



What's On

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Christmas Social.

**Monday 2nd December at Matlock Football Club. DE4 3AR
10.30am.**



There will be Christmas entertainment from the Recorder group and from the Singing for Pleasure group. Christmas goodies will accompany your tea or coffee.

Please put £1.00 towards the costs in the honesty box.

Festive jumpers are optional but encouraged!!

The **Coffee Morning** after this will be on **January 6th**

Mau3a NEWS

Subs.

We are moving the date that subs are due to the **1st February**. **Please do not send subs before you get notification from the membership secretary.** This is to help Brian our treasurer to reconcile the financial year before the new year's subs start coming in.

GROUPS NEWS

New Group!!

Painting for Pleasure

The new Painting for Pleasure group starts on Thursday 9th January at All Saints Church Hall on Smedley Street, Matlock, DE4 3JG, 9.30-12.00 noon; cost £4 per session to include refreshments (£12 per quarter).

The aim of this group is to give experienced and complete beginners an opportunity to develop their artistic skills in a warm and friendly environment, learning from one another - there is no formal teacher.

Each month the coordinator will suggest a topic for you to work on during the

month and develop in the next session. For January, there is a choice of two themes - Memories of Christmas or New Year's Resolutions - to be interpreted in any way. If you are short of ideas, the coordinator will have some suggestions for you.

Please note that you need to bring your own materials - paper / canvas, paints, pencils etc.

If you would like to join us, please contact the co-ordinator, Gill Lockett 07884449561 or grlockett@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, have a super Christmas and New Year and we shall look forward to meeting you on 9th January.

Mahjong

We have noted that new applicants for the group may be deterred because of the group's time and evening venue, particularly during the winter, and a reticence towards the game due to inexperience. We would like to attract new members by offering some daytime 'ad hoc' sessions.

The basic definition of Mah Jong is:

“ A game of Chinese origin, played with four (sometimes three) people, in which tiles bearing various designs are drawn and discarded until one player has an entire hand of winning combinations. That player declares Mah Jong ! ”.

At the end of each game (lasting about 10 minutes), each player scores their hand. The random nature in which tiles are dealt to each player, together with luck and experience, can result in scores from zero to several thousands.

See the website for further details.

Should you be curious about the game and wish to learn more before committing, or if the evening timing and/or the location are unsuitable, particularly during the winter months, some experienced group members are available to provide 'ad hoc' sessions during the day. Please contact the Group Co-ordinator Colin Davis, who can be contacted on **07765 460784** or by **Email:** debbie.colin@gmail.com

Archaeology



In November the archaeology group enjoyed a fascinating archaeology walk around Wirksworth, ending up in the café at the Heritage centre.

Their next meeting will be on **Saturday 25th January** when we are all welcome and encouraged to attend the Derbyshire Archaeology Day at the Winding Wheel Theatre in Chesterfield. Currently there are plenty of tickets available at concessionary

rates. It would be good to know if you are planning to attend as we could arrange to share cars.

Please do contact Cameron Butland for more information.

[Cameron Butland](#)

FOR INTEREST


THE MATLOCK G&S SINGERS

The Matlock G&S Singers
present

A Christmas Concert

Spread a Little Happiness


Coffee and Mince Pies

The Lime Tree Centre,
Lime Tree Road, Matlock, DE4 3EJ
Sunday 15th December 2024
2.30pm Tickets: **£10**

Tickets are available on line from www.ticketsource.co.uk/matlockgands
or from members of *The Matlock G&S Singers* or on the door.

This **December 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.