



# Matlock Area U3A Annual Report 2016-2017

## REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

MAU3A has had yet another very successful year. The membership has grown and now stands at 638 with an increase in the number of groups, now standing at more than 50. The new groups this year are Boules deux and trois, Boules d'hiver, Cars and Motoring, Geography, Short Walks, Sign Language 2 and the Film Club. Of course, the launch of the new groups would never have happened without members offering to coordinate them, so a big thank you from the Management Committee. As always the Management Committee will endeavour to accommodate new members by keeping waiting lists and to help start up new groups. At the 2016 AGM, the members elected onto the Management Committee were Barbara Phelan to Chair, Helen Boocock to Business Secretary, Penny Ackland to Website Manager, Dave Puxley to Publicity Officer and Peter Hume. A list of the 2016 Management Committee is found on the cover page. At the next AGM there will be changes to the Committee due to the retirements of Bea Jagger (Communications and Derbyshire Network Rep), Jenny McEwan (Membership Secretariat) and Fred Rosendell (Membership Secretariat); thank you for your commitment during your time on the Committee. As a result of these retirements there will be changes within the Management Committee and so nominations are required for the following positions; Vice Chair, Membership Secretariat, Derbyshire Network Representative and two additional members. We welcome applications from all members, as we need a fully functional Committee in order to continue.

Again the Social Committee has organised a comprehensive range of events. The prime purpose is, of course, for members to meet and socialise with each other, as well as being informed. The monthly Coffee Mornings have become one of the main avenues and some groups have demonstrated their skills at these meetings. New groups are launched and possible members come to join. "What's On" is distributed on a monthly basis by email and those members without email are sent a hard copy. We are very fortunate that the majority of members have email and we only have to send hard copies to less than 50 members. The social events that have taken place this year have been: -

- A Race Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April; this was not well attended but all who were there thoroughly enjoyed it.
- A visit to Chester on 15<sup>th</sup> June, a visit to York organised by Art Appreciation and
- A visit to Jodrell Bank in September organised by Science and Technology.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 70 members and guests attended our annual Christmas Social at Matlock Golf Club. We had magicians performing around the tables as we enjoyed an excellent turkey dinner with a difference and then danced to the Dying Embers for the rest of the evening. Everyone thought it was the best one yet. We have two more events this year, a Whist Drive on 24<sup>th</sup> February and a Chinese meal on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Last year the MAU3A had its Annual General Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March and 134 members came to the meeting and to hear our speaker, Bill Tidy MBE. He is a cartoonist, writer and television personality known chiefly for his comic strips and I'm sure that we all enjoyed his lovely sense of humour and his cartoons. Please support our AGM this year on 10<sup>th</sup> April. It is being held at the Whitworth Centre where they have a loop system for the hard of hearing. Our speaker this year will be Matthew Parris, a political writer and formerly a Conservative Member of Parliament.

Finally I would like to thank all of the members of the Management Committee for the work and time that they willingly give to make MAU3A a friendly and welcoming organisation; also to all of the members for supporting us.

Barbara Phelan (chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

## HERE IS A FLAVOUR OF THE GROUPS' ACTIVITIES IN 2016/17

### ART APPRECIATION 1

We began the year with the topic of 'Schools of Art'. We explored areas of interest from diverse historical periods and cultures. In May we began a new theme for which each member chose a 'Significant Work of Art'. The personal responses to the topic were both interesting and moving. We have also shared experiences of visits to art galleries both in the UK and abroad. We are now looking at works of art, which have caused some sort of controversy. Members as always have been generous in dedicating their time to research the presentations, which give this group its character and value. In July we invited others to join us on our highly enjoyable visit to York Art Gallery.

This year we were happy to welcome two new members to the group.

Anne Oldfield

### ART APPRECIATION 2

Artists discussed over the year included Kyffin Williams, Henry Moore, Yoko Ono, Eric Gill, Giotto, John Piper, Piero Della Francesca, Canadian Landscape Artists, Ancient Greek Art, War Artists and winners of the Turner Prize. The Turner Prize project was full of variety as each member of the group presented a spotlight on a winner from any of the 30 years that the prize has been running. Among the artists featured were Steve McQueen, Tomma Abts and Rachel Whiteread.

In April the Group joined forces with Art Appreciation 1 and went on a Gallery visit to The Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham and to the City Art Gallery. Works seen there included Botticelli, Degas and Rossetti.



