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Future Events

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

Nick Johnson, a Sky Sports Presenter, will

give a talk entitled

Tales from the Press Box

He assures us it is not all about football.

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

FEBRUARY 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 January**.

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome!

We have had a positive torrent of new members since our CAMEO in September – over forty in fact – and we welcome you. I hope you have had success in joining groups, because this is the way to meet people and get the most from our great organisation. Remember, if you have any issues, our New Member Supporter, Valerie, will be happy to help you. And to all our other members, please join me in giving them a big welcome, introduce yourselves and remember it's not easy to join an established group. I remember at Discussion, we realised that people were referring to other speakers as "I agree with the lady in the green top", and we decided to print ourselves name badges in large letters. I'm sure other groups have their strategies as well. Sometimes I need my badge facing me to remind me of my own name!

There are a couple of other things. If you haven't done so, don't forget to rejoin and also consider joining the committee. Forms for both come with this newsletter.

Finally, I wish you all the best for the festive season. I think I have a Group lunch every day next week, so I hope my waistline survives.

Roger Watts, chair@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our new members:

Paula Longden, Norma Herring, Chris and Vernon Crowe, Barrie Dixon, David Jackson, Linda Billington, Ronald Platt, Philip Pembleton, Michael Elliot, Ann Armistead, William Mitchell, Barbara Rowland, Steve Peterson, Mike Bravin, Pat and Derek Deacon, Rachel Snowball, Joy Allsop, Laura Madden, Kenneth Blackwood, Caroline Chappell, Steve Kemp, Richard Pell, Susan Elphick, Lynda Wood and Pamela Little.

Kathryn Lambert, Membership Secretary,
membershipsecretary@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk

RENEWALS FOR 2025

There will be no increase again in membership fees for 2025, which are £14 for individual membership and £28 for joint membership.

If possible, please renew using PayPal or Credit card or Debit card via the **Chesterfield u3a Members Portal** using this link:

<https://u3abeacon.org.uk/u3aportal.php?u3a=257&sc=MEZJ>

Alternative Renewal option 1: Paperless – payment by BACSs or cheque using this link <https://forms.office.com/r/0JnAqtC2XR>

Alternative Renewal option 2: Paper renewal with BACS or cheque.

CHEQUE PAYMENT: Cheques should be made payable to **Chesterfield U3A, with no alterations!!** with your membership number(s) on the back of the cheque. **Please do not send cash.** Send your completed form and/or cheque to the Membership Secretary, address on page 2.

BANK TRANSFER: Transfer to: **Chesterfield U3A** Sort code: **30-91-93** Account No: **00507200** at the TSB, with your membership number(s) as the transfer reference.

GIFT AID: Please could members who are eligible to gift aid their membership subscriptions consider this and tick the gift aid box.

Kathryn Lambert, Membership Secretary
Richard Turley, Assistant Membership Secretary

EVENTS

There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 5th February
from **10.15 am – 11.45 am**



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

CHESTERFIELD u3a ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at SMH Group Stadium

WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH 2025 at 2pm

Notice is hereby given of the above AGM

Committee Members: Please consider
joining the Committee. Nomination forms
are enclosed and available on the website.

Ask not what your u3a can do for you . . .
ask what you can do for your u3a!!!

There will be performances by u3a music
groups and refreshments after the meeting.

COMMITTEE FOR NEXT YEAR

We are approaching Christmas and, as well as contemplating food and merriment, the Committee is also considering 2025. The AGM is in March, and we need a new Committee including a Chair, Vice-Chair and three or four Committee Members. Our organisation cannot function without a Committee, so I wonder if any of you could consider bringing new ideas and enthusiasm to these roles. I'm sure any of the current Committee will be happy to chat to you about it. Or perhaps you know someone who you think would be an excellent choice. Have a word of encouragement please.

