

**Update**  
**August 2015**

**Bramhall**  
**U3A**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is an Update with a difference. As the July Newsletter was a birthday party souvenir special, there is a welter of group and other news to include this month. This has meant that the group details, normally on the back page, have been held over until the September issue.

## Groups Information

The **Badminton Group's** new home is the Bramhall Village Club, Lumb Lane where it moved on Tuesday August 4. It meets there from 1pm to 3pm. New members are welcome please contact [groups@bramhallu3a.org.co.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.co.uk) for further information.

### Ballroom Dancing Group

One of our members has suggested we have a ballroom dancing group. If you are interested in getting together to organise this then please contact [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk) and we will keep you updated with progress

### Scottish Country Dance Group

Scottish Country dancing is a good way to keep fit both physically and mentally and it's great fun! So to help you get started we are organising three sessions only for complete beginners on Fridays 2nd, 16th, and 30th October at 1:30 to 3:00pm at St Michaels Church, Bramhall. These sessions will cost £7.50 for all 3 sessions payable in advance. Please contact us by email [scottishdancegroup@gmail.com](mailto:scottishdancegroup@gmail.com) or telephone. See paper newsletter for phone no.

Due to the popularity of the existing group an additional **Knitting Group** will be starting in September. If you would like to join the new group? For more information please email [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk) with New Knitting Group in the title.

We were delighted to welcome Wilmslow u3a **Bowling Group** to join us on our 'home green' at Queensgate Bowling Club for a 'friendly' match on Monday June 29th. We had equal numbers (12 per group) and enjoyed a lovely comp. Thanks to the ladies who made delicious cakes and thanks to Queensgate for allowing us to use the green. Wilmslow were the victors!.....a return match is anticipated.

The **Beginners Bridge Group** is starting its second year at the Village Cub, Lumb Lane on Tuesday September 15 at 2pm. The sessions will then run from 2-4pm, weekly on Tuesdays. This small, friendly group is ideal for anyone toying with the idea of taking up bridge with no previous knowledge of the game or even if they once played many years ago and now would like to rekindle that spark. Contact Peter Levy (phone number in main newsletter) or email [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk)

**Group co-ordinators note:** I, or one of my colleagues will be available in the small lounge after the monthly meeting to discuss the various groups. We will be pleased to meet you and we hope this will be helpful to new members as well as existing. **Ann Smith**

## Help is around the corner

If you hear of any member of our U3A who is poorly or has had an accident or is in hospital, please let Judi have the details. If someone is poorly who lives alone and would appreciate a short visit from a friendly face, then again Judi is the one to contact. If you hear sadly of a member who has died or who has lost a partner or close member of his/her family, again please let Judi know. She does not need to know if one of us has a common cold, we all get those but genuine illness etc., we really need to be aware. Email: [judilovesfrogs@gmail.com](mailto:judilovesfrogs@gmail.com)

## Community Information

Dr Ranjit Gill, Chief Executive of Stockport Clinical Commissioning Group, recently gave a talk to Bramhall U3A called "Stockport Together" dealing with proposed integration of health and social care in Stockport. A copy of his talk and details of Citizen's Panels to seek comments on the proposed changes can be found on the Community Information page of our website at <http://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/other/community.html#HANDSOC> or contact Mike Hollingsworth (phone number in main newsletter)

The following requests for research assistance had been received:

Sevilay Shakir is looking for native and non native speakers of English aged 56 and above to take part in a Masters research project approved by the School of English at the University of Sheffield.

Participants will be asked to listen to five varieties of British accents and then answer questions email [sshakir@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:sshakir@sheffield.ac.uk)

National Life Stories at the British Library and the London School of Economics Legal Biography Project are conducting a study examining the role of work of court clerks and are looking for people in England and Wales who have worked as clerks in Crown courts or the old Assize and Quarter Sessions - if interested in taking part email [d.liberman@lse.ac.uk](mailto:d.liberman@lse.ac.uk)

New BBC 2 series Choose the right puppy for you. If you are thinking of getting a puppy RDF television would like to film you as you make this important decision for an exciting new series Application form from [puppies@rdftelevision.com](mailto:puppies@rdftelevision.com)

## Walking schedule

Wed Aug 26th	David Pechey		Bollin Valley	Easy
Thur Sept 10th	Bob Dumbarton		Longdendale Reservoirs	Easy/mod
Wed Sept 23rd	Liz Cresswell		Pym Chair	Mod/Tough
Thur Oct 8th	Mike Hawkin		Marple	Easy/mod
Wed Oct 28th	Awaiting leader			
Thur Nov 12th	Marjorie Davies		Poynton Pool	Easy
Wed Nov 25th	Awaiting leader			
December	No Walks			

## Theatre and Outings

Date	Events open for booking	Price
Wed Oct 9th	Penrhyn Castle, Bangor (N.T.)	£12 (N.T. members), £23 (non-N.T. members)
Wed Nov 18th	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	£45
Thurs Nov 26th	Ding Dong Merrily at Tatton Park (includes Christmas lunch)	£32
Wed Dec 2nd	Lord of the Flies, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	£33
Wed Jan 20th	A Murder is Announced – A Miss Marple mystery, Oldham Coliseum (matinee)	£22

Date	Full but with a waiting list	Price
Tues Sept 29th	BBC Media City	£9.75
Thur Oct 8th	The Importance of Being Earnest, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	£32

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

■ The Institute of Advanced Motorists is now offering a Mature Driver's Assessment, followed by thorough, confidential feedback. More details will be available at today's meeting and also at [iam.org.uk/mda](http://iam.org.uk/mda)