

E-Bulletin 20
June 2025

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There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 4th June
from **10.15am – 11.45am**
at **The Saints Parish Centre.**

It is in St Marys Gate, and the entrance is
down the left-hand side.

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

Everyone welcome!

The **Open Meeting** will take place on
Wednesday 2nd July

from **2pm – 4pm**

at **Chesterfield Football Club**
(SMH Group Stadium)

Poppy Jones from Silvertime Legal will give a talk covering estate planning, making sure to keep it light! The talk covers:
Wills and Trusts, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Managing Care Fees.

OTHER u3a BUSINESS

COPY DATE FOR E-BULLETIN 21 (August 2025)

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

The copy date for the July Newsletter is **8th June**.

OTHER MATTERS

SPRING WALKING HOLIDAY

AT HF HOLIDAYS, DERWENT BANK, KESWICK

from Friday 27th March 2026 to Friday 3rd April 2026

If you've seen the pictures and write up of the holiday to Selworthy 2025 and would like to join us in 2026 at Keswick (you don't have to be a walker), please see the information below.

- The holiday is full board including packed lunches
- There will be an option of three walks each day and a rest day on the Tuesday
- There will be a variety of evening activities

About Derwent Bank

Set right on the banks of Derwentwater, it was built in 1785 for Joseph Pockington Stenhouse, high sheriff of Newark. It has been part of HF Holidays since 1937. There are beautiful views from its garden room, orangery and terrace. A short walk takes you to Keswick. There is a large lounge, licensed bar, boot and drying room and discovery point.

Address: Derwent Bank, Portiscale, Nr Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5TY
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- The cost will be no more than £690 per person with no single person supplement.
- Exact cost will be notified by email in November 2025 when total numbers are finalised; the balance is due by 30th January 2026.
- A deposit of £100 per person is required.
- Ideally, deposits should be paid directly into the Chesterfield u3a bank account: account no: 00512018; sort code 30.91.93. Please reference the payment to your membership number Keswick eg 1234 Keswick. Or by cheque, payable to Chesterfield u3a, with your membership number on the reverse, sent directly to Irene Trevis, 34 Somerset Drive, Brimington, CHESTERFIELD, S43 1DH
- Questions and registration form from Valerie Myers:
email: vmyers1949@gmail.com or <tel:07854509129>
- There are 7 double/twin rooms available as of 22nd May

BARLBOROUGH HOSPITAL'S 20th ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY

Barlborough Hospital is celebrating its 20th anniversary with an open day on 8th June between 1pm and 4pm. They hope to get a local councillor to open the event.

There are several things happening on the day, including:

- Blood pressure and BMI checks
- Eye health checks
- Facilities tours
- Refreshments
- Consultants available for questions.
- A range of stalls for people to visit

For further information, please contact

Katie.Dyett@practiceplusgroup.com

u3a NATIONAL EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

There is now a page on the website that gives a link to the National online zoom events.

<https://chesterfield.u3asite.uk/forthcoming-national-u3a-events/>

WHAT THE GROUPS ARE UP TO

ARCHITECTURE GROUP

We have a few spare places for the guided tours planned for the spring and summer months. They include

- Bakewell on **Tuesday 15th July** at 2pm
- Rotherham on Monday 11th August at 2pm

Please email for further details:

tony.clark1@btinternet.com

COUNTRY DANCING

Thursday 26th June, 7 to 9pm at The Ragged School Church Hall on Markham Road. Come and give it a go, for some light exercise and a lot of fun.

Joy Houghton

DARMSTADT GROUP: QUIZ NIGHT

Monday 11th August at 6pm

Venue: The Badger Community Pub

Brockwell Lane, Chesterfield, S40 4ED

Interval for pie and peas at 7pm

Cost: £12 per person

Choice of chicken, beef or vegetarian pie. Please send your £12 pp and choice of pie by Sunday 3rd August to:

Hazel Linsey, Somersall Hall, Somersall Hall Drive,
Chesterfield S40 3LH, Tel 07580 763117.

Or email: jane.nutting@btinternet.com

GARDEN APPRECIATION GROUPS:

OUTING TO DODDINGTON HALL AND GARDENS

Groups 1 and 2 are joining together to visit Doddington Hall and Gardens in Lincolnshire on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 and have a

few spare seats on the coach. We are inviting Chesterfield u3a members to book one of these seats to help fill the coach and make the outing viable.

On the website there is a form about the venue together with a booking form to complete. It should be a lovely day out and we look forward to welcoming anyone wishing to join us.

