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Chesterfield u3a

OPEN MEETING

at the Market Hall on

WEDNESDAY 4th January at 2 pm



COFFEE MORNING in the Market Hall

(rooms 1 and 2)

between 10.15 and 11.45 am

on Wednesday 1st February

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February 2023 e-BULLETIN

Coordinators or organisers of events 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 January.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

AGM and the importance of volunteers

This newsletter gives you notice of our AGM on 1st March 2023. Please come along to this if you can. It is an important meeting and we need at least 10% of members to attend in order for it to be quorate.

Please also think about putting your name forward to join the committee and become one of the charitable trustees who manage your u3a on your behalf. There is an article later in the newsletter on volunteering which stresses how important volunteers are, and gives details of the trustee and other volunteer roles currently vacant.

Membership renewal

If you haven't already renewed your membership for 2023, please do so as soon as possible. You have another month to pay before your name is taken off the membership list.

Contribution to travel and refreshments expenses in connection with Group activities

For the benefit of new members (and long-term members who may have forgotten) the guidance on expense contributions is as follows:

Travel expenses: If you are given a lift in another member's car to a Group activity or event, a general guideline is that you reimburse the driver by:

- £1 per passenger within the Chesterfield Borough area;
- £2 per passenger outside the Borough (say up to a 30 miles round trip);

- A sum to be agreed between driver and passenger(s) for longer trips.

Refreshment expenses: if a Group meets in a member's home, and refreshments are provided, then normally a small payment is made by the members present to cover the cost; the amount to be paid depends on the lavishness of the fare provided and should be agreed between the host and the members attending.

Happy New Year

Best wishes for 2023 to all our members

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

GROUP ACCOUNTS

As part of our charitable status, we are required to ensure that accurate records are kept for any expenditure under the u3a name. To comply with this the trustees have agreed that the Chesterfield u3a Treasury team should review the accounts of any group with annual income or expenditure that exceeds £200.

We would therefore request that all Group Coordinators with this level of income/expenditure submit their accounts for 2022 to either the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer by the end of January 2023.

A simple list of income and expenditure is all that is required.

Please contact Richard or Peter if you require any assistance or clarification of what is needed.

Richard Turley, Treasurer, 01246 591300

Peter Minchin, Assistant Treasurer, 07973 642203

GROUPS FACILITATOR

New groups started or starting: If you are interested please contact the named person.

Ukulele: Dennis Jagger, paunis500@gmail.com

Rummikub: Julie Hardy, jfhardy48@hotmail.com

Photography: Tom Hardwick, tomrhardwick@gmail.com (see p11)

Supper Club 1: Linda Pettit, lindapettit2003@yahoo.co.uk

Music Workshop: Elaine Schofield, madgelasvegas@gmail.com (see p11)

Board Games: Judy Stone, judy.stone1@btinternet.com (see p8)

Scrabble: Philip Foster, philfoster549@gmail.com

If you have an idea for a new group please contact me and we will give it a go. Remember, if you are thinking of a new group, you and your friend(s) will be expected to run it initially.

Group in need of help.

Theatre Group: This long running group has stopped operating. Is there anyone out there who is willing to pick it up? "Anyone" can be one person or, better still, a group who are happy to work together. It does not matter if you have never run a u3a group before, help is at hand.

Please contact me, as below, if you would like to know more.

Philip Arrandale, Groups Facilitator, philiparrandale1@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our new members:

Angie Tipler, Carole Davis, Di Treece, Ian Pickard, Jan Reid, Keith Walton, Jeff Alexander, Kim Reed, Olena Maiseionok, Rachel Staniforth, Sheila Wilkinson and Sue Wright.

Kathryn Lambert, Membership Secretary

UP AND COMING EVENTS

OPEN MEETING

On Wednesday 4th January at 2 pm in the Market Hall there will be a talk entitled ***Never too old to rock and roll*** and the speaker will be Vince Eager.



COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday 1st February there will be a coffee morning upstairs in the Market Hall – a chance to meet other members or catch up with friends. Refreshments will be served from 10.15 – 11.45 am.



DARMSTADT

It's cold and dark so thoughts inevitably turn to holidays.

Chesterfield u3a has been invited to visit Darmstadt in Autumn 2023 to coincide with the excellent Darmstadt wine festival that begins on the 30th August. Akademie 55+ (our equivalent partner organisation in Darmstadt) will work to create a varied itinerary for us to enjoy.

We would like to open the invitation to participate in this twinning visit to our wider membership; it's a great opportunity to see new places and make new friends in a beautiful part of the world.

Several of us have already booked our flights but there is room for more to join us; we would suggest you book your flights now (Manchester to Frankfurt by Lufthansa) in order to ensure a reasonably priced fare.

We've now obtained a very favourable discounted hotel rate at the centrally located Best Western Hotel. The rates include breakfast and we have reserved space for 20 people. No payment is required immediately.

Best Western Hotel Darmstadt City Center, Grafenstr. 31

64283 Darmstadt

<https://www.bestwestern.de/en/cgi-bin/WebObjects/BestWestern.woa/4/wa/goToRoomSelect?cid=BLBWI0003G%3Ayext%3Awebsite%3A95278&ssob=BLBWI0003G&hotel=95278&iata=00171890&lang=English>



If you are interested in more details just email Pauline Holmes or Howard Borrell as soon as possible.

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INFORMATION

Vacancies for trustees and other volunteers

Our u3a could not operate without members volunteering to take on the variety of tasks involved in running groups, administration, membership, events and publicity etc. We rely on volunteers and we greatly appreciate the contribution they make.

As well as helping the organisation, volunteering is known to improve the well-being of the volunteers themselves and to enable them to gain new skills and experiences. It's a way of meeting people and making friends.

We need Volunteer Trustees

Our u3a is managed by the Committee, which oversees all activities and ensures that they comply with the law and with good practice. It consists of up to 12 trustees, who are elected by u3a members at the AGM. Without at least 5 trustees to form a committee, our u3a would have to close down, and so the role of trustee is the most important voluntary role in the organisation.

The Committee meets monthly (currently we alternate between face-to-face and Zoom meetings) and communicates if necessary by email in between meetings.

We are seeking new people, keen to help our u3a develop its activities, to become trustees and bring the Committee up to full strength again. If you have been on committees before, or would be interested in contributing to the most important role in the organisation, please consider putting your name forward.

For 2023 we need:

A Vice-chair trustee: to share the role of leading the Committee, and deputising for the Chair in their absence; previous committee experience is desirable;

An Assistant Treasurer/trustee: to work with the Treasurer managing u3a finances; financial experience is desirable;

Two other trustees: previous committee experience is desirable but a willingness to help manage the running of our u3a is more important.

Other Volunteers needed

Communications and publicity volunteers: to help design and produce publicity leaflets and displays, organise and attend promotional events, write press releases etc. Previous experience of any of these activities would be really useful. We are not expecting one person to do all these things! It would be good to have a communications and PR team again, with volunteers sharing the different tasks.

Groups Facilitator: activity and interest groups are a vital part of our u3a, and their Co-ordinators do a wonderful job. Another Groups Facilitator is needed to provide support and information to Co-ordinators. This is a role which could be shared between two people.

Meetings Organiser: the bi-monthly Open Meetings with guest speakers are another important activity enjoyed by members. We need someone to take over from Sylvia Jackson when she retires at the AGM – without a new Meetings Organiser there could be no more Open Meetings after March.

Assistant Beacon Administrator: Beacon is a database at the core of our membership, finance and group administration system. It is vital to the smooth running of our u3a, and we need someone to help the Administrator keep the records up to date, to assist members who want to learn how to use the Beacon system, and to cover for holidays. Someone with experience of working with membership or financial records or databases would be ideal, but training would be given to someone wanting to help but without such experience.

