

Newsletter
May 2014

Bramhall
U3A

Come in 1,000 ...Your number is up



Chairman Joy Armstrong (right) presents Barbara Hill with a special certificate to mark the fact she has just become the one-thousandth registered member of Bramhall U3A. The chairman's monthly message is below.

I was thrilled at last month's meeting to be able to present a certificate to Barbara Hill the 1,000th member of Bramhall U3A. I think this is quite an achievement as our U3A will not be five years old until November. Do keep the hand of friendship going strongly as we seem to have built a reputation for being a very friendly U3A which I think is something we should be justly proud of.

Thinking about friends, could I just ask that when talking to friends or to anyone who expresses an interest in joining our U3A, could you pass on the word that we do not operate a 'closed shop' nor do we have a waiting list.

Some membership enquirers automatically ask to be put on the waiting list, having heard a rumour that we are not accepting members. In fact all are welcome although, obviously, we do hope that not everyone turns up at the monthly meeting or we would have a big problem! We have lots of groups which we hope offer something for most people - do keep your eyes on the new groups which are starting.

I do hope our holidaymakers are having a lovely time in Ireland and that the sun has managed to shine for them, although they are due back tomorrow – the only good point about them being away is that we should have more chairs available this afternoon! I am sure some of you have holidays coming up, do hope you have a good one and come back refreshed.

Joy Armstrong

Dates for your diary

June 19 1950's Rock & Roll
Bill Jubb

July 17 From Meadows to Medals - Creating an RHS show garden at Tatton Park
Mary Hoult

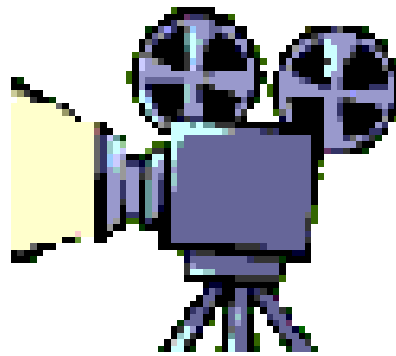
August 21 The Lady Policeman
Karen Corcoran

September 18 My Nine Lives – characters from Saxon times to WW2
Janet Bradshaw

October 16 Penguin Safari to the Falklands
Peter Kirk

November 20 A Christmas Cracker
Rev Michael Burgess

■ Bramhall U3A meet on the third Thursday of every month at St. Michael's Church hall, 1.30pm for 2pm. Members' admission £1



Every Picture tells a Story

Bramhall U3A hosts an Arts Study Day at St. Michael's Church on Thursday October 9 (10am-3pm). The speakers are **Julie Robson**, Art historian and teacher at the School of Lifelong Learning, University of Liverpool and **Andrew Gill**, Victorian photo archivist, magic lantern showman and transport consultant.

Cost £15 (including lunch and refreshments). Contact Dorothy Chesterman through groups@bramahallu3a.org.uk for a booking form.

Group news



A **Beginners' Bridge** group is due to start in September. Contact groups@bramahallu3a.org.uk for more details.



The **Photography** group was due to have its first outing at Bramhall Park last Monday. Expect some stunning photos.

■ Contact groups@bramahallu3a.org.uk to register your interest in the one-off **first aid** course at St. Michael's on Friday May 30, 10am-noon. The cost is £10 per person.

Walking Group schedule

Wed May 28	Bob Dumbarton	Three Shire Heads	6 miles moderate
Thur June 12	Tony Sharples	New Mills	5 miles easy
Wed June 25	Anne Lee	Rudyard Lake	5 miles easy
Thur July 10	Derek Arkinstall	East Macclesfield	6 miles moderate
Wed July 23	Tony Sharples	Prestbury	5-6 miles mod/easy

All walks meet at St. Michael's Church between 9.30-9.40am. Please contact the walk leader prior to the date you wish to attend

Theatre and Outings



Canal cruise with Boundary Mill



Lancaster Castle

Our visit to Lancaster was very enlightening as we saw the inside of a prison cell within the Castle, which was in use until 2011 – a very chilling experience. Chapel, Castle and countryside, our guide provided us with a most interesting and varied day.

Date	Events open for booking	Price
Wed 2 July SPECIAL	Dunham Massey (Stamford Military Hospital Exhibition)	£3 (N.T. members); £13 (non-N.T. members)
Fri 25 July	Yorkshire Sculpture Park & Nostell Priory (N.T.)	£13.50 (N.T. members) £20.50 (non-N.T. members)
Mon 18 Aug	Plas Newydd, Anglesey	£17 (N.T. members) or £24.50 (non-N.T. members)
Wed 17 Sept	Jersey Boys, Palace theatre (matinee)	£48

If you have been enjoying Crimson Fields on BBC1 on Sunday evenings then you will find our visit to Dunham Massey very interesting. The house has been transformed into Stamford Military Hospital where soldiers were treated when they returned from the battlefields. We have two trips on 2nd July at a very special price for our members. A journey across the Pennines takes us to the award-winning Yorkshire Sculpture Park, which has sculptures by Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth amongst others. The Park covers several hundred acres and has five galleries. Nostell Priory, an 18th century National Trust property, was built to show off the family's wealth. It has an impressive collection of furniture, books and paintings.

