

April

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Bramhall

U3A
Established 2010

5th Birthday Tea Party

Bramhall U3A are celebrating their 5th Birthday this year by holding a Tea Party on Thursday July 2 between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm at St Michael's Hall. Tickets will be priced at £3 and will be initially available through your Group

Co-ordinators or direct from Bob Dumbarton. The tickets will be for members only and the price will include refreshments and entry to a raffle. Many of our Groups will be displaying how they have evolved over the past 5 years and some will provide entertainment during the afternoon.

The Memory Course Team consists of 2 presenters and 3 administrators. We are looking to recruit 2 or more new administrators, ideally people who have already completed the Memory Course. If you are interested in joining us for a potential course in November 2015, please give your details to one of the Groups Organisers, Ann Smith, Helen Webster or Pat George. For more details contact groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk.

Fitness & Flexibility meet Monday at 10.30 in the Scout Hut on Fir Road. The class is a fun workout which is suitable for all levels. You can work at your own level and existing injuries are taken into account. The class consists of simple, easy-to-follow exercises to great music. All you need to bring is a drink of water and a mat or towel. We do floor exercises but alternatives are given if you don't like getting on the floor. You can join in and pay weekly or pay for a course. A warm welcome awaits you. Contact groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk for more information

Personal Image Course. We hope to run a new 6 week course starting on Tuesday morning, 28 July, 10-12 noon and finishing on Tuesday 1 September. There are a few names on the waiting list but the course requires a minimum of 12 people. Don't worry if you can't come to all the sessions, we will go over with you anything you miss. For more details contact groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk.

Birdwatching Group News and Programme - Our most recent trips have been to Marbury Country Park and Moore Nature reserve/Old Moss. Both trips provided a good list of birds, including good views of a bittern in the reed bed at Marbury. We have decided to have some trips on Wednesdays and some on Fridays to allow more people to come to at least some of them. Our next trip is to the Bollin Valley area, starting from Prestbury, hoping some spring migrants will have arrived. Meet for car-sharing at St Michael's car park at 8am. We are starting earlier now that the mornings are lighter. If you are new to our group please phone Diana Oldfield, if you intend to come. Further trips are planned as follows: Friday May 22 @ 7.45am, Goyt Valley; Weds June 17 @ 7.30am, Anglesey; Friday July 24 @ 7.45am, Burton/Wirral; Weds August 19 @ 7.45am, Wyre area. For further details please contact Diana Oldfield or Paul Carter

Date	Events open for booking	Price
Friday 19 June	The Wirral Peninsula (including Port Sunlight)	£26
Friday 17 July	Manchester Ship Canal to Liverpool	£44
Thursday 6 Aug	Barnum, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	£46.50
Tuesday 29 Sept	BBC Media City	£9.75
Thursday 8 Oct	The Importance of Being Earnest, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	£32

Date	Full but with a waiting list	Price
Friday 17 April	Eyam Hall & Biddulph Grange	£9.50 (N.T.); £23 (non-N.T.)
Wednesday 22 April	Dance 'Til Dawn, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	£48.80
Monday 11 May	Welsh Highland Railway	£39
Wednesday 20 May	To Kill a Mockingbird, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	£33.20
Sat 12 – Mon 14 Sept (short break)	Stonehenge, Bath & Bristol – A 2 night stay	£210 + £50 single supplement

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

College that truly stretches the grey matter - The U3A has made The Times Newspaper with an article on the 7th April. It explains how the U3A is expanding nationally and how it fulfils a real need for retired people. See <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/education/article4403597.ece>.

The membership fee for 2015 is now overdue. If you have any questions about membership please contact Kay Witham

Bramhall Interest groups

Group	Co-ordinator	Days/times
Art	Peter Richardson	Alt Mondays 1-3pm
Badminton	Douglas Moore	Tuesday 2-4pm
Bird Watching	Diana Oldfield Paul Carter	Usually 4th Wednesday @ 9.15am
Books	Dudley Newell	4th Thursday
Bridge Beginners	Peter Levy	Tuesdays 2 - 4pm
Improvers	Ray Lee	Wednesdays 10am - noon
Canasta	Sue Young	1st Thu @ 7pm + 3rd Mon @ 2pm
Card making	Dorothy Chesterman	Alt. Mondays 2 - 4pm
Church history	Dorothy Chesterman	Wednesday 10 -12
Computers	Michael Lacey	Phone for information
Creative writing	Pat George	2nd Wednesday 2pm
Cribbage	Val Barker	4th Thursday 7.30pm
Crown green bowling	Ann Smith	April to October - Mondays 10am
Cycling	TBA	TBA
Dining	Janet McMurray	Tuesday or Wednesday evenings - 4th week of each month
Discussion	Joy Armstrong Dina Levy Pat Wright	4th Monday 2pm 3rd Friday 2pm
Dog walking	Ann Smith	2nd Sunday - contact for details
Embroidery	Dorothy Chesterman	2nd Thursday 10am -12noon
Family History	Diane Bright Mary Hambleton Brian Turner Pamela Roth	Monthly - Wednesday 2pm Monthly - Wednesday 2pm First Thursday 1-3pm 4th Wednesday 10.30am
Film & discussion	Vikki Radford	Monday 10.30
Fitness & flexibility	Kay Witham	Alternate Mondays @ 2pm
French	Marilyn Hughes	4th Thursday
Gardening	Alison Davids	2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 10.30am
German - Intermediate	Angela Devaney	Alt Thurs 10 - noon
History	Margaret France Helen Webster Mary Flynn	Alt Thurs 10 - noon Alt Thursdays 10am 1st Tuesday 2pm
Italian - Improvers	Chris Chapman	Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30pm
Knitting	Val Murray	3rd Monday 2pm
Line Dancing	Joanne Haigh	3rd Friday 10.30am
Mapping Bramhall	Joan Mobbs	Tuesdays 10.30am
Music for leisure	Catherine Jones	Thursdays 10am-noon
Norwegian	Janice Shaw	3rd Monday @ 2pm
Personal Image	Wendy Litchfield	See website for details
Photography	Olga Hampson	1st Thursday 10am
Pilates	Lynn Whyte	2nd Monday 2pm
Play reading	Sheila Porter	Last Thursday 8.30pm
Poetry	Peter Webster	Monthly - contact for details
Pub Quiz	Mike Hollingsworth	4th Tuesday 2 - 4pm
Real Railway Group	Sheila Bruce-Smith	Alt Fridays 1.30 - 3pm
Science for All	Val Barker	2nd Monday 2 - 4.30
Scottish country dance	Gillian Rowe	1st & 3rd Mondays 9.30 - 11.30
Scrabble	Diana Blaney	Thursdays 2 - 4pm
Singing for fun	Gaye Huddart	Tuesdays 10 -11.30am
Spanish - Intermediate	Liz Pennington	1st, 2nd + 3rd Wed 10.30-12.00
Spanish - Upper Inter.	Joyce Kilgour	1st + 3rd Tuesday
Table Tennis	Ann Gray	2pm
Ukulele	Mike Waterhouse	Last Friday @ 2pm
Video	Bob Dumbarton	See schedule on website
Walking	Jenny Richmond	Bi-monthly - contact for details
Wine Tasting	Chris Hollingsworth	See newsletter
Theatre/outings	Val Graham Tricia Canning	and website
Holidays	Gill Moorhouse	See newsletter and website