For more information contact Irene Wilkinson or (for the Meetings Organiser Role) Sylvia Jackson, or (for the Beacon Assistant) Roger Watts. (See contact details on page 2.)

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

BECOME A SCHOOLREADERS VOLUNTEER

National children's literacy charity, Schoolreaders, is urgently looking for volunteers to step forward to help primary school children who need help to catch up on their reading. We would like you to ask members of your u3a to volunteer.

Schoolreaders matches volunteers to primary schools to listen to children read to help those most disadvantaged following the disruption caused by the Covid pandemic. Schoolreaders volunteers are asked to listen to children read a minimum of once a week in term time and to

commit to an academic year. New volunteers will be matched to a local school and be ready to start, once they have completed a mandatory DBS check and virtual safeguarding training. To find out more or to apply today to be a Schoolreaders volunteer to help schools with the greatest need, visit the website at <https://www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer-application-form>

NEPALI LITERARY AWARD

A Chesterfield u3a member, Hind Vaidya, has been awarded an international literature prize. A life member of the Nepalese Literature Development Council, UK, she was awarded their Nepali Literature Award Medal for 2022 for her devoted and valuable contribution over more than three decades to the preservation, promotion and creation of Nepali literature in the UK and elsewhere.

Hind is a former member of the Creative Writing Group, and is also a member of the Wildflower Group and the Monday Walking Group. She has written and published poems and articles in Nepalese and in English for many years, and is planning a new poetry anthology in English.

The award was presented to her in Derby, by the NLDC UK representative, Mrs Kohinoor Malla.



GROUP AND ACTIVITY NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

Concert visits end after 16 years

Ann Haggard has arranged concert trips to the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, twice a year since 2006, the last one being 2019. After a two year gap she tried to re-start the trips, but there was not enough response to warrant ordering a coach and reserving tickets. Perhaps

people were still apprehensive about being in a crowd, but rising costs of both the tickets and the coaches probably also contributed.

Ann has therefore decided that concert trips are no longer viable and, sadly, there will be no more. Our thanks go to Ann for the efforts she has made to organise these trips. They were much enjoyed by the members who went along.

(Incidentally, about 5 years ago, Symphony Hall upgraded areas of the foyer; they asked for financial help so a small contribution was made on behalf of our members. Everyone who contributed has their name engraved on a plaque in the foyer, so there is one with the words "Chesterfield U3A").



BOARD GAMES GROUP

The Board Games Group will meet every 3rd Thursday at my house in Chesterfield, starting up on 19th January at 10 am.

Judy Stone, judy.stone1@btinternet.com

GARDEN APPRECIATION GROUP

All u3a members are welcome to the following talks at the Chesterfield Library Theatre. They start at 2 pm and the doors open at 1.30 pm.

Entry is £3 which includes a raffle ticket. Hand sanitiser will be available. Please feel comfortable to wear a mask if you wish to do so.

Thursday 19th January: My Life as a Garden Designer with Karen Gimson. She is an award winning garden designer and travelling head gardener for estate gardens. She will suggest favourite plants and present gardens she has designed. Karen is a volunteer for the Rainbows Children's Hospice, Loughborough, and a volunteer and supporter of Green Fingers charity.

Thursday 16th February: Event for Garden Group Members only.

Thursday 16th March: **Kiwi Adventure: Ataroa; Land of the Big White Cloud** with Mike Davey. A presentation of the scenery, flowers, wildlife, geothermal areas and ever changing skies.

Group 1: Margaret Barber, 07941020674

Group 2: June Partington, 01246 232169

GEOLOGY GROUP

The Geology Group (or Pamela's Rock Group) will get "down to earth" with another awesome programme.

The World's Greatest Geology Group Programme 2023

This year we finish the topic, *The World's Greatest Geological Wonders*", a set of DVDs with Professor Michael E. Wysession, and start his next topic, "How the Earth Works". As usual, members have volunteered (or been volunteered) to give their version of the topics.

