

From the Chair

After our 'curate's egg' of a summer I hope you are refreshed and ready for the busy year ahead. We have begun the countdown to our Silver Jubilee which starts on 15 January 2011. If you are wondering what all the fuss is about, I ask you, what other voluntary group in Sheffield with nearly 3000 members achieves so much with no paid staff, no premises, and no grant-aid? There can't be many!

So, next year is very special and we want to celebrate in style! We have been planning a programme of events, some of which you will find listed on page 5. Others (such as a debate with sixth formers, picnic at Chatsworth Park and an art and photography exhibition) are in the planning stage and will appear in *Links* at the appropriate time. Watch out for the Jubilee Signpost!

2011 will be a wonderful opportunity to blow the SU3A trumpet but there will inevitably be some additional costs. Donations will be very gratefully received (see page 5).

The Lord Mayor would like to hold a Civic Reception in January for founder members, officers and long-serving Coordinators. In relation to the last group, we have details of those who are currently undertaking the role, but are less certain about those who gave lengthy service (ten years' plus) **before** 2000. If you know of a member who would seem to qualify, please would you let Vera Dyer know so that we can be sure that they receive an invitation.

Our March event will enable you to have a tree or a shrub planted in memory of a loved one. A belt of land to the left of the rock garden in Whirlowbrook Park needs TLC and Parks staff will help us to transform it into a low maintenance woodland garden. They will loan us tools, give any necessary training and remove rubbish. They will work with us on a planting scheme which, in addition to shrubs like azaleas, could have a meandering path, bench(es) and wood carvings. There will be a plaque to record our contribution and a record of donated plants will be held for posterity. This will be our own Memorial Garden – and is an idea that could be replicated elsewhere in the city in years to come.

Cover Picture : Voluntary Reading Mentor

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Any member who is keen to see this happen is invited to a meeting at Whirlowbrook Hall Café on **Wednesday 20 October at 2.30 pm**. Members can help in any/all of three ways – by helping to clear the area; by donating a shrub; and by helping with the planting. There is also a further option - to help tidy the rock garden itself. If you cannot attend the meeting but want to help, please phone me or Paul Whyman (0114 236 5287). Further information will be on our website and in the December issue of *Links*.

One garden worth a visit is Winthrop Park Sensory Garden at Wickersley (www.winthropark.co.uk). It has been created on the site of a disused sewage works by a man who survived major heart surgery and who, having found solace in his own garden, vowed to make 'an oasis of tranquillity and peace' for others to enjoy. When he embarked on this, David had no idea whether he would live to see the garden completed, but he and his wife pressed on, raising funds and inspiring others to help them. The lesson I take from this when contemplating a new challenge is that it is often better to travel than to arrive, and the chances are that I will arrive anyway.

We may be younger than we think! Old age is constantly being postponed. In 1875 you became old at 50. Now we hear that in future people might be working until they are 70 or more. Maybe Katherine Whitehorn is right to say that 'a thirty-year sabbatical is not on'. But do we really expect people to work full-time until 70? In any job? What will the effect be on young people trying to join the labour market and on our strong culture of volunteering? I think this whole issue needs a great deal more thought. Letters to the Editor will be welcome.

Apparently 1 October is 'International Older People's Day'. The Government wants to see us tackling the outdated stereotypes of 'old age'. So, whilst Roy (currently an apprentice Bridge player) struggles with his Benjaminised Weak Two's, I shall help the cause by playing Beatles albums at top volume and by giving up my seat to a younger person on the bus. How will you mark the day? Just imagine, you could be the first SU3A member to get an ASBO!

Shelagh Woolliscroft

Sheffield U3A News Update

Executive Committee Report

Here is an update from the September Executive Committee meeting, which we hope you will find informative.

We are now desperate to find a Deputy *Links* Editor. There is so much talent in SU3A, so surely, out of a membership of over 2800 there is someone interested in assisting John Williams? If you think you can help out, please contact John to find out what is involved (contact details inside the front cover of *Links*). Full training will be given - you can then use the skills with other similar publications.

We are pleased to report that Ken Cliff has now taken up the role of *Links* Distribution Officer, with help from Dave Caborn. Thank you, Ken.

As indicated in the last issue of *Links*, we are also in the process of trying to find a successor to our Treasurer, Jim Rowland (see advertisement on page 10).

We held an open meeting in August, in partnership with Chesterfield U3A, at the Hearty Oak, Dronfield, as part of our outreach programme. We are delighted to say that it was very well attended and hope, as a result, that we will have increased membership from that area.

Your Committee has not been idle over the summer months. There are now updated Guidelines for Coordinators. These guidelines are available within the Group Coordinators area on the website, which any member can access, and will also be distributed at the Coordinators' Meeting on 5 October.

In an organisation as large as SU3A, with such a diverse membership, inevitably there can be problems which need sorting out (thankfully few and far between!). A small working group was set up, which included a number of Coordinators, and we now have Problem Resolution Guidelines. This information is also available within the Group Coordinators area on the website.

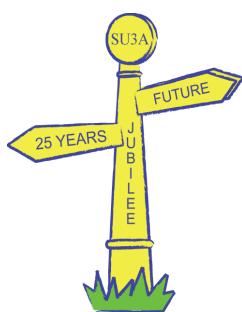
The Gift Aid Working Group was disbanded when Gift Aid was

absorbed into the general SU3A accounts. However, a sum has been ring-fenced for any Group that needs to buy equipment or items to enhance their Group's activities. These Gift Aid Guidelines are again available on the website. Thanks to all who contributed to producing these guidelines.

Finally, we make no apology for repeating the request for donations towards the Jubilee Year, made in the Chair's Report. We hope you will find the 'taster' programme of some of the events exciting and will feel able to contribute towards what will be a milestone year.

The date of the next Executive Committee meeting is 5 November 2010.