Bookings will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

June Partington (Coordinator) Group 2

PS The members who have already booked please ignore this email – it is easier to send out to everyone

HANDICRAFT GROUP

The group continues to have an interesting range of activities led by our members. We are always happy to try new techniques, such as:

- Silk Painting
- Crespo Embroidery (from Peru) (see picture below)
- Crochet for beginners
- Using rubber stamps for cards
- Stencilling a coaster
- Kusudama (paper flowers)

We are an active group of over 24 members. We hope to have a stall on the Chesterfield Crafters' Bazaar market on Sunday 24th August. A great opportunity to declutter (and buy more, whoops!)



Susan Hart

SCIENCE GROUP

Programme for Winter and Spring 2025

The Science group welcomes new members; we meet on the **first Thursday** in each month, unless otherwise stated, from **2pm – 4pm**. at St Thomas' Church, Brampton. Members are asked to pay £3 per session to cover hall hire and refreshments.

There have been some changes to the programme.

Thursday 5th June: David Fuller on *Radiometric Dating*

Thursday 3rd July: *Show and Tell:* bring an object of scientific interest, whether you want to tell us about it, or are just wondering what it is! No large live dinosaurs, please.

Thursday 7th August: Susan Atherton on *Algae*

Thursday 4th September: Tony Wride, ex-Royal Navy and airline pilot, on *Aviation Safety*

Thursday 2nd October: Still a few places available for the outing to the Rolls-Royce Heritage Centre in Derby for 11am. See <https://www.rolls-royce.com/about/heritage-trust/visit/derby-and-hucknall-branch.aspx> for more information. A Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust guide will show us the exhibition, from Rolls-Royce's arrival in Derby to the latest technology developments. Attendance is limited to 15, but another visit can be scheduled for early 2026 if there is a demand. Please tell me by email if you wish to attend. It should be possible to buy refreshments at the on-site café after the visit.

Thursday 6th November: Isaac Newton was a great scientist, but he was an unlikeable man of resentments and grudges. Alan Crow will talk about Newton and lead a discussion of his achievements and contribution to science.

It would help to read the Wikipedia article about Newton before the meeting. There is a very readable account of Newton's relations with some other scientists in Gribbin, J and Gribbin, M: *Out of the shadow of a giant: Hooke, Halley and the birth of British science*. London: William Collins. 2017

Fig Newton and Leibniz biscuits will be provided, in honour of the conflict between these great natural philosophers. Bring your own apple.

Thursday 4th December: Paul Munkenbeck will reveal *Secrets of Snowflakes:* (Mince pie session.)

Thursday 8th January: TBA (maybe a New Year lunch out?) Please note this is not the first Thursday.

Thanks to everybody for the terrific support in planning sessions.

We still need presenters willing to give a session in or after February about scientific, technical or mathematical subjects. If you have an interest about which you might be willing to present, please contact me. We are a friendly group and cope with a wide range of subjects and presentation styles.

David Hart, hartdavid056@gmail.com

STROLLERS

The next walks will be on the following Saturdays:

21st June, and 5th July.

You must be booted and ready to leave for the walk at 10.45am. Members may organise pub/café lunches at the end, 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 160 324, sue_taylor@live.com

UPWORDS

The next meetings are 11th and 25th June, and 9th and 23rd July.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

WILDFLOWER GROUP

6th June: Hoe Grange Quarry Nature Reserve:

From the A5012 (Via Gellia) turn left at the Grange Mill crossroads onto the B5056, then right at the crossroads at Longcliffe. After a few hundred yards Haven Hoe Farm is on your left, Turn left into the track just before the farm and park at the end of the track just before the gate. SK2242 5626; postcode DE4 4HX; What3Words *///bookmark.reds.arrival*

20th June: Monsal Trail/Chee Dale Nature Reserve:

Meet at Millers Dale Station car park, SK138732;

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LOVE TO LIVE

Today dear Lord I 'm 80 and there's much I haven't done.
I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81;
But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do,
Would you please let me stay awhile until I'm 82?
So many places I want to go, so very much to see,
Do you think that you could manage to make it 83?
The world is changing very fast; there is so much in store,
I'd like it very much to live 'til I'm 84,
And if, by then, I were still alive, I'd like to stay 'til 85!
More planes will be up in the air, so I'd really like to stick,
And see what happens to the world when I'm 86.
I know, dear Lord, it's much to ask (and it must be nice in heaven)
But I'd really like to stay until I'm 87.
I know, by then, I won't be fast, and sometimes I'll be late,
But it would be so pleasant to be around at 88.
I will have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time,
So I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89 . . . maybe.

Just one more thing I'd like to say, dear Lord, I thank you kindly
But if it's okay with you, I'd love to live past 90!

Anonymous

Thanks, Shirley.