

July

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# Bramhall

U3A

*In July the sun is hot,  
Flanders: Is it shining?  
Swann: No it's not!*



48 of our members have just enjoyed a 2-day break visiting "Downton Abbey" sites of filming, including Highclere Castle, aka 'Downton Abbey'. It did not disappoint.

## ***Notes from the chair ...***

Hello, When I was told that I had not done anything to put in this Newsletter, I scratched my head and wondered what on earth I was going to say. I stared out of the window looking for inspiration but could only see persistent rain and grey clouds. This sure should not happen on a day halfway through July, which is **supposed to be a 'Summer' month!** I am certain the weather forecasters do not know where we are – they always seem to say there will be some sunshine, to boost our hopes, then dash them again with rain. Oh well, hey ho, we cannot do anything about it but plod onwards telling ourselves that Summer may come soon!

I do hope that those members who are away are enjoying better weather and having a great time, although with the appalling events in Nice and Turkey, one wonders whether or not we should be going – but then, that is defeatist. We must not give in and let them win.

Most of our groups are winding down for Summer, or are already taking a break. We hope everyone has a good holiday and comes back refreshed and raring to go. The holiday period gives our Group Co-ordinators time to dream up fresh, innovative ideas for their groups for the coming year (I think).

If you are a member who reads the Newsletter on line, please do remember there is much more in it than the front page. The gallery pages have goodness knows how many photographs from when we started our U3A. Have a look and see if you can find yourself! I overheard someone say that they thought the on-line Newsletter **only contained the information which is on the printed Newsletter's front page, which is issued at our monthly meeting.** Do have a look through the on-line copy, with a cup of tea/coffee in your hand, and you will see it is surprising what you come across. I think our Newsletter is particularly good; there are many on-line which are quite inferior and dare I say it, actually boring!

There have been quite a few of our members poorly recently. Could I just remind you that if you hear of anyone **who is ill, had an accident, been bereaved or has a special anniversary, don't forget to contact our Almoner, Judi Robinson.**

Kind regards Joy Armstrong Chairman, Bramhall U3A

Chairman: Joy Armstrong  
 Vice-chair: Peter Webster  
 Business Secretary: Dorothy Chesterman  
 Treasurer: Alistair Gardner  
 Groups organisers: Ann Smith  
 Pat George  
 Helen Webster  
 Membership: Kay Witham  
 Speakers: Doreen Neil  
 External Relations: Mike Hollingsworth

Website:  
[www.bramhallu3a.org.uk](http://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk)  
 Groups Information:  
[groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk)  
 Bramhall U3A meetings:  
 St Michaels and All Angels  
 Church Hall. Third Thursday  
 each month, at 2pm.  
 Entrance: £1  
 with membership card

## Talks ...

August 18  
 Folklore and Traditions of the  
 North West  
*John Doughty*  
 September 15  
 Mesopotamia to World War I  
*Bob Kermeen*

## & Walks

Wednesday July 27  
 Weaver valley  
 5 miles EASY  
 Anne Lee  
 Thursday August 11  
 Astbury  
 6.5 miles EASY  
 Bob Dumbarton  
 Wednesday August 24  
 Rowarth  
 5 miles MODERATE  
 Elaine Hichinson  
 Thursday September 8  
 Macclesfield forest  
 7 miles MOD+  
 David Pechey

A huge thank you - After 6 years of being Catering Manager, I have decided to retire from this role in order to focus on other commitments. I am pleased to say that Dina Levy and Janet McMurray have taken on the task. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during this time and made my role so thoroughly enjoyable and easy.  
Kate Gardner

## Groups

### New Group Co-ordinators urgently needed

All of our groups are progressing well, and so it has become impossible for **beginners to join in. We urgently need to start a number of beginners' groups** in these topics:  
 French, Italian, Spanish, Knitting, and Scrabble.  
 Our Book and Ukulele groups have also progressed well, and so need **beginners' groups as well.**  
 If you wish to offer your skills or you need more information, please email: [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk).

Beginners Bridge sessions for 2016-17 start on Tuesday September 13 and are ideal for those members wishing to learn the game in a relaxed and friendly manner. We meet on Tuesday afternoons (2-4pm) at the Village Club Lumb Lane where newcomers will be made welcome. For more details contact:  
Peter Levy or [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk)

## Community

On the Bramhall U3A website at [www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/other/community.html](http://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/other/community.html) there is lots of information of relevance to U3A members about community matters. In the financial section there are articles on how to claim attendance allowance and pension credit. There are also 3 items on how to avoid being caught out by scams and copycat websites.  
Mike Hollingsworth.