Picture shows members outside the Barber Institute

Jeremy Taylor

### ART GROUP

Tuesday Art group has enjoyed a busy and creative year. Although members are free to concentrate on their own projects, we have taken time to discuss our paintings and techniques and have mustered mini-workshops on portrait drawing, effective use of pastels, still life painting, palette knife painting, decorative paper marbling, and a formal tutor-led workshop on using pen-and-ink with a demonstration on combining that with collage and acrylic paint. Ruth organised a summer exhibition for the group at the Whitworth Café, which gave us a great opportunity to show our artistic talents.

All this has added up to the year's meetings and no doubt 2017 will be equally productive. We have space for new members – both beginners and accomplished artists. Everyone is welcome.

Christine Lloyd

### PAINTING

The Painting group has had another great year and we have explored many painting subjects, set by members, (details on our web page).

The subject for December was "Winter Scene" and was won by Anne Hockenull for which she received a gift. The group try their hand at many different mediums and there is always help available from other group members. In January we celebrated our ninth birthday with a meal at the Gate at Tansley.



Liz Chisnall

### BOOK GROUP 3

2016 was another successful year for the group with regular monthly meetings hosted by one of the members to discuss a book of their choice. Books read and discussed in 2016 included: "1984" by George Orwell, "Lost for words" by Deric Longden, "A spool of blue thread" by Anne Tyler, "Consolation of the forest" by Sylvain Tesson, "The love song of Queenie Hennessey" by Rachel Joyce, "Snow falling on cedars" by David Guterson, "Don't let's go to the dogs tonight" by Alexandra Fuller, "Long way gone" by Ishmael Beah, "The Matchmaker of Perigord" by Julia Stuart, "I saw a man" by Owen Sheers and "Life after life" by Kate Atkinson.

Sue Sarbutt

## POETRY APPRECIATION

The group celebrated its third birthday in November, and we each brought a favourite poem from the many we have appreciated since 2013. Other U3A members might be interested in reading them, so here, in no particular order, they are:

Miracle on St David's Day, Gillian Clarke; The Skylight, Seamus Heaney; Japanese Maple, Clive James; The Rainwalkers, Denise Levertov; The Roe Deer, Ted Hughes; The Moor, R S Thomas; Colossus, Sylvia Plath; "I think continually of those who were truly great..." Stephen Spender; An Arundel Tomb, Philip Larkin.

Maggie Robinson

## SINGING FOR PLEASURE

2016 has been a great year! 25 to 30 of us meet once a month and we have sung rounds, songs from the shows, traditional English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh songs plus songs from the 50's, Abba, Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel, Bob Dylan, Benjamin Britten and even some in Latin, in unison and in parts and we are starting to increase the level of difficulty. We have 2 excellent pianists who keep us in tune and in time. We enjoyed singing to the residents in Underhall in November and at the U3A coffee morning in December. Our final meeting of 2016 in December was earmarked for Christmas Carols. It was truly uplifting, with 35 singers, 2 pianists and a guest trumpeter who played melody and descant. 2017 promises to be equally inspiring!



Hazel Finch

## THEATRE GROUP

It's been another full year for Theatre Group both at Members' meetings and with visits to a range of theatres providing a variety of genres. We've had some particularly interesting speakers this year.

The Wardrobe Mistress brought a large amount of costumes to show us and explain their provenance and secrets of how made. A dozen ladies from Hardwick Hall visited in costume to tell us the back story of their characters with some insight into the making of their costumes, all

authentic fabrics, sewn by hand and no zips or Velcro! An opera singer kept us enthralled talking about her life in opera but then a huge treat when she sang.

A particular highlight for me was when all the attending membership took part in play reading BBC scripts from their radio series "Home Front". Five scripts took us through one week in the lives of the inhabitants of Folkstone in December 1914. It was an ambitious task but everyone rose to the occasion and we had a thoroughly entertaining afternoon.

The talents of our members never fail to surprise as they provided us with a varied programme of entertainment at our Christmas fuddle. This ranged from a sketch by the Two Ronnies to a Marvellous Party by Noel Coward with some astronomy on the way. An abridged Hansel and Gretel, poetry both serious and hilarious and a piece about Christmas "Downstairs" added a seasonal feel washed down with mulled wine and stollen.

New members are always welcome; up to date information about our future programme is on the website.

