



## What's On

### Monthly Social

Our next Coffee Morning is **NEXT WEEK... Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

*A recommended and entertaining speaker, please come along and support us, meet new friends and socialise after a gap of a couple of months*

The usual venue and time ...**Matlock Football Club at 10.30am**. All are welcome, members or not, so please bring along a friend or neighbour if they would be interested. We shall be varying our once a month social meetings with talks some months and just an opportunity to chat at others. Please put £1.00 in the box towards expenses.

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

A couple of spaces remain on the Outings Group 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.**

Any queries please contact: [outings@matlockareau3a.org.uk](mailto:outings@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

### Theatre Trip

Leeds Playhouse on **Thursday 19 September**

There will be a coach trip to Leeds on 19th September arriving in time for coffee and lunch followed by a trip to Leeds Playhouse to see **“A Raisin in the Sun”**.

For those who do not want to attend the theatre there is plenty to explore in Leeds such as the Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds City Museum, Leeds Art Gallery, The Calls and shops including John Lewis and the Victoria Centre, a beautiful Victorian style arcade.

Departure from Slacks 9.15am. Return from Leeds 5pm. Coach £20 each.

Tickets to see “A Raisin in the Sun” at 2pm at the Leeds Playhouse £23 each.  
<https://www.leedsplayhouse.org.uk/event/a-raisin-in-the-sun/>

We are reserving a block of 20 seats for the play. Please contact us at [outings@matlockareau3a.org.uk](mailto:outings@matlockareau3a.org.uk) by 28 July to make a provisional booking as the reservation period is limited. Full details of the trip will be posted on Matlock Area u3a website under Outings Group after the trip to RHS Harlow Carr on 5th June.

Open to all u3a Members

## Groups Liaison

Please can all group leaders note that Cameron Butland has taken over the Groups Liaison role for Matlock Area U3A. Cameron will contact all group leaders over the coming months but in the meantime if you need to give him any information please contact him directly. [Cameron Butland](#)

## Groups News

### Wine Tasting Group

Please would everyone be aware that in order to reduce costs we've moved our meetings day and venue. From July we will be at Starkholmes village hall and will be on the 3rd Monday, every 2 months, (15th July, 16th Sep.. and so on)

[Geoff Slater, co-ordinator](#)

### Art Appreciation

The art appreciation group continues its monthly meetings delving into a wide range of artistic endeavours. Recent months have seen us focussing on two twentieth century British artists whose public profile deserves to be much higher than it is.

Firstly we looked into the wide ranging works of John Piper whose talents included oil and acrylic painting, fabrics, set design and stained glass - anyone who has visited Coventry Cathedral will not have been able to miss his fabulous window in the baptistry.

More recently we looked at the works of Derbyshire's own eclectic artist Ronald Pope most famous for his sculptures in both stone and metal and oil and water colour paintings. To deepen our understanding of his works we had an excursion all the way to Crich where we were lucky enough to visit the home of Pope's daughter Jane and examine her collection of not only his paintings, sculptures and ceramics but also his sketches, notebooks and diaries.

We came away with a much deeper understanding not only of the artwork but the man himself. Jane's home is something of a shrine to his fabulous works of art and she and her husband Tony welcome visitors and the opportunity to talk to any groups interested in Pope's work.

It may have been our first excursion of the year but I doubt it will be the last. Contact [Patrick Wright](#)

### Archaeology Group

The group visited the Cromford and High Peak trail on Wednesday 15th May, tracing the route of the railway. For the visit we walked down from Middleton Top to Cromford canal. Despite the railway being closed in the 1960s there is still a lot of archaeology visible. The site visits up until now have tended to look at much older sites. Therefore it was good to be able to consider our industrial heritage, and the part that the Derwent Valley played in creating the Industrial Revolution. The group imagined working on a chain railway would have been extremely dangerous, dirty and noisy. Thank you to everyone who took part in the visit.



Next month we are going to visit Hob's House on Beeley Moor

on **Tuesday 11th June**. The visit is a walk over Beeley Moor to Hob Hurst's House. Please note the need for proper footwear and that there is a large stile ladder that we will need to cross. Please can you let me know if you are planning to attend as Liz is providing refreshments at her house at the end of the walk and visit. Please can you let me know by Friday 7th June if you are planning to attend in order that I can give Liz numbers for the refreshments.

If you wish to know more about the group and future visits please contact:

[Cameron](#)

## **Life Stories**

The 19th century philosopher Soren Kierkegaard suggests that life can only be understood backwards, but must be lived forwards. It is a dictum that seems indisputable and yet a further reason for writing our life stories whilst we can remember it all as well as having the time and capacity to make a record.

Our small group is still meeting regularly for lively chat and providing support to each other. We have plenty of room if others want to come along and join us. It's never too late to start the process of writing your life story and we have plenty of ideas and resources to help even the most hesitant and reluctant of memorists. Contact: [David Gray](#)

**FOR INTEREST**

**Highlighting Heritage Talk Series** presented by Cromford Mills and Belper North Mill Volunteers.

' **A Widow's Tale: the Life of Margaret Outram (1778–1863)**' The sudden death in 1805 of the Cromford canal engineer and iron founder (Butterley Foundry at Ripley), Benjamin Outram turned the world of his widow, Margaret, upside down. With five children under five, huge debts, court cases and the loss of her home, lesser people might have crumbled, but not Margaret Outram. Her story reveals the strength of the human spirit in the face of enormous odds. The talk will be given by the popular local speaker **Dr Peter Collinge**, Honorary Research Fellow at Keele University.

The talk is on **Thursday 30 May at 7.30pm doors open at 7.00**, at the Gothic Wharf, Cromford , parking in Cromford Mill car parks.

Tickets are available on the Cromford Mill website and from the shop in the Cromford Mill Yard or online from the Events Section of the Cromford Mills Website, <https://www.cromfordmills.org.uk>. **Buy now, the last 2 talks have been a sell out!**

### **Bakewell Choral Society.**

Bakewell Choral Society will present its **Summer Concert** on:

**Saturday 15th June at 7.30pm** at St Mary's Parish Church, Mill Road, Cromford.

The choir, under the baton of its musical director Alan East, will perform John Rutter's "The Sprig of Thyme" (a cycle of English, Scottish and Irish folk-songs) along with other madrigals, songs and readings on the theme of love, nature and summer. The musical accompaniment will be provided by Andrew Cummings.

Bakewell Choral Society is delighted that this concert will also feature performances by the BBC Senior Young Chorister of the Year, Natalie Fooks.

Tickets are £10 – students and accompanied children free. Tickets are available on the door, from any choir member or from The Little Vagabond Bookshop, Unit 9, Orme Court, Granby Road, Bakewell. They can also be purchased online at [www.bakewellchoral.co.uk](http://www.bakewellchoral.co.uk) (a booking fee applies).