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The **Open Meeting** will take place on

Wednesday 2nd September

from **2pm – 4pm**

at **Chesterfield Football Club**

(SMH Group Stadium)

One of our u3a members, Michael Poole,
will give an illustrated talk about photography.

Refreshments will be available
after his talk.

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COPY DATE FOR NEWSLETTER 193 NOVEMBER

Please send all items for the Newsletter to Jeanne Clark by email, as soon as possible and by **8th October** at the latest. The editor will acknowledge receipt, edit and abridge as necessary and her decision on inclusion, content and format is final.

OCTOBER 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 details to Jeanne Clark by **23rd September**.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our new members: Nina Blackwood, Ivor Bundell, Rachel Hollis, Susan Parker, Jill Perkins, Jane Lovatt, Michael and Vivienne Jorsh, Gerda Anne Hall, and Parthasarathy Pobbathi.

Sue Atherton, Membership Secretary,
membershipsecretary@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk

u3a NATIONAL EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

On the website there is a link to the National online zoom events:
<https://chesterfield.u3asite.uk/forthcoming-national-u3a-events/>

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR:

I hope everyone has enjoyed the lovely summer weather even if the gardens have suffered and hosepipe bans have spread around the country. As we move towards Autumn, we look at upcoming events in our u3a calendar.

OPEN MEETING

On Wednesday 2nd September, one of our own members, Mike Poole, is giving a very interesting talk on his retirement hobby of photography. One of his passions is sport, and he has been pitch side at the Rugby World Cup, the Diving World Cup and Premier League football. He has widened his subject matter to include street photography and nature. It promises to be a very interesting talk and well worth your time in coming to the meeting.

THE PAVEMENTS DISPLAY

We have now produced three AO sized posters for the display in The Pavements shopping precinct from 21st – 28th September. It's a great opportunity for us to raise the profile of Chesterfield u3a to the wider public. Special thanks go to Sue Atherton for collating the pictures and providing display ideas and particularly to David Hart for his technical expertise. Please take the time to visit the display and see the fruits of their joint efforts.

CHANGE OF OFFICERS FOR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Kathryn Lambert and Richard Turley have now resigned as Secretary and Assistant Membership Secretary after many years of dedicated service. We all wish them well in their "retirement" and thank them for everything they have achieved over the years.

I am pleased to confirm that Sue Atherton has agreed to become the new Membership Secretary with Trish Hibbert taking on the role of Assistant Membership Secretary. I'm sure they will prove to be a very successful team.

CIRCLE DANCE GROUP

This group meets fortnightly on a Saturday afternoon at Birdholme Methodist church hall commencing 26th September. The co-ordinator is

Janet Scott. Janet is currently undergoing a course of chemotherapy and will find it difficult to lead the group during this time. She is looking for new members but also specifically those with experience in teaching circle dance. If you are able to help with the teaching, please contact either Janet or myself immediately.

Alan Cornwell, chair@chesterfieldu3a.org.uk

PROPOSED NEW GROUP

NOVELS FROM FRANCE IN ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

The books chosen for discussion will be in English, as will all meetings. I would like to share some short stories and novels I enjoy which are written by French authors.

The suggested format for the meeting will be to start with a short introduction giving a brief background to the time when the chosen book was written. The meetings will be a chance to exchange our impressions, our reactions, what we have enjoyed, what we might not have enjoyed so much, and any questions we may still have.

We shall meet once a month for two hours; preferably, if possible, at members' houses, ideally on rotation. This suggests a size of about half-a-dozen for the initial group.

Do come even if you do not have the book or, for whatever reason, have not had time to read it. If you have it, please bring it with you: we might enjoy referring to it during our discussions! If you are interested, please email me at the address below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Annette Barker, annetterouaud@outlook.com

WHAT THE GROUPS ARE UP TO

GERMAN CONVERSATION

We are a small, friendly group, who meet in my home on the first and third Monday afternoons in the month. We are looking for one or two

new members to join us to chat in German and discuss various topics. If your German is 'rusty' and you would like to 'brush it up', or indeed you just would like the opportunity to speak German, please ring me on 01246 851795. If I am not in, please leave your name and phone number and I will get back to you.

Lois Gent

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

On Tuesday 6th October we will be having a talk by Ian Morgan on the subject of *Footpads, Kings and Highwaymen*.

Ian Morgan was born in Chesterfield and has lived in the locality all his life.

From an early age he became captivated by the intrigues and history of England's colourful past as well as having specialist knowledge of crime and punishment from times past.

He is a published author on historical and crime subjects and also spends much of his time travelling the country giving illustrated talks and lectures to groups.

The A1, renowned as being the route from London to Edinburgh, has changed its pathway and even its name many times over the years, yet, as the travellers pass on their way, do they know just how fortunate they are? Our journey covers just 34 miles as we take the route of the old Great North Road through Nottinghamshire and, in that short distance, we shall see the scenes of battles, the haunts of highwaymen, the sites of murder and much, much more. . .

Get ready for a rollercoaster ride of horror and humour as the stories of this ancient highway unfold.