Vera Dyer



SHARE YOUR SKILLS

Design the Jubilee Programme Cover

Sheffield U3A is launching a competition to design a front cover for the special souvenir programme to mark the Silver Jubilee Event at Wortley Hall on 30 June 2011. The winning entry will reflect the activities of SU3A and promote our anniversary.

Entries should be A4 size and in colour. Please include your name, SU3A number and contact details. Entries should be sent by post or email to: Pat Battams, Publicity Coordinator SU3A, 74 Springfield Road, Sheffield, S7 2GD, or by email to to arrive no later than 1 December 2010. The winner will be informed by the end of that month and published in the February *Links*. The judges' decision will be difficult, but is final.

So, get out your paints, sharpen your pencils, switch on your computer, get snappy with the camera – we know how much talent is out there. Please share it with all of us!

2011 JUBILEE YEAR PROGRAMME

Date 2011	Event	How to Take Part
March (date to be agreed)	Planting a Memorial Woodland Garden at Whirlowbrook Park	Planning Meeting 20 October 2010 2.30 pm, Park Café. Details re donations and date for planting will be in December 2010 and February 2011 <i>Links</i> .
14 May 2.00 pm	Canal Boat Cruise with Afternoon Tea	Booking form will be in February 2011 <i>Links</i> .
30 June	JUBILEE DAY at Wortley Hall	Booking form for lunch and transport will be in every <i>Links</i> , starting December 2010.
8 October	Dinner and Dance at Cutler's Hall	Booking form will be in June and August 2011 <i>Links</i> .
16 November	Jubilee Lecture, Sheffield Town Hall	Details will be in August and October 2011 <i>Links</i> .

SILVER JUBILEE DONATION

As you know, the Executive Committee is working hard to make our Jubilee Year extra special. All the events are being organised by our members and most will be self-financing. However, we do need to raise some extra funds to cover additional publicity and administrative costs.

At the SU3A AGM in April 2010, the question of applying for sponsorship from outside organisations to help towards funding the Jubilee events was raised. Some members felt that, before considering the sponsorship option, we should try to raise as much of the funding as possible from within the membership.

You are therefore invited to make a donation towards the year's celebrations. Please make your cheque payable to SU3A, marked 'Jubilee' on the back, and send to: Jim Rowland, SU3A Treasurer, 41 Renshaw Road, Sheffield, S11 7PD.

Many thanks.

The Executive Committee

Could you become a Volunteer Reading Mentor in a Sheffield Primary School?

As an active response to concerns that, nationally, 1 in 5 pupils entering secondary school at the age of 11 do not meet the level expected of them in English, the Inclusion and Learning Service within Sheffield City Council's Children and Young People's Services set up a project to recruit Volunteer Reading Mentors.

Quality one-to-one reading support from a volunteer mentor over a 10 week period can achieve a significant improvement in a child's reading age. Growing confidence and self-esteem leads to pupils being able to access all aspects of the curriculum and gives them a head start in tackling the new challenges of secondary school (and indeed increases their employability in the future).

SU3A became involved in the project in early 2009 and there has been an enthusiastic response from members. Currently 29 SU3A volunteers work in 14 primary schools across Sheffield. The Project Team at Sheffield City Council very much values our contribution and would welcome new Sheffield U3A volunteers to the project.

Are you interested? The Project is offering registration appointments on **19, 20 and 21 October 2010.**

In a short interview you will be asked to register your personal details with the Project Team, and take part in an enhanced CRB check, due to the nature of the work.

To book a convenient appointment, and for any further information, please contact Faye Jeffrey, Assistant Project Officer, Sheffield City Council on (0114) 250 6853

Please remember to tell Faye that you are a SU3A member.

Your SU3A link contact is Yvonne Rowland –
Tel (0114) 242 5201

Lectures for All

Sheffield U3A invites you to the next event in their series of monthly Lectures. This event takes place at The Showroom Cinema 2, Paternoster Row. Sheffield S1 2BX.

Take advantage of the FREEBEE Bus - it stops right outside. Coffee and biscuits can be purchased from 10.00 am prior to the lecture, which begins at 10.30 am until 12.00 noon.

Lunch is available to buy in the café afterwards if you don't have to rush home.

FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2010

Crime in 18th Century London by Prof. Robert Shoemaker

This illustrated lecture shows that crime was one of the prevailing themes in the burgeoning literature of the eighteenth century. Whilst that literature is fascinating, it is also in many respects misleading.

Prof. Shoemaker will question the myths that London in this period was besieged by a criminal underworld and that the state responded with a brutal, bloody code of punishment. He will talk about highway robbery, the murder rate, hanging, transportation and imprisonment; and will consider the view that In many respects the eighteenth century witnessed the birth of the modern criminal justice system.

Join us for this FREE event. Everyone is welcome.

Research Projects

A Study into the Kitchen Environment

Sam Hyde is a PhD student at the University of Sheffield, studying in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. He is looking at the interaction between users and their environment in the kitchen, focusing on the hand-handle interactions that occur in this scenario.

He is wishing to recruit participants for some simple physical testing of manual strength, dexterity, skin friction and finger sensitivity. He is also trying to recruit participants to complete an online survey into people's interactions with the kitchen environment.

If you would like to participate, please contact him at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mappin Street, Sheffield S1 3JD; telephone (0114) 222 7805 or (07999) 415 595.

Participants Needed

Participants are needed for a research study undertaken by Sheffield Hallam University in collaboration with Sheffield University and Sheffield NHS Teaching Hospitals Trust.

Men aged 60-80 years are needed to form part of a control group, whose results will be compared to patients with prostate cancer. The study aims to investigate cardiovascular health in men with prostate cancer on androgen deprivation therapy. This study hopes to advance knowledge on the cardiovascular effects of treatment options for prostate cancer patients.