August takes us to Plas Newydd, the family home of the Marquess of Anglesey. Set on the shores of the Menai Strait, this elegant house was redesigned in the 18th century. The 1930s restyled interior is famous for its Rex Whistler association and contains the largest exhibition of his works.

Events can be booked at monthly meetings and via the U3A website <http://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk>

Organiser for Theatre/Concert trips

Do you enjoy going to the theatre and/or concerts? We are looking for an additional person to join our Theatre & Outings team to help with the booking and administration of the Theatre/Concert trips. This will involve choosing shows and concerts, booking tickets, arranging transport, dealing with payments and attending monthly meetings. If interested, please contact Christine Hollingsworth or Val Graham.

Interest groups . . Interest groups . . Interest groups . . Interest groups

Group	Coordinator	Days/times
Art	Peter Richardson	Alt Mondays 1-3pm
Badminton	Douglas Moore	Tuesdays 2-4pm
Bird watching	Diana Oldfield/Paul Carter	4th Wednesday 9.15am
Books	Dudley Newell	4th Thursday
Bridge improvers	Ray Lee	Wednesdays 10am-noon
Canasta	Sue Young	1st Thursday 7pm; 3rd Monday 2pm
Card making	Dorothy Chesterman	Alt Mondays 2-4pm
Chess	Arthur Mellor	Alt Tuesday mornings
Choir	Chris Hollingsworth	1st and 3rd Mondays 9.30-11.30am
Church history	Dorothy Chesterman	Alt Wednesdays 10am-noon
Computers	Michael Lacey	Call for details
Creative writing	Keith Wright	2nd Wednesday 2pm
Cribbage	Val Barker	4th Thursday 7.30pm
Crown green bowls	Ann Smith	Monday mornings
Cycling	Ann Green	Tuesdays
Dining	Janet McMurray/ Joy Armstrong	Monthly, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings
Discussion group A	Dina Levy	4th Monday 2pm
Discussion group B	Pat Wright	3rd Friday 2pm
Dog walking	Ann Smith	2nd Sunday (contact for details)
Embroidery	Dorothy Chesterman	2nd Thursday 10am-noon
Essential Oils	Linda Vann	2nd and 4th Thursday 2-4pm
Family History A	Diane Bright	Wednesdays 2pm
Family History B	Mary Hambleton	Wednesdays 2-4pm
Family History C	Brian Turner	1st Thursday 1-3pm
Film & discussion	Pamela Roth	4th Wednesday 10.30am
French	Kay Witham	Alternate Mondays 2pm
Gardening	Ron Butler	Thursdays 2pm
German intermediate	Alison Davids	2nd and 4th Tuesdays 10.30am
History	Angela Devaney/ Margaret France	Alt Thursdays 10am-noon
Italian improvers	Helen Webster	Alt Thursdays 10am
Knitting	Mary Flynn	1st Tuesday 2pm
Line Dancing	Chris Chapman	Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm
Mapping Bramhall	Val Murray	3rd Monday 2pm
Music for leisure	Joanne Haigh	3rd Friday 10.30am
Norwegian	Joan Mobbs	Tuesdays 10.30am
Personal Image	Catherine Jones	Thursdays 10am-noon
Photography	Janice Shaw	2nd Monday
Pilates	Wendy Litchfield	See website for details
Play reading	Olga Hampson	1st Thursday 10am
Poetry	Lynn Whyte	2nd Monday 2pm
Pub Quiz	Sheila Porter	4th Sunday 8pm
Scottish country dance	Sheila Bruce-Smith	Alt Fridays 1.30-3pm
Science for all	Mike Hollingsworth	4th Tuesday 2-4pm
Scrabble	Val Barker	2nd Monday 2-4.30pm
Spanish intermediate	Diana Blaney	Thursdays 2-4pm
Spanish upper intermediate	Gaye Huddart	Tuesdays 10-11.30am
Swimming	Jo Critchley	Thur 9.30am - Hazel Grove pool
Table Tennis	Liz Pennington	1st and 2nd Wed; 1st and 3rd Friday.10.30am-noon
Ukulele	Joyce Kilgour/Ann Gray	1st and 3rd Tuesday 2pm
Walking	Bob Dumbarton	See newsletters and website
Wine tasting	Jenny Richmond	Bi-monthly; contact for details
Theatre/outings	Chris Hollingsworth/Val Graham	See Newsletters and website
Holidays	Peter Rhodes	See Newsletters and website