**URGENT - STORAGE SPACE NEEDED** - We urgently need secure, dry storage space about the size of two old telephone kiosks, with reasonable access, in order to accommodate the increasing amount of equipment owned by Bramhall U3A. Insurance will be the responsibility of Bramhall U3A and we are happy to pay a nominal annual fee for the service. If you can help, please get in touch as soon as possible.  
Contact the Treasurer, Alistair Gardner  
 or  
 email: [communications@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:communications@bramhallu3a.org.uk)

*EASY: A flat walk with no hills or ascents/descents*  
*EASY+: Flat with a few very short ascents and descents.*  
*MODERATE: Generally a flat walk with the occasional ascent or descent which will not be severe.*  
*MOD+: A walk with a number of ascents and descents, some of which may be long (15 mins+)*  
*HARD: A walk with one or more ascents and descents which will be severe and long in duration (30mins +)*

If you have any questions about your membership please contact: Kay Witham or [enquiries@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bramhallu3a.org.uk)

## Outings

Co-ordinators: Chris Hollingsworth & Val Graham



Inn on the Lake hotel, Ullswater (May outing)



Dudmaston Hall (June outing)

There are still a few places left for Stonyhurst College and Haworth. Both our September outing to Harrogate and our Chester Christmas Show Party and lunch have quite a few places still available. The Swinging 60s themed Christmas Show-Party is where the entertainers will turn the clock back to the 1960s performing some of our favourite tunes. There will be also be a Christmas melody sing-along, games and a Christmas 3-course lunch.

Date	Events open for booking	Price
Wed 24 Aug	Stonyhurst College & Haworth (includes guide, entrances to the College and The Parsonage museum plus lunch)	£38
Fri 16 Sept	Harrogate/Harrogate Flower Show	£11 or £26 (incl. Flower Show ticket)
Thu 24 Nov	Christmas lunch & entertainment, Chester	£34

All outings and theatre trips can be booked, at monthly meetings or via the U3A website: [bramhallu3a.org.uk](http://bramhallu3a.org.uk)

## Theatre

Co-ordinator: Wendy Burton

Theatre trip mailing list - If you would like to be on the theatre email list, please send an email to [theatre@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:theatre@bramhallu3a.org.uk) with your details. The aim is to give you prior notice before a theatre trip is opened for booking. You do not need to be on this list to make a theatre booking; theatre trips continue to be open to all.

Date	Events open for booking	Price
Thurs 1 Dec	Red Shoes Ballet, Lowry theatre (matinee)	£35

Date	Full but with a waiting list	Price
Thurs 13 Oct	Pride and Prejudice, Lowry theatre (matinee)	£35
Wed 16 Nov	Blood Brothers, Lowry theatre (matinee)	£40

ADDITIONAL THEATRE CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED - An additional co-ordinator is needed to help Wendy with the organization of theatre trips.

If you would like to help, or just want to find out more please send an email to [theatre@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:theatre@bramhallu3a.org.uk)

### Cancellation, refund 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 can only be made where either the ticket has not yet been purchased, e.g. National Trust properties, or the ticket is re sold.

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

Most events that are full will have waiting list. Please ask for details.

The costs for all outings include transport, driver's tip and entry tickets.

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The dates of several future outings, for which bookings are not being yet taken, are posted on the website under Dates for your Diary.

Disclaimer - All details were correct at the time of publication. Bramhall U3A cannot be held responsible for any changes that may have taken place after this time.

