups are full and which have members waiting to join.

All the membership payments are recorded, and we can see who hasn't renewed and send reminders. The Treasurer can add other transactions

so that, again, we have a system that can be inherited by a new treasurer.

Lastly, after 15 years as database manager, I am looking for a successor. Only general computer skills are required. There is no programming, coding, or anything like that. There is lots of support from National Volunteers. There could be an extended hand-over period.

If you are interested, please contact me.

Roger Watts, 276161

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Below are volunteering opportunities which may be of interest to u3a members.

ARTS DERBYSHIRE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW BOARD TRUSTEES/ ADVISERS

Arts Derbyshire are a registered charity who work with arts organisations and artists across Derbyshire, and we are looking to recruit new Board **TRUSTEES or occasional ADVISERS** to support and steer our work. We welcome applications from all kinds of background and experience, and experience in the arts is not essential. We currently would particularly welcome someone with experience in Employment Law and Contracts.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Typically, the commitment for a Trustee will be for 6-10 hours a month, whilst Advisers work on a much more occasional basis. Trustee work includes attending a bi-monthly meeting (currently on Zoom), approving new policies and procedures, taking part in a choice of working groups where relevant (Finance, HR, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), Fundraising and Website) and overseeing our work.

The Board of Trustees works as a team, making joint decisions. You and other Trustees will be responsible for deciding and planning how the organisation carries out its purposes. As a Trustee you will decide together what activities Arts Derbyshire will undertake and think about the resources it will need.

If you want to find out more, please contact our Administrator, Hannah, at admin@artsderbyshire.org.uk. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Debi at debi@artsderbyshire.org.uk. Learn more about

what we do at www.artsderbyshire.org.uk/what-we-do-and-arts-projects/

SCHOOL READERS

A few months ago, there was an article in newsletter 170 asking for people who might be interested in going back to school to listen to primary pupils reading.

Well, I answered like a shot! Completed the online forms, and I was tentatively accepted. An arranged telephone conversation followed. I was linked with a primary school within my distance boundaries and invited along to meet with the teachers and some children at an after-school club.

It was marvellous for me, and I felt very welcomed. The school is modern, full of fun and energy. Every space is filled with pupils' projects and interesting items to help them learn.

I had to go through an enhanced police check as I would be working with children, but I feel that is very necessary and didn't mind in the least.

I have started listening to the children reading and it is such a beautiful thing. I am so honoured to be given this chance. They are such little characters. I go for one and a half hours on the day of the week which suits me, and, of course, there are the school holidays - that is something else to get used to as well!

Perhaps not for everyone, but it certainly is for me, and I am having the time of my life!!

Lynn Cusson

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 Derby u3a

Melbourne is a small Georgian market town eight miles south of Derby with a wide range of historic buildings and landscapes in a compact area. Our 4 km stroll will take in the remains of an Elizabethan castle, one of the finest Norman churches in the country, the home of Queen Victoria's

favourite prime minister (Lord Melbourne), the 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.

Date and time	Thursday 29 th June: 10.45 am – 12.15 pm
Place	Melbourne Market Place (free street parking)
Max. number	15
Contact	Margaret Whitehead, madu3achair@gmail.com

New Mills u3a/New Mills Local History Society

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, 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, so stout walking shoes are advisable.

Date and time	Thursday 6 th July: 10.30 am
Place	Rock Mill Centre (Rock Mill Lane, behind the Bus Station; car parking Market St, Torr Top St, Town Hall (fee))
Max. number	None
Contact	Mike Daniels, secretary.nmlhs@gmail.com

Matlock u3a

Approximately 2.5 mile stroll around Matlock Bath, looking at the history of the area with reference to buildings no longer there. The route is mostly flat, with a short, steep, uphill walk, and a gentler downhill walk.

Date and time	Monday 25 th September 10 am – 12.30 pm
Place	Matlock Bath station CP (fee)
Max. number	None
Contact	Susan Tomlinson, susan@dxmedia.co.uk

UP AND COMING EVENTS

There will be a **Coffee Morning** on **Wednesday 7th June**, with refreshments served from **10.15 am – 11.45 am** upstairs in Rooms 1 and 2 at the Market Hall. This a chance to meet other members or catch up with friends.



