

E-Bulletin 12
February 2024

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Future Events

The **Chesterfield u3a AGM**
on **Wednesday 6th March** from **2 pm – 4 pm**
will be in the **Winding Wheel**.

The AGM will be followed by
a talk about the Marie Curie organisation.

Please note that the venue is the Winding Wheel.

The agenda and nomination form are on the website at
<https://chesterfield.u3asite.uk/agm>.

There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 7th February
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.

OTHER u3a BUSINESS

COPY DATE FOR E-BULLETIN 13 (APRIL 2024)

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 March**.

The copy date for the March Newsletter is **8th February**.

HELP NEEDED – PLEASE READ THIS!

VOLUNTEERS STILL URGENTLY NEEDED TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE

The committee consists of up to 12 people (known as trustees) who are elected by u3a members at the AGM. Without a committee, our u3a would have to close down, and so the role of trustee is the most important voluntary role in the organisation.

From the 2024 AGM onwards we need:

A Chair – because my two-year period of office ends in March 2024; previous experience in being on a committee is desirable.

A Vice-chair – to assist the Chair and deputise when necessary; previous experience on a committee is desirable but someone willing to take on this role would quickly gain such experience.

Three other trustees – previous experience on a committee is desirable but a willingness to help our u3a is more important.

The deadline for the Secretary to receive nominations is 18th February.

The Committee currently meets every two months on a Friday afternoon and communicates by email in between meetings as necessary. Any of the existing committee members, myself included, would be happy to provide more information. We are a friendly bunch and will be welcoming to new committee members. 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.

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of someone coming forward to volunteer to become the Chair for the next two years. Without a Chair, neither the committee nor the u3a itself can function properly, and we would have to consider closing down Chesterfield u3a.

No volunteers to be Chair = potentially no u3a.

Irene Wilkinson, Chair, chair@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk

HELP NEEDED – PLEASE READ THIS TOO!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A CAMEO EVENT IN SEPTEMBER

There are plans for at least one event to celebrate and promote Chesterfield u3a's 30th Anniversary in 2024. It will be a CAMEO day (Come And Meet EveryOne) at the Winding Wheel. It will take place on Wednesday 25th September, during National u3a Week.

CAMEOs will be familiar to some people, but for more recent members, it comprises displays by u3a groups to showcase their activities, including both tabletop displays and performances by music and dance groups. Members can learn about groups they have not yet tried out, and the event is widely publicised to attract potential new members.

Two people have volunteered to organise the overall event, but **more volunteers are needed to help with individual elements of the day**, e.g. publicity. Please think about offering some of your time.

For more information about what is involved, contact:

Joyce Hart, 01246 567667 hartjoyce056@gmail.com

WELL WORTH A LOOK!

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

If you have been onto the Chesterfield u3a website recently, you will have noticed it looks different. At the beginning of January, the old website was turned off and the new one went live. It has a new address: www.chesterfield.u3asite.uk

Please update any favourites, bookmarks etc. that you may have.

However, for the next couple of months, if you use the old site address you will be automatically directed to the new site.

Why the change?

The previous site looked dated.

The new site is clearer, more modern looking.

It is more suitable for mobile phone and tablet viewing, which is the way over half the people these days access websites.

It is built and hosted on a more stable platform.

It is more flexible and easier to edit.

If you have any comments, corrections etc please send them to webmaster@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk

Mark Hoare, Chesterfield u3a Website Manager

WHAT THE GROUPS ARE UP TO

GARDENING GROUPS

Sorry for inconvenience but we have cancelled our February outing, and we are now having a talk in the library on Thursday 15th February in Chesterfield Library Theatre at 2pm (doors open 1.30pm). The entrance fee is £3.00 which includes a free raffle.

The talk is *Glorious Gardens and Fascinating Flora of the Peak*. The area holds a lot of formal gardens and open areas with wildflowers and plants to create masterpieces on every scale.

All are welcome.

Irene Trevis and June Partington



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our talks are open to all u3a members and are held in the library lecture theatre, 2.00 pm (doors open at 1.45). No booking is required, and the cost is £3.00 per person on the door.

Tuesday 5th March: Paul Adey will talk about *The History of the British Motor Industry in the East Midlands*. Paul is experienced in management recruitment, training and development and, apart from his wide knowledge of the motor industry, he delivers presentations on a wide range of subjects. Being retired for a number of years, he is now developing a new career in delivering his presentations nationwide.

Paul will look at some of the many car manufacturers that sprang up in the early years of the motor industry; there were a few modest successes but many failures. He will focus on, among others, Sheffield-Simplex, Laycock-Charron Humber, Raleigh, Brough and Bentley. Some went on to greater things, while others faded into obscurity.

Sandra Frost

STROLLERS

The next walks will be on Saturday 3rd and 17th February, and 2nd March.

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

UPWORDS

The next meetings are 14th and 28th February.

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