

E-Bulletin 21
August 2025

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There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 6th August
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 3rd September
from **2pm – 4pm**
at **Chesterfield Football Club**
(SMH Group Stadium)

Paul Newsham will give a talk entitled
THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER YOU.

Paul is a forensic scientist and talks about
how fingerprint taking has evolved over the
years. It should be an informative talk told
with humour but giving you a lot to think
about.



OTHER u3a BUSINESS

COPY DATE FOR E-BULLETIN 22 (October 2025)

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

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

OTHER MATTERS

REFRESHMENTS ORGANISER AND MEET AND GREET COORDINATOR

I will be stepping down at the AGM next year as Refreshments Organiser and also as the Meet and Greet coordinator. I know it seems a long time away, but time seems to go more quickly nowadays.

Anyone interested in either or both these Key Voluntary roles please come along and chat to me or contact me on patvic@talktalk.net. I will help all I can.

The Coffee Mornings are bi-monthly as are the Open Meetings. The roles require asking for volunteers to help at these meetings.

Pat Jackson, patvic@talktalk.net

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/>

NEW GROUPS

RUMMIKUB GROUP 2

It will be held at Loundsley Green Community Centre from 10 am until 12 noon, starting on Tuesday 5th August, and fortnightly after that.

Please contact Lesley through the Groups page on the website:

<https://chesterfield.u3asite.uk/groups/>

TRIPS & VISITS – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Would anyone be interested in helping get a Trips & Visits group up and running for 2026?

It's a large undertaking for one person and ideally requires a further three volunteers to organise.

Once a list of locations and travel dates have been agreed, help will be required in the following areas:

1. Source and liaise with a local coach operator on costings for each individual trip.

2. Sale of coach seats, and record keeping at the monthly meetings.
3. Entering financial information on the u3a Beacon system including banking any cash and cheques.

I am prepared to act as coordinator for the group, so please call me on **07341 270811** or email: lyndawood663@gmail.com to discuss this further.

WHAT THE GROUPS ARE UP TO

ARCHITECTURE GROUP

We have a few spare places for the guided tour planned for August. It will be in Rotherham on Monday 11th August starting at 2pm.

Please email for further details:

tony.clark1@btinternet.com

DARMSTADT TWINNING SOCIETY: DAY TRIPS

There will be a day trip with the Darmstadt visitors to York on Tuesday 2nd September leaving at 9.00 am from Chesterfield Town Hall, returning at 5.00 pm. The cost will be £25 per person. For tickets, please send cash in advance in an envelope marked with name, telephone number and email address to:

Hazel Linsey, Somersall Hall, Somersall Hall Drive, Chesterfield S40 3LH.
Tel 07580 763117 (Hazel) or 07521 384587 (Jane)

There will also be another day trip to Scarborough on Thursday 4th September, leaving Chesterfield Town Hall at 9.00 am, returning at 5.00 pm. The cost will be £25 per person.

Payment and contact details as above.

We hope you will join us.

Hazel Linsey, Jane Nutting, jane.nutting@btinternet.com

HANDICRAFT GROUP

The Handicraft Group is having a stall at the Crafters' Bazaar on Sunday 24th August 10 am – 4 pm. This is an annual event held on Chesterfield market organised by Transition Chesterfield. The idea is to buy and sell surplus materials and is a great way to recycle things rather than stashing them away unused or sending them to landfill.

There are usually around fifty stalls selling a whole range of items such as fabric, yarn, haberdashery, paints, craft books, jewellery making, paper, card etc.

If anyone has any suitable items, please get in touch and they can be added to our collection. If not, just come along and enjoy the event!

Sue Hart

SCIENCE GROUP

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.

Thursday 7th August: Susan Atherton on *Algae*

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

Thursday 2nd October: outing to the Rolls-Royce Heritage Centre in Derby for 11am.

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

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

David Hart, hartdavid056@gmail.com

STROLLERS

The next walks will be on the following Saturdays:

2nd, 16th and 30th August and 13th September.

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

UPWORDS

The next meetings are 6th and 20th August, and 3rd and 17th September.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

OTHER MATTERS

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Powers of Attorney and Wills and their Execution

Over the past 30+ years I have been involved in a number of family financial and health affairs. Following the excellent presentation on Estate Planning, I would like to give a warts and all presentation of my experiences, the problems I and others faced and their resolution. I am not an accountant or lawyer and will not give any financial advice, but my experiences may help you. I plan to cover:

Powers of Attorney

- 3 EPAs, 8 LPAs
- Gathering Financial Information
- Assessment of Mental Capacity

Executor of 2 Estates

- 1 simple, 1 complex
- Letters of Wishes
- Deed of Variation
- Reducing Death Duties to 36% – warning

Wills

- Experience of or impacted by 9 wills

Involvement with other estates

- Changing wills after death
- Freeing up assets locked in an estate

Trusts

- Discretionary Trusts
- A Cautionary Tale

I will cover all of the issues listed above, plus a few more. If you are interested, please can you let us know if you would like to attend – so we can plan the size of room required.

Please reply to: chair@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk

Michael Poole

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT SPITEWINTER SCOUT CAMPSITE

There is a rewarding opportunity at Spitewinter Scout Campsite, just outside Chesterfield, run entirely by volunteers through Chesterfield District Scouts.

They are currently looking for people who are happy to share their time, practical skills, or life experience, whether it's for a couple of hours now and then, or something more regular. Spitewinter is a peaceful four-acre woodland site that hosts Scout and youth events all year round — and with your help, we can keep it safe, functional, and flourishing.

Ways you could help include:

General maintenance: painting, gardening, bramble clearing, light DIY

Groundskeeping: grass cutting, strimming, maintaining pathways and green areas

Lawn equipment: basic maintenance and servicing lawn mower and strimmer

Skilled tasks: carpentry, plumbing, or hut refurbishment projects

Fundraising: helping with small grant applications or local funding opportunities

This is a fantastic chance to spend time outdoors, put your skills to good use, and help the next generation enjoy safe and meaningful adventures in nature. There's no direct work with young people involved, so no DBS or formal training is needed. Just bring your enthusiasm and we'll match you to something useful and appreciated. There's no regular commitment required — it can be once a month or once a year, it all helps.

If you're interested or would like to know more, please get in touch with Rebecca Hudson or the site team:

07498 281797 or info@spitewinter.co.uk or www.spitewinter.co.uk

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