Sandra Frost

OUTDOOR SKETCHING GROUP

We've had an interesting start to our outdoor sketching experience with some very different weather: freezing cold in April and blisteringly hot ever since! I'm hoping things will be a bit more settled for the autumn.

Our next meetings will be:

Tuesday 22nd September and Tuesday 27th October between 2-4pm.

Any ideas for future sessions would be welcome. A few ideas are Staveley Hall plus the Revolution House in Whittington. Also, the new theatre/museum in Chesterfield once the work is complete.

If you'd like more information nearer the time, please email me and I'll send details once we formalise them.

Barbara, 07511 576874, barbaramilton27@gmail.com

RECORDERS

The twice monthly Friday Recorder Group has now reached capacity. If anybody is interested in joining, they are welcome to come along and see if it is for them, and their name can be placed on a waiting list.

Pat Bloore

RUMMIKUB GROUP 2

We meet from 10–12 noon every other Tuesday at Loundsley Green Community Centre.

The next dates will be:

1st, 15th and 29th September, and then 13th and 27th October, and fortnightly thereafter.

Lesley

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

This weekly group is full at the moment. We have a waiting list, and anyone interested should contact the coordinator through the website.

Jenny Clark

UPWORDS

The next meetings are on:

9th and 23rd September, and 7th and 21st October.

Tony Clark, tony.clark1@btinternet.com

WALKING GROUPS

WALKING GROUP D (TUESDAY)

These walks are categorised as easy, moderate and hard and are usually 5 to 7 miles. We set off promptly at 10am and all walks include a coffee and lunch stop (bring your own). Easy walks have no or very short steep climbs, and descents and are usually around 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 a number of climbs and descents of which some may be steeper or longer. Hard walks may be 7 miles or a little more in length and will have a number of steep climbs and descents.

Members of the group are expected to lead a walk whenever possible and to those who are yet to lead a walk for the first time, help and encouragement will always be provided. If you are interested, in joining our walking group, please contact:

Dave Milnes, bugsymilnes54@gmail.com
or Mick Winfield, tuesdaywalkinggroup@gmail.com

WALKING GROUP B (THURSDAY)

The group walks every Thursday; there are a variety of distances and climbs from 5-8 miles and ascents between less than 500 feet (150m) to over 1000 feet (300m). Members are expected to contribute walks to the programme.

We start promptly at 10am. On shorter walks we stop for coffee (which you should carry) and a pub or café lunch may be arranged at the end. On longer walks we take lunch with us.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact me.

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

STROLLERS (Saturdays)

Our walks take place fortnightly and will be on the following Saturdays: **12th and 26th September, 10th and 24th October, and 7th November.**

We do our best to avoid stiles and steep slopes and walk for a maximum of 3 miles. Emails detailing venues and directions 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 & Brian Taylor, 07532 160 324 sue_taylor@live.com

OTHER ITEMS

ENERGY ADVICE

Free energy advice from Citizens Advice NE Derbyshire

Are you worried about your energy bills, struggling to understand your meter readings or unsure of what financial support may be available to you?

Our Citizens Advice North East Derbyshire Energy Team is here to provide free, independent, confidential and impartial advice tailored to your individual circumstances.

Our specialist energy advisers can support you with:

- ✔ Understanding energy bills
- ✔ Meter readings and energy usage
- ✔ Energy efficiency measures for your home
- ✔ Accessing grants and support schemes like the Winter Fuel Payment and Warm Home Discount.

Get in touch today: ☎0808 250 5702 (Option 4)

or for Chesterfield districts 0808 278 7954

energyadvice@nedcab.org.uk or CitizensAdviceNED.org.uk/Energy/

There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 7th October
from **10.15am – 11.45am**
in **Spire Parish Rooms on Church Way.**
There is a sign saying **Saints Parish Centre.**
It is on St Mary's Gate, and the
entrance is down the left-hand side.
Everyone is welcome to attend
for refreshments and a chat with friends,
and it's a chance to meet new members.



PUZZLES

Find words which link the two in each row of the table. Write out the first letter of each of these words to find a well-known saying.

ANGEL		DUKE
CLOCK		BLACK
HYPER		RADIO
FISH		THINK
SALAD		CUSTARD
SOCIETY		CHAIR
EASTER		BOILED
FIRE		POWER
MONKEY		BOOK
BLOOD		JUICE
TAG		LEADER
FOREST		MOON
STEAM		DRIVER
POST		GUARD
DEEP		HOWARDS
COPY		ANGLE
END		SHELF
SOAP		GLASSES
PACK		BERG
BITTER		LEMON
BIRTH		LANGUAGE

The 10 letters have a number. Break the code to complete the crossword.

8	7	3	9	8	A	1	6
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Nearly every newsletter I prepare has one, if not two, pages which are not filled with u3a matters. The newsletter which goes to the printer must have 8, 12, 16 etc. pages to make up the booklet style produced. Usually, I can find something so there are no blank pages with the words 'these pages are left blank intentionally' typed on to them.

If anyone has any snippets or interesting items they think would appeal to the wide audience of our u3a members – to some if not to all of them – please let me know. I can't guarantee to include all of them, but it would be nice to have a choice of articles to fall back on if necessary.

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