

A Reminder for Diary

Our 2017 Christmas Party will be on Friday December 15th at 2pm. Venue: The United Reform Church. Tickets will be on sale at the November meetings or through the Group Co-ordinators. Tickets cost £6.

Christmas Party Tombola Prizes

We need loads of prizes to help make the tombola a great success.

If you wish to donate, either take it/them to your next group meeting and your Coordinator will pass them on, or bring it/them to the next U3A meeting, or contact: Bob Dumbarton or Helen Webster

All prizes must be new/nearly new and in good condition.

Real Ale Appreciation - The first meeting was held at the Mounting Stone in Bramhall and proved to be a successful start with the venue proving to be very positive and hospitable towards us. The Mounting Stone is a relative newcomer to the pub scene in the village. A true micropub that came to the attention of CAMRA early in its existence and in 2016 won City Life magazines Best Pub award. On our visit, a good range of Real Ale and Cider (Rhubarb I believe) was available and **Andrew (O'Shea) the manager enhanced the visit by educating us on the process of receiving, conditioning, keeping and tapping the beers.** Illuminating his words with two key technical bits of equipment, namely two wooden pegs! Feedback from those present was positive with keen interest being shown about our next outing on the 28th September which will be to a slightly larger Micropub the Petersgate Tap. Alan Gent the co-owner has already promised us a talk about his pub and Real Ale. This should be a cracking visit as Alan is one of the areas most knowledgeable beer and cider experts. On top of that his range of drinks changes frequently and usually has one or two nationally recognised brews available. Our Group already has 20 members registered (in just 4 weeks) of which a third are female members of the U3A, so dont be shy girls come along! All members of the U3A are welcome to participate and once you have registered your interest we will e mail you in advance about where we are going, how to get there and any other bits of information that might be relevant.

Watch out for a special treat for our October visit. For further details contact groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

<i>Theatre</i> Wendy Burton - 440.8586 & Ann Lee - 485.1347	Date	Full but with a waiting list	Price
	Wed 25 Oct	Sunset Boulevard, Palace Theatre (matinee)	£47

Date	Events open for booking	Bookings must be made by	Price
Wed 22 Nov	Stone Cold Murder, Players Theatre (evening)	19 October	£7.50
Wed 14 Mar 2018	Matthew Bourne's Cinderella Ballet, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	11 December	£48

Outings Chris Hollingsworth - 439.2865 & Val Graham - 486.9121

All events can be booked at monthly meetings and via the U3A website. It is always worthwhile to put your name on the waiting list as we regularly have cancellations.

Date	Outings - Events open for booking	Price
Tues 14 Nov	Xmas Show-Party – theme ABBA – Mamma Mia	£36
Jan 2018	Police Museum, Manchester	TBA
Feb 2018	Elizabeth Gaskell House & the Pankhurst Centre, Manchester	TBA
Outings – Events on Waiting list		
Thurs 12 Oct	M & S Archive and Hepworth Art Gallery	£19 (with carvery) £12 (no meal)

As the October Newsletter had to go to the printers in September, the dates and prices for the Outings in January and February were not yet fixed at that time. The details will be available at the monthly meeting and online.

Free Legal Helpline for U3A Members - As a member of the U3A you are entitled to free legal advice on all personal matters (car, house, etc.). Assistance is from Arc Legal in partnership with Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, who has a 24 hour Legal Helpline (0344.770.1040). If they are busy they will ring you back within the hour (they are quieter in the evening). Should any member require to use this service, please phone U3A National Office (Tel No. 020 8466 6139) first, to get the U3A Access Code, *before phoning the helpline.*

The Wellspring always are always in need of sealed foodstuffs, such as pasta, pasta sauce, tins of soup, coffee and tea. They also use new/unused toiletries and clothing in good condition. Many people who fall on hard times depend on our continuing, most generous contributions.

Interesting Groups

Group	Co-ordinator	Days/times
Art	Chris Stubbs	2nd + 4th Wednesday 10am - 12
Badminton	Carolyn Johnson	Tuesday 1.45-3.45pm
Bird Watching	Diana Oldfield	Usually 4th Wednesday
	Paul Carter	@ 9.15am
Books	Dudley Newell	4th Thursday
Bridge Beginners	Peter Levy	Tuesdays 2 - 4pm
Improvers	Ray Lee	Wednesdays 10am - noon
Café book club	Kay Witham	Monthly. Tuesday PM
Canasta	Sue Young	3rd Monday 2pm
Card making	Dorothy Chesterman	Alt. Mondays 2 - 4pm
Computers	Paul Ramsden	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 -
	Jan Boys	4th week of each month
Discussion	Dina Levy	4th Monday 2pm
	Pat Wright	3rd Friday 2pm
Embroidery	Dorothy Chesterman	