Jenny McEwan

## TAP DANCING

Another year on and our two tap groups continue to make good progress. In the summer we had a joint tap session and it was good to see that both groups have now got several routines they can do together which look very impressive.

In October during half-term week we decided to run the two classes together as several of our members were on holiday and there were only 11 of us. It was decided to make good use of this situation and we planned a "Taphathon" which was basically non-stop tap dancing for one hour to raise money for Children in Need. This may not sound long but I can assure that it certainly felt a long time! Everyone had a good time and the end result was that we raised £225.00 for a good cause.

We finished our year with the annual Christmas fuddle, which provided a good opportunity to get together to eat drink and carry on tapping. Well done tappers – you are amazing.



Sue Cain

## INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

We are now approaching our 9<sup>th</sup> year and our enthusiasm for folk dancing is as great as ever. We meet weekly except for the school holidays with an average of 15 – 20 members every week. Most weeks we learn a new dance, often now taught by group members, a development which has been encouraged over the years by our enthusiastic leader, Janet King. Our repertoire covers most of the Balkans, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Israel and Russia. In learning the dances we have also learnt a lot about that part of the world and the migrations that have occurred over the centuries explaining some of the similarities and differences in music and dance.

We attend courses with international teachers in Sheffield and Nottingham, together with what has become for some of us an annual holiday in Torquay. We also have the opportunity to attend folk dance days with more 'home grown' teachers when we join up with folk dancers from Sheffield and Dronfield U3A. Thanks again to Janet King for teaching and encouraging us over the past years.

Ros Bourne

## WINE APPRECIATION

An e-mail poll of members of the previous Wine Group resulted in a mailing list of 30 members who would like to see the group revived and an indication of members' preferences as regards meeting dates and venues. An initial meeting, attended by 12 members, was held in September when Ted Mellor spoke about wine-making in Argentina and presented three Argentinean wines together with detailed tasting notes for our consideration.

Attendance increased to 16 for our second meeting in November, when three members, Bea Jagger, Eileen Lowe and Max Price presented, respectively, a Japanese White from the Mt Fuji Region; a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc; two Riojas, available from Lidl. Max also provided samples of his non-alcoholic G&T. A programme for 2017 is under preparation, hopefully with a mix of guest speakers and members' presentations, as well as an outside visits.

Peter Hume

## FRENCH CONVERSATION 2

The group has welcomed several new members this year and continues to follow an open door policy on numbers. There have certainly been some very lively meetings covering quizzes, role plays, newspaper article discussions, bingo, holiday experiences and literary extracts. Debate on grammatical issues is frequent and useful and encourages reference to the textbook.

Members are encouraged to suggest and lead topics for the meetings. All of the members have come with some formal learning of the language mostly from their schooldays but it doesn't take long for skills to improve even with only a one hour session every fortnight. Confidence in speaking appears to grow quite quickly in the informal nature of the group. We look forward to another successful year and hope the group will continue to attract new members with fresh ideas.

Lesley Shawe

## GERMAN CONVERSATION

The group continues to thrive, meeting every Monday morning (excluding U3A coffee morning days) at the Red Lion on Matlock Green. The group had approximately 10 members, with varying levels of German language skills. Topics for discussion are chosen by group members and are varied; this year these have ranged from "The Meaning of Life" to "Favourite Holiday Destinations". Anyone interested should come along at 11.00 on Mondays.

Pam White

## SIGNING

The Group meets every Monday at 2 – 4 pm at 25 Hawleys Close and despite arthritic hands and failing memories is making steady progress. The Sign dictionaries provided by U3A have proved indispensable and are very well used. Everyone enjoys the fun, friendship and laughter at each meeting.

Pam Wildgoose.

## HISTORY 1

This year we went off-piste, allowing ourselves choice -any topic, any period, any country. The variety of choice was fascinating, from the House of Burgundy & the House of Este to the Freeminers of the Forest of Dean; from explorers Fraser, Lewis & Clark to the Dutch Golden Age; from the lives of ordinary people in 1215 to Versailles; from the Discovery & Growth of Australia, via the Thirty Years' War, to Erasmus. It was a huge canvas and provided us with much animated discussion. Our 5 minute entrees at the start of each session left us amazed at how much information can be packed into such a brief period of time.

