



What's On

Lots of pictures this month so please open the PDF version.

Monthly Social

Our next Coffee Morning is **NEXT WEEK... Monday 1st July**

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.

At the next coffee morning everyone attending will have a chance to talk about their groups. Cameron Butland will present a brief talk about the Archaeology Group and then encourage those attending to discuss on their tables the groups that they belong to, come along and find out more about what is happening locally. The coffee morning meets from 10.30am and will finish by 11.30am, 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.

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. I have had an extremely limited response to this plan. If I am to organise publicity in the community I need to plan in advance and get flyers printed. Please discuss in your group and let me know if you feel your group could attend and contribute. If this is a 'NO' then a response in the negative would be appreciated.

Mau3a NEWS

Outings Group

Theatre Trip

Come and join the Outings Group, which is open to all u3a members, when we visit Leeds on **Thursday 19th September**.

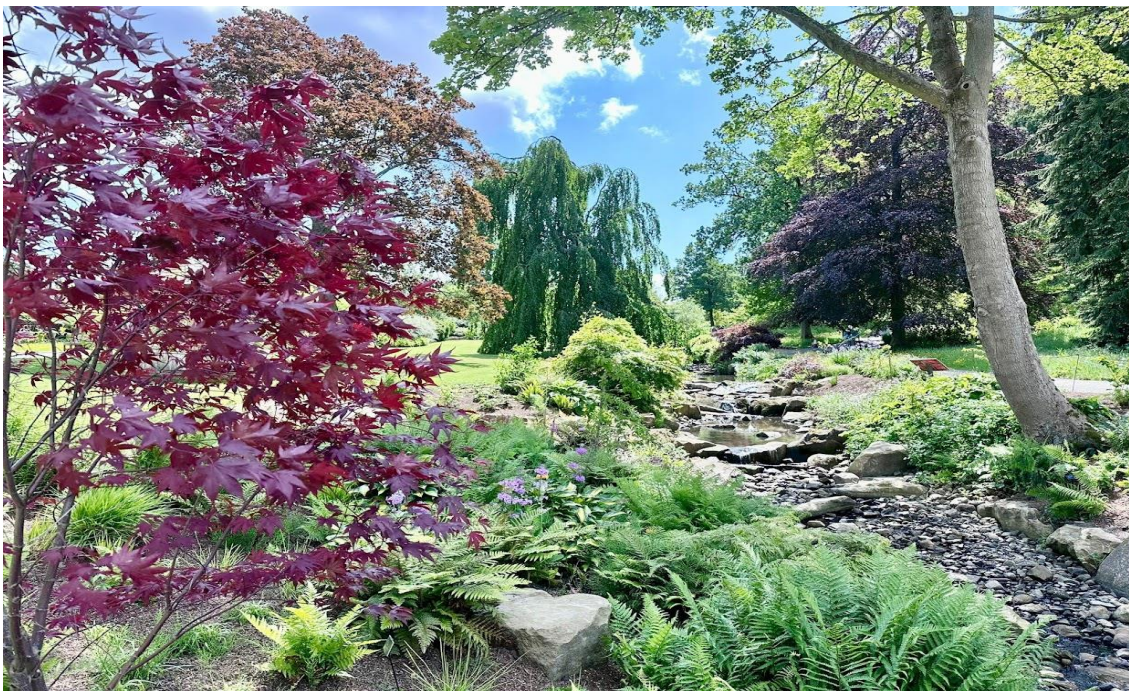
We have provisionally booked tickets for the Leeds Playhouse to see the matinee performance of

'A Raisin in the Sun' a groundbreaking play by Lorraine Hansberry about a black family living in the 1950s and their struggles to follow their dreams in a time when people were not treated equally based on their gender and race. The choice is yours, a day out in Leeds or some time in Leeds and a theatre visit too.

Leeds without theatre is £21.00 and Leeds plus theatre is £44.00. The Courtyard seats are normally £28, but as we have a group booking they are £23 each.

The coach will be leaving Slacks at 9.15am and leaving Leeds at 5.00pm for the return journey

Please contact Mel and Jill at outings@matlockareau3a.org.uk to make a booking. Payment can now be made by cheque or bank transfer.



