

September 2013

# Bramhall

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Bramhall U3A members at Dumfries House, August 2013 (rubbish weather, as usual)

## Notes from the chair

Bramhall U3A hit the headlines at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo when we got a special welcome over the public address.

The weekend was a great success, giving us insights into the royal way of life, especially for Joy who was allowed to use the royal lift at the Palace of Holyrood House! Afternoon tea on the royal yacht Britannia is to be recommended as is a visit to Dumfries House.

Our charity stall is back in action again and would welcome donations for **The Wellspring** and **St Ann's Hospice**. As the winter months approach the demands on The Wellspring will increase and I hope we can continue to give them as much support as possible either in the way of food and toiletries or in the collection jar.

Finally our thanks to Bramhall URC who have kindly allowed us to use their premises over the last few months while St Michael's is refurbished.

We hope to be back at St Michael's for October but please check with us nearer the time.

**Dorothy M Chesterman**

## Walk Leaders needed for 2014 season

Please contact Bob Dumbarton if you can help out, in any way, next year.

## Group news

### Science for All - Forthcoming talks

'CERN, the Large Hadron Collider, the Higgs Boson and all that' - on 24 September and 'Drug Discovery process over the years' on 26 November.

The Group is visiting the Anson Engine Museum on 22 October. Interested in joining the Group? Contact Mike Hollingsworth

**Computer group** - We are asking you to say what courses you would like us to run. You can ask for any subject including tablets (Android, iPad) and Windows 8.

Respond to [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk) with Computer Courses in the subject line.

**A new Wine Tasting group** started on 17<sup>th</sup> September and will meet at the Village Club, Bramhall in the evening. We already have 38 members signed up, although not all of them will be able to make the first session. It is intended to run the group 2 monthly with the second session being on 26<sup>th</sup> November. The wine will be supplied by Carham Wine and the cost at the first meeting will be £7.50p per person. The cost is likely to vary slightly each time depending on the type and number of wines tasted. If you would like to know a little more about the wine you drink, come and join us!

Contact Jenny Richmond on

[jennifer\\_60@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifer_60@hotmail.com)

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Dorothy Chesterman</b>
<b>Vice-chairman/secretary</b>	<b>Joy Armstrong</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Alistair Gardner</b>
<b>Groups organisers</b>	<b>David Armstrong</b>
	<b>Ann Smith</b>
<b>Membership secretary</b>	<b>Kay Witham</b>
<b>Speakers secretary</b>	<b>Jane Hind</b>
<b>External Relations secretary</b>	<b>Mike Hollingsworth</b>

## Dates for Your Dairy

### 17 October

My Life in Jazz, So Far.  
Martin Rodger

### 21 November

Mary Queen of Scots:  
The Young Queen  
Dr. George Eccleston

### 16 January

When did Mick  
Jagger Sleep Here?  
Barbara Foster

### 20 February (AGM)

A Tribute to Joyce  
Grenfell  
Doreen Firth

### 20 March

Talking Newspaper  
Vincent Knowles

**Bramhall U3A meetings are held monthly at: St Michael's Church.  
Every 3rd Thursday, 1.30pm for 2pm. Members Admission - £1.**

## Group news continued

### Classical Music Group

Are you interested in joining a new Classical Music Group? Please contact [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk) for further details

### Cribbage Group

One of our Members has kindly offered to coordinate a Cribbage Group; if you are interested please contact [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk) with subject "Cribbage"

## Community news

**Thank you.** You have provided invaluable help and support to our two nominated charities, **The Wellspring** and **St Ann's Hospice**. Throughout November and December both organisations are running a series of events that provide an invaluable source of income for the following year. Please support either, or both charities, in whatever way you can.  
*A little means such a lot...*

### St. Anne's Hospice

To everyone who has bought books recently, a big thank you as we have just handed over a cheque for **£106** to **St Ann's Hospice**

### The Wellspring

A HUGE thank you to everyone, especially Italian and Knitting groups. We have jointly raised **£85** for **The Wellspring**. Well done to all who contributed.

