

E-Bulletin 13
April 2024

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There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 3rd April
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 and chat with old
friends.

Future Events

The **Open Meeting** will take place on
Wednesday 1st May from **2 pm – 4 pm**
It will be in the **Market Hall**.
Details of the talk to follow in the next
newsletter.

OTHER u3a BUSINESS

COPY DATE FOR E-BULLETIN 14 (JUNE 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 May**.

The copy date for the May Newsletter is **8th April**.

Annual General Meeting, 2024

The AGM was held on Friday 6th March at the Winding Wheel.

The new Trustees are as follows:

Roger Watts: Chair

Carole Grew: Secretary

Lynn Cusson: Treasurer

Valerie Myers: New Member Supporter

Sue Atherton

Alan Cornwell

Nicky Hoskin-Stone

Irene Wilkinson

Presentations were made to the retiring Chair, Irene Wilkinson, the retiring Treasurer, Richard Turley, and to Kathryn Lambert who is leaving the committee after 13 years.

The 2025 AGM will be held on March 5th 2025.

TRAVEL DERBYSHIRE ON DEMAND

Travel Derbyshire on Demand is a new type of bus service. It must be booked in advance but is more flexible than a conventional bus. There is no fixed timetable, so pick up times, routes and destinations can be planned to suit the needs of where and when passengers want to travel. It is fully accessible and able to carry passengers in wheelchairs and has space for pushchairs. Travel Derbyshire on Demand is for everyone, young or old, and can be used for any type of journey. So, if you want to visit friends, need to get to a medical appointment, the shops or work, then Travel Derbyshire on Demand is for you.

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How do I book a journey?

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NEW GROUP

TAI-CHI

We are starting a new, weekly, group to learn and practise Tai-chi. No special equipment or clothing is required. Anything loose is preferable. Both men and women welcome.

We shall be learning from online video lessons intended for absolute beginners but if anyone can share experience then, of course, chip in.

Time and Date: Every Wednesday 11-12 noon

Place: Stonegravels Parish Centre, Sheffield Road – opposite the Mormon church.

For more details, please contact Maureen:

Maureen Barns, maureenbarns@aol.com

WHAT THE GROUPS ARE UP TO

ARCHITECTURE APPRECIATION GROUP

We have booked a Blue Badge guided walk around Dronfield at 2pm on **Monday 13th May**. The charge will be £5 per person for this – provided we have 16 people on the tour. If any u3a member who is not part of this group wishes to find out more, please email for further details.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

COUNTRY DANCING

Country dancing is on Thursday 25th April at the Ragged School Church Hall, Markham Road, at 7pm – just turn up to have a go. Good for gentle exercise, social contact, and the brain!

Joy Houghton

STROLLERS

The next walks will be on Saturday 13th and 27th April.

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

UPWORDS

The next meetings are 10th and 24th April.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

WILDFLOWER GROUP WALKS

Some members of the Group enjoyed an early-season walk in March, to see the Wild Daffodils in Lea Wood. We were thrilled to see a wonderful display of daffodils, plus a few examples of other spring flowers.

The next walk is on Friday 3rd May:

Linacre Woods for spring woodland flowers. Meet at the top car park on the left-hand side of the road (pay and display) grid reference SK337726, post code S42 7JW (off the B6050 road from Cutthorpe).

All the walks are morning-only walks, but people can always opt to stay for longer if they wish. We meet at the venue at 9.50 for a 10.00am start. If anyone needs a lift, please contact me and I will email round group members. Please car share if possible, in this time of increasing energy and other costs. It would be helpful if people let me know if they will be coming on a walk.

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