

November

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Bramhall

U3A

Established 2010



Bramhall U3A wine group - Loire trip

In September, members of our Wine Tasting Group together with some from Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle & Macclesfield U3As, joined together in a trip to the Loire region of France. During the busy week, there were visits to Chinon, Saumur, Azay-le-Rideau and Angers together with various chateaux and gardens plus a river trip and two pleasurable wine tastings. The weather was mostly very kind and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Jenny Richmond for organising the trip.



Bramhall U3A wine group - Loire trip. Cheers!

Notes from the chair ...

What a wonderful autumn we have had with the colder wintry weather only just arriving. The leaves have produced colours not seen for some years - yellows, golds, reds, oranges - we certainly didn't need to go to New England! Hopefully, many of you have been able to get out and enjoy our beautiful countryside and perhaps even taken in some walks.

As we enter the winter period and the central heating is put on, please spare a thought for any of your neighbours who may like a visit just for a chat, or to help with some shopping or even to confirm they are well or warm enough.

Just as a reminder, our Christmas Party takes place at St Michael's Church at 2pm on Friday 2nd December. Entry is by ticket only.

There will be no monthly meeting in December and on January 19th, we meet at our new venue - Bramhall United Reform Church. All meetings will continue to be held on the third Thursday of each month. Existing car parking facilities remain the same.

Joy Armstrong, Chair

Reminders.....

We are no longer running the Bric-a-Brac stall in aid of The Wellspring. Donations of books, foodstuffs, new/unused toiletries and warm clothing in good condition, will still be gratefully received.

WALKING FOOTBALL

The idea has been muted re forming a Walking Football Group so, if you are interested please contact groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk. We will gather members names and if there is sufficient interest then we can arrange a meeting to discuss.

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

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
 Groups Information:
groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk
 Bramhall U3A meetings:
 Bramhall U.R.C. Third Thursday
 each month, at 2pm.
 Entrance: £1
 with membership card

Talks ...

January 19
 The magic of harmony
Conchords quartet
 February 16
 The last laugh of the railway
 king
Geoff Scargill

Membership Renewal - 2017

Membership renewal forms will be sent out in early December. As usual they will be sent with some papers for the AGM, and this year will be pale orange **in colour**. **Cards will be posted back as soon as possible, so please don't** forget the stamped addressed envelope. This year we will also be sending out a card for you to complete with emergency contact details. It is very important that we have some means of contacting someone if you have an accident while taking part in U3A activities, so please carry the completed card with you in your purse or wallet.

& Walks

Wednesday November 23
 Lymm 4.5m EASY
 Anne Lee

December - No walks.
 Wednesday January 18th TBA
New Schedule available soon.

Groups

Dining Group URGENT NEWS FLASH!!!!

After nearly seven years, the present organisers are stepping down so we need others to take over if the Dining Group is to continue into 2017. It could be done by one person but is easier with two. The only requirements are email and very basic IT skills. If you are interested, please contact the present coordinators Joy Armstrong/Janet McMurray or groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk.

Science for All Group

The group is changing its' meet-
ing date to the first Wednesday
of the month, 2pm – 4pm, and
its' venue to the upstairs
 (Rhodes) room in Bramhall
 Village Club from 2017. The
 first meeting, on Wednesday 4th
Jan, will be a talk on "Layla's
story: will her life be the first to
be saved by gene editing?".
 For more information email
groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

Crown Green Bowling
 We have come to the end of the bowling season and can report a happy and successful summer. As well as our regular Monday morning sessions we played two matches against Wilmslow u3a, one home and one away; we won both!!! Several of our members are now playing on Queensgate BC teams. We would welcome new members for the 2017 season and if you would like further information please contact groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk



Crown Green Bowling Group - The Victors



The Outing at Windsor Castle



Our carriage at Hampton Court

Our Royal Escape Outing was a great success. Three stunning venues and a very comfortable hotel made for an enjoyable trip.

We need your expertise and ideas. A number of our Committee members, who have been involved since our formation in 2010, are now at the end of their tenure. We really need you to join our active Committee.
Interested in being part of the team? Excellent, then please give your details to either Joy Armstrong, Peter Webster, Alistair Gardner or Dorothy Chesterman.

Newsletter feedback - Should you have any concerns or constructive feedback you wish to make about the newsletter or any of its contents, please contact Peter Webster via communications@bramhallu3a.org.uk.

Community News

The Wellspring Rucksack Appeal 2016. - As winter approaches, The Wellspring are launching their annual appeal. Take donations directly to their centre on Harvey St. on or before 4th December, or contact Helen Webster for more information.

On the Bramhall U3A website at www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/other/community.html there is lots of information on local services, such as Community transport, Travel in Greater Manchester, Library services, Carers support, Leisure key, Stockport Direct and Stockport Talking Newspapers. Or call Mike Hollingsworth

The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework describes the planning proposals for the whole of GM, including Stockport, for the next 20 years. See the plan and the consultation process at

www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/info/20081/draft_plan. Sections 28.8.20-23 in the Executive Summary describe the Plans for the areas closest to Bramhall.

Outings

Co-ordinators: Chris Hollingsworth & Val Graham

Date	Outings - Events open for booking	Price
Thu 24 Nov 2016	Christmas lunch & entertainment, Chester	£34
Mon 27 Feb 2017	Manchester Cathedral plus tea & scone (40 places)	£10

Christmas Show party – Two places available. There will be a gift shop next to the function room. Please note that the shop is cash only. Therefore, please bring cash if you think that you might be tempted.

