



What's On

Advance Notice Picnic in the Park

We are hoping the weather will be kind enough to allow us to have a Picnic in the Park on **Tuesday 14th July**. This will be in Whitworth Park 2.30 until 4.00pm. Further details in the July newsletter

Outings Group.

Outings Visit to Southwell with Wirksworth u3a on:

Wednesday 15th October

Wirksworth u3a have invited us to join them on a trip to Southwell on Wednesday 15 October.

They are hoping to keep the cost of the coach at £20 per person. There is the option to visit The Workhouse and Infirmary at Southwell. Entry is free for National Trust members, £14.25 for non-members. For those who have seen the Workhouse and want something different, there is the opportunity to do a walk in Southwell, numbers limited, or to explore Southwell and visit the Minster.

To make a provisional booking, please contact us at outings@matlock-reau3a.org.uk as soon as possible. We will provide details regarding departure and return times as soon as we receive them. As usual, it is first come first served.

GROUPS NEWS

Bowls 2

Why don't you come and have a go at Crown Green Bowls? Bowls etc are provided you just need flat soled shoes/trainers. It only takes a few minutes to get the idea and then you'll be ready to join in our friendly games. At Matlock Bath, next to the Grand Pavilion, every Monday afternoon starting at 2.00pm. Next to a bus stop, or if you come by car we have specially arranged parking nearby.

Everyone is friendly and supportive and you'll be made very welcome.

Contact Mike for further details: bows2@matlockareau3a.org.uk

Book Group 3

Book Group 3 has a vacancy for a new member. 12 members meet in each other's homes on the first Friday of the month at 2.00pm. (Although this is not obligatory if you do not have enough space) That member chooses the book to discuss, so the range and variety of books is considerable and can include non-fiction, prize winners or something light. If you would like to give the group a try then

Contact: [Christine LLoyd](#)

Rummikub Group

Rummikub Group would love to see new members .

They meet at The Ostello Lounge Matlock 2-4 pm alternate Thursdays.

Rummikub has all the elements that make a great game. It's easy to learn and fast moving. The "board" changes all the time as players adjust the tiles on the table. It combines luck and strategy and it changes quickly so every player has a chance to win until the very end. Players take turns placing numbered tiles in runs and groups. The Joker tiles add to the fun; they can be any colour or number.

The object is to be the first to play every tile on your rack.

We are a friendly, inclusive group of 17 members. The sessions are free to attend, but we ask that you buy a drink at the venue during the session.

If you've never played before we will happily teach you, it's easy to pick up. You don't need to be good at Maths just need to add up to 30 before you can start. No other maths involved! Why not give us a try!

If interested please contact:

[Alison Jones](#) in the first instance.

Family History Group

Have you been watching "Who Do You Think You Are?" on the TV?

If yes, and think - "I wonder if I have any interesting ancestors?" - Everyone has at least one! Most people in fact have several, in fact everyone is interesting to you! You just have to find them! So, would you like to trace your family tree? If yes, why not join the Family History Group. We would love to help anyone get started, or maybe, if you started years ago before online information was available, and would like to find out more.

We normally meet at:

St Mary the Virgin, South Darley, DE4 2JT, on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. However, the June meeting, on 19th June, is in the home of one of our members, so if you want to attend, please email via the link attached.

The purpose of the group is to discuss all aspects of family history, to learn from each other's experiences and to utilise the various resources available for researching one's ancestry.

Part of each meeting is often led by one of our members, with a particular interest in some part of their family history. Some months everyone takes part, last month the topic was "War-time" and we all contributed some interesting facts about which of our relatives fought in a war.

Potential new members should contact the co-ordinator **Susan Tomlinson** via the website or this link: [Susan Tomlinson](#)

Archaeology Group

The u3a Archaeological Group are grateful to Alan and Christine Piper for an excellent site visit. Even those who had walked Lumsdale previously learnt a great deal. For those of us new to the area it proved to be a fascinating insight into the industrial development of the area.

I am very appreciative of members of the group being willing to share their knowledge to lead visits for us. Last month we enjoyed Sheila Taylor's guided tour of Old Matlock and look forward to a second instalment later in the year. Thank you to Sheila for sharing her extensive knowledge with us.

Our next meeting will be at Creswell Crags on **Tuesday morning 10th June**. Creswell Crags is a crucial Mesolithic site due to its well-preserved Mesolithic layer, containing evidence of human occupation from around 10,000 years ago. The site showcases tools, artifacts, and remains of animals, offering insights into the lifestyle of Mesolithic hunters and also features the only known example of Ice Age cave art in Britain. Our visit will be led by a tour guide and is entitled, 'Life in the Ice Age'. The cost of the tour is **£15 per person**, there is plenty of parking and a good cafe on site. The drive to Creswell Crags is about 50minutes from Matlock. As we will need to book in the correct numbers for the guided tour, **please let me know by 3rd June if you are planning to attend and whether you can offer a lift**

If you wish to find out more about the group please contact Cameron, new members are always welcome. cameronbutland@gmail.com

FOR INTEREST



**PARWICH & DISTRICT
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**

Parwich Open Gardens

Sunday 22nd June 1-6pm

Come and spend a relaxing afternoon in this beautiful White Peak village.
Everyone welcome, entry £5

Cream teas & refreshments served in the Memorial Hall between 2pm and 5pm
Plant sale

Funds raised at Open Gardens enable donations to be made to village community groups



**A concert of new choral music
for a summer evening**

Rossetti Songs
Spirituals and Airs
A Summer Serenade

Piano: George Parsons

Conductor: Adam Green

Chesterfield Co-operative Choral Society

Tickets: £15 (early bird booked by 31st May - £12)

book online at chesterfieldchoir.com or on the door

Saturday 14th June 2025 at 7.30pm

St Thomas' Church - Brampton - Chesterfield - S40 3AW



central 
membership

Study into the health and wellbeing of adults who grew up in foster or residential care



Researchers are holding focus groups to understand the health and wellbeing concerns of people who spent all or part of their childhood in foster or residential care.

If you spent time in care in England as a child and are now aged fifty or above, and would like to find out more, please contact Jono Taylor by:

- Email: Jonathan.Taylor@ndph.ox.ac.uk
- Telephone: +44 (0)1865 617912

This **June 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.