USEFUL INFORMATION

TRAVEL DERBYSHIRE ON DEMAND BUS – SHARING INFORMATION ON THIS NEW SERVICE

This new service was launched in February 2024, but I don't think many people are aware of how it works and how amazingly flexible this service is - so I am sharing some key information and tips for you to sign up and start using this service.

- You need to sign up to use this service either by downloading their App (see web link below) or by calling their Contact Centre on 0115 9691801.
- Once you have completed the sign up via the App giving all your personal information on the App or via the phone then you are ready to book your bus.
- This process is rather like how you would book a taxi.
- The bus will pick you up from your local bus stop and take you to anywhere within the operation area, which is all of Chesterfield Borough Council, Northeast Derbyshire BC and Bolsover BC.
- You can book journeys to start from any bus stop, location or postcode - e.g. Chesterfield Train Station or a postcode within the area.
- You can book a one-way outward journey only, return journey, or return journey only. The service is as flexible as you wish.

- The bus picks you up at the nearest bus stop to your home. (For example, my local bus stop's name is Keswick Drive/Newbold Road) or any other location you have specified and drops you off at the required destination. If you have booked a return journey, the bus will pick you up from where it dropped you off and return you to your home bus stop.

Full details of:

1. How to download the App
2. How the bus operates, types of journeys
3. The map of all the areas served
4. Bus and Call Centre operating times
5. How to book your bus

can be found by using the following link

<https://www.roadxs.com/travel-derbyshire-on-demand/>

Please note: owing to a recent change in the service operator, the Contact Centre telephone number shown on the flyer is incorrect.

The telephone number to call is 0115 969 1801.

Finally, I use this bus daily. The minibuses they operate are fully accessible. Payment or Gold Card fares are collected on the bus via card. The bus is often only carrying you – but, if there are others on the bus, they will be dropped off in turn. The drivers are friendly and will let you know if there is a delay in getting to your destination.

I've used this service happily to travel to Junction 29 MacArthur Glen Centre, Hardwick Hall, Barlborough (Dobbies), and to hospital appointments at Walton and The Royal Hospital. But most often I use it to go to Tesco's or Sainsbury's easily from my home bus stop as otherwise it would mean catching two buses.

It's so convenient, don't hesitate to GIVE IT A TRY!

Sue Elphick will be at the Open Meeting in January so, if you are unsure how to use the App, she will be happy to help you.

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



WHAT THE GROUPS ARE UP TO

GARDEN APPRECIATION GROUPS 1 and 2

Our Winter talks are now held at The Ragged School on Markham Road, opposite Ravenside Retail Park, starting at 2pm. Doors are open from 1.30pm and entrance costs £3 which includes a raffle ticket.

15th January: *Kerrachar Gardens: Wild, Wet and Windy*

How we created a garden in a very remote location in the far northwest of Scotland and some of the plants we were able to grow there, with Peter and Trish Kohn, arranged through the Friends of the Sheffield Botanical Gardens.

20th February: *Living with a National Plant Collection* with Don Witton who has spoken on a number of subjects in the past. Reviews say his talk is highly amusing.

20th March: You may have visited Millthorpe Nursery, and I am delighted to welcome Carl Leaman who runs it with his wife, Deirdre, to talk on *Starting a Nursery*.

Group 1 coordinator: Irene Trevis, 07434 042215

Group 2 coordinator: June Partington, 07580 543449

GEOLOGY GROUP

The Geology Group (or Pamela's Rock Group) will get "down to earth" with another oresome programme for 2025.

During this, our 20th Anniversary Year, (that is nothing in geological time!!) we continue the topics in *How the Earth Works* with Professor Michael E. Wyssession. As usual, members have volunteered (or been volunteered!) to give their version of the topics.