Men willing and eligible to take part will be required to attend one testing session lasting approximately 90 minutes. During this session your vascular function will be assessed and a venous blood sample will be taken. Testing will take place at the Centre for Sport and Exercise Science, Sheffield Hallam University, Collegiate Campus, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

If you are interested in volunteering to take part in this project, or would like any further information, please contact Stephen Gilbert, study researcher, on (0114) 225 5865

Hallam Future Bathroom Research Project

We are going to the bathroom. We enter the doorway and look around. The walls are different somehow - new tiles, soft flexible tiles so we feel comfortable with them; but where is the toilet and what happened to the bath? We look again and find a seat with a small hand basin close by. Could this be the loo? The new bath is equally strange - it folds up and is made of cardboard. Is this a dream or is it some preposterous world we now live in?

It is a bathroom in a not too distant future. Soon the wooden and card models will be replaced by more realistic furnishings, awaiting evaluation. And this is where SU3A comes in.

If you are interested in viewing the results of the Future Bathroom Project, please give me a call or contact Heath Reed on (0114) 225 6762 to see their work. You will be very welcome.

Peter Barclay (0114) 230 4327

Do you use Open Learning Material?

As some of you may know, there is Open Learning material on a variety of subjects available as free downloads from the national U3A website. Have any Groups or members taken advantage of this material? If you have, would you let your Secretary, Vera Dyer (contact details on inside of the front cover) know whether you found it useful?

YOUR LAST CHANCE

Lunch and Lecture - Friday 22 October 2010

Come and make new acquaintances over an excellent lunch, followed by the opportunity to hear a local historian, Mike Higginbottom, give an entertaining and informative, illustrated talk on how and where the workers of Britain, in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, enjoyed their leisure time.

If you wish to join us at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30 pm at the Sheffield Park Hotel, Meadowhead; please complete the form at the back of this issue of *Links*.

Doreen Bezant Coordinator (0114) 236 6596

Situations Vacant

Deputy Editor of *Links*

It is time to commence the process of identifying a replacement for Roger Heesterman, who will be standing down at the next AGM. The role of the Deputy Editor is to shadow the Editor for a period, before ultimately taking over the role.

Those interested should be reasonably conversant with the use of the internet, email and Microsoft Word. Training can be given in the use of Microsoft Publisher (which has many similarities with Word), the software currently used (and provided by SU3A).

If you are interested in hearing more about this post, please contact either John Williams on (0114) 230 4568 or Roger Heesterman on (0114) 230 7654.

Treasurer

The present SU3A Treasurer will finish his term of office at the AGM in April 2011.

We are looking for a member of SU3A to fill this post. The post requires basic accounts knowledge, but it is not necessary for the holder to be a qualified accountant.

If you would like further information, please ring the current Treasurer, Jim Rowland, on (0114) 266 1793.

Sheffield U3A Activities & Interest Groups - OCTOBER 2010

To join Sheffield U3A please contact Rita Webster (Initial Enquiries Officer) on (0114) 289 1351.

Anyone wishing to join a Group should ring the Coordinator first. If you find the Group is full, has a waiting list, or wish to suggest a new Group, please ring the General Coordinator Jim Walker on (0114) 236 9687. Groups currently notifying they have vacancies are marked with a **V** in the following pages. Full details and some Group programmes can also be found on our website - www.sheffieldu3a.org.uk.

Sheffield U3A is committed to the principles of inclusion and good access wherever possible. We are making every effort to ensure that our activities are available to everyone who wishes to actively participate. Accessibility of Group meetings and activities is listed using the following key -

- ¹MH** Member's Home - access variable; if you have any specific needs you are advised to contact the Group Coordinator
- A*** Public Venue - meeting is fully accessible, including a hearing loop
- A** Public Venue - meeting is physically accessible, but does not include a hearing loop
- X** Public Venue - meeting access is limited; if you have any specific needs you are advised to contact the Group Coordinator.

KEY TO MEETING DETAILS:-

This shows Day, Time & Frequency - e.g. *Mo.am.f* = Monday Morning Fortnightly. *We.pm.m* = Wednesday Afternoon Monthly. *Tu.--.w.* = Tuesday All Day Weekly. *4w* = Every 4 weeks. **AREA**:- The Postal Area in which the Group meets - e.g. (SE) indicates that the Group meets in the South East of Sheffield.

Please notify any amendments to this list to the General Coordinator.

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TEL No.
ARTS AND CRAFTS						
Appreciating Architecture		Th.pm.m	S8	A	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Architecture Past and Present	V	Tu.pm.m	S8	A	Roy Pilkington	01246 416 139
Art (SE)	V	We.pm.w	S13	X	Sylvia Ludlam	269 7034
Art I	V	We.am.w	S11	A*	Ann Ritchie	230 4552
Art II	V	Th.pm.w	S11	A	Ruth Lamb	236 2807
Art III	V	We.pm.w	S10	X	Miriam Currie	01246 414 274
Aspects of Art I		Th.pm.m	S7	A	Beryl Moore	268 6632
Aspects of Art II		Th.pm.m	S7	A	Valerie Wiley	236 0726
Card Craft	V	Mo.pm.f	S7	X	Margaret Lycett	269 0429
Cards 'R' Us		Fr.pm.f	S20	MH	Lily Taylor	248 0565
Digital Photography	V	Th.pm.m	S11	A	Grenville Morgan	230 5981
Handwork & Craft II		Th.am.f	S11	MH	Jean Davis	233 9784
Looking at Art	V	Th.pm.m	S8	A	Christine Green	01709 519 175
Knitting	V	Mo.pm.m	S10/11	MH	Jane Harling	230 9576
Outdoor Sketching I	V	Fr.am.f	various	A	Florence Ames	236 7108
Outdoor Sketching II	V	We.am.f	various	A	Audrey Morris	236 3619
Patch & Quilt	V	Mo.pm.f	S17	MH	Inge Davies	236 0318
Photography NW	V	Fr.pm.f	S36	A	Harold Norton	288 6920
Practical Dressmaking	V	Th.pm.f	S7	X	Christine Barker	250 8807
Quilting Hive		Mo.pm.f	S8	MH	Lynne Brown	237 7643
Woodworking/Woodcarving		Th.pm.w	S7	MH	Bob Adkins	255 1968
BIRD WATCHING						
Bird Watching I		Mo.am.f	various	X	Gillian Tutt	236 6237
Bird Watching II	V	We.--w	S11/17	X	Malcolm Swift	01246 412 737
CARDS AND BOARD GAMES						
Bridge - Friday I	V	Fr.pm.w	S17	A	Audrey Lupson	235 1618
Bridge - Friday II	V	Fr.pm.w	S10	A	Brian Jeremiah	230 7250
Bridge - Friday III	V	Fr.pm.w	S7	A	Rati Chiba	01433 659 864
Bridge - Monday		Mo.pm.w	S7	A	Patricia Latham	01246 419 106
Bridge - Thursday	V	Th.pm.w	S17	A	David Jones	236 7405