GROUP AND ACTIVITY NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

BOWLS GROUP

Outdoor bowls starts at 2 pm on Friday 5th May at the Robinson Bowls Green, Walton Dam. All u3a members are welcome. The season will run until the end of September. To play throughout, social membership of the Robinson Bowls Club is required at a cost of £50 which allows unlimited access to the green except when other events are taking place. For those who have not played crown green bowls before, there is an introductory scheme with free sessions; coaching is also available on a Thursday morning. Occasional visitors can be accommodated at a fee of £3 but the number of occasions is limited to 6. For those interested, the Club has an open day on 7th May between 12 - 5pm, for people to see the facilities. We look forward to welcoming you in the sun and warmth of the summer.

Alan D Wood, Co-ordinator

COLOUR THERAPY: A proposed new group

This new group hopes to meet fortnightly. It will use the book *The Practical Book of Colour Therapy*, introducing the many uses of light and colour. Please text Jenny with days and times available. I am looking forward to making new friends, living, learning and laughing!!

Jenny Mann, 07955 222055

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

A group for members who wish to meet and share their own creative writing in a relaxed, informal setting with like-minded folk. It could be poetry, prose, fiction etc. The goal of the group is to support, encourage and give positive feedback to members who enjoy creative writing.

I write poems/rhymes and illustrate them with photos/drawings. I've been a member of a group like this before and found it really enjoyable and inspiring.

The first month could be at my home but, if other members are willing, we could take it in turns to host.

The first Monday of every month is suggested but open to members to discuss. Please contact me if you want to know more.

Teresa Hodgkinson, teresahodgkinson@hotmail.co.uk

GENEALOGY: A proposed new group

There comes a time in life at about the time that many here at u3a age think of genealogy, not as living family history or autobiography but ancestry and heritage. This is often difficult as it is not generally in living memory. It is for that reason that I am proposing a Chesterfield u3a genealogy group.

I know nothing about how to search but I have received some excellent starting points from the national coordinator, Stephen Dyer. As u3a is about self-help as much as it is about anything, I want us to learn from each other.

I want to hold an initial meeting at my home in the first instance to judge the demand, and to that end I propose Tuesday 9th May at my place in Old Whittington.

Phone calls, texts and emails are welcome.

Alan Crow, 01246 450018, 07443 913699, mrancraw@gmail.com

GEOLOGY GROUP OUTINGS

Tuesday 9th May: Yorkshire Natural History Museum:
Guided Tour £8 and possible Workshop

Tuesday 13th June: Fox House/North Lees

Tuesday 11th July: Wensley Dale and Northern Dale

All outings start from Eyre Chapel at 10 am.

Please contact Pamela to book your place and for further details.

Pamela Boulton, 01246 237622, pamelaboulton@hotmail.com

SCRABBLE GROUP

We now meet weekly, on Fridays, from 11 am -1 pm. (But, in reality, we tend to meet every fortnight.) For more details, please get in touch.

Phil Foster, 01246 557411, philfoster549@gmail.com

TRAVEL GROUP TRIPS IN 2023

All Travel Group trips are open to all members of Chesterfield u3a. We have two pick up/drop off points: Sainsbury's bus turning circle and the Town Hall, Rose Hill side.

Of the four trips I planned for 2023, the first one to Lincoln had to be cancelled, owing to lack of sufficient support, which was a pity.

The next trip is to wonderful Burton Constable on Thursday 4th May. For details see below. At the time of writing, I have 30 people booked on this and it will definitely operate. It would however be good to have some more participants; we can take 45 people in total. More bookings mean a cheaper cost. So, if you would like to enjoy a great day out at one of our most beautiful stately homes, fill in the form and send it to me with a cheque! Or you can pay online.

Trips three and four, to Scarborough and Manchester, have some bookings but, at the moment, not enough to operate. They are still some way off timewise but it would be nice to have more bookings, sooner rather than later, to renew confidence in the possibility of operating both trips and avoid disappointing those who have booked.

Basic details of the three remaining trips are as follows:

Thursday 4th May: Burton Constable: Cost £32.50

Thursday 3rd August: Scarborough Go As You Please: Cost £22.50

Thursday 5th October: Manchester Go As You Please: Cost £19.00

Bookings are now being taken for all three trips. You can find a booking form on the website by clicking on Groups at the top of the page, then scrolling down to Travel Group; then scroll down to the end of the trip you are interested in. You will find a link to download the booking form. If you don't use a computer, you can pick up a booking form at any Open Meeting or contact me and I will send one.