We had two visits, with private guided tours, at Brodsworth Hall and Eyam Hall, both of which were excellent. Our final meeting was, again, at The Family Tree in Whatstandwell, culminating with a delicious gourmet finger buffet.

Janet Pidgeon

## HISTORY 2

History Group 2 has had a year researching the Stuart period in England, Scotland and North America. In June we met at St Helen's Church Hall Darley to hear a speaker, Brian Stone, whose topic was "Derbyshire in the Civil War". Locally there were families supporting each side and there was a significant amount of fighting and destruction. Brian is a published author and lecturer who was fascinating and entertaining. Our year started and ended with a bang – with the Gunpowder Plot and Great Fire of London. For several meetings we discussed aspects of the Civil War including the lives of famous Parliamentarians and Levellers. We also discussed the Restoration and lives of some of the monarchs and their consorts. Several members left during the year but we are back to our maximum of 12.

Helen Boocock

## LOCAL HISTORY

Attendance has been good for the Local History Group meetings, where, almost all of the activities were arranged, researched and led by various members of the group, who we would like to thank. We have had indoor talks during the cold months, which included Erasmus Darwin, Darley Dale in Bloom, the old Rowsley Mills, the Ecclesbourne Railway and Railways in Rowsley. Visits, in the spring and summer have included Barrow Hill Round House, Tissington Hall, a walking tour of Chesterfield, Pentrich (including all about the Pentrich Risings), a walk around Stanton Moor, a short tour of the Ecclesbourne Railway site, after the talk and a final walk around Bonsall Moor looking at the site of the old lead mines.

Susan Tomlinson

## FAMILY HISTORY

Our New Year plan for 2016 was to encourage members to tell us about their ancestors. Although it caused anxiety for most of us, it was felt necessary for us to order our research and share it.

We've had a very interesting and varied programme finding this exercise rewarding. The group enjoyed the presentations & we finally had our research in good order. We developed new skills and confidence doing the mini presentations. Topics included the cutlery trade, tax, homes & times of ancestors and research in libraries outside Derbyshire. A photo scanning demonstration & practice lead to a digital presentation of photos of several generations of a family. Liza at the local studies library showed us what resources are available and how to find them. We also looked at copies of old newspapers enjoying historic scandal and heard how to preserve old photos.

Angie Corby

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 1

What a year! That is the verdict on 2016 from political commentators, (together with the rest of the media), and no doubt all U3A Current Affairs groups everywhere. As every year we have been ready to investigate, to try and analyse and to comment, (reflecting our diverse views). Having said all that, some of us just felt totally bewildered! Needless to say our topics revolved around the topics of the year, immigration, the Referendum and Brexit, the state of the political parties in the UK and of course, the American election and the various faces of Donald Trump. We look forward to 2017, which will no doubt prove to be just as interesting.

Ros Bourne

## CURRENT AFFAIRS 2

The Current Affairs 2 Group continued to meet on the last Wednesday of each month throughout the year. The Group meets at its members' homes, with around ten members attending each meeting. Needless to say, with the events of the past year, 'hot' topics have not been hard to find. With the varying experiences and views of its members, the discussions have always been lively, wide-ranging and, often, thought provoking. The New Year certainly promises to present the Group with no shortness of discussion material!

Roger Keeling

## BRIDGE GROUP

The Bridge Group has had another successful and very enjoyable year. The Group continued to meet at Matlock Football Club every Wednesday morning for three hours of competitive, social bridge. Weekly attendance has consistently been around 50, with up to 14 tables playing duplicate bridge in two sections.

In May, the Group again organised its annual three days away at the delightful Cober Hill hotel and conference centre on the coast, just north of Scarborough. Some 30 members participated and the three bridge sessions were interspersed with other social activities, including walking, local visits and golf. Another visit to Cober Hill is planned for May this year.

For the first time in three years, we have been able to offer training to new players keen to learn bridge. A beginners' course, initiated and organised by Frank Hemming and supported by Group members, commenced in September and will continue on Wednesday afternoons until the spring. As a result, some ten beginners are now experiencing the joys of learning bridge. A very big thank you from the Group to Frank, enabling us to once again introduce new players to the game.

Roger Keeling

## SCRABBLE 1

2016 saw quite a change for the group when Bronwen, whose home we had been meeting at, moved house. We now meet at the Barn at St Giles Church; the room is ideal and has very good facilities plus a very spacious car park. We play serious but light hearted games which leads to a very good atmosphere; it's also an important social morning for our members. We have 12 members so we are fully subscribed at the moment.

