



# What's On

## Picnic in the Park

We are hoping the weather will be kind enough to allow us to have a



**'Picnic in the Park'**



**When? Monday 14th July**

**Where? Whitworth Park, Darley Dale**

**Time? 2.30 until 4.00pm.**

**PLEASE JOIN US, ALL WELCOME!**

Meet up with old friends or make new ones.

Bring along a chair or a rug, and something to eat and drink, or buy from the terrace café. The bowling group will be playing their weekly games and offering the chance for anyone who would like to 'have a go' and the Pickleballers will be demonstrating.

Parking is payable at the machine, enter your number, or the Transpeak and the 6's bus stops outside.

## GROUPS NEWS

**Quiz group??**

At our recent Derbyshire Network meeting it was suggested that as part of the u3a week in September we have an inter- Derbyshire u3a quiz, taking place using zoom. The chair of Belper u3a is coordinating this, but the trouble is ... **we don't have a quiz group** to take part! Have we any keen quizzers out there who would like to form a group or groups to take part? Contact me on <mailto:chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk> and I will put you together.

## Pickleball

### September 2025 - Introduction to Pickleball.

Pickleball is a fast growing racquet sport that combines parts of badminton, tennis and table tennis that's suitable for all abilities. You'll learn pickleball basics, techniques, strategies and court etiquette.

The six week course will start on Monday 1st September until Monday October 6th.

Venue and time: 9:30 till 10:30 on the tennis courts in Hall Leys Park Matlock, equipment provided. Cost: £25 for the six sessions (paid upfront by bacs please)

Each session will be weather dependent, if the class is cancelled due to bad weather then another date will be arranged. Spaces are limited.

To register email <mailto:pickleball@matlockareau3a.org.uk> or contact Sharon on 07940 837948.

## Painting for Pleasure



The newly established Painting for Pleasure group is thriving, but would welcome a few new members. This group meets on the 2nd Thursday morning of each month, 9.30am-12.00 noon at All Saints Church Hall on Smedley Road, Matlock, DE4 3JG. There is a good-sized car park.



This is an informal group of like-minded people interested in developing their skills in artistic painting, learning from each other whilst enjoying each other's company. There is no formal teacher – some of the members are experienced painters and artists; others are complete beginners. We all help each other.

Pop in to the next meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> or contact the coordinator on <mailto:painting4p@matlockareau3a.org.uk>

## Bowls Groups.



Our two bowls groups had a friendly competition against each other at Matlock Golf club. It was interesting to play on a different green. The home team won the day, but the away team look forward to the rematch!

## 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@matlockareau3a.org.uk](mailto:outings@matlockareau3a.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.

## Archaeology Group



The archaeology group had a fascinating visit to Creswell Crags and an enlightening tour from the very knowledgeable guide. Followed, of course, by the obligatory refreshment break.

Their next meeting is on **Thursday 17th July at 10am on *Hidden Landscapes of Chatsworth Park***

Details from [Cameron Butland](#)

This **July 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.