

E-Bulletin 22
October 2025

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There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 1st October
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 5th November
from **2pm – 4pm**
at **Chesterfield Football Club**
(SMH Group Stadium)
The talk,
by the Lead Orthopaedic Consultants,
Mr Gyorgy Lovasz and Mr Ference Toth,
from Barlborough Hospital,
will be about hip and knee replacements.
There will also be information about the
Outpatient Pathway.

OTHER u3a BUSINESS

COPY DATE FOR E-BULLETIN 23 (December 2025)

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

The copy date for the November Newsletter is **8th October**.

OTHER MATTERS

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

COMPUTER STUDIES

Following the loss of our access to the "Workpays" beginners' computer sessions which ceased in March, members of the u3a have found out about a new programme starting on 26th September and every 2nd and 4th Friday in the month from 12 noon, based at the Monkey Park café on Chester Street. The organisers are keen to attract more learners. For more information, please contact Brian Heathcote:

brianstaffs@yahoo.co.uk >

GARDEN APPRECIATION GROUPS 1 AND 2

The talks now take place in the Ragged School, Markham Road at 2 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month and any u3a member can attend or anyone that would like to can join. Please use the front door opposite Costa. The entry is £4.00 including free raffle.

November 20th

We have Frances Burton talking about Herbal Medicines, focusing on plants from the garden. She discusses how herbs can help health and look at scientific evidence, as well as traditional usage.

December 11th (Please note this is the 2nd Thursday because of Christmas) The talk is by James Elson: *Can perennial vegetables save the planet?* The talk is about vegetables, crops and microbial fermentation.

Irene Travis

LOCAL HISTORY

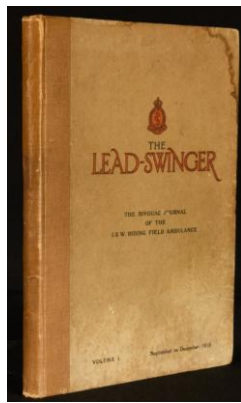
Tuesday 7th October: Tim Knebel – *The Lives of the Lead-swingers*

Tim works as an archivist at Sheffield City Archives and, outside of work, he is a founder member of 'Peak in the Past' local community heritage group which aims to explore and share interesting episodes of the Peak District history:

Faithful in Difficulties (*In Arduis Fidelis*) was their regimental motto. In between saving lives on the First World War battlefields of Flanders, including at the bloody battles of the Somme and Passchendaele, a small band of young Royal Army Medical Corps servicemen from

Sheffield, with shared artistic and literary interests, came together to produce a trench magazine chronicling “the lighter side of war”.

Delightfully illustrated, *The Lead-swing* was packed with humorous articles, witty cartoons, imaginative short stories and poems but the contributors hid behind pen names, concealing their true identities. We unmask the men behind the magazine and reveal the remarkable characters at its heart, including the dashing doctor and VC hero whose post-war life would later be blighted by opium addiction, and the eccentric violinist turned cartoonist who would go on to inspire and mentor a young Quentin Blake and help change the face of illustration as we know it.



Tuesday 4th November: Danielle Burton – *Treating the Soldiers of the Crimea*

Danielle is a Derbyshire-based historian, author and history blogger. Mary Seacole, Betsy Cadwaladr and Florence Nightingale – how three women from Jamaica, Wales and England, all in different ways, went on to nurse injured soldiers in the Crimean War, despite prejudice.

Sandra Frost

RUMMIKUB GROUP 2

It is held at Loundsley Green Community Centre from 10 am – 12 noon, every other Tuesday. The next dates will be:

14th and 28th October, and 11th and 25th November.

Lesley

STROLLERS

The next walks will be on the following Saturdays:

11th and 25th October, and 8th and 22nd November.

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

UPWORDS

The next meetings are:

1st, 15th and 29th October, and 12th and 26th November

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Urgent Call for Volunteers to Support Families in Chesterfield

My name is Charlotte Payne, and I am the Family Support Coordinator for Home-Start in Chesterfield. Thanks to funding from the National Lottery, we have recently launched a much-needed volunteer programme to support local families who are struggling.

Since starting the service, we have already received a high number of referrals from statutory agencies and charities, and the need is growing daily. To meet this demand, we urgently need more volunteers. Home-Start trains and supports volunteers to be matched with families. Just a few hours a week of friendly, non-judgemental support can make an enormous difference to parents and children who may be facing challenges such as post-partum depression, isolation, financial strain, or raising children with complex needs.

We welcome volunteers from all walks of life – parents, grandparents, working professionals, retirees, and anyone who can commit just two to three hours a week. No formal qualifications are required – just kindness, empathy, and the willingness to walk alongside a family.

I would be very grateful if your group could help us spread the word and encourage members to consider volunteering. Even one or two volunteers from your network could have a life-changing impact on local families.

Please contact Charlotte if you are interested, or know someone who might be: Admin@homestarthighpeak.org.uk

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