January 10th: A Montage of Geological Mini-Wonders + Hilary

February 14th: Planetary Wonders-Out of this World + Marian

March 14th: Geology's Impact on History + David

April 11th: Geologic History-Dating the Earth + Pamela

***May 9th:** Yorkshire Natural History Museum + Pamela

***June 13th:** Fox House/North Leas + Jenny

***July 11th:** Wensley Dale and Northern Dale + Frank

September 12th: Earth Structure-Journey to the Centre + Frank

October 10th: Earth Heat-Conduction and Convection + Susan

November 14th: The Basics of Plate Tectonics + Janet

December 12th: Guest Lecturer + Christmas Lunch

All meetings take place at Eyre Chapel, Newbold on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 am.

* Trips out meet in the car park to share lifts.

Pamela Boulton, 01246 237622

GERMAN

Why not make a New Year's resolution to 'Brush up your German'? There are two possibilities - German Conversation and German Intermediate. They are informal, friendly groups, who meet in my home on alternate Monday afternoons. We chat (in German, mostly!), read articles, and the Intermediate Group does a little bit of grammar, as it crops up in

conversations. We would welcome one or two new members in each of these small groups. If you are interested, please give me a ring.

Lois Gent, 01246 851795

LIFE STORY WRITING

Do you ever wish that you knew more about your grandparents' early lives? Perhaps you feel that future generations might get some insight into life in our times from your experiences? Over the past ten years or so around 60 of our members have attended our Life Story Groups to support each other in writing accounts of their lives. Some are very detailed, some only cover certain aspects or periods. Several have published their efforts in books to give to *their* grandchildren.

Our last group is now being wound up because we have largely finished. However we feel that there must be many newer members who would like to start in a new group.

If you are one of them, feel free to contact Barbara or me. We will be happy to support you in any way we can.

Roger Watts, 01246 276161; Barbara Bond, 01246 540765

LOCAL HISTORY

All u3a members are welcome to the Local History winter talks on the first Tuesday of each month at the library, starting time 2 pm, doors open at 1.30 pm, £3.00 payable at the door.

Tuesday 3rd January: *Within Sight of the Gibbet* – Ian Morgan

The small hamlet of Litton nestles in the rolling countryside of the Peak District amid green fields and blue skies. Close to Tideswell it is the idyllic retreat for those wanting to get away from the pressures of life. Yet do those who visit realise the hardship and death that abounded there almost 200 years ago? The story of the Lingard family and those around is one of murder, highway robbery and brutality. When Anthony Lingard married Elizabeth Neal a train of events began that would help change the laws of England and influence the birth of a new nation. Lingard, Bocking, Bennett, Blinko - names that bring back to life a time of harsh reality, one that few can imagine and few would dare to live in.

We look forward to seeing you.

Tuesday 7th February: *Food and Drink in Tudor and Stuart Derbyshire* - Mark Dawson

A look at the foods being eaten, and patterns of dining in the county from about 1540 through to around 1700. What foods did people eat? Where did their food come from? Was the food of the county different from that elsewhere, and indeed how did food differ in different parts of the county? Based largely on evidence from probate inventories but incorporating other sources to present a picture of everyday eating and drinking for ordinary people in Derbyshire in Tudor and Stuart times.

Sandra Frost

MUSIC WORKSHOP

This is a chance to make music with others in a friendly instrumental group.

All instruments are welcome.

Ability to read music is necessary.

Sessions will be held at Chesterfield Operatic Society, on Abercrombie Street, Chesterfield, on Thursday mornings 10.00 am to 11.30 am. There is a room hire cost that is split between the group members.

Why not come along to a taster session in January 2023 to see the range and level of music we play.

If interested contact either of us.

Stuart, 01246 866291: Elaine, 07774 793662

POETRY

Meetings are on the first Friday of the month from 2 pm to 4 pm. in our home off Whitecotes Lane, near Walton Hospital.