David Gadsby

## GEOGRAPHY

The geography group has been meeting successfully for several months now. We usually meet in the coordinator's home and she has made us very welcome. We are a friendly group of people with wide-ranging interests in the world around us; the group is usually well attended but we do still have room for one or two new members if anyone should care to join us. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon, breaking for refreshments and discussion at a convenient time.

So far we have covered a very varied selection of topics, including rivers, oceans, deserts, the Welsh coast and travels in Africa. Mountains will be the subject of the next meeting and we are trying to encourage a member to share her recent travels in the Southern Hemisphere with us. As you can see no topic is too small or too large to be included and presenters are encouraged to share their own interests and expertise with the rest of the group.

If you would like any further information about the meetings please contact the group coordinator Pam Wildgoose on 01629 583752 or email [eav@btinternet.com](mailto:eav@btinternet.com).

Liz Vincent

## GEOLOGY GROUP

MAU3A Geology Group continues to enjoy a varied programme of field trips, visits and meetings at Audley St Elphins for talks and visual presentations. Our regular members total 25 with a typical attendance of about 60%. Five of our meetings have been at St Elphins with presentations by members on the geology of New Zealand and East Africa, and the pros and cons of Fracking. At two meetings we viewed and discussed episodes of the BBC's Earth Story. Christmas Lunch was taken at The Fishpond, Matlock Bath, following which Chris Darmon's talk "Every Picture Tells a Story" took us through the geological background behind a variety of pictures.

We have visited Good Luck Mine (Bonsall), Matlock Bath Mining Museum and Temple Mine, Charnwood Forest, Great Longstone and The Roaches near Leek.

Our thanks go to Peter Clook, Peter Keeble, Dave Puxley and Gerry Slavin for conducting meetings and trips. A similarly varied programme is planned for the coming year and the Group would welcome new members who are interested in joining an enthusiastic and friendly group to learn more about both local and global geology.

Peter Hume

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Now approaching its third year, the group attracts a regular attendance of about 20 members. The format varies from talks to round table discussions, videos and visits; subjects have been very varied. We have looked back at the development of the first computer and of Sky TV and satellite communications, at the history of the atomic bomb, but also forward to prospects for power stations run on nuclear fusion. We have examined the basics of energy and celebrated the centenary of Einstein's General Theory of Relativity. The forensic analysis of documents and its role in major criminal trials made a fascinating story and the causes and effects of climate change provided a lively round table discussion.

A guided tour of Rolls-Royce Heritage Centre with its superb display of vintage cars and aero engines proved very popular. The visit to Jodrell Bank Observatory was open to all MAU3A members and 50 of us enjoyed an excellent talk and day out.



Dave Puxley



## BOULES

Boules Un is still going strong, well-attended and, as last year, playing at the Rising Sun, Middleton Top for most Mondays and the last Monday at the Gate Inn, Tansley. We agreed to stop over the winter period and look forward to warmer weather.

Warren Makinson

Boules Deux was launched this summer with a "Taster Session" attended by some thirteen MAU3A members, all of whom signed up to play. We have continued meeting each Wednesday afternoon since. Skills are improving and everyone is enjoying themselves. It is now December and several brave souls continue to turn out and play - albeit well wrapped up! Play will continue through the winter, but we look forward to getting the shorts back on in the spring...

Martin Emery

Boules Trois was established in the autumn and meets on Friday mornings at the Rising Sun, Middleton by Wirksworth. We currently have 3 vacancies in the group so would welcome any new interested parties. We are a very friendly group that don't take ourselves too seriously, but enjoy the game! We try to play throughout the year providing it is not actually raining! The other two boules groups meet Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

Max Price

## BOWLS 1 & 2

Another season of bowling was enjoyed by the growing number of bowlers in the MAU3A group at Matlock Golf Club. Novice bowlers were helped along by the 'old hands' and soon got the hang of things. Bowling will start again for the 2017 season in April, please keep an eye on the website for the date when I look forward to seeing all the regulars again.

Elvée Hall

April 2016 saw the start of the fourth season for Matlock U3A Bowls Group 2 based at the Matlock Bath Bowls Club. The group has now grown to 23 with 3 new members joining this year. Everyone enjoyed fun but always competitive games in surprisingly good weather. This year we were able to extend the season into late September by moving the session to Friday afternoons. The new season will start in April dependent upon the weather conditions so watch the website for further details. The green can only accommodate a maximum of 18 players however as not everyone can come to every session we are rarely full but if you are interested in playing you must get in touch first.

