



## What's On

### No Social Coffee Morning.

A meeting of the new committee decided that the coffee mornings, owing to very low levels of support in both the running and attendance, are no longer viable to run in their present format.

We have come up with an alternative structure and would like the opinions of both you and the members of your group.

1. **Firstly** we would like to move the organising of talks to a group level. It seems very difficult to organise talks which appeal to a wide range of members. We have the money to support these talks by paying for the room hire (The Imperial Rooms smaller room is ideal) and to support you by opening up the talk to all members through advertising in the newsletter.

2. **Secondly** we shall have four events each year for the whole u3a. These will be

- The AGM with entertainment
- A summer picnic (14<sup>th</sup> July this year) in Whitworth park
- An 'Open Day' as we did last September where groups showcase their specialty to other members and the general public (22<sup>nd</sup> September this year)
- A Christmas celebration of some sort.

3. **Thirdly** we shall have 'Meet and Greet' meetings over the autumn and winter, once a month starting in September. This is hopefully going to be in the Ostello lounge which is more central than the football club and will just be a chance for new members to come along and existing members to meet up for a chat. We would hope that members who like to chat could be encouraged to be 'meet and greeters' on a rota basis and will be looking for volunteers nearer the time.

**SOOO...Save the dates. 14<sup>th</sup> July pm.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Mau3a NEWS**

## Outings Group.

Our next trip is to **RHS Bridgewater** on **Thursday 12 June** and will include the option of a volunteer led guided tour of either the Weston Walled Garden or the Chinese Streamside. We visited this lovely new RHS garden 2 years ago, and are going back to see how it has developed since our last visit.

We leave Slacks coach garage at 9.15 am and plan to arrive back about 5.30pm. Two guided tours have been reserved for up to 20 people on each tour. The Weston Walled Garden guided tour is at 12:00; and the Chinese Streamside guided tour is at 14:00. Each guided tour is an extra £5

The cost for the day including entrance is a **bargain £23 per person**, as our affiliated membership allows us 50 free admissions to the garden.

**Numbers are low for this fabulous day out, please let Jill or Pearl know if you would like to come to ensure this will happen.**

The Outings Group is open to all members of Matlock u3a. The group co-ordinators, Jill and Pearl, can be contacted at [outings@matlockareau3a.org.uk](mailto:outings@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

## U3a Matters Magazine.

I have just authorised a payment for £1492.00 on your behalf for the quarterly magazine, Third Age Matters, which 373 of you receive as part of your membership (one copy per couple). You may or may not be aware that this is optional, and we include its payment in your subscriptions. We are more than happy to continue paying for it, but if you put it straight in the recycling and do not wish to read it then please let Gill or Rachel know with a 'No TAM magazine please' to [membership@matlockareau3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@matlockareau3a.org.uk).

*Looking after the pennies!!*

## GROUPS NEWS

### Scrabble Group

**From Pauline Shipway**

Our scrabble group has a few vacancies. This is a very sociable game especially the way we play it!!

We meet at my house in Darley Dale on the third Friday afternoon of every month, except in August.

Please contact me on [pauline.shipway44@gmail.com](mailto:pauline.shipway44@gmail.com)

### Archaeology Group

**Meetings 2025**

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 15th May – Industrial Lumsdale.**

As ever it is helpful to the leaders to know who will be coming on each visit, please can you let me know if you plan to attend and obtain further information. Cameron – [cameronbutland@gmail.com](mailto:cameronbutland@gmail.com)

### **Sad News**

Several of our earliest members have passed away recently.

Jeanne Colledge, a long time active member of the International Dance group and gardening group has died. A celebration of her life will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at St Helens, Darley Dale at 11.00am. She requested no black, only colourful clothes

Maggie Shields, who ran a wonderful Shakespeare Studies group for Matlock u3a for a number of years, died suddenly and unexpectedly while on holiday in Naples recently.

A family funeral has now taken place but an event has now been organised to celebrate her life and her family wondered if I would circulate the details to members of the Matlock group, so that those who knew Maggie have the opportunity to take part in this tribute.

The celebration will be at the Hope and Anchor in Wirksworth on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 12.30 p.m.

Peter Clook, the longtime coordinator of the geography and geology group has also died, but I am afraid I have no more details.

Our sympathy goes to their friends and families.

## **FOR INTEREST**

### **Plant Sale**

North Derbyshire Cottage Garden Society.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Arkwright's Mill Yard, Cromford 11am.

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.