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CARDS AND BOARD GAMES cont.						
Bridge - Tuesday	V	Tu.am.w	S11	X	Michael Brumby	236 5676
Bridge - Wednesday	V	We.am.w	S17	X	Jean Bowie	230 1002
Bridge at Home	V	Mo.pm.m	S10	A	Christine Barton	230 8464
Chess	V	Tu.pm.m	S17	MH	Sheila Hardie	236 4498
Rummikub I		Mo.pm.f	various	MH	Shirley Wilks	236 7673
Rummikub II		Mo.pm.f	S18	MH	Rita Webster	289 1351
Rummikub (SE)		Mo.pm.f	S13	MH	Joan Brown	269 4829
Scrabble	V	Fr.pm.f	S7	X	Liz Barber	288 1984
Whist cntrct & dble 12 Dominoes	V	Su.eve.w	various	MH	Gerald Cartwright	281 1499
DISCUSSION, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION						
Discussion I		Tu.pm.f	various	MH	Susan Hydes	255 2141
Discussion II	V	Tu.am.m	various	MH	Mary Alexander	255 6385
Discussion Deepcar	V	Tu.am.m	S35	X	Hazel Millington	286 3814
Ideas	V	Mo.am.m	S35	MH	Alec Jenner	286 2546
Philosophy- Historical/Classical	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	A	Teresa McLaren	230 1320
Philosophy-Topics/Theme	V	Mo.am.m	S8	A	Janet Haigh	230 3070
Sugar & Spice		Mo.pm.f	S8	MH	Eunice Southgate	281 1876
Today's World		Th.am.m	various	MH	TBA	
Wealth & Poverty	V	Mo.pm.4w	S11	MH	Jeanne Rogers	255 0584
GARDENING						
Gardening (SE)	V	Tu.am.f	various	X	Carol Wright	251 0140
Gardening A		Mo.am.m	various	X	Glennis Williams	230 5521
Gardening Aspen	V	Th.pm.m	various	X	June Pollard	231 4939
			S10/11/1			
Gardening C		Mo.am.m	7	X	Susan Fielding	230 3987
Gardening D		Tu.am.m	various	X	Hilary Hutson	225 8570
Gardening Greenfingers	V	Tu.pm.m	S8	X	Jane Gregory	274 9246

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HISTORY						
Classical Civilisation		<i>Fr.pm.m</i>	S11	MH	Anne Thomas	230 5281
Family History I	V	<i>We.am.4w</i>	S10	A	Ann Grassick	230 2777
Family History II	V	<i>Tu.am.4w</i>	S7	A	Stuart Lodge	220 7192
Family History III	V	<i>Tu.pm.m</i>	S35	A*	Paul Cordwell	232 2766
History I	V	<i>Tu.am.f</i>	S17	A*	Robert Bragg	281 9534
History II	V	<i>Mo.pm.4w</i>	S10/11	MH	Roy Morris	236 3800
Local History (SE)	V	<i>We.pm.f</i>	S20	A	Margaret Troop	287 4448
Local History III	V	<i>Mo.am.f</i>	S7	A	Peter Evans	281 9532
Local History IV	V	<i>Fr.pm.m</i>	S11	A	Margaret Laycock	236 4109
Local History North	V	<i>Tu.pm.m</i>	S5/35	A*	Peter Hughes	245 1172
Local History V	V	<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S7	MH	Margaret Etchells	236 3317
Military History	V	<i>Th.pm.m</i>	S7	A	Marion Monaghan	01246 414 137
Oral History	V	<i>Tu.am.4w</i>	S7	A	Vera Wibberley	255 4982
Visiting History	V	<i>Tu.pm.m</i>	various	X	Kathleen Head	243 8021
LANGUAGES						
Cercle Francais I	V	<i>Fr.am.w</i>	S7	X	Ronald Blunt	01433 650 758
Cercle Francais II	V	<i>Mo.pm.f</i>	S10	MH	Margaret Platts	230 7300
Classical Greek Alpha	V	<i>We.pm.f</i>	S1	A	Deidre Eastburn	281 8446
French-Advanced		<i>Fr.am.w</i>	S10	A	Audrey Sainsbury	230 7446
French-Intermediate		<i>Th.am.w</i>	S11	X	Pauline Wiley	286 4085
French for Holidays		<i>Mo.pm.f</i>	S7	MH	Usha Fitch	236 5009
German -Advanced		<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S8/10/17	MH	Kenneth Gale	236 4057
German for Beginners	V	<i>Mo.am.w</i>	S18	MH	Shelagh Woolliscroft	01246 416 139
German- Intermediate	V	<i>Mo.am.w</i>	S10	A*	Anthony Gibbs	01246 410 003
Italian	V	<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S10/11	MH	Rosalind Rogerson	268 1426
Italian for Holidays	V	<i>Fr.pm.w</i>	S11	X	Mike Hague	236 6336
Latin II	V	<i>Mo.pm.w</i>	S17	MH	Dorothy Hill-Wilson	236 6042
Latin III		<i>Tu.pm.f</i>	S11	MH	Frank Murphy	296 2424
Latin for Absolute Beginners		<i>Mo.am.f</i>	S1	A*	Paul Cordwell	232 2766
Latin Quattuor		<i>Tu.am.f</i>	various	MH	Brian Bezant	236 6596
Modern Greek	V	<i>Th.pm.f</i>	S11	MH	Margaret Halstead	258 2541