Mike Frosdick

## BIRDING

The joint Matlock and Bakewell U3A Birding Group has had successful outings each month this year, visiting a variety of habitats including local moorland, woodland and gravel pits as well travelling further afield to a relatively new reserve outside Newark. We are now an established group of 25 with as many as 16 members joining for some visits. All are learning quickly and becoming great spotters. We are lucky enough to have several experienced birders to put us right on our waders and warblers.

We do not have a limit on our membership, and always welcome new members so please get in touch if you might enjoy a gentle stroll around often lovely countryside, a bit of bird spotting and a picnic.



Jane Burgess

### CARS & MOTORING

From a standing start at the beginning of the year, the Group was quickly up to speed with a variety of events including factory visits to Toyota and JCB, a scenic tour of local Derbyshire countryside and a visit to the national motor museum being the highlights. Membership grew throughout the year with 25 attending the JCB factory tour, although perhaps this flatters to deceive because we opened it up to the wider U3A membership. The agenda for 2017 is being worked on but the bar was set high in the first year and will be a tough one to follow. Meetings are the second Friday of each month. See web page for more details.

Hartley Jenkinson

### MOTORCYCLING

This group was started in the autumn of 2015 and currently has 9 members. We ride out on Thursdays usually and have visited many interesting cafes and places of interest throughout the year. Our recent ride to the highest cafe in England, through thick freezing fog, was interesting to say the least! We are hoping to try and organise a European tour next year and would welcome any suggestions. Any new members are most welcome.

Max Price

### SKI CLUB

This group was established in January of this year and although we have several interested members nothing has materialised as yet. We hope to be able to arrange chalets for weeks in January and March each year. This is proving quite a challenge! Any new parties interested in skiing or taking up or returning after a break (!) would be most welcome.

Max Price

### SHORT WALKS

A short walks group has been set up that go at a more leisurely pace than the main group. They have proved to be very popular, (six to fifteen walkers attending) but possibly this may be something to do with refreshments afterwards. We have had one or two a month, but their frequency will depend on the number of volunteer leaders. It has been agreed that rather than determining the length of the route in advance it is simpler, and more relevant, for the leader to say how long it will take. Generally they are 1.5 -2.0 hours long. So far we have discovered walking along the Derwent to Matlock Bath, the delights of Lumsdale, and the beauty of Bonsall.

Note: U3A members can join either or both walking groups by contacting the relevant coordinator.



Hilary Essen

### WALKING

A total of 270 miles was walked by the walking group this year with only 2 walks cancelled for (very) bad weather.

Walks have been very varied in location and days thanks to the careful planning by the walk leaders. We have trekked over moorland, crossed streams and wandered through woodland in its full autumn glory and one day had a picnic looking across to snowy hills. Our walks have not only tested the cardio vascular system but also the grey matter with many taking in interesting facts of local history. In April 4 members took part on a walk led by The National Trust Rangers across Kinder Scout to celebrate the Mass Trespass walk of 1932, exactly 84 years ago to the day.

In addition to the weekly walks, 22 members and 1 dog enjoyed a week's self catering holiday in Northumbria in September when we were extremely lucky with the weather and made the most of beautiful long stretches of unspoilt sandy beaches, islands, hills and some visits to National Trust properties and gardens. Many of our walks have ended with a very sociable drink or meal at a local hostelry.



Pam & Nigel Johns

**TRUSTEES OF THE MATLOCK AREA U3A AND MEMBERS OF THE  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (2016-2017)**

*Position (Election Due)*

Barbara Phelan	Chair	2018
Helen Boocock	Business Secretary	2018
Judith Hodges	Treasurer / Derbyshire U3A Network	2018
Diane Frosdick	Groups Secretary	2018
Bea Jagger	Communication	2017
Jenny McEwan	Membership Secretariat	2017
Fred Rosindell	Membership Secretariat	2017
Penny Ackland	Website Manager	2019
Peter Hume	Ordinary Member	2019
Dave Puxley	Publicity Officer	2019
Martin Eyre	Ordinary Member (co-opted)	
Mike Frosdick	Equipment Officer (co-opted)	

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