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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

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COPY DATE FOR NEWSLETTER 181 NOVEMBER

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 October** at the latest. The editor will acknowledge receipt, edit, and abridge as necessary and her decision on inclusion, content and format is final.

OCTOBER 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 September**.

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

I'm getting to the halfway stage of my term. Time seems to fly even faster the older you get, or is it because you're enjoying yourself? Enjoyment is what u3a is all about and I know from my contacts with so many members that u3a certainly enriches their lives. Please continue to spread the word.

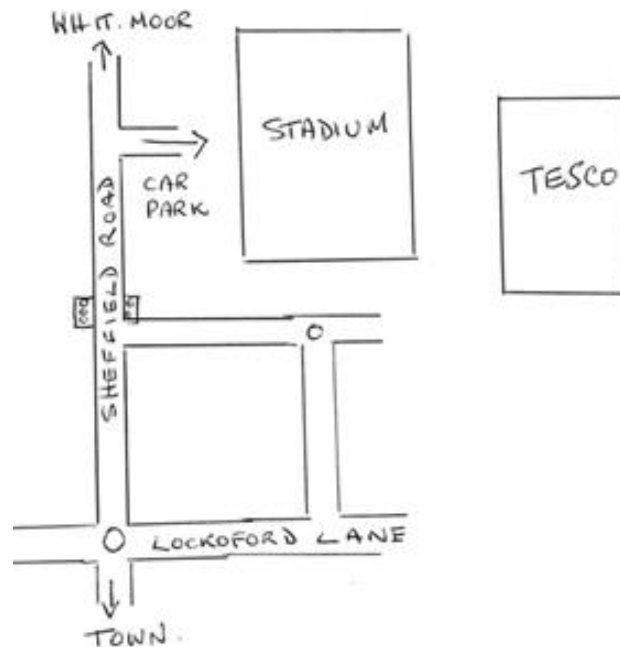
Groups are at the heart of that enrichment. Some groups go on forever, although their coordinators might not, and others flourish briefly and then die. But to remain successful we need to have a steady stream of new ideas, new groups. We call the members who organise them coordinators, not leaders, because that is their function. You don't need to be an expert in the subject to coordinate a group and in many groups the role is shared. So, if you think you can help expand the choice available to all our members, both new and old, by starting or helping to start a new group or by cloning an existing full one, please have a word with one of our Groups Facilitators, Jane Machin and Brian Heathcote (see inside cover).

Our new venue for the Open Meeting proved very popular, with over ninety members attending. So popular in fact that we are moving into the bigger room at the same venue for our next meeting, on 4th September.

And then, of course, you are all welcome at our CAMEO event on 25th September.

Please also note that the Coffee Morning venue has changed.

Roger Watts, chair@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk



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.