Our February outing is a guided tour of Manchester Cathedral, which has a fascinating history. The tour will be followed by a Cream tea at Propertea, which is a minute's walk away.

Date	Outings – Full but with a waiting list	Price
Thu 12 Jan 2017	A Little Law & People's History Museum, including light lunch	£16

Dates for your diary (Booking from January)

Our March outing will be to Oswaldtwistle Mill and the Haworth Art Gallery (the largest collection of Tiffany Glass in the UK).

All Outings and Theatre trips can be booked at monthly meetings and via the U3A website <http://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk>. It is always worthwhile to put your name on the waiting list as we regularly have cancellations.

Theatre

Co-ordinator: Wendy Burton

Theatre Booking Deadlines

As from this month, the date when bookings must be made and paid for will be included in the list of open events. Usually theatre trips will be open for booking until either all of the reserved tickets have been sold, or the booking deadline has been reached. Once the booking deadline is

Date	Events open for booking	Bookings to be made by	Price
Wed 8 Feb	Gaslight, Oldham Coliseum (matinee)	12 th Dec 2016	£25
Thu 2 Mar	Cinderella Ballet, Lowry theatre (matinee)	2 nd Dec 2016	£40
Wed 12 Apr	Jane Eyre, Lowry theatre (matinee) – 4 tickets left	-	£35

Theatre trip mailing list - If you would like to be on the theatre email list, please send an email to theatre@bramhallu3a.org.uk with your details.

Holidays

Co-ordinator: Gill Moorhouse

The next U3A Spring Holiday will be a 6 day Dorset Tour and will take place between 28 May and 2 June 2017.

Full details are now available on the website - www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/groups/holidays.html.

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.

Events can be booked at monthly meetings and via our website: 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.

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.

Group	Co-ordinator	Days/times
Art	TBA	TBA
Badminton	Carolyn Johnson	Tuesday 1-3pm
Bird Watching	Diana Oldfield	Usually 4th Wednesday @ 9.15am
Books	Paul Carter	4th Thursday
Bridge Beginners	Dudley Newell	Tuesdays 2 - 4pm
Improvers 1	Peter Levy	Wednesdays 10am - noon
Improvers 2	Ray Lee	Thursday 7 - 9pm
Canasta	Judith Fletcher	3rd Monday 2pm
Card making	Sue Young	Alt. Mondays 2 - 4pm
Church history	Dorothy Chesterman	Wednesday 10 –12
Computers	Dorothy Chesterman	Phone for information
Creative writing	Paul Ramsden	2nd Wednesday 2pm
Cribbage	Pat George	4th Thursday 7.30pm
Crown green bowling	Val Barker	April to October - Mondays 11am
Dining	Ann Smith	Tuesday or Wednesday evenings - 4th week of each month
Discussion	Janet McMurray	4th Monday 2pm
Embroidery	Joy Armstrong	3rd Friday 2pm
Family History	Dina Levy	2nd Thursday 10am -12noon
	Pat Wright	Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
	Dorothy Chesterman	Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
	Diane Bright	First Thursday 1-3pm
	Mary Hambleton	4th Wednesday 10.30am
	Brian Turner	Friday 9.45
Film & discussion	Pamela Roth	Alternate Mondays @ 2pm
Fitness & flexibility	Vikki Radford	4th Thursday
French	Kay Witham	2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 10.30am
Gardening	Marilyn Hughes	Alt Thurs 10 - noon
German - Intermediate	Alison Davids	Alt Thurs 10 - noon
History	Angela Devaney	Contact for details
	Margaret France	Thursdays 10am
History Visits	Glenys Steedman	1st Tuesday 2pm
Italian Improvers	Helen Webster	1st Thursday 2pm
Knitting A	Sheila Porter	Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30pm
Knitting B	Shelagh Lord	3rd Monday 2pm
Line Dancing	Chris Chapman	3rd Friday 10.30am
Mapping Bramhall	Val Murray	3rd Monday @ 2pm
Music for leisure	Jackie Harmer	See website for details
Photography	David Pechey	1st Thursday 10am
Pilates	Wendy Litchfield	2nd Monday 2pm
Play reading	Olga Hampson	Monthly first Thursday 8.30 for 9.00pm
Poetry	Lynn Whyte	Contact for details
Pub Quiz	Frances Bell	4th Tuesday 2.15 - 4pm
Real Railway Group	Peter Webster	Alt Fridays 1.30 - 3pm
Science for All	Mike Hollingsworth	2nd Monday 2 - 4.30
Scottish country dance	Sheila Bruce-Smith	1st & 3rd Mondays 10.00 to 12.00
Scrabble	Val Barker	Thursdays 2 - 4pm
Singing for fun	Gillian Rowe	Tuesdays 10 -1130am
Spanish - Intermediate	Diana Blaney	1st Wednesday 2pm
Spanish - Upper Inter.	Gaye Huddart	
Spanish self-help	Pat George	
	Paula Lamb	
Table Tennis: Fun for All	Liz Pennington	1st, 2nd + 3rd Wed 10.30-12.00
Competitive Singles	Liz Pennington	4th Wednesday 10.30-11.30am
Ukulele	Joyce Kilgour	1st + 3rd Tuesday 2pm
	Ann Gray	
Video & Film Making	Mike Waterhouse	Alternate Fridays at 10.30
Walking	Bob Dumbarton	See schedule on website
Wine Tasting	Jenny Richmond	Bi-monthly - contact for details
Outings	Chris Hollingsworth	See newsletter and/or website
	Val Graham	
Theatre	Wendy Burton	See newsletter and/or website
Holidays	Gill Moorhouse	See newsletter and/or website