



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.

Open the pdf attached version to see all the pictures (lots this month!).

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning is on

**Monday June 5th at The Edgefold Club. DE4 3NJ
10.30am.**

We will be having a presentation from Blind Veteran and author Simon Mahoney. Simon is a u3a member from Ashbourne and a campaigner for sight loss awareness.

Please put £1.00 in the honesty jar towards expenses.

This will be the last coffee morning for the summer, no coffee mornings in July and August ... we will resume in September.

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 there are new ones being added



**Melbourne (June 29th) New Mills (July 6th)
Wirksworth(23rd September) and Matlock
Bath(September 25th).**

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

Matlock Area u3a 'Boundary Walk'



A small group of Matlock Area u3a members are currently creating a series of short and circular walks around the perceived 'area' of our u3a. The draft name of these walks has been 'The Boundary Walk' and we would like to challenge our fellow members to democratically choose the final name.

Please go to the website to cast your vote.

The name will start with Matlock Area u3a and you will need to vote for a 'primary' name (e.g. Round, Circular etc) and for a 'description' (e.g. walk, trail etc)

The group is also seeking an artist who would be willing to draw the relevant maps of each walk. Anyone?? Contact: Linda Wilson on bizsec@matlock-areau3a.org.uk

GROUPS NEWS

Geology Group

The Geology group have arranged a visit to the National Coal mining museum in Wakefield on Tuesday 13th June. Contact: Peter Clook

SciTech Group

The SciTech group, which meets at 2 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the Month at St Elphin's Studio, will have a guest speaker on 28th June who will talk about solar arrays and ground source heat pumps followed by a discussion on ways of improving energy sources in our homes. The group will take a break for July and August then start again on Wednesday 27th September. Do contact the group if you would like to come along. K and M Mellor

Archaeology Group

Archaeology Group Site Visit to Stanton Moor

The group was led by one of our members Ian Smith, who took us to see the 'Nine Ladies' and the other monuments - stone circles, cairns and associated mounds, around 120 in total. In glorious weather the members explored the dense vegetation to try to identify various monuments. We had a lively discussion as we walked along what appeared to be a line of ancient monuments and reflected upon the change in use of the landscape over the last 5-6,000 years. What was it that brought people to this spot originally? Why go to all the effort of clearing the land in the first place to create these monuments? Our next site visit is to Arbor low on Monday 12th June and new members are always welcome,



please contact [Cameron Butland](#) to sign up for more information about the group's programme

Croquet Group

There will not be a croquet taster event in June. (As there hasn't been much interest and I am on holiday). The final taster event of the year will be on Monday 17th July 1.30 - 4.30. If you would like to book a place, please contact Donna at [Donna Hawkins](#)

WEBSITE NEWS



The 'Happy Snapper' has been out and about photographing bridges, both locally and beyond.

How many can you recognise??

FOR INTEREST

Matlock 50 plus forum

The existing Matlock u3a emerged from a group of members from this group, but its own numbers are now falling. They meet once a month to listen to a speaker and to discuss issues relating to Matlock and wider afield.

Their next meeting is on Monday 19th June in Matlock Imperial Rooms 2.00 till 4.00 with Jo Briggs speaking on Falls Prevention, tea break and raffle, and Phil StCroix from the Alzheimers Society.

You are welcome just to turn up, or for more details contact [Trevor Boam](#)

North Derbyshire Cottage Garden Society

This group have a coach trip booked to Staffordshire on Wednesday July 19th to visit Ashwood nurseries, Johns Garden and Yew Tree Cottage. Matlock members have joined them in the past and they have extended us an invitation. Full details including pricing and contact details are attached to this newsletter, although I have no details as to place availability. Note: short closing date 31st May.

ZOOM

During the pandemic we purchased and I ran a zoom account for groups to use with unlimited time allowance. This has become increasingly unnecessary, and now increasingly difficult as they have added an additional level of security whereby users have to get a security code from me each time they

log on. I have therefore cancelled the renewal of this, it is due in November. Groups can easily set up their own free accounts if they wish, the only difference being that each meeting is limited to 40 minutes. If you are still using this account please transfer to your own personal account and any problems I can try to help to resolve.