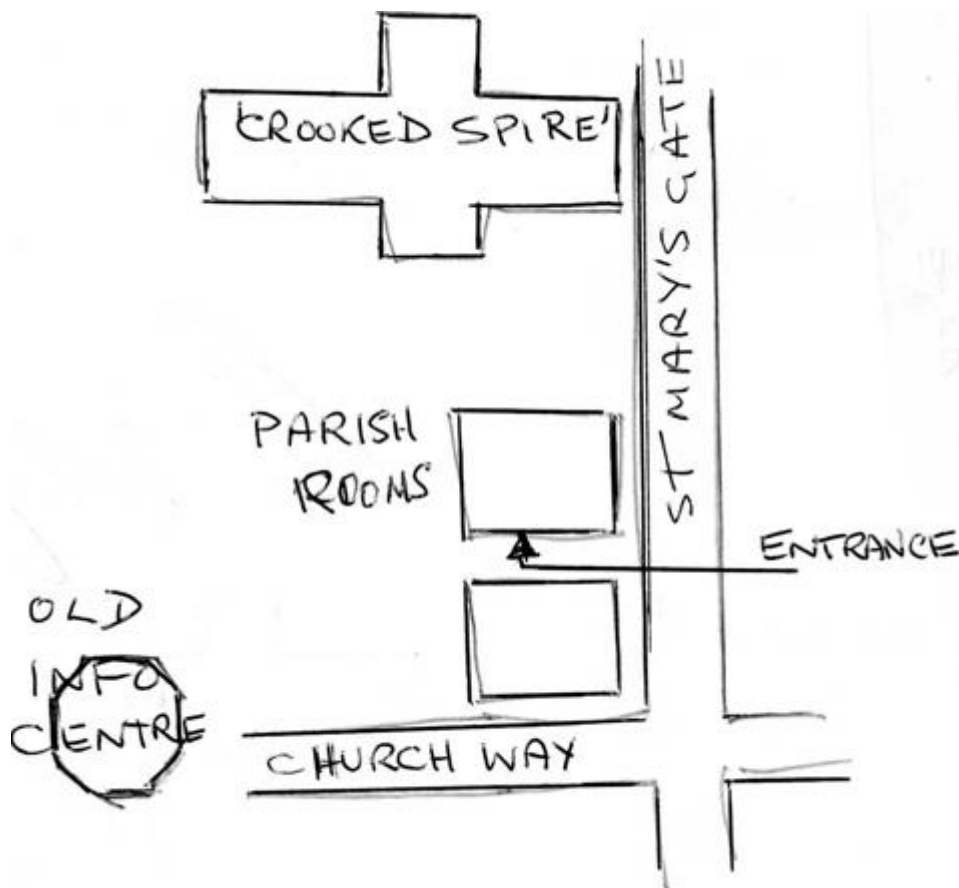
Howard Borrell

[The photos were shown in the August e-bulletin]

There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 2nd October
from **10.15 am – 11.45 am**



in **Spire Parish Rooms on Church Way.**
Refreshments will be available whilst you
meet new members and chat with old
friends, in new surroundings



GROUPS FACILITATOR

IT and other digital device training on offer

If you would like to improve your IT skills, whether you know absolutely nothing or would like to know more, read on.

We have been offered, free of charge, training and individual help with any aspect of IT - computers, laptops, smartphones and tablets tailored to our needs as u3a members.

There are two different types of session.

One would be a series of weekly drop-in sessions at a town centre venue with free parking, for members who wish to have help with specific individual issues around anything digital, from the use of smartphones and updating laptops, to help with broadband and Wifi.

Then, hopefully to start in September, a course of eight sessions, again in the town centre, aimed at beginners (or near beginners). Up to date equipment will be available in the training room, or people may bring their own gear.

Our Digital training sessions began on 5th August, just a few days before writing this update. Part of my piece in the July issue is shown above, and if you might be interested in this opportunity, please do contact me direct.

This really is a wonderful chance for any member to refresh and update their skills or learn new ones in the field of mobile phone, tablet, laptop or PC.

Jane Machin, 01246 239408, groupfacilitator@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our new members:

Ann Montgomery, Barbara Ryder, Patricia Turedi, Gillian Myers, Lindsay Sayers, Joy Williams, Julie and Mark Grunnell, Carol Lawton, Christine Davies, Joan Minikin, Stephen Cooke, Felicity Harding, Joyce Coates, Kathryn Bostock, Jill Sloane, Carol Watkinson, Carole Anderson, Denis Atkins, Julia Smith, Elizabeth France and Colin Brown.

**Kathryn Lambert, Membership Secretary,
secretary@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk**

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.

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 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm 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

DARMSTADT FUND RAISING

There will be a Wine Tasting event, Call my Bluff, on Saturday October 12th at 7.00 pm at Somersall Hall, Somersall Hall Drive, Chesterfield, S40 3LH.

Tickets: cash in advance, £20, in an envelope marked with your name, phone number and email address to Hazel Linsey at Somersall Hall, 07580 763117

Wines chosen by a trained expert. Non U3A members also welcome

Jean Jefferies

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 email ianmacleod@sky.com or **07368 331219** or via: https://chesterfield.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/astronomy/ or come and talk to us on 25th September at the CAMEO event.

Ian Macleod

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.

Each month we try a different method of arranging flowers, from a traditional Hogarth’s Curve to a Biedermeier.

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

GEOLOGY GROUP

Autumn Programme 2024 – A laval programme!

September 10th Magma/The Building Mush of Rocks + Janet

October 8th Crystallization/The Rock Cycle Begins + Frank

November 12th Volcanoes/Lava and Ash + Hilary

December 10th NOT TO BE MISSED! Guest Lecturer (a real geologist!) followed by Christmas Lunch (must be booked).

All meetings are held at Eyre Chapel, Newbold at 10.00 am.
Everyone is welcome.