It is possible that additional trips may be announced at a later date, depending on the response to the remaining trips. At the moment the Travel Team consists of me Full Stop. If anyone out there would like to join the 'team', if only to arrange one trip, then you would be very welcome. It isn't rocket science and doesn't take much effort.

Coach prices have risen sharply for next year, so I have tried to arrange some less expensive trips and some which are not too long a drive. The prices, where quoted, are based on a minimum of 30 participants but if we can exceed this number then the cost will be reduced.

Trip details

Burton Constable: Thursday 4th May: Price £32.50

Burton Constable is an outstanding example of a large English Country House. The magnificent Elizabethan façade is built around an earlier 12th century manor house and tower. Visitors have over 30 rooms of many contrasting styles to explore. Over the past 700 years, the Constable family have indulged in flights of fancy, which have resulted in the amazing wealth of objets d'art collections and widely differing furnishing styles. We will spend all day at Burton Constable, leaving plenty of time to explore the hall and its contents, as well as the extensive Stables, built in 1770. Surrounding the house are 330 acres of magnificent parkland designed by Capability Brown and there are gardens, large lawns, an Orangery, a beautiful lake, and wildlife trails. There are lots of places for you to eat your picnic lunch or, if you prefer, you can choose from the extensive menu in the Stables Kitchen. The price includes admission to the hall on a free flow basis, with plenty of room guides to help you, as well as coach transport from Chesterfield and driver's gratuities.

Note: Members of the Historic Houses Association may deduct £10 from the price but be sure to bring your membership card.

Thursday 3rd August: Scarborough Go As You Please: Price £22.50

As a holiday destination, Scarborough really does have it all: dramatic cliffs and castle headland, award-winning beaches, historic harbour, great family attractions, booming town centre, huge choice of accommodation and a warm Yorkshire welcome to match. Attractions include the Castle of course, Sealife, The Spa, museums including The Rotunda, many beautiful parks and gardens including Peasholm Park, and St. Mary's church dating back to the 12th century. Take the oldest cliff railway in Britain from the Grand Hotel to the beach and explore the harbour where you can enjoy some of the excellent fish and chips on offer, or even take a trip on a Pirate Ship!

Manchester Thursday 5th October: Go as you please. Price £19.00

Manchester, my hometown, is a vibrant city, always moving forward. There is so much to see and do here. Visit landmarks like the Cathedral, the iconic Town Hall and Central Library, world famous John Rylands Library and the Art Gallery; or shop on fashionable Deansgate, St. Ann's Square and King Street, or at more popular retail outlets on Market Street; explore the trendy Northern Quarter or why not take a tram ride to Castlefields, Salford Quays or Media City? There are lots of places to eat and drink or parks and gardens where you can enjoy your packed lunch.

I hope you approve of the destinations and that you will be able to join me on some of them.

Please contact me for reservations and information on all trips.

**Frank Wharram, 01246 942007 or 07742 454045,
frankwharram@gmail.com**

UPWORDS

We meet every other Wednesday at 1.45 pm at Loundsley Green Community Centre.

The next meetings are on 10th and 24th May, and 7th and 21st June.

We play by the slightly informal "Chesterfield" rules, aiming to learn new words as we play.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

WILDFLOWER GROUP WALKS

Here is the first half of this year's walks programme.

5th May: Ecclesall Woods, Sheffield: Meet at the Woodland Discovery Centre, off Abbey Lane; *postcode S7 2QZ*. If the car park is full, park on Abbey Lane.

26th May: Gang Mine nature reserve, Wirksworth: Meet on Old Porter Lane, Wirksworth, *OS grid ref SK286554, postcode DE4 4LS*.

9th June: Holmebrook Valley Park, Chesterfield: Park in the lower car park, off Linacre Road; *OS grid ref 359726*.

23rd June: Hard Rake Hay Meadows, near Sheldon: Park in the layby on Sheldon Moor Lane, opposite the junction with Wheal Lane; *OS grid ref SK157685*.

All the walks are morning-only walks. We meet at the venue at 9.50 for a 10 am start. If you have not been on one of our walks before, please

contact me in advance. Please car share if possible, in this time of increasing energy and other costs. If anyone needs a lift, please contact me and I will email round group members.

Irene Wilkinson, 01246 234924, iw43central@gmail.com

ZUMBA GOLD

The Monday afternoon group rarely has vacancies and there are a number of people on the waiting list. There could be enough interest to form a second group if someone is happy to take on co-ordinating it. I could advise initially. Please let me know via the website.