Our current format is that we take it in turns to read out a shortish poem or extract. You maybe could introduce a few of your own choices, and say why you like it. People might comment on the poem afterwards. We're friendly and enjoy discussion. A drink and a biscuit are provided at half time.

We have vacancies for one or two people. If you intend to come along, please let us know a day or so before so we know the numbers attending.

John and Anne, taitmeakin@gmail.com or 07900 096766

PHOTOGRAPHY

Our ten members of the Chesterfield u3a photography group encompass beginners to experts. We aim to learn together, create opportunities to practise our skills and have fun in the process. We have themed weeks such as portraiture, landscapes and macro photography, and have mini challenges to focus on between meetings. We've been going for six months now and are having a Christmas meal out together.

We meet on the first and third Thursday of every month for a couple of hours - from 10 am - noon, and communicate through a WhatsApp group.

I am a retired photographer and videomaker with lots of experience in enthusing with, and supporting, groups of photographers, so for all the latest details please do contact me.

Tom Hardwick, 07890 872534, tomrhardwick@gmail.com

TRAVEL GROUP

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

TRIPS IN 2023

I am pleased to offer the following four trips in 2023.

Thursday 6th April: Lincoln *Go As You Please*: Cost £19

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.

Bookings are now being taken for all four trips. You can find a booking form on the website by clicking on *GROUPS* at the top of the page, then scroll down to *TRAVEL GROUP* and further down to the end of the trip you are interested in where 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 you one.

It is possible that additional trips may be announced at a later date, depending on the response to the first four trips. At the moment the Travel Team consists of me – Full Stop. If anyone out there would like to join the 'team', even if you only 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.

Lincoln: Thursday 6th April, cost £19. The great city of Lincoln has been at the forefront of English History for a thousand years, especially during the Middle Ages. Highlights of any visit include the magnificent, three towered Gothic **Cathedral**, dating from the 11th century. Guided Tours of the Floor, the Roof and the Tower are available; the adjoining **Castle**, built by William the Conqueror in 1068, which contains a replica of Lincoln's copy of the Magna Carta; the **International Bomber Command Centre**; **Jews Court** and **Aaron the Jew's House** and the **Guildhall**. Take a walk from the Cathedral down Steep Hill, visit most of the main places of interest on the way and end at the Guildhall. If you can't face walking back up the hill take the minibus, which leaves from the Guildhall three times an hour, back to the Cathedral Quarter. The price includes coach transportation and driver's gratuity but not any admission prices.

Burton Constable: Thursday 4th May, cost £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 eat 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.

Scarborough: 3rd August, cost £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, 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, cost £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 more popular retail 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 4th and 18th January, and 1st and 15th February.

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

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

WALKING GROUPS

WALKING GROUP D (Tuesdays)

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 (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. **Please note that on all walks you should bring a packed lunch, unless otherwise specified.**

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

3rd Jan: GR 264799, S11 7TZ Longshaw CP free to NT members: Dorothy and Shirley 0775 708 9914; 6.5 miles rocky path in places Moderate

10th Jan: GR 295750, S18 7WG Shillito Woods CP: Charles and Penny 566519; 5 miles Easy

17th Jan: GR 247744, S32 3XA layby in front of Curbar Primary: Mel 07875 156 869; 6 miles Moderate

24th Jan: GR 257659, DE4 2EL Rowsley CP: Helena 07813 215 888; 5 miles Moderate

31st Jan: GR 454640, S44 5QJ Hardwick CP **by the ponds:** Mary and Ken 0797 993 7441; 5.5 miles Easy

7th Feb: GR 295641, DE45 1UY Youlgreave Village (donation): Ken and Nicky 07884 275 099 6 miles Moderate

14th Feb: GR 336727, S42 7JW Linacre Woods lower CP (fee) Liz and Peter 07527 995 776 5 miles Easy

21st Feb: GR 295750, S18 7WG Shillito Woods CP: Mick and Valerie 07415 025 326 6 miles Moderate

28th Feb: GR 318685, DE45 1AH Bakewell Agricultural Centre: Joyce and David 07926 547 112 6 miles Moderate

Joyce Hart 07926 547112, and Peter Smalley 07527 995776

WALKING GROUP B (Thursdays)

We start promptly at 10.00 am. Please arrive in good time to be suited and booted for 10.00. 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.

