

A New *Art Group* is up and running on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. This course is to be an introduction to the basics of pictorial art, working from direct observation. The course concerns itself with the 'formal values' of visual art through drawing and painting. Acrylic paints and opaque water-based paint are recommended but this does not include watercolour which is a transparent medium. The course can be a way in for beginners or used as a means of developing existing skills for those with some experience. If you would like to come along please contact groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

We are hoping to re-form *Walking Football*. 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 how to proceed.

Fitness and Flexibility returns to Fir Road Scout Hut, Bramhall on Monday 27th February for 6 weeks 10.15 - 11am. Join us for a wiggle and a giggle and get your week off to a great start. Bring a drink of water, a mat and come ready to exercise. You will be encouraged to work at your own level. Contact groups@bramhallu3a.co.uk for more info.

The *Cycling Group* has been re-born! We plan to ride once a fortnight. The next will be on Thursday 23rd February, but we haven't decided where to go yet. We plan to vary the length and terrain of future rides to suit the abilities of the riders. We are definitely not expecting Tour de France performances! The rides will be suitably paced so that no one gets left behind. If interested in joining this group please contact groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

Outings

Co-ordinators: Chris Hollingsworth & Val Graham

Events can always 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.

Date	Outings - Events open for booking	Price
Mon 27 Feb	Manchester Cathedral plus tea & scone (Only 40 places)	£10
Fri 24 Mar	Oswaldtwistle Mills & Haworth Art Gallery (Tiffany Glass Museum) including lunch & Cream tea	£26
Thur 27 Apr	Ludlow	£20 (with tour) £17 (without tour)
Sun 3 to Tue 5 Sept	Coast, Cathedral & Coal (mini-break) Visiting Whitby, Durham and Beamish	£245 p.p. £50 single supp.

Theatre

Co-ordinator: Wendy Burton

Local Theatres It has previously been suggested that Bramhall U3a should support local theatres by including them in our Theatre Programme. To test out the interest in this we have reserved tickets for the Players Theatre Production of 'Lost in Yonkers.' If this proves popular then other productions from Players, CHADS etc will be included from time to time. As these theatres are local, no transport will be provided and we will meet at the theatre before the performance begins.

Date	Theatre - Open for booking	Bookings by	Price
Wed 17 May	Lost in Yonkers, Players Theatre (evening)	13 April	£8
Wed 7 June	The Play That Goes Wrong, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	22 March	£24

Date	Theatre - Full but with a waiting list	Price
Thu 2 Mar	Cinderella Ballet, Lowry Theatre (matinee) (Coach leaves St Michael's at 12:30)	£40
Wed 12 Apr	Jane Eyre, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	£35

Membership renewals are overdue. Please include an S.A.E. for postage of your membership paperwork. Questions about your membership? Contact Kay Witham at meetings or via enquiries@bramhallu3a.org.uk

Your donations of books, sealed foodstuffs, new/unused toiletries and warm clothing in good condition, are still most gratefully received. All items/proceeds go to our designated charities, The Wellspring and St Ann's Hospice.

Interesting Groups

Group	Co-ordinator	Days/times
Art	Ray Brooker	2nd 4th Wednesday from 10.30 to 12.30
Badminton	Carolyn Johnson	Tuesday 1-3pm
Bird Watching	Diana Oldfield Paul Carter	Usually 4th Wednesday @ 9.15am
Books	Dudley Newell	4th Thursday
Bridge Beginners	Peter Levy	Tuesdays 2 - 4pm
Improvers 1	Ray Lee	Wednesdays 10am - noon
Improvers 2	Judith Fletcher	Thursday 7 - 9pm
Canasta	Sue Young	3rd Monday 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	1st Thursday 7.30pm
Crown green bowling	Ann Smith	April to October - Mondays 11am
Cycling	Dave Rowell	Typically, one ride per fortnight
Dining	Vera Moore	Tuesday or Wednesday evenings -
Discussion	Jan Boys	4th week of each month
Embroidery	Dina Levy	4th Monday 2pm
Family History	Pat Wright	3rd Friday 2pm
	Dorothy Chesterman	2nd Thursday 10am -12noon
	Diane Bright	Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
	Mary Hambleton	Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
	Brian Turner	First Thursday 1-3pm
Film & discussion	Pamela Roth	4th Wednesday 10.30am
Fitness & flexibility	Vikki Radford	Mondays 10.15 - 11am
French	Kay Witham	Alternate Mondays @ 2pm
Gardening	Marilyn Hughes	4th Thursday
German - Intermediate	Alison Davids	2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 10.30am
History	Angela Devaney	Alt Thursdays 10 - noon
	Margaret France	Alt Thursdays 10 - noon
History Visits	Glenys Steedman	Contact for details
Italian Improvers	Helen Webster	Thursdays 10am
Knitting A	Sheila Porter	1st Tuesday 2pm
Knitting B	Shelagh Lord	1st Thursday 2pm
Line Dancing	Chris Chapman	Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30pm
Mapping Bramhall	Val Murray	3rd Monday 2pm
Music for Pleasure	Jackie Harmer	3rd Friday 10.30am
Photography	David Pechey	3rd Monday @ 2pm
Pilates	Wendy Litchfield	See website for details
Play reading	Olga Hampson	1st Thursday 10am
Poetry	Lynn Whyte	2nd Monday 2pm
Pub Quiz	Frances Bell	Monthly first Thursday 8.30 for 9.00pm
Real Railway Group	Peter Webster	Contact for details
Science for All	Mike Hollingsworth	1st Wednesday 2 - 4pm
Scottish country dance	Sheila Bruce-Smith	Alt Fridays 1.30 - 3pm
Scrabble	Val Barker	2nd Monday 2 - 4.30
Singing for fun	Gillian Rowe	1st & 3rd Mondays 10 to 12
Spanish - Intermediate	Diana Blaney	Thursdays 2 - 4pm
Spanish - Upper Inter.	Gaye Huddart	Tuesdays 10 -11.30am
Spanish - Self Help	Pat George	1st Wednesday 2pm
Table Tennis: Fun for All	Liz Pennington	1st, 2nd + 3rd Wednesdays 10.30-12.00
Competitive Singles	Liz Pennington	4th Wednesday 10.30-11.30am
Ukulele	Joyce Kilgour	1st + 3rd Tuesday
	Ann Gray	2pm
Video & Film Making	TBA	TBA
Walking	Bob Dumbarton	See schedule on website
Walking Football	TBA	TBA
Wine Tasting	Jenny Richmond	Bi-monthly - contact for details
<i>Outings</i>	<i>Chris Hollingsworth</i>	<i>See newsletter and/or website</i>
	<i>Val Graham</i>	<i>See newsletter and/or website</i>
<i>Theatre</i>	<i>Wendy Burton</i>	<i>See newsletter and/or website</i>
<i>Holidays</i>	<i>Gill Moorhouse</i>	<i>See newsletter and/or website</i>