

What's On

This April **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.

Coffee Morning ***NOTE VENUE CHANGE*****.**

Our next coffee morning is on

**Monday April 3rd at The Edgefold Club. DE4 3NJ
10.30am.**

We will be having a presentation from Derby Mountain Rescue

Owing to the Football Club having complications we have moved for now to The Edgefold Club.

For those of you who do not know it, the Edgefold club is in the centre of Matlock, just behind the Imperial rooms and opposite the M&S carpark. You can park in the city centre carpark. Remember that if you use your Derbyshire Dales permit your hour bought at any time entitles you to park for an hour past 11 o'clock. i.e. one hour bought at 10.30 will last until 12.00.

Owing to the bank holiday and the coronation the May coffee morning will be on **MAY 15th**.



AGM...new committee

Thank you to all those who attended the AGM or who voted remotely.

The AGM was therefore quorate and a new committee was elected.

The following people are now trustees for Matlock Area u3a, and on the committee:

Liz Walker (chair), Brian Williamson (treasurer), Gill Needham (vice chair and membership), Linda Wilson (business secretary), Hilary Essen (groups liaison), Steven Bailey (publicity), Roger Keeling, Liz Mann (coffee mornings), Merelyn Gamby (newly elected) and Cameron Buckland (newly elected)

The committee would like to welcome Mel and Cameron, and thank Tracy Sims who is now stepping down after serving for several years. The entertainment provided by Paula Bell was very well received (photo in pdf version)

GROUPS NEWS

New Group ... Patchwork and Sewing

Linda Odell is hoping to organise au3a Patchwork and Sewing group. The plan is to meet one day each month from 10.30 to 4.30. Dates to be arranged, possibly the 3rd Tuesday, 3rd Thursday or 4th Friday of the month. If you are interested, please contact Linda on 01629 55505 or email [Linda Odell](mailto:Linda.Odell@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

Bowls 2

Bowls2 will recommence on Monday April 17th weather permitting.

The group currently has vacancies so if you are interested in joining us have a look on the website for further details and contact the co-ordinator at bowls2@matlockareau3a.org.uk.

Family History

The family history group will be returning to the Derbyshire Records Office for the May meeting on 17th at 2.00pm.

So April 19th will our last at the Church in the Peak.

[Trevor Boam](mailto:Trevor.Boam@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

Jazz

The jazz group realise that as a group we keep a pretty low profile, but I can report to you that things have picked up ok after the pandemic with numbers/interest returning to optimum levels. The formula, I believe, is simple: 9 or 10 of us get together each month (at my place), sit around and listen to easy going jazz, although some of which can be challenging with changes in style and intensity. Although most of the originators and jazz pioneers have now left us, their recordings linger on to inspire a younger generation thus keeping the art form buoyant, as well as interesting.

A couple of members have recently left us, so there is space for a couple more - so email if interested.

Contact [Mike Reuss](mailto:Mike.Reuss@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

Croquet

Donna Hawkins is hoping to organise a U3A croquet session on the 3rd Monday each month from April to October. 1:30 to 4:30 pm at Darley Dale Croquet Club in Whitworth Park. This will cost £5 per person (including tea and biscuits). If you enjoy yourself and decide to join Darley Dale Croquet Club then the £5s will be deducted from your membership fee. The first session will be Monday 17th April.

If you are interested, please contact Donna at dhawkins2@sky.com

Derbyshire u3a Network

The Derbyshire u3a Network will be organising more Walk and Talk events during 2023. These have proved to be very popular and they already have the following ones planned for this year, two in our area;

Matlock Rowsley (April 27th) Melbourne (June 29th)

New Mills (July 6th) and Matlock Bath(September 25th).

Details of all the Walk and Talk events, including contact information are available on the attached **Network Newsletter**. Booking is essential