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LANGUAGES cont.						
Portuguese For Fun		Tu.am.w	S11	MH	Pauline Miller	258 3678
Sanskrit	V	Th.am.w	S7	A	Roger Linstead	236 3640
Scottish Gaelic	V	Mo.am.f	various	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
Spanish for Beginners	V	Th.pm.f	various	MH	Greta Pearman	236 3336
Spanish (Inter) I	V	Th.am.w	S7	X	Hilda Wisbey	262 1730
Spanish (Inter) II	V	Fr.am.w	S1	X	Tom Jackson	235 2186
Spanish (Inter) III	V	Th.am.w	S7	X	Pat Smith	230 6432
Welsh	V	Mo.am.f	S8	MH	Steve Clements	255 8422
LITERATURE AND DRAMA						
Book Group I		Fr.am.m	S17	A	Margaret Walton	255 6563
Book Group II		Fr.am.m	S17	A	Irene Voyce	235 2637
Book Group III		Tu.am.m	S17	A	Wendy Jenrick	268 7047
Book Group IV		Fr.am.m	S17	A	Mary Whyms	236 8628
Book Group V		Tu.pm.m	S11	MH	Mary Brookes	235 0180
Bookworm	V	Fr.pm.m	S36	A	Angela Butler	288 4778
Drama Study	V	Tu.pm.f	S11	MH	John Parsons	230 4902
Enjoying Literature I	V	Th.am.m	various	MH	Jack Holland	236 5060
Enjoying Literature II	V	We.pm.f	S7	MH	TBA	
Film Appreciation	V	Tu.pm.m	S1	A	Lesley Dixon	268 5881
Novel Reading I		Mo.pm.4w	S10	MH	Pam West	266 2188
Novel Reading II	V	Mo.pm.m	S11	MH	Kay Beeston	01433 631 247
Novel Reading III		Fr.am.m	various	MH	Judith Vernier	01246 418 607
Novel Reading IV	V	We.am.m	S5	A	Mary Simpson	245 2568
Play Reading I	V	Tu.pm.4w	various	MH	Mike West	266 2188
Play Reading II	V	Fr.pm.m	S11	MH	Doreen Findlay	266 8577
Play Reading III		Th.pm.4w	S 17	MH	Mavis Frost	236 4249
Poetry for Pleasure	V	We.pm.f	S17	MH	Pat Parkin	236 8009
Poetry Study	V	We.pm.f	S11	MH	Enid Bennett	236 1379
Shakespeare for Pleasure		Tu.am.f	S11	MH	Kay Nicholson	230 7576
Story Writers		Tu.am.4wk	various	MH	Margaret Briddon	262 0501

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MUSIC						
Enjoying Opera I		Mo.pm.f	S10	MH	John Williams	230 4568
Handbell Ringing	V	We.pm.w	S35	A	Hazel Bradey	234 2608
Listening to Music (SE)	V	Th.pm.f	various	MH	Brenda Keeling	266 1635
Listening to Music II		We.pm.f	S8	MH	Ray Cottam	235 0536
Music and Film	V	Tu.pm.m	S2		Tony Allwright	264 5883
Music Appreciation I	V	We.pm.f	S11/17	MH	David Andrews	235 3389
Music Appreciation II		Th.pm.f	S6	A	David Andrews	235 3389
Singing for Pleasure		Fr.pm.f	S1	A	Irene Lees	267 1857
PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES						
Belly Dancing	V	Tu.am.w	S36	X	Beryl Sharp	283 1392
Bowling Crown Green (SE)	V	Th.am.w	S20	X	John Hunt	269 8811
Bowling Crown Green	V	Mo./Th.am.w	S8	X	Keith Alcock	230 7813
Bowling Indoor - Mon		Mo.am.w	S36	X	Keith Alcock	230 7813
Country Dancing	V	Tu.pm.f	S8	X	Anne Marples	266 8794
Croquet		Tu.&Th.pm.w	S7	X	Peter Jones	230 5987
Pilates	V	We.pm.w	S18	X	Vera Dyer	237 7854
Table Tennis		Mo.&Th.am.w	S17	X	Susan Wormald	268 0487
Tai Chi I	V	Tu.am.w	S35	X	Jenny Freeman	220 6670
Tai Chi II	V	Fr.am.w	S36	X	Beryl Sharp	283 1392
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE						
Environment I	V	Tu.am.f	S8	MH	Elisabeth Vallance	255 3132
Geology	V	We.--.m	various	X	Dan Higbid	230 3919
Natural History I		Tu.am.m	various	X	Chris Hobson	253 0416
Natural History II	V	Th.--.m	various	X	Marion Edmondson	235 0313
Science & Technology		Mo.alt/am/ pm.m	S8	A	David Cassy	247 4454
Sustainable Development	V	Various.pm.m	central	X	Rose Tanner	245 0200