Pamela Boulton, 237622

LOCAL HISTORY TALK

Tuesday 1st October – Tony Perkins on “*Medieval Pilgrimage*”

The local history talks are open to all u3a members and are held at the library lecture theatre, £3.00 on the door starting at 2.00pm.

Tony is a semi-professional actor, giving talks to the public and historic groups. He presents his talk in the costume of a medieval pilgrim and demonstrates the clothes of the period, and items often carried by a pilgrim.

This talk is intended to help you understand a medieval person's reasons for making these journeys and to see life through their eyes. Pilgrimage was not possible for everyone and for those who did go it was often a once in a lifetime event.

He speaks on the who? What sort of people would go on pilgrimage?
The where? What destinations were open to a medieval pilgrim?
The why? What prompted people to make often quite hazardous journeys?
The how? What methods would be used to reach their holy destination?

Sandra Frost

UPWORDS

The next meetings are 28th August, and 11th and 25th September.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com



WALKING GROUPS

WALKING GROUP D (TUESDAY)

These walks are usually of 5 to 7 miles. We set out at 10am and all walks include a coffee stop and, usually, a lunch stop (bring your own). New walkers are always made welcome. **Easy** walks have no or very short steep climbs and descents and are usually around 5 miles long. They may include long but gentle climbs and descents. **Moderate** walks will be up to 7 miles long and may have climbs and descents, some of which may be steeper or longer. **Hard** walks will be 7 miles or a little longer and will have 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, please ring them.

3rd Sept: GR 220646 DE45 1LG layby in Alport: Dorothy, Shirley and Valerie 07757 089914 or 208120, 6.5 miles Moderate

10th Sept: GR 128659 SK17 9QJ Hurdlow CP (fee card only): Mick 07415 025362, 6.5 miles Easy

17th Sept: GR 203825 S33 OBG Shatton Village, please park considerately: Sue and Dave 07934 461386, 5.5 miles Moderate steep ascent to start

24th Sept: GR 550742 S80 3LW Notcutts Garden Centre CP, please park in first 2 rows: Trevor and Linda 07769 030867, 5.5 miles Easy

1st Oct: GR 267801 S11 7TZ Longshaw Woodcroft CP (free to NT members): Liz and Peter 07527 995776, 5 miles Moderate

8th Oct: GR 262920 S6 6LB The Sands CP Low Bradfield: Mel 07875 156869, 6 miles Moderate

15th Oct: GR 194645 DE45 1LU Moor Lane CP (fee): Richard 07775 420306 5 miles Moderate, some ascent and descent for valley

22nd Oct: GR 149830 S33 8WH Castleton main CP (fee): Joyce and David 07926 547112, 6.5 miles Moderate/Hard

29th Oct: GR 279580 DE4 2AA Bonsall CP: Andy 277292, 5.5 miles Easy/Moderate

For any enquiries please contact:

Joyce Hart 0792 6547112 and Peter Smalley 07527 995776

WALKING GROUP B (Thursdays)

We start promptly at 10am. Please arrive in good time to be suited and booted for 10am. On walks of over 6.5 miles, a drink for a 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 feet. Remember, if using the Grid Reference finder, you need to put SK before the number.

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: 07739 383772.

5th Sept: GR 239748 meet at Calver crossroads: Coombs dale and Calver Moor; Joy: 6 miles Moderate

12th Sept: GR 202859 Heatherdene CP or on road: Bamford edge; Steve L: 7.3 miles TL Harder 1400ft

19th Sept: GR 258658 Rowsley Old Station CP: via Stanton Moor, Birchover and Congreve; Adrian 7.5 miles TL Moderate

26th Sept: GR 216767 Eyam free CP (behind pay CP) near Eyam Museum: Foolow and Grindleford; Cliff 6.3 miles Moderate

3rd Oct: GR 116799 park on wide verge of lane to Sweetknoll (farm) near Peak Forest, CAR SHARE PLEASE: via Rushup Edge and Perry Dale: John 7.3 miles TL Harder 1150ft

10th Oct: GR 194697 Ashford near church: Ashford, Monsal, Great Shacklow Wood; Andrew 5.7 miles Moderate

17th Oct: GR 412673 Grassmoor Country Park Birkin Lane CP: Avenue, Country Park, Grassmoor Golf Course and Country Park; Joy 5.25 miles Easy

24th Oct: GR 428643 Timber Lane CP; Asquith, Hardstoft, back along 5 Pits Trail; Bob 6 miles Moderate

31st Oct: GR 366777 Unstone layby: via Ouzle Bank, Brierly Bridge and Ramshaw Woods; Adrian 5.7 miles Moderate

Carole Grew, 07739 383772, carole.grew64@gmail.com

STROLLERS (Saturdays)

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

31st August, 14th and 28th September, 12th and 26th October, and 9th November

We do our best to avoid stiles and steep slopes and walk for a maximum of 3 miles.