14th January: Folding/Bending Blocks/Flowing Rocks + Janet

11th February: Earthquakes/Earth's Faults + Marian

11th March: Plate Tectonics + David

8th April: Ocean Seafloor/Unseen Lands + Joanne

***13th May:** Curbar and Linacre + Hazel + Marjorie

****10th June:** Chesterfield + David

***8th July:** tba

9th September: Rifts and Ridges/Plate Creation + David

14th October: Transform Faults/Tears of a Crust + Frank

11th November: Subduction Zones + Hilary

9th December: Guest Lecturer + Christmas Lunch

All meetings take place at Eyre Chapel, Newbold on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10.00am.

* Trips out meet in the car park to share lifts leaving at 10.00am

** Or meet at the Crooked Spire at 10.15am

Pamela Boulton, 01246 237622



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our winter talks are open to all u3a members; we meet in the library lecture theatre at 2.00, doors open at 1.45, £3.00 on the door.

Tuesday 7th January: Val Duke will talk about Wingfield Manor. She will be donating her fee to Ashgate Hospice. Val is an English Heritage former 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.

Tuesday 4th February: Bob Massey will talk about *Muriel and Bert*. Bob is a historian with an interest in local history; he has taught at various universities and colleges around the country, as he is a qualified tutor and lecturer. As well as a member of local history groups, he is also a member of cinema, theatre and aircraft research groups and industry organisations.

DH Lawrence describes Jessie Chambers as ‘the chief friend of my youth’. As his childhood friend and first girlfriend, she played a pivotal role in his journey. Jessie Chambers was born on the 29th January 1887 and was a year younger than DH Lawrence. She was just eleven years old when her family left Eastwood to go to live at Hags Farm, Underwood, approximately three miles away. Mrs Chambers invited Mrs Lawrence to visit them and the rest, as they say, is history.

Sandra Frost

(NEW) POETRY GROUP

Are you interested in poetry and its appreciation, and in writing poems of your own? The idea is to start a new group, which might meet once a month. The aims are to encourage the writing of poems, to share them and to offer constructive comments and critique in a friendly and supportive setting. There might also be opportunities to read and discuss favourite poems.

If the idea appeals, please contact Ken Franklin:

ken.franklin@zen.co.uk or 07478 336567

SCIENCE GROUP

Change of programme for Spring 2025

The Science Group welcomes new members; we meet in a large room at St Thomas' Church, Brompton.

All our meetings are from **2 pm – 4 pm** on the **first Thursday** in each month, and these meetings are arranged so far:

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 12.00 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 through the website if you are interested.

Could you lead a meeting at our group? – We are actively looking for u3a members (or their friends) who could present on a scientific or mathematical topic to our group, based on their own interests. We have had meetings led by highly qualified professionals, but we give an equal welcome to topics and contents inspired by the presenters' interests, which may be far from what they did at work. If you would be interested, please contact me. Presenting to the science group is a very pleasant experience, and we particularly enjoy meetings in which we get to do as well as to listen.

For all our sessions at St Thomas' we ask members to contribute £3 per meeting to hire the hall and provide hot drinks and biscuits.

David Hart

UPWORDS

The next meetings are 8th and 22nd January, and 5th and 19th February.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

WALKING GROUPS

WALKING GROUP D (TUESDAY)

These walks are usually of 5 to 7 miles. We set out **promptly** at 10am and all walks include a coffee stop and 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 up to about 5 miles long. They may include long but gentle climbs and descents. **Moderate** walks may be up to 7 miles in length and may have climbs and descents, some of which may be steeper or longer. **Hard** walks may 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.

7th Jan: GR 350783 S18 1RA Dronfield Sports Centre: Mel 07875 156869, 5.5 miles Easy

14th Jan: GR 256658 DE4 2EL Old Station Road CP, Rowsley: Sue A and Nicky 07517 435890 or 07539 507245, 5 miles Easy

21st Jan: GR 350632 S45 0BA Ashover Village Hall CP: Valerie and Mick 07854 509129 or 07415 025326, 5.5 miles Moderate

28th Jan: GR 171835 S33 6SB Hope CP (fee): Richard 0775 420306, 5.5 miles Moderate

