



What's On

This **June newsletter** is sent to all members of the Matlock Area u3a who are registered as current members on the Beacon database and for whom we have an email address.

This is a plain text version ...if you want to see it in full colour with the new u3a logo and pictures then please open the attached pdf version.

National u3a Day

Wednesday June 2nd is National u3a day!!

We shall be making our presence felt at the bandstand in **Hall Leys Park** from approx 10.00am until 2.00pm on that day in an attempt to raise awareness of what the u3a is about and what we can offer, particularly in these difficult times when isolation and mental health issues can particularly affect people of whatever age.

The international folk dancing group will be dancing in the park at around 12.00.

If any keen photographers are around who could take a few pictures that we could use for publicity that would be welcome.

Please come along and say hello!



Matlock u3a Website

Do visit our website at www.matlockareau3a.org.uk

With the easing of lock down restrictions many of our groups are meeting again in small groups – both outside and inside. The Matlock Mole section on the Welcome Page of the website features a few of those groups getting active! New members are always welcome.

Voting opens on 1st June for your favourite Wimbledon pin-up.

U3a NetFest 2021

A week of events, **14th to 18th June**, selected and designed with the theme of 'Celebrating, Connecting, Communicating'.

Alongside sessions filled with useful information this will provide an opportunity for u3a's to come together to discuss issues, exchange ideas and share solutions.

Included in the programme are presentations on:

- The slow ways project (walking groups?)
- What Networks Do
- Alternative ways of running meetings – hybrid and other methods
- Click and Save Scheme
- PR Introduction for Networks

You are invited to get more details and to book a place on any one of the ten talks available during the NetFest week through links on the noticeboard section of our website.

Churchyard Wildlife Survey

Churches Count on Nature is a citizen-science event running from 5th to 13th June and covering churchyards across England and Wales that might be of particular interest to members of the bird watching or wildflower groups. People are invited to visit their local churchyard and make a note of the animals, birds, insects, or fungi they find there. The data will then be collated on the National Biodiversity Network. It is thought church land, often uniquely unploughed and undeveloped, could be a habitat for precious and endangered plants and other wildlife. It is even said that churchyards could form a new National Park.

Further information is available by searching **Churches Count on Nature** or by contacting one of our members, Mary Mellor, who is helping in the churchyards of Ashover, Brackenfield, Wessington and Handley. She can be contacted on this link. [Mary Mellor](#)

Sad News

From Pam Wildgoose:

Sign Language group 2 are shocked & saddened by the unexpected death of Jane Hall a valuable loved member of the group. She will be missed for her enthusiasm, ability, sense of humour & her concern for others.

She was the organiser of Matlock junior Boys Brigade & helped with other community projects & will be missed by many. Our sympathy goes to her family & friends.

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