

E-Bulletin 15
August 2024

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



in **Spire Parish Rooms, The Saints Parish**
Centre, St Mary's Gate
refreshments will be available whilst you
meet new members and chat with old
friends.

Future Events

The **Open Meeting** will take place on
Wednesday 4th September
from **2pm – 4pm**
at **Chesterfield Football Club**
(SMH Group Stadium)
1866 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield S41 8NZ
Bob Neill will return with **Bits and Bobs**
a selection of household items
for us to work out what they are

OTHER u3a BUSINESS

COPY DATE FOR E-BULLETIN 16 (OCTOBER 2024)

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

The copy date for the September Newsletter is **8th August**.

NEW u3a MEETINGS ORGANISER NEEDED

Our current Meetings Organiser, Samantha, has decided to stand down, after having done a wonderful job over the past 18 months. We now need someone to step into the role (or two people to share the role) as soon as possible. There will be help and support from Samantha and committee members.

The main tasks of the role are to book speakers for our bi-monthly Open Meetings, subsequently liaise with those speakers and then welcome them on the day; also, to book the venues for Open Meetings and the bi-monthly Coffee Mornings. Speakers and venues are already booked for the remainder of 2024, and we have a list of potential speakers for future meetings.

This role is an important one to ensure our Open Meetings are interesting and attractive to as many of our members as possible. The first Open Meeting in the new venue at the football stadium attracted a good audience of over 80 members, and we would like to build on this success.

A role description is available if you are interested, or you can contact committee member Irene Wilkinson for more details (see below).

We do hope that one of you, or two to share the job, will come forward so please consider it. The role is ideal for sharing.

Irene Wilkinson, iw43central@gmail.com

NATIONAL LEAGUE TROPHY

Just a few months ago Chesterfield FC celebrated winning the Championship of the National League to clinch their return to the Football League.

Since then, the football club has embarked on a strategy of taking the trophy on a tour around the community to engage better with the fanbase. It has been taken to clubs, offices, factories, the hospitals, old people's homes etc. It turned out that even people who had no interest in football were proud of the club's achievement and also enjoyed the same experience.

Prior to Chesterfield u3a's recent open meeting at the Chesterfield stadium, our members were given the same opportunity, and many enjoyed having their photo taken with the trophy and thanked the club for the opportunity.



CAMEO EVENT – WEDNESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

The CAMEO is coming, hurrah, hurrah!

This year we celebrate thirty years of u3a in Chesterfield, showing off our range of activities in the CAMEO meeting. We have forty groups signed up to show what they do, as well as five short performances by musical and dancing groups.

The meeting will be opened by the Mayor of Chesterfield and national u3a representative, John Lewis.

We are not opening the meeting to the public this time, but you are most welcome to bring a friend interested in u3a.

Date, time, travel

The CAMEO is at the SMH Group Football Stadium on Old Sheffield Road, from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday 25th September. There is plenty of free parking at the site, and buses stop right outside. The site has a large lift to first floor and accessible toilets.

There will be tea and celebration cakes for members and their guests.

Looking forward to seeing you at this meeting to celebrate and learn more about our successful u3a in Chesterfield. Many thanks to the organising group members who have worked hard to make this meeting possible.

**Joyce Hart 01246 567667, hartjoyce056@gmail.com
for the CAMEO organising group**



WHAT THE GROUPS ARE UP TO

ASTRONOMY GROUP

Do you have an interest in astronomy or spaceflight? We are not “boffins” and any u3a members are welcome to give us a try. Meetings are held monthly, usually starting at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday, either indoors in a member’s home or, between October and March if it is clear, we aim to go outside if equipment is available to observe.

If you like to join us or come along to a session to see if it is for you, then please contact me – details below or come and talk to us on 25th September at the CAMEO event.

Ian Macleod, 07368 331219, ianmacleod@sky.com
or https://chesterfield.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/astronomy/

FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP

We are a friendly group who are enthusiastic flower arrangers, of varying abilities. We meet every fourth Thursday of the month from 2pm to 4pm at Holymoorside Village Hall. Our next meeting is on Thursday 22nd August.

Each month we try a different method of arranging flowers, from a traditional Hogarth’s Curve to a Biedermeier. Just look at our photographs to see our results.

Our Coordinator circulates information on the flowers and mechanics we need for each arrangement a few days before we meet. We compare notes and encourage each other to produce beautiful arrangements.

We would welcome new members.

Please see the Chesterfield u3a Website for contact details.

Barbara Patterson



Biedermeiers



Hogarth's Curve

STROLLERS

The next walks will be on 17th and 31st August, and 14th September.

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

UPWORDS

The next meetings are 31st July, and 14th and 28th August.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

MIDDLETON HALL

We were amused by this not at all politically correct recruitment advert which we saw recently in the Peel Museum at Middleton Hall:

They Mustn't Marry

HEFTY GIRLS WANTED FOR POLICE FORCE

**WOMEN WITH BRAINS PLUS GOOD PHYSIQUE ARE WANTED.
THE PAY AND PROSPECTS ARE GOOD, BUT—THEY MUST
NEVER MARRY OR THEIR CAREER WILL END!**

They are needed as recruits for the Metropolitan Police Force, and Sir Philip Game, Chief Commissioner, and Miss Reto, Chief of the Women's Branch, are making a special appeal to—

Spinsters and widows, girls in universities and public schools, and girls with training in nursing and social work.

Married women need not apply.

THEY MUST BE HEFTY

Good pay is being offered—53s. 3d. a week, with free quarters in special hostels.

But a high standard of intelligence, tact and physique is being demanded.

The recruits must be at least five feet four inches high.

They must be hefty enough to withstand a "rough and tumble," and they must be fairly good looking.

*Beauty from
your bath..*



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