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## Group

Art  
 Badminton  
 Bird Watching  
  
 Books  
 Bridge Beginners  
     Improvers 1  
     Improvers 2  
 Canasta  
 Card making  
 Church history  
 Computers  
 Creative writing  
 Cribbage  
 Crown green bowling  
 Cycling  
 Dining  
  
 Discussion  
  
 Embroidery  
 Family History  
  
 Film & discussion  
 Fitness & flexibility  
 French  
 Gardening  
 German - Intermediate  
 History  
  
 History Visits  
 Italian Improvers  
 Knitting A  
 Knitting B  
 Line Dancing  
 Mapping Bramhall  
 Music for leisure  
 Norwegian  
 Photography  
 Pilates  
 Play reading  
 Poetry  
 Pub Quiz  
 Real Railway Group  
 Science for All  
 Scottish country dance  
 Scrabble  
 Singing for fun  
 Spanish - Intermediate  
 Spanish - Upper Inter.  
 Table Tennis: Fun for All  
                     Competitive Singles  
 Ukulele  
  
 Video  
 Walking  
 Wine Tasting  
 Outings  
  
 Theatre  
 Holidays

## Co-ordinator

Peter Richardson  
 Carolyn Johnson  
 Diana Oldfield  
 Paul Carter  
 Dudley Newell  
 Peter Levy  
 Ray Lee  
 Judith Fletcher  
 Sue Young  
 Dorothy Chesterman  
 Dorothy Chesterman  
 Michael Lacey  
 Pat George  
 Val Barker  
 Ann Smith  
 TBA  
 Janet McMurray  
 Joy Armstrong  
 Dina Levy  
 Pat Wright  
 Dorothy Chesterman  
 Diane Bright  
 Mary Hambleton  
 Brian Turner  
 Pamela Roth  
 Vikki Radford  
 Kay Witham  
 Marilyn Hughes  
 Alison Davids  
 Angela Devaney  
 Margaret France  
 Glenys Steedman  
 Helen Webster  
 Sheila Porter  
 Shelagh Lord  
 Chris Chapman  
 Val Murray  
 Jackie Harmer  
 Joan Mobbs  
 Janice Shaw  
 Wendy Litchfield  
 Olga Hampson  
 Lynn Whyte  
 Francis Bell  
 Peter Webster  
 Mike Hollingsworth  
 Sheila Bruce-Smith  
 Val Barker  
 Gillian Rowe  
 Diana Blaney  
 Gaye Huddart  
 Liz Pennington  
 Liz Pennington  
 Joyce Kilgour  
 Ann Gray  
 Mike Waterhouse  
 Bob Dumbarton  
 Jenny Richmond  
 Chris Hollingsworth  
 Val Graham  
 Wendy Burton  
 Gill Moorhouse

# Interest groups

## Days/times

Alt Mondays 1-3pm  
 Tuesday 1-3pm  
 Usually 4th Wednesday  
 @ 9.15am  
 4th Thursday  
 Tuesdays 2 - 4pm  
 Wednesdays 10am - noon  
 Thursday 7 - 9pm  
 1st Thu @ 7pm + 3rd Mon @ 2pm  
 Alt. Mondays 2 - 4pm  
 Wednesday 10 -12  
 Phone for information  
 2nd Wednesday 2pm  
 4th Thursday 7.30pm  
 April to October - Mondays 11am  
 TBA  
 Tuesday or Wednesday evenings -  
 4th week of each month  
 4th Monday 2pm  
 3rd Friday 2pm  
 2nd Thursday 10am -12noon  
 Monthly - Wednesday 2pm  
 Monthly - Wednesday 2pm  
 First Thursday 1-3pm  
 4th Wednesday 10.30am  
 Friday 9.45  
 Alternate Mondays @ 2pm  
 4th Thursday  
 2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 10.30am  
 Alt Thurs 10 - noon  
 Alt Thurs 10 - noon  
 Contact for details  
 Thursdays 10am  
 1st Tuesday 2pm  
 1st Thursday 2pm  
 Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30pm  
 3rd Monday 2pm  
 3rd Friday 10.30am  
 Tuesdays 10.30am  
 3rd Monday @ 2pm  
 See website for details  
 1st Thursday 10am  
 2nd Monday 2pm  
 Monthly first Thursday 8.30 for 9.00pm  
 Contact for details  
 4th Tuesday 2.15 - 4pm  
 Alt Fridays 1.30 - 3pm  
 2nd Monday 2 - 4.30  
 1st & 3rd Mondays 10.00 to 12.00  
 Thursdays 2 - 4pm  
 Tuesdays 10 -11.30am  
 1st, 2nd + 3rd Wed 10.30-12.00  
 4th Wednesday 10.30-11.30am  
 1st + 3rd Tuesday  
 2pm  
 Alternate Fridays at 10.30  
 See schedule on website  
 Bi-monthly - contact for details  
 See newsletter and/or website  
  
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