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There will be a **Coffee Morning** on
Wednesday 7th October
from **10.15am – 11.45am**
at **The Saints Parish Centre**.
It is in St Marys Gate
(the entrance is on the left-hand side).
Everyone is welcome to attend for refreshments and a chat with friends and a chance to meet new members.



The **Open Meeting** will take place on
Wednesday 4th November
from **2pm – 4pm**
at **Chesterfield Football Club**
(SMH Group Stadium)
Steve Barclay's talk 'Comedy Heroes' tells the story of some of the best loved comedians and entertainers.
There will be time for Q&As after his talk.
Refreshments will be available after the talk.

OTHER u3a BUSINESS

COPY DATE FOR E-BULLETIN 29 (December 2026)
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.**

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/

THE PAVEMENTS

Chesterfield u3a has just completed a weeklong exhibition in the Pavements shopping centre. We manned the exhibition for the busiest three days (Thursday-Saturday) and received a very favourable reception from shoppers, many of whom asked for further information which we supplied.

I would like to thank all who volunteered to man the stand and helped promote our organisation.




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LEARNING
GREAT OUTDOORS
GAMES, SPORT AND FITNESS
MUSIC
CREATIVE
SOCIAL AND FUN



Alan Cornwell

WHAT THE GROUPS ARE UP TO

KAFFEE UND KUCHEN

This group would like a few new members. We meet informally in one another's homes to chat, read stories, play games and do puzzles in German. We also eat cake.

If you are interested, please email me.

Jean Jefferies, jeanjefferies@hotmail.com

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our winter talks are open to all u3a members. We meet in the library lecture theatre, doors open 1.45, £3.00 on the door.

Tuesday 6th October:

Ian Morgan: 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.

Tuesday 3rd November

History of place names in Derbyshire and Nottingham

Dr Paul Cullen is the English Place-Name Society's editor for the Survey of Kent, his native county. Currently he is also editing Volume 8 of the Survey of Lincolnshire and transcribing early spellings for the Survey of Cornwall. He is one of the authors of 'Thorps in a Changing Landscape' and 'The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland'. When not investigating names, he picks up a guitar and performs as the folk-punk troubadour Paul Carbuncle.

Paul will explore the range of languages involved in the creation of placenames, looking at their chronology and at the importance of early spellings in determining an etymology, illustrating some of the precision of topographical vocabulary, and contrasting certain

patterns seen in Derbyshire with the rather different picture in neighbouring counties. There will be unsolved and partly solved names in amongst those that are better understood.

Sanda Frost

OUTDOOR SKETCHING GROUP

After spending the last few outings sketching some of Chesterfield's historic buildings, we're venturing a bit further afield in the next couple of months. For October's outing we will be going to the Revolution House in Old Whittington and, in November, to Staveley Hall. As the December outing comes in Christmas week, we may give that one a miss. Hopefully we will be able to visit the newly restored theatre and museum in the new year.

Many thanks to Bottle and Thyme on Elder Way for allowing us to base ourselves at their outside tables in September to sketch some of the black and white buildings on Knifesmith Gate.

If you'd like to have a go at sketching out and about, please get in touch - I have lots of materials I can lend you so you can try it out.

Barbara, barbaramilton27@gmail.com

SOCIAL HISTORY GROUP

The Social History group is likely to fold at the end of this calendar year.
I am no longer willing or able to continue in the Co-ordinator role. Unfortunately, no-one has volunteered to take the group forward. Consequently, if no interest is shown by 19th January (the 1st meeting of 2027), the group will no longer exist.

Noëlle McCarroll

STROLLERS

The next walks will be on the following Saturdays:

10th and 24th October, and 7th November.

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 7th and 20th October, and 4th and 18th November.

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