GROUP	VACANCIES	MEETING	AREA	ACCESS	COORDINATOR	TEL No.
SOCIAL						
After Hours		<i>Eve/weekend</i>	various	X	Mary Entwisle	255 2368
After Hours NW	V	<i>Tu.eve.m</i>	various	X	Joyce Franks	234 8587
Dining Out I		<i>We.pm.m</i>	various	X	Lorna Baker	236 9025
Dining Out II	V	<i>We.pm.m</i>	various	X	Roy Morris	236 3800
Dining Out NW		<i>Tu.eve.m</i>	various	X	Pamela Conroy	288 7081
Lunch & Chat Social Group NW	V	<i>Th.pm.m</i>	S35	A	Sylvia Parry	288 2918
WALKING						
Dippers "Too" (7-10mls)	V	<i>Mo.--f</i>	various	X	Margot Williams	268 2476
Dippers I (4-6mls)	V	<i>Mo.--f</i>	various	X	Donald Ward	296 0629
Gannets (5-7mls)	V	<i>Mo.--f</i>	various	X	John Lees	267 1857
Late Walkers (5mls)		<i>We.am.w</i>	various	X	Jill Whyns	235 9893
Peak in Bloom	V	<i>Su.--f</i>	Pk Dst.	X	Wendy Taylor	230 9290
Strollers I (Public Trspt.)	V	<i>We.--f</i>	various	X	Pat Parkin	236 8009
Strollers II (Public Trspt.)		<i>Mo.--f</i>	various	X	Cicely Chibnall	230 8803
Strollers II (Saturday)	V	<i>Sa.am.f</i>	various	X	Norman Benson	236 1080
Strollers II (Tuesday)	V	<i>Tu.am.f</i>	various	X	Clive Williams	230 8177
Strollers III (Public Trspt.)		<i>We.--f</i>	various	X	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Strollers III (Saturday)	V	<i>Sa.am.f</i>	various	X	Judy Hillman	266 7574
Strollers SE (Saturday)	V	<i>Sa.am.f</i>	various	X	Barbara Steel	247 4696
Sunday Walkers (7-9 mls)	V	<i>Su.--f</i>	various	X	David Hydes	288 7815
Walking Grp A (5-6mls)	V	<i>Alt Tu./We.--w</i>	various	X	Jack Wearing	01246 413 613
Walking Grp B (7-9mls)	V	<i>Alt Tu./We.--w</i>	various	X	Margaret Barlow	231 5190
Walking Grp C (5-7mls)		<i>Alt Tu./We.--w</i>	various	X	Gilbert Smith	230 5769

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WALKING cont.

Walking Grp D (9-11mils)	V	Alt We./Th.--w	various	X	Jan Taylor	230 2511
Walking Grp E (5-7mils)	V	Alt We./Th.--w	various	X	John Ould	236 9606
Walking Grp F (10-14mils)		Alt We./Th.--w	various	X	Peter Digby	236 6821
Walking Grp G (5-7mils)		Th.am.w	various	X	Glyn Davies	289 0987
Walking Grp H (9-11mils)		Mo.--w	various	X	Eric Bridgeland	250 8819
Walking Grp J (10-15mils)	V	Alt Tu./We.--w	various	X	Bill Barraclough	258 1294
Walking Grp K (5-7mils)PubTrspt.		Th.--f	various	X	Pat Clifton	251 0450
Walking Grp L (4-5 mls)	V	Th.am.w	various	X	Barbara Cassidy	262 0699
Walking Grp M (6-8mils)		Fr.--w	various	X	David Lightowler	236 3177
Walking Grp N (5-7mils)		Fr.am.w	various	X	Sheila Harris	236 9653
Walking Grp NW (5-7mils)	V	Th.am.w	S36	X	Mary Condon	288 5238
Walking Grp P (8-10mils)	V	Alt We./Th.--w	various	X	Mollie Ibbotson	01246 412 849
Walking Grp Q (5-7mils)	V	Tu.am.f	S5/S35	X	Anne Chatterton	246 2106
Walking Grp R (7-9mils)	V	Mo.--w	various	X	Marion Edmondson	235 0313
Walking Grp S (5-7mils)	V	Fr.am.w	various	X	Mike Denial	235 0584
Walking Grp SE (8mils)	V	Tu.--w	S20	X	Kenneth Stringfellow	230 4063

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE ADVERTISED IN LINKS AND ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

Classical Concertgoers'		various	various	X	Derek & Maureen Shipley	236 6257
ICT		Tu.pm.w	S10	A	Clare Chiba	01433 659 864
Literature Network		various	S11	A	TBA	
Lunch and Lecture		various	S8	A	Doreen Bezzant	236 6596
Travel		various	various	X	Barbara Robertshaw	236 9102

Group Coordinators are reminded that SU3A has a **YHA Group Card**, which means that non-YHA members do not have to pay the £3 per night additional charge. Please contact Marion Edmondson on (0114) 235 0313 for further details if you are planning a trip involving stays in Youth Hostels.

Group News

Hookline Novel Competition 2010

This literary competition is open to new authors studying for an MA in Creative Writing. It is unusual in that judges are sought from the reading public, which is why Book Group II are proud to have been invited to contribute to this year's results.

Assessments are made on plot, writing style, character development and reader satisfaction. Titles vary from "The Baby in the Phone Box" to "Leeward Lady" and, as might be expected, the content of the books on the shortlist covers a wide spectrum.

We are busily reading our way through this year's finalists, in addition to our monthly book, of course. The deadline is 31 October with the winner being declared shortly afterwards.

It is an interesting approach and more information can be found on www.booklinethinker.com.

Irene Voyce Coordinator Book Group II

Enjoying Literature

Meeting on the first Thursday morning of each month, the Group chooses a topic from any branch of literature – novels, poetry, drama, biography and so on.

Each member introduces and reads a suitable extract from his or her chosen source; the Group then discusses it.

Besides being interesting in itself this procedure introduces new books or stimulates re-reading of books read long ago, but now neglected.

We now have one or two vacancies; anyone interested should speak to the Coordinator on (0114) 236 5060.