Sandra Garlick

WALKING GROUPS

WHITBY WALKING HOLIDAY









WALKING GROUP D (TUESDAY)

These walks are usually of 5 to 7 miles. We set out **promptly** 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.

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

May 2nd GR 231814, S32 1DU Hathersage CP Oddfellows Road (fee). Shirley and Valerie 07757 089914 or 07854 509129; 7 miles Moderate

May 9th GR 012748, SK11 OAR Errwood Reservoir CP. Joyce and David 0792 6547112; 7 miles Moderate

May 16th GR 256720, DE45 1SP Baslow CP (fee). Nicky 07539 507245, Ken 07884 275099; 7 miles Moderate

May 23rd GR 315716, S42 7JJ Wigley School. Charles and Penny 566519; 4.5 miles Easy

May 30th GR 350632, S45 0BA Ashover Village Hall. Mary 0797993 7441; 5.8 miles Moderate

June 6th GR 257659, Rowsley CP. Helena 07813 215 888; 5 miles Moderate

June 13th GR 365776, S18 4AF layby on B6057 between Unstone and Dronfield. Mel 078751 156 869; 6 miles Easy

June 20th GR 131556, DE6 2FY Alstonfield CP (with toilets). Mick and Dave 0741502 5326 or 07999 306 996; 6.5 miles Easy

June 27th GR 264799, S11 7TZ Longshaw Visitor Centre CP. Liz and Peter 07527 995 776 or 208857; 5.5 miles Moderate

Joyce Hart 07926 547112, and Peter Smalley 07527 995776

WALKING GROUP B (Thursdays)

We start promptly at 10 am. Please arrive in good time to be suited and booted for 10. On walks of over 6.5 miles a drink for coffee stop and a packed lunch should be carried. These walks are shown with TL after the distance. 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 (150 mtrs), Moderate walks have between 500 and 1000 feet (305 mtrs) and Harder walks have over 1000. 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.

4th May: GR 172891 Derwent, last layby before Fairholmes: Derwent Edge, White Tor, Salt Cellar, Back Tor, Derwent Reservoir; Ian: 8 miles TL, Moderate/harder

11th May: GR 197864 Ashopton Viaduct: Jubilee Cottages, Information Centre, Lockerbrook Farm and Crookhill Farm; Adrian: 7.25 miles TL, Moderate

18th May: GR 218767 Eyam free car park: Mompesson's well, Riley Graves, Stony Middleton; Cynthia and Eileen. 5.5 miles Moderate (steep climb at start)

25th May: GR 173894 Fairholmes CP: Fairholmes, High Side, Ladybower; Andrew 6 miles Moderate

1st June: GR 290557 From Black Rock car park: Around Dene Quarry to Middleton, across Middleton Moor and return on the Pennine trail; Bob 5 miles Easy

8th June: GR 336727 Linacre Woods CP (charge): Linacre, Oxton Rakes, Barlow, Cutthorpe; Carole 5.5 miles Easy

15th June: GR 220646 Alport roadside parking: Harthill Moor, Birchover, Stanton Moor; John 7.4 miles TL Harder 1110 ft

22nd June: GR 280721 Robin Hood CP (NT): Baslow Edge, Curbar Gap, Baslow, Chatsworth Park; Geoff and Mary 6.5 miles TL Moderate 840 ft

29th June: GR 351632 Ashover parish hall CP: Abraham's Lane, Milltown, Overton Hall, Fallgate, Eastgate farm; Bob 6 miles Moderate

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

STROLLERS (Saturdays)

As usual, walks take place fortnightly and will be on the following Saturdays:

29th April, 13th and 27th May, 10th and 24th June and 8th July

We do our best to avoid stiles and steep slopes and walk for a maximum of 3 miles. We meet for car sharing at 10:20am 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. Alternatively you can go straight to the venue for about 10:45 to 11 am. We are not currently organising pub/café lunches at the end; however, members may organise these themselves or bring a picnic. If weather conditions are very poor on the morning when we meet at Holmebrook, we sometimes go for a coffee at a local garden centre instead of attempting the walk. If a walk is to be cancelled in advance, we send out an email to members the evening before if possible.

We must stress that everyone who joins us will do so at their own risk. If there is a social distancing rule in place, it will be up to each of us to observe it. Having said all that, it is always lovely to see members and we hope we have many pleasant walks ahead of us this year.

Sue and Brian Taylor, 07532 160 324, sue_taylor@live.com

