

What's On

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

Monthly Social



Our next Coffee Morning is **NEXT WEEK... Monday 4th August**

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.

Our very own **Irene Yarnell** will be entertaining us with her collection of hats. Please show her support and come along suitably be-headed if you would like!

. Please put £1.00 in the box towards expenses.

October Open Day

Our October open day will be on **MONDAY OCTOBER 7th at 10.30**

It is hoped to showcase as many groups as possible to attract new members and to show the public what we do. I will be advertising it in the wider community. Please put the date and time in your diary.

To prepare for this I am putting together some publicity material. Could you send me any action photos of your group, with the agreement of anyone in the photo??

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.

FINAL CALL - Deadline extended to 9th AUGUST...numbers are low so please help this visit happen.

Groups News

Bowls 1

The bowls season is well underway and Bowls 1 meets on Mondays at Matlock Golf Club. They have a new coordinator in Trish Shaw 07986 773101.

Email trishshaw84@gmail.com

They meet on a Monday morning between 10.00 and 12.00 and new members are welcome to join for a taster session.

Bowls 2 was in last months newsletter .. Monday afternoons at Matlock Bath.



Bridge Group

Along with John Boadle, Frank Hemming was a founder of our Bridge Group some thirteen years ago. In 2017, Frank donated a silver salver to the Group which has been competed for each year since.

This year's competition took place on 16th June 2024, with 18 pairs taking part. It was a

great session, with some challenging hands and was followed by an excellent Summer Buffet Lunch.

The winners, with a score of 64.2%, were Hilary Vardy and Jean Wheatcroft. Many congratulations to you both.

Wine Tasting

The first meeting of the wine appreciation group took place at our new venue, Starkholmes Village Hall. All agreed that it was a good move. It's a splendid venue and we had a most enjoyable evening tasting 2 white, a rose and a red. The Riesling was particularly well received and surprised all who remembered Blue Nun and the like of the 60's with its quality.

Our next meeting is on the third Monday in September. Please come along if you fancy a taster session.

Contact: [Geoff Slater, co-ordinator](#)

Archaeology Group



Thank you to John and Kevin for the site visit on Wednesday 17th July to see the rock art and Neolithic features around Gardom's edge. Given the thick vegetation growth it was amazing that there was so much to see and features to discern. We were a group of ten and pictures of the site visit are attached.

We have a break in August and then meet next on **Tuesday 17th September at 2pm in the Imperial Rooms, Matlock** with Meghan King who is the Finds Liaison Officer (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire) and will speak about the latest finds. This is an open meeting. Please do invite friends and anyone interested to attend.

Advance notice of the 2025 Derbyshire Archaeology Day to be held in Chesterfield on **Saturday 25th January**. Please do contact Cameron Butland for more information.

[Cameron Butland](#)



This **August 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.