Jack Holland Coordinator Enjoying Literature I

Thursday Bridge Group

The Thursday Bridge Group has vacancies for new members. We play duplicate bridge at Abbeydale Sports Club in the upstairs function room (lift available) every Thursday afternoon, at 12.45 for 1.00 pm. The annual subscription is £30. Please contact the Coordinator, David Jones on (0114) 236 7405 for further details.

David Jones Coordinator Thursday Bridge Group

Classical Concertgoers' Group

Our final concert in 2010 will take place in the recently refurbished Town Hall in Birmingham, on Sunday 21 November. It will be given by one of our major performing groups, the English Chamber Orchestra, directed by Howard Shelley, who will also be the soloist. The attractive programme includes the Symphony No. 96 "Miracle" of Haydn, Mendelssohn's 1st Piano Concerto, Saint-Saens' 2nd Piano Concerto and concludes with Beethoven's 8th Symphony. An optional pre-concert talk at 6.15 pm is included.

The cost is £29.00 per person and reservations may be made using the reply slip at the end of this issue. Remember to enter the names and contact numbers of all members for whom you are applying. Please send applications as soon as possible, with a small stamped addressed envelope, to Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, Sheffield, S17 4LA. The coach will leave the bus parking bay on Ecclesall Road South, near the top of Millhouses Lane, promptly at 3.45 pm.

Our visits are open to all SU3A members. No special Group membership is required.

Derek Shipley Coordinator (0114) 236 6257

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New Groups and Courses

Close Harmony Singing Begins

A six week course, for all the gentlemen who registered with me, will begin on Tuesday 26 October at Holt House Infant School, commencing at 7.30 pm. These members have already been contacted by post, but there are still a few places available for anyone who is interested. You will need to telephone me for further details. All SU3A members are cordially invited to attend any of the main chorus practices on any Tuesday. You may even get a complimentary cup of tea!



This '*learn to sing close harmony*' course does not require you to be able to read music. At the end of the evening's lesson, members may remain and join in or listen to the main chorus.

At the moment, I am still negotiating with the conductor of the Ladies' Chorus and so all ladies who have registered with me will be contacted by post when details become available.

Brian Bezant (0114) 236 6596

Understanding our Spiritual Experiences

Many of us have experiences in our lives which, no matter how modest, point to a transcendent realm of reality. We feel for a moment or two in a heightened state of awareness. For example, it may happen when we are witnessing a sunset, or the birth or death of someone, or while we are listening to music. Or we may have the experience of *being here before*, or that prayer and meditation have a real and positive effect in our lives.

The emphasis in this new Group will be on exploring and attempting to understand these sorts of experiences, not arguing about religious beliefs.

It will meet monthly at 78 Cherry Tree Road, Nether Edge, on either a Wednesday or a Thursday during the day. If there is sufficient interest, a meeting will be called to decide which will be the most popular time to meet, and on what date it will begin in the Autumn.

If anyone is interested in joining such a Group, could they get in touch with Robert Chamberlain on (0797) 490 6421


Enjoy Visiting Art Galleries?

This new Group could be for you. We propose a new Group, visiting art and photography galleries and exhibitions.

Our concept is for the Group to agree a programme of monthly visits to galleries, mostly in the northern half of England, such as Manchester, Birmingham and so on; travelling usually by train, but with the occasional car sharing. Members of the Group would buy their own tickets and then we would meet either at the station or at the gallery. We could view the work in pairs or small groups and meet in the café for coffee/lunch and informal discussions. The idea is to share and reflect on our enjoyment of art with like-minded people.

We would meet on the first Tuesday of each month. To save costs it would be an advantage to have a bus pass/rail card and be able to book train tickets online.

If you are interested, please phone Linda Jackson on (0114) 235 0852 .



**Thinking of Forming a
New Group?**

Always contact the General
Coordinator to discuss your idea first.

Jim Walker
(0114) 236 9687

Travel Group News

Travel Organising Committee

Barbara Robertshaw, Coordinator (0114) 236 9102

Barry De Roek, Treasurer (0114) 236 9169

Derek Shipley, Secretary (0114) 236 6257

Margaret Bullivant (0114) 296 2256

Val Wiley (0114) 236 0726

Only members of Sheffield U3A are eligible to take part in our activities.

Insurance - for short breaks and holidays in the UK and overseas (but **not** day visits), travel companies require that all participating members have personal travel insurance cover.

Illness / Medical Conditions / Disabilities - when applying you must inform the Visit Organiser of any problem or pre-existing medical condition. Please remember that all visits will involve some walking. Access to sites and places of interest frequently involves steep slopes, steps and uneven or slippery surfaces. Always wear comfortable, suitable footwear.

Agreed Pick-up Point - if you wish to make a change, you must notify the Visit Organiser **in advance**.

Reply Envelopes - please remember to include a suitable **stamped addressed envelope** with your application. For day visits - any small envelope; for short breaks and holidays - a *Links* size envelope.

In case of problems or emergencies - first try to contact the Visit Organiser; or if they are not available, any member of the Travel Committee.

Travel Excursions

Christmas at Harewood House

Thursday 9 December 2010

This year, our Christmas outing will be different. We will visit Yorkshire's Royal Stately Home, Harewood House, the home

of the Lascelles family. The house, designed by John Carr, displays some of the finest work of the interior designer Robert Adam and Master Cabinet Maker Thomas Chippendale. Included in its outstanding collection are Renaissance masterpieces, watercolours by Turner, Sévres porcelain, Chinese ceramics, as well as 20th century sculptures.

Our visit will start with coffee/tea and homemade biscuits in the Grand Entrance Hall. This will be followed by our own exclusive guided tour of the State Rooms and the below-stairs area. After the tour, we can relax in the Christmas-themed and decorated Terrace Café and Gallery with a lunch of beef casserole served with roasted vegetables and potatoes (a vegetarian option will be available). For dessert, we will have a chocolate and orange tart served with mincemeat ice-cream. Tea/coffee will round off the meal.

