



What's On

Monthly Social

There will be **NO COFFEE MORNING** in May, as the 1st is a bank holiday which means the Football club is used for football (!), and the following week the football club is also unavailable.

Therefore the next Coffee Morning is on **Monday 3rd June**

The speaker will be Mike Newbold and his speech is entitled "My Extra Life"
Description :- " I first started with amateur dramatics over 20 years ago with Carlton Operatic Society and Nottingham Operatic Society, performing at both the Nottingham Playhouse and The Theatre Royal.

I have been a television extra for 18 years and encountered some interesting and strange people. I talk about the rules and regulations, the pitfalls, the jargon, pay and my experiences".

Dates and provisional topics for future Coffee Mornings this year are:
3rd June, 1st July, 5th August (Irene Yarnall- Hats), 2nd Sept (Sue Russell- Mills of the Derwent Valley), 7th October (Open Day), 4th Nov and 2nd Dec (Xmas Special).

Open Day in October we are hoping to invite non members and advertise in the community and would like as many groups as possible to showcase their wares! Please discuss in your group if you could contribute.

Mau3a NEWS

Coach Visit

Outings Group – RHS Harlow Carr

As you may know the Outings Group has organised a trip to RHS Harlow Carr is on Wednesday 5 June.

Departure from Slacks Travel Centre at 8.30am. Leave Harlow Carr at 3pm

Cost: coach only £20. Plus £3 for the Guided Walk which lasts a minimum of 1 hour . Coach + walk = £23.

Admission is free to RHS Harlow Carr as Matlock Area u3a has affiliated membership.

To confirm your booking please send a cheque to:

Jill Ramsay, Hollybank, Darley House Estate, Matlock DE4 2QG
with your name, mobile number, email address and emergency contact number.

Cheques payable to **Matlock Area u3a.**

Payment by bank transfer is available by contacting Jill for details.

Confirmation bookings must be received by Monday 20 May at the latest.

Any queries please contact: outings@matlockareau3a.org.uk

Committee News .

Following the first committee meeting of the new committee, Hilary Essen is leaving her role as Groups Liaison Officer. She has developed and fulfilled this role for many years, and whilst she is staying on the committee her role is being filled by Cameron Butland.

Our thanks go to Hilary for all she has done to support and develop both old and new groups.

Any queries regarding the running of your group, or about the development of a new group should continue to be directed to groupsec@matlockareau3a.org.uk which will now link to Cameron.

Code of Conduct

The new committee have approved a new member code of conduct which is attached to this newsletter. I am sure all of you adhere to it naturally, but it gives us a framework for any problems.

There is also a new Complaints Procedure and Disciplinary Procedure available under the Policies section of the website.

Groups News

Book Group 1

Book Group One currently has some vacancies for some new members. We meet on the second Friday of afternoon of every month at 2.30 pm at the home of one of our members, taking it in turns to host the event. Our choice of books are varied and reflect the tastes of various members within the group and differing authors.

If you are interested in joining us then please contact the co-ordinator, Carolyn Davies on 01629 735493 / 07976051762 or email (note the underscore) caro_s@rocketmail.com

History Group 1

We enjoyed a special treat this month.

We invited amateur detectorist, Neil Gilbert, to our meeting to talk about his hobby.

He talked about how detecting works, the laws relating to finds & the activities of nighthawks.

After sharing some of his experiences, Neil then showed us a fascinating selection of items he has found, including coins from the Roman period on, posy rings, Georgian buckles, a beautifully designed & made second century Roman brooch, and a bronze age knife blade.

We all appreciated the opportunity to have 'a hands-on' opportunity.

It was a fascinating morning & a new experience for us.

Archaeology Group

Our next visit is on **Wednesday 15th May** to the Cromford Canal High Peak railway. We will meet at Middleton Top at 10.30am and then walk down to the canal, looking at how the railway operated and was constructed. On the well known walking route are many interesting industrial archaeological features. The walk is two and half miles long on a well-made path. Once at the canal there is the opportunity to visit the museum and refreshment kiosk. There will be the option to have a car lift to take members back to the car park at Middleton Top rather than walking back up the path. We should finish by 12.30/12.45. In June we will try again to go to Hob Hurst House on Beeley Moor. On Tuesday 11th June we will be led by Liz Walker and the arrangements will be as advised before. There will be the option to meet at Liz's house at 10.15am or on Beeley Moor at 10.30am for the start of the walk. Please contact [Cameron Butland](#) if you would like to join either visit.

FOR INTEREST

Plant Sale

The annual North Derbyshire Cottage Garden Society annual Plant sale is on **Saturday 11th May** in Arkwright's Mill Yard. DE4 3RQ from 11am onwards.

This **May 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.