

E-Bulletin 25
April 2026

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There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 1st April
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 7th May
from **2pm – 4pm**
at **Chesterfield Football Club**
(SMH Group Stadium)
The speaker will be
John Mumford
talking about legal and financial issues.
Refreshments will be available
after his talk.

OTHER u3a BUSINESS

COPY DATE FOR E-BULLETIN 26 (June 2026)

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

The copy date for the May Newsletter is **8th April**.

DDu3a TRIP TO HALIFAX

We have just two tickets left for our DDu3a trip to Halifax on 14th April and wondered if anyone from Chesterfield u3a might be interested.

https://dronfield.u3asite.uk/u3a_events/halifax/ If so, please follow the instructions on the form below and contact our Trips and Visits Coordinator (Lyn Wood trips@dronfieldu3a.org.uk)

https://dronfield.u3asite.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Non-DDu3a-Trips-Booking-Form_v1.pdf

NB. They would need to get themselves to Dronfield Sports Centre for the 9am start.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 2026

This year's AGM was held at the SMH Group Stadium, Chesterfield FC on the 4th March.

Alan Cornwell, Chair, thanked our members for attending and reviewed the past year. He also thanked those who have offered to use their skills and experience to support the organisation, and we are following up on these.

A number of changes to the Committee were voted on:

- Sue Davies was elected as Business Secretary
- Trish Hibbert was elected as Assistant Treasurer
- Judy Stone was elected as New Members Supporter, and with responsibility for coordinating monthly open meetings refreshments and the meet and greet volunteers.

The existing trustees were re-elected with the exception of the following people who are retiring from the committee:

Irene Wilkinson, Richard Turley and Val Myers. They were each presented with a gift in appreciation of their contributions. The Chairman also thanked Pat Jackson for her work as Refreshment Coordinator.

A full list of committee members is on the Organisation page of the website.

After the AGM, members listened to a talk given by Keith Brook on behalf of RNV Nepal, a charity which supports a school in the Khokana village. One of our members, Lynn Bowler, went out to assist on a visit to the school last year, and she described her experience both of the beautiful mountain scenery and conducting health checks on the children.

Sue Davies, Business Secretary

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/>

CHESTERFIELD EGYPTOLOGY SOCIETY

The Chair of Chesterfield Egyptology Society has emailed to see if any members of Chesterfield u3a would be interested in attending their talk on Saturday 4th April at Chesterfield library at 12.30pm. This lecture lasts approximately 3 hours and will include a Q&A session and a raffle. The talk is Back to Basics with Dr Chris Norton of worldwide Egyptology fame but, best of all, it's completely free.

It is also available online; click here [TO BOOK A ZOOM ticket](#)

For further information check out their Facebook page: Chesterfield Egyptology Society or go to www.chesterfieldegyptology.co.uk

Karren Tuffs, Chesterfield Egyptology Society

WHAT THE GROUPS ARE UP TO

CIRCLE DANCING GROUP

We would love to have more members. The dancing and music is a mix of traditional, folk and contemporary styles. We're a very friendly group so if you fancy a bit of light exercise and a lot of fun please get in touch via Beacon. No previous experience is necessary.

We meet every other Saturday afternoon at the Methodist Church, Jawbones Hill, Derby Road S40 2EN from 2-4pm.

We look forward to welcoming you. Please contact me through the groups webpage on the Chesterfield u3a website.

Janet Scott

GARDEN APPRECIATION GROUPS 1 AND 2

Our talks take place at the Ragged School on Markham Road at 2pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Please use the front door opposite Costa Coffee and do not park in Ravenside retail as you will be fined.

THURSDAY 16th April: The speaker is Hildegard Wiesofofer who is the County Organiser for the NGS gardens.

This is the last talk of the Winter Season and talks will commence again in October.

All u3a and potential members are welcome.

Irene Trevis, June Partington

OUTDOOR SKETCHING GROUP

Thanks to everyone who came out last month to sketch at the Crooked Spire in glorious weather – I can't promise that every time I'm afraid! We all avoided trying to draw the whole building, thankfully. Some concentrated on parts of the church and others on surrounding buildings – it was lovely to see the different sketches at the end.

Chesterfield is very busy on a Thursday so we will be changing our meeting days to give us a bit more space. From April the meetings will be the 4th Tuesday monthly from 2 to 4pm, making the next one Tuesday 28th April in the Market Square, at the new seating next to the pump.

We sketch our surroundings, mainly buildings rather than landscapes. No experience necessary.

Hope you can come and join us (and the sun shines!)

Any suggestions for future locations welcome.

Barbara Milton, 07511576864

RUMMIKUB GROUP 2

It is held at Loundsley Green Community Centre from 10am – 12 noon, every other Tuesday.

The next two Rummikub meetings will be on 14th and 28th April.

Lesley

STROLLERS

The next walks will be on the following Saturdays:

28th March, 11th and 25th April, 9th and 23rd May.

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 will be on 8th and 22nd April.

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