

E-Bulletin 17
December 2024

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There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 4th December
from **10.15am – 11.45am**



in **Spire Parish Rooms, The Saints Parish
Centre, St Mary's Gate**

Refreshments will be available and you can
meet new members and chat with old
friends.

The **Open Meeting** will take place on
Wednesday 8th January
from **2pm – 4pm**
at **Chesterfield Football Club**
(SMH Group Stadium)
1866 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield S41 8NZ
The speaker will be Nick Johnson, the longest
serving Sky Sports presenter. His talk is
called **Talks from the Press Box.**

OTHER u3a BUSINESS

COPY DATE FOR E-BULLETIN 19 (FEBRUARY 2025)

Please send all items for the e-bulletin to Jeanne Clark by email
newslettereditor@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk by **23rd January.**

The copy date for the January Newsletter is **8th December.**

WHAT THE GROUPS ARE UP TO

GARDEN APPRECIATION GROUPS 1 and 2

This year talks will be held at The Ragged School, Markham Road, S40 1TA (below the library and bus station and opposite Ravenside shops) on the 3rd Thursday of the month (2nd Thursday in December) at 2 pm. Doors open at 1.30 pm. Entrance fee is £3 which includes a free raffle. All u3a members are welcome to attend the talks.

Thursday 12th December: Alison Levy, who writes a blog about her Blackberry Garden, will give a talk entitled *From first thoughts to the*

present day – the story of how I created my garden from a blank canvas (pretty much a field) to what it is today.

The following talk will be on 16th January.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our winter talks are open to all u3a members. We meet in the library lecture theatre at 2pm, doors open at 1.45pm. £3.00 on the door.

The talk on **Tuesday 7th January** will be by Val Duke, and it will be about **Wingfield Manor**. Val is a former English Heritage custodian of Wingfield Manor, Hardwick Old Hall and Bolsover Castle. She will look at how the building evolved and its most famous inhabitants, Mary Queen of Scots, George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury and Bess of Hardwick.

Sandra Frost

SCIENCE GROUP

There has been a change of programme for Winter and Spring 2024 and 2025. These meetings are arranged so far:

Thursday 12th December (Second Thursday this month only): We join in harmony with the Music Group for a seasonal lunch at St Thomas' – now fully booked.

Thursday 2nd January: Sue Atherton on "Life on an oak tree – exploring the fauna and flora that depend upon oak trees."

Thursday 6th February: "Discovering the night sky" with Martin Bradley, u3a member and astrophotographer.

Thursday 6th March: Pamela Boulton on "Geological time, life on earth".

Thursday 3rd April: Joy Partridge on "The vagus nerve" A chance to learn about "the body's superhighway".

Thursday 1st May: A possible visit to Jodrell Bank open to all u3a members. This would be an all-day outing arriving at the centre at 12pm and returning at 4.15pm. There is a café at the Centre. The cost of entry is £14 if you are under 65, and £12 for those of 65 plus. There are usually special shows in the Planetarium, for which there is an additional charge of £5 each. The plan is to travel by car on an expense sharing basis – volunteer drivers needed for about 45 miles

and one and a half hours each way. Please contact me by email if you are interested.

David Hart can be reached through the Groups webpage

STROLLERS

The next walks will be on **7th December** and **4th January**.

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

UPWORDS

The next meetings are 4th and 18th December, and then 8th and 22nd January.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

SPECIAL OFFER

Derbyshire Cricket Club are offering a discount for u3a members who would like to join. If any u3a members would like to discuss membership of the club in more detail and what it includes, and have a look around the ground, Ewan Godfrey, Membership and Customer Sales Executive, is happy to talk to them.

Please contact Valerie Myers in the first instance on 07928 327876 or at newmembersupport@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk

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