



What's On

AGM

Thank you to all those who came to our AGM and helped make it such a success. Thanks also to all those who voted and sent their apologies

We now have a new committee and a revised constitution.

It was lovely to see so many people in person from so many different groups.

Monthly Social

There will be **NO COFFEE MORNING** in April, as the 1st is a bank holiday which means the Football club is used for football (!), and the following Monday, the 8th is the date of our coach trip to the Arboretum.

Arboretum visit has a few spaces available at £16 for the coach. Leaving 8.45 from Slacks. See below outings group for contact details.

Mau3a NEWS

Coach Visit

Outings Group – RHS Harlow Carr

The Outings Group has arranged a lovely day out by coach to RHS Harlow Carr near Harrogate on **Wednesday 5th June**.

You can book the coach only, but we have also arranged a guided walking tour that lasts a minimum of one hour which is conducted by a volunteer member of Friends of Harlow Carr. This will be an overview of the history and main features of the garden.

We will be leaving Slacks Coaches at 8.30am and plan to arrive back about 5.30pm.

The cost is only £20.00 per person for the coach and our affiliated membership, which allows us 50 free places.

The guided walk is £3.00 per person extra.

To make a provisional booking and where to send your cheque please contact outings@matlockareau3a.org.uk

Once your cheque has been received, together with your mobile number and an emergency contact number and name, we will confirm your booking.

This is for u3a members only.

Long Serving Co-ordinators.

Several of our coordinators are stepping down at the moment after serving for many years, several of these having done more than 10 years at the helm. Peter Clook (geology) Trevor Boam (family history) Ann Oldfield (art appreciation), John Mann (book group 2), Mike Reuss (Jazz) and Pam Wildgoose (sign language). Pam has had a nasty car accident and has requested visitors to cheer her up! If you know Pam please give her a ring.

Thanks to them, and to all our coordinators without whom we could not function.

Do please consider running a group. We rely on our coordinators to keep Matlock Area u3a going.

Groups News

Archaeology Group



Eleven members of the group were led on a visit to Bakewell Parish Church. Kevin Wagstaffe used his knowledge of the different architectural styles to explain the development of the site from the development of the seventh century Anglo-Saxon settlement until Victorian times. The extensive number of ancient stones gave clues to the importance of the site. Kevin showed the group examples of the Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular architectural building style. The group appreciated his research and careful explanation of the complicated site.

On Tuesday 16th April the group are to visit Hob Hurst's House prehistoric monument on Beeley Moor led by Liz Walker.

The group will be meeting at 10.30am please contact [Cameron Butland](#).

Wine Appreciation

The wine appreciation group met this week and members brought bottles they had liked recently.

4 were selected from 10 brought and all of us had a jolly time tasting them. We agreed that the Italian Moltepulciano was the favourite closely followed by an Argentinian Malbec.

We have room for more members so if anyone would like to join us please check our details on the website.

History Group 2

We have space for a couple of new members.

We are a group that meets on the morning of the third Thursday in the month in members' homes.

In theory we have been in the 18th Century for several years but in practice, members choose topics from a wider source as a look at our programme on the MAu3a website will show you. Not every member is able to host a session which is fine. Every member though takes it in turn to organise a meeting. This could be a presentation, or asking us to read then discuss something or an outing, or whatever takes your fancy. In fact we are due to go on visits in May and June. Email Helen Boocock helen20@btinternet.com or ring on 07818 690925 for more information.

Geology Group

A meeting was held in March at the National Stone Centre, Wirksworth to discuss how to take the group onwards. We now have 22 active members and a programme for monthly meetings over the summer. The next one will be on April 16th at 1.30pm and will be a geological tour of the Stone Centre site. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the group.

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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. If you have anyone in your group who does not use email, then please share this newsletter with them.