Emails detailing venues and directions to get there are sent out to members regularly. You must be booted and ready to leave for the walk at 10.45 am.

Members often organise pub/café lunches at the end on an informal basis which you may attend if you choose.

If a walk is to be cancelled in advance, we send out an email to members the evening before if possible, suggesting an alternative coffee meeting place. If weather conditions are very poor on the morning of the walk, it would be advisable to contact the coordinators or walk leaders to ask if the walk is going ahead before you set out. Again, a coffee alternative may be suggested. **Anyone wishing to join the group should contact the coordinators beforehand for details of the next walk.**

Sue and Brian Taylor, 07532 160324, sue_taylor@live.com

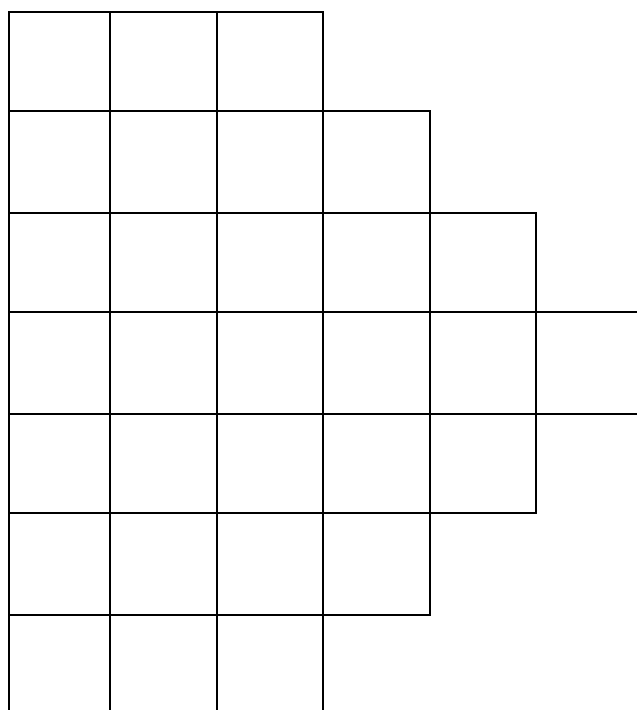
YEARS AND EVENTS – ANSWERS

The initials of the words give the answer to what happened in the year. e.g. 1066 = B of H 1066 Battle of Hastings

1	1314 = B of B	Battle of Bannockburn
2	1452 = YLdVB	Year Leonardo da Vinci born
3	1789 = S of the B	Storming of the Bastille
4	1215 = S of the MC	Signing of the Magna Carta
5	1912 = S of the T	Sinking of the Titanic
6	1990 = JMBPM	John Major became Prime Minister
7	1605 = GP	Gunpowder Plot
8	1989 = BWD	Berlin wall demolished
9	1953 = C of QE11	Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
10	1580 = FDC the W	Francis Drake circumnavigated the world

11	1968 = Y of the OG in MC	Year of the Olympic Games in Mexico City
12	1776 = AD of I	American Declaration of Independence
13	1431 = J of A, B at the S	Joan of Arc, burnt at the stake
14	2000 = YSRW a FGM	Year Steve Redgrave won a 5 th gold medal
15	1969 = FM on the M	First men on the moon
16	1649 = KC1WB	King Charles I was beheaded
17	1997 = D of D,P of W	Death of Diana, Princess of Wales
18	1963 = A of PJFK	Assassination of President John F Kennedy
19	1912 = SA at the SP	Scott arrives at the South Pole
20	1966 = EW the WC	England wins the World Cup

Answer each clue so that every word contains the same letters as the previous word, plus or minus one.



1. Take to court
2. Snooker rods
3. Hints
4. Stipulation
5. Magnitude
6. Delicate fabric
7. Beer

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