[You can see a photo of the Thursday walkers in the online version.]

5th Jan: GR 221687 Bakewell Coombs Rd CP (fee): River Wye to Haddon Hall, Over Haddon, Bakewell; Carole 6 miles Moderate 800ft climb

12th Jan: GR 418738 Ringwood Lake CP, Inkersall Green Rd: Ringwood, Chesterfield canal, Poolsbrook CP, West Wood, Ringwood; Stu 7 miles TL Easy

19th Jan: Hardwick Park by ponds NT free to members only: Walk around Hardwick Park; Joy 5 miles Moderate

26th Jan: GR 239603 Top CP Winster: Winster, Birchover, Nine Ladies, Birchover, Winster; Wilma 6.5 miles TL Moderate/Harder 1037 ft climb

2nd Feb: Chatsworth House CP (may be free): Edensor, Moatless Plantation, Calton Lees; Geoff and Mary 6.25 miles Moderate 700 ft

9th Feb: GR 202853 Heatherdene CP (fee): Win Hill, Aston, Thornhill; Peter and Ruth 7.5 miles TL Moderate

16th Feb: GR 408601 Morton VH opposite Sitwell Arms: Padley Wood, Pilsley, Stretton; Robin 07977 910934 6 miles Easy

23rd Feb: GR 174893 Derwent, last layby before Fairholmes: Derwent Edge, White Tor, Salt Cellar, Back Tor, Derwent reservoir; Ian 8 miles TL Moderate/Harder

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



The Thursday group in Lathkilldale

STROLLERS (Saturdays)

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

7th and 21st January, 4th and 18th February, and 4th March

We do our best to avoid stiles and steep slopes and walk for a maximum of 3 miles. We meet at 10.20 am 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 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, 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 still 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

MAINLY CHOCOLATE (answers)

1. Definitely not before 20.01: **After Eights**
2. Mother's hostelry perhaps: **Mars Bar**
3. Voodoo in a box: **Black Magic**
4. For carrying glasses of cow juice: **Milk Tray**
5. Song from *Fiddler on the Roof*: **Matchmaker**
6. Floral items – could be climbing or tea: **Roses**
7. Single snowy deposit: **Flake**
8. This becomes you according to the song: **Moonlight**
9. The E is missing from this pet food: **Kit Kat**
10. Could be Park Lane or Mayfair: **Quality Street**



A DIFFERENT KIND OF TRAVELLING

Thanks to Carole Grew for sending this item for the newsletter. If anyone else has similar 'fillers' please send them to me – contact details on page 2 – Jeanne Clark]

- I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone.
- I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump and I'm not too good at physical activity anymore.
- I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go and I try not to visit there too often.
- I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.
- Sometimes I'm in Capable and I go there more often as I get older.
- One of my favourite places is in Suspense – it really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart. At my age I need all the stimuli I can get.
- I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognises you there.
- I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you may have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CHESTERFIELD u3a

Wednesday 1st March 2023

Chesterfield Market Hall 2pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chair
2. Apologies
3. Approval of The Minutes of the 2 March 2022 AGM
4. Any matters arising from those minutes
5. Chair's Annual Report
6. Presentation and approval of annual accounts
 - a. Appointment of Financial Examiner
7. Group Facilitator's Report
8. Election of Officers for 2023-24
9. Election of Committee Members for 2023-2024
10. Date 2024 AGM: Wednesday 6th March 2024 venue to be confirmed.

Talk by Mike Storr entitled "Masters of Mirth"