Afterwards there will be time to spend at the Harewood Christmas Market for some retail therapy. Choirs singing and brass bands playing carols and Christmas music will provide entertainment. The cost of the day is £35.00 per person. This includes the coach fare, gratuities, entrance and guided tour of the house, coffee and biscuits on arrival and a two course lunch. To reserve a place, please complete the booking slip at the end of this issue and send it with your cheque as soon as possible to Barbara Robertshaw.

North Wales Holiday

12 - 16 June 2011

Llandudno is North Wales' premier resort and it will be our base for this short break. We will be touring the picturesque Snowdonia National Park and the Island of Anglesey.

On the first day we will travel to Llangollen for a canal trip over the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, which was built by the famous engineer Thomas Telford. We will have lunch (not included) in Llangollen, before continuing to the Ambassador Hotel in Llandudno, passing through breathtaking mountain scenery.

**Lunch and Lecture
Sheffield Park Hotel**

Friday 22 October 2010 - 12.00 for 12.30 pm

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me (**£15.50** per person). I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **Sheffield U3A Lunch and Lecture**. I request vegetarian meals.

Forms should be sent to arrive **no later than Friday 8 October 2010**, to Doreen Bezant, 52 Chatsworth Road, Sheffield S17 3QH, with a small stamped addressed envelope.



**Classical Concertgoers' Group
Town Hall Birmingham
Sunday 21 November 2010**

Full Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me (**£29.00** per person). I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **SU3A Concertgoers'** and a **small stamped addressed envelope**. If possible, I would like to sit with at the concert.

Forms should be sent to Derek Shipley, 40 Wollaton Avenue, Sheffield S17 4LA, to arrive **as soon as possible**.

On the following days the programme includes a day in Anglesey, visiting Beaumaris Castle and Plas Newydd (NT), the home of the Marquis of Anglesey. We are also going on an underground tour of the Electric Mountain in Llanberis, Europe's largest pumped storage power station, which generates hydro electricity. In contrast, the National Slate Museum in Llanberis gives an insight into the history of the quarrying industry.

For railway enthusiasts, no doubt, the highlight will be a train ride on the Snowdon Mountain Railway to the summit of the highest mountain in England and Wales, with spectacular views on the journey up and down.

Garden lovers (and others!) will enjoy a visit to Bodnant Gardens (NT & RHS), with plants and trees from all over the world. We will spend our last morning in Conwy, visiting the castle and seeing other attractions in the town.

We shall be staying at the Ambassador Hotel, which enjoys a prime position on the promenade. All bedrooms are en-suite, with the usual facilities, and two lifts serve all floors. The cost of the four night / five day holiday is £355 per person, with a single supplement of £33. Included are bed, breakfast and evening meal at the hotel; coach throughout and all gratuities; the train fare and all admission fees, except for the two National Trust properties.

Members must arrange their own comprehensive travel insurance and send a photocopy to the organiser as soon as possible. To reserve a place, please complete the booking form at the end of this issue and send it with a deposit of £40 per person, together with a *Links* size stamped addressed envelope, to Barbara Robertshaw, to arrive no later than 16 November 2010.

Walking Group F in Austria

Not even the very early start could dampen the spirits of 18 members of F Group as we flew off to Innsbruck on 12 June 2010 for our first joint venture abroad. Sunshine greeted us as we arrived at our beautiful hotel in Neustift and were welcomed with a drink.

Christmas at Harewood House Thursday 9 December 2010

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me (**£35.00** per person). I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a **small stamped addressed envelope**. Forms should be sent to Barbara Robertshaw, 20 Whinfall Court, Sheffield S11 9QA, to arrive **as soon as possible**.

Please indicate if you live in North Sheffield: YES / NO

My preferred pick-up point is - **please tick one**:

Bus Bay Knowle Lane / Ecclesall Road South 9.30 am ()

Sheffield Interchange - Platform E5 9.45 am ()



North Wales Holiday 12 - 16 June 2011

Name(s) SU3A No(s)

Address Tel:

..... Postcode

Please reserve place(s) for me. **Room:** Twin / Single

I enclose a deposit cheque for (**£40.00** per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Travel** and a **Links size stamped addressed envelope**.

Forms should be sent to Barbara Robertshaw, 20 Whinfall Court, Sheffield S11 9QA, to arrive **no later than 16 November 2010**.

The Bergkönig was excellent in every way - lovely rooms, delicious food and a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere.

Our map readers and walk planners presided over a daily after dinner meeting and each day organised two different sorts of activity. Sometimes we started together and split up along the way, so that those who wanted to go further could do so. On one occasion nearly half the group spent the day in Innsbruck. We all bought the Stubai Karte, so that we could use the lifts from the valley and admire the wonderful views we had seen on the postcards. Sadly F Group is expert at arriving in places as the weather changes, so cagoules and overtrousers were often the order of the day! We were not deterred, however, and never failed to go out.

Nevertheless, we had a really wonderful and happy holiday. We have vivid memories of the walks, mountains, wild flowers, waterfalls, Sunday procession in the village and rushing back to get Kaffee und Kuchen at the hotel before 5 o'clock. Some of us remember seeing our three wise men disappearing up the rocks and into the clouds to write in the Elferspitze summit book. On another day we remember toiling up to a col only to slither down a zig-zag path in the scree on the other side. Neither will we forget arriving at the cable car in a thunderstorm and being dispatched to the restaurant because they had stopped the lift. What a good excuse for a beer! All of us remember the last day when we sought shelter in a tiny Gasthaus, took over all the seats and ate all the available Apfelstrudel! We made their day.

Of course the best thing of all was the company. We had so much fun together that we're going to do it again next year.

Auf Wiedersehen Österreich!