4th Feb: GR 267801 S11 7TZ Longshaw Woodcroft CP (free for NT members): Liz and Peter 07527 995776, 6.5 miles Easy/Moderate

11th Feb: GR 257719 DE45 1SR Baslow Green CP (fee): Charles and Penny 01246 566519, 5 miles Moderate

18th Feb: GR 154743 SK17 8QH Tideswell Dale CP (fee): Joyce and David 07926 547112, 5.5 miles Moderate

25th Feb: GR 231814 S32 1DU Hathersage CP (fee): Dave and Sue G. 07999 306996, 6 miles Moderate

Any enquiries please contact the coordinators:

Joyce Hart 07926 547112 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 m), Moderate walks have between 500 and 1000 feet (305 m) and Harder walks have over 1000 feet. Grid Reference for starting points are shown. Remember if using the grid reference finder you need to put SK before the number. Any problems, give me a call or text.

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.

2nd Jan: GR 326705 2nd layby on A619, Wigley, Wadshelf, Holymoorside; Carole: 5.3 miles Easy 600ft

9th Jan: Linacre CP: Linacre reservoirs and Old Brampton; Kathryn: 5.2 miles Easy

16th Jan: Chatsworth House CP free parking, meet by the toilets: Edensor, Moatless Plantation, Carlton Lees; Geoff/Mary: 6.25 miles Moderate

23rd Jan: GR 256658, Rowsley Old Station CP: Stanton Moor and Nine Ladies; Cliff: 6.8 miles TL Moderate

30th Jan: Longshaw CP: Longshaw, White Edge Moor; Carole: 5.5 miles Moderate

6th Feb: Somersall Park: Holymoorside, Stanedge Golf Course, Holymoorside, Somersall; Jan 7 miles TL, Moderate

13th Feb: Hardwick: Hardwick to Teversal; Carol: 6 miles Easy

20th Feb:

27th Feb: 128804.5 Hartington: Biggin and Beresford Dales; John Mc:
7.3 miles TL Harder 1170 ft

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

STROLLERS (Saturdays)

Happy New Year to all our members! Please continue to walk with us on the following Saturdays:

4th and 18th January, 1st and 15th February and 1st March

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

Emails detailing venues and how to get there are sent out to members regularly. You must be booted and ready to leave for the walk at 10:45am. Members often organise pub/café lunches at the end on an informal basis which you may join 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



ANSWERS

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DECK
NECK
NICK
NICE
DICE
DIVE

Body part
Cut into cubes
Pleasant
Floor
Notch

GOLD
GOOD
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COIN

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Term
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Warning cry = FORE
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Monster = FRANKENSTEIN

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Renewals can be made from the 22nd October

This year we would appreciate renewal using PayPal via the **Chesterfield u3a Members Portal** use the link <https://u3abeacon.org.uk/u3aportal.php?u3a=257&sc=MEZJ>

For paperless renewal by Bank transfer or Cheque use link <https://forms.office.com/r/0JnAqtC2XR>

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Cheque should be made payable to **Chesterfield U3A** and without any alterations.
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1. Mem.No Forename..... Surname.....

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Data Protection Declaration Your consent to our keeping and using your personal data is necessary for you to be a member of Chesterfield U3A.

I (we) wish to remain a member of Chesterfield U3A and agree to the data on this form being kept on computer and paper lists for membership records and contact with me by Chesterfield U3A and the Third Age Trust.

Signature Member 1..... Signature Member 2.....

Change of Personal Details (address, email, phone number, etc.) – if any since last year

Newsletter

Our bi-monthly newsletter is available to read online from a link on the members area page on our new web site. Using this helps keep costs and subscriptions down. You can still have a paper newsletter if you wish.

If you would like a paper copy by post, please tick the box.

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Third Age Matters

TAM is the national magazine of our parent organisation, Third Age Trust. You are entitled to a copy, five times a year, as part of your subscription. If you would like to receive TAM, please tick the box.

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Signature Member 1..... Signature Member 2..... Date.....

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