Thanks to the outings group for the visit to Harlow Carr (illustrated). It was a fabulous day

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](#)

Bowls 2

The bowls season is well underway and 'Bowls 2' meets on Mondays at **Matlock Bath Bowling club**. (Alongside The Pavilion.. just by the bus stop)

No special skill is necessary and we are a female friendly club. We have bowls you can borrow and members who can help you to learn. Meeting time is **2.00 pm**. Come along and give it a try!
Contact: Mike Frosdick at:
<mailto:bowls2@matlockareau3a.org.uk>



Archaeology Group

The visit on Tuesday 11th June to Hob Hurst House and other Bronze Age sites on Beeley Moor yesterday was eventful for us all. Thank you to Liz Walker for leading us on the visit. For me it was the first time I had walked around the moor and it was fascinating to see the views and how these sites linked to the Nine Ladies and other prehistoric sites. The visit ended with a car fire and the arrival of two fire engines, fortunately everyone was safe and no-one was hurt, but it is a visit that none of us will forget.



One of our poor members car!!

Our next site visit is on **Wednesday 17th July at 10am** led by Kevin Wagstaffe and John Entwistle. Kevin writes, *'we will start at the National Trust car park next to the Robin Hood Inn, just outside Baslow. It is a Pay & Display car park. Due to limited parking, it is my intention to meet at 10.00am. The site visit will involve a few miles or so over moorland looking at features along Gardom's Edge and possibly on to Birchen Edge, the latter will be dependent on distance and ascent involved. We will be studying ring cairns, standing stones and rock art as well as lots of other goodies. More details to follow in the first week of July'*. We will then have a break in August before resuming our meetings in the autumn. Our meeting on **Tuesday 17th September at 2pm in the Imperial Rooms, Matlock** will be led by Meghan King, Finds Liaison Officer (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire), who will be speaking about recent archaeological finds in the county and showing pictures and



sharing information about the latest archaeological digs. This meeting is open to anyone so please do bring friends along to find out more. [Cameron Butland](#)

National u3a News

Third Age Trust Chair

Its not just the national elections that are taking place at the moment! Elections are also taking place for the chair of the national u3a ...the **Third Age Trust**. There are 3 candidates for the role, John Dollimore, Wymondham u3a member, Lawrence Wale, Worcester u3a member and Alan Walmsley, Kings Norton u3a member and Vice Chair of the Trust. I have attended the hustings and read their statements.

I get to cast votes for all 600+ of you! If you wish to view the candidates or have any opinions about which candidate I should cast our votes for then their statements are on the website at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/agm-2024>

Liz Walker chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk

Quiz Team

Any quiz teams out there? The next Interu3a quiz is next Wednesday evening. Teams of up to four people, on zoom. (see photo) Now in its 5th year, and run by the U.K. Subject Advisor for quizzing, this has proved great fun and educational as well as encouraging members to meet people from across the U.K.

If you are just a keen solo quizzer let me know and I will put you in touch with any others. chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk

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Interu3a Quiz

**JOIN
US!**

Last Wednesday of
every month

Teams of up to 4 members from
across the UK are entertained by
interesting and challenging
questions.

#brainhealth #u3a

<https://bit.ly/u3aquiz>



FOR INTEREST

There will be a talk in the Cromford Mills/Belper North Mill Highlighting Heritage Series about the amazing archive of Smedley's Mill in Lea Green near Cromford on 27 June at 1930.

The talk will take place in **Belper at No38 on the Market Square** and be given by the well known local speaker and Smedley's Archive Manager, Jane Middleton Smith.

The Archive, now a charitable trust, must be one of the fullest collections in the UK of material on all aspects of an industrial enterprise over the 240 years of its existence. The collection includes paintings, photographs, letters and personal artefacts connected with the Smedley family and importantly also the generations of mill workers. For over 240 years, the villages of Lea, Dethick and Holloway and the surrounding local landscape, have been dominated by the presence of a textile mill. Operational by the start of 1784, the mill began its working life spinning cotton, with generations of the Smedley family, working with tireless energy and determination to convert the machinery to also spin wool. By the 1830's and under the leadership of John Smedley II, the John Smedley mill was very successfully twisting fine quality merino yarn and manufacturing newly fashionable items of knitted woollen underwear. John Smedley's undergarments became famous for their quality and luxury and legend has it that the 'long-john' was named after him.

Come and Enjoy with us what will be an excellent evening!

Joan Link