**Saturday 23 November**  
**Christmas Fair** 12pm – 3pm  
Heald Green Village Hall

**Sunday 1 Dec**  
**Light Up A Life Service**

Manchester Cathedral.  
Contact the Fundraising Team on:  
0161 498 3631

**Thursday 5 December**  
**Light Up A Life Service**

St Ann's Hospice, Heald Green site.  
Contact the Fundraising Team on:  
0161 498 3631

**Friday 13 Dec**  
**St Ann's Hospice Festival Choir**  
Christmas Concert, The Bridgewater Hall  
Tickets from £18. Please contact  
The Bridgewater Box Office on  
0844 907 9000

**Saturday 30 November @ 7.30**  
**The Spirit of Christmas.**

A festive variety show hosted by  
Gordon Burns  
Plaza Theatre, Stockport.  
**Tickets £12 Concessions £10**

**Tues 17 Dec @ 1.30**

The Wellspring Carol Concert:  
St Mary's in the Marketplace,  
Stockport

**Friday 21 February 2014 @ 7.30**  
**The Wellspring Factor Quiz night**

While **'The Wellspring'** are most grateful for all contributions to their food stocks, they find the following items the most useful:

**\*\* Disposable razors ... Any tinned meats ... Instant Coffee ... Sugar \*\***

## Walking Group

**Wed 25 Sept**  
**Buxton**

6 miles, Mod.  
Mike Hayward

**Thurs 10 Oct**  
**No Walk**

See Bob Dumbarton if  
you can fill this gap.

**Wed 23 Oct**  
**Bollington**

4.5 miles, Easy/Mod.  
Jane Hind

**Thursday 14 Nov**  
**Rushton Spencer**

5 miles, Easy/Mod.  
Rodney Inglesfield

**Wed 27 Nov**  
**t.b.a.**

6 miles, Mod.  
Derek Arkinstall

**December**  
No Walks



# Theatre, Visits and Outings

The Edinburgh Weekend was a resounding success.

Liz Pennington has joined the Theatre & Outings team and will be organizing visits to Classical Concerts.

On sale this month are the trips to **Royal Crown Derby** pottery & **Kedleston Hall** (a Robert Adam house) and ...

...our **Christmas Special to Chatsworth House**, whose Christmas decoration theme is:

'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'.

Tickets for **"Tonight's the Night"** (based on Rod Stewart songs) are available until the end of the month.

44 members enjoyed the delights of Holyrood House Palace, a guided tour of Edinburgh, the Royal Yacht Britannia and the wonderful warm and dry spectacle of the Royal Edinburgh Tattoo.

However, we discovered a gem in our final call on the way home, when we visited Dumfries House. Some of you may remember in 2007 Prince Charles launched an appeal to save this house for the nation. Both the structure and furnishings have been restored. It has the largest collection of Chippendale furniture in the UK and is definitely worth a visit.

Our September trip to Portmeirion involved a lovely scenic drive, which was especially appreciated by our members' foreign guests, whilst the village itself was a sight to behold

## \*\*New Events - Book Now\*\*

Date	Event	Price
Thurs 24 Oct	<b>Royal Crown Derby Pottery &amp; Kedleston Hall</b>	£21 Trust member. £28.60 Non member
Fri 22 Nov	<b>Christmas at Chatsworth Special (90 places)</b>	£18
<b>2014</b> Wed 22 Jan	<b>Tonight's the Night,</b> Palace Theatre (matinee)	£34

## Full - with waiting list

Date	Event	Price
Thurs 14 Nov	<b>*Singin' in the Rain,</b> Manchester Opera House (matinee)	£40
Wed 27 Nov	<b>*BBC Media City,</b> Salford	£7.25
Mon 2 Dec	<b>*Warhorse,</b> Lowry Theatre (evening)	£50



Massed bands at the Tattoo.

Mexicans performing at the Tattoo.



Burghley House.



Holyrood House.

The Queen's sitting room in Holyrood House.



The events marked with a \* are full but you can apply to go on the waiting list. The costs for all outings include transport, driver's tip and tickets. Events can be booked at monthly meetings and via our website [www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/](http://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/). The dates of several future outings, for which bookings are not being yet taken, are posted on the website under Dates for your Diary.

### Cancellation and Guest policies

**A full refund** will only be made if a booking is cancelled by telephone within 2 days of the booking being made.

**A refund of transport costs** will be made if there is a sufficient number of members on the trip to cover transport costs.

**A refund of ticket costs** can only be made where either the ticket has not yet been purchased, e.g. National Trust properties, or the ticket is sold to another member.

**Guest policy** - Non-members can come on an outing as the guest of a member on one occasion only.

# Bramhall U3A Interest groups

<b>Group</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Meeting dates</b>
Archaeology	Peter Levy	Outings usually on Fridays
<b>Art</b>	<b>Peter Richardson</b>	<b>Alt Mondays 1-3pm</b>
Badminton	Jenny Gibson	Tuesday 2-4pm
<b>Bird Watching</b>	<b>Diana Oldfield</b>	<b>Monthly; Please call.</b>
Book group	Dudley Newell	4th Thursday
<b>Bridge - Improvers</b>	<b>Rodney Inglesfield</b>	<b>Wednesdays 10am-noon</b>
Canasta group	Sue Young	1st Thu @ 7pm + 3rd Mon @ 2pm
<b>Card making</b>	<b>Dorothy Chesterman</b>	<b>Alt Mondays</b>
Chess	Arthur Mellor	Tuesday morning. Fortnightly.
<b>Choir</b>	<b>Chris Hollingsworth</b>	<b>2nd and 4th Tues 10am-noon</b>
Church history	Dorothy Chesterman	Alt Weds 10am-noon
<b>Computers</b>	<b>Michael lacey</b>	<b>Please call for details</b>
Creative writing	Keith Wright	2nd Wednesday 2pm
<b>Cribbage</b>	<b>Val Barker</b>	<b>Thursday 7.30pm</b>
Crown green bowling	Ann Smith	Mondays 10am
<b>Cycling</b>	<b>Ann Green</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>
Dining	Janet McMurray	<b>Monthly - Tuesday or</b>
<b>Dining</b>	<b>Joy Armstrong</b>	<b>Wednesday evenings</b>
Discussion group A	Dina Levy	4th Monday 2pm
<b>Discussion group B</b>	<b>Pat Wright</b>	<b>3rd Friday 2pm</b>
Dog walking	Ann Smith	2nd Sunday - contact for details
<b>Embroidery</b>	<b>Dorothy Chesterman</b>	<b>2nd Thursday 10am -12noon</b>
Family History A	Diane Bright	Wednesdays 2pm
<b>Family History B</b>	<b>Mary Hambleton</b>	<b>Wednesdays 2 - 4pm</b>
Family History C	Brian Turner	First Thursday 1-3pm
<b>Film &amp; discussion</b>	<b>Pamela Roth</b>	<b>4th Wednesday 10.30am</b>
French	Kay Witham	Alternate Mondays 2pm
<b>Gardening</b>	<b>Ron Butler</b>	<b>Thursday 2pm</b>
German Intermediate	Alison Davids	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
<b>History</b>	<b>Tom Fanning</b>	<b>Alt Thurs 10 -12</b>
Italian - improvers	Helen Webster	Alt Thursdays 10am
<b>Knitting</b>	<b>Mary Flynn</b>	<b>1st Tuesday 2pm</b>
Line Dancing	Chris Chapman	Wednesday 1.30-3.30pm
<b>Mapping Bramhall</b>	<b>Val Murray</b>	<b>3rd Monday 2pm</b>
Music for leisure	Joanne Haigh	3rd Friday 10.30am
<b>Norwegian</b>	<b>Joan Mobbs</b>	<b>Tuesdays 10.30am</b>
Personal Image	Catherine Jones	Thursdays 10am-noon
<b>Pilates</b>	<b>Wendy Litchfield</b>	<b>Mon 11.30-12.30 + Thurs 10-11</b>
Play reading Group	Olga Hampson	1st Thursday 10am
<b>Poetry</b>	<b>Lynn Whyte</b>	<b>2nd Monday 2pm</b>
Pub Quiz	Sheila Porter	4th Sunday 8.30pm
<b>Scottish country dance</b>	<b>Sheila Bruce-Smith</b>	<b>Alt Fridays 1.30 - 3pm</b>
Science for All	Mike Hollingsworth	4th Tuesday 2 - 4pm
<b>Scrabble</b>	<b>Val Barker</b>	<b>2nd Monday 2 - 4.30</b>
Spanish Upper Intermediate	Gaye Huddart	Tuesdays 10-11.30am
<b>Spanish Intermediate</b>	<b>Diana Blaney</b>	<b>Thursdays 2-4pm</b>
Swimming	Jo Critchley	Mon 7pm; Thurs 9.30am at Hazel Grove pool
<b>Table Tennis</b>	<b>Liz Pennington</b>	<b>1st + 2nd Wed and 4th Mon 10.30 - 12.00</b>
Walking	Bob Dumbarton	See newsletters and website
<b>Wine Tasting</b>	<b>Jenny Richmond,</b>	<b>Bi-monthly contact for details</b>
Theatre/outings	Chris Hollingsworth	See newsletters and website
	Val Graham	
	Jenny Richmond	
	Liz Pennington	
Holidays	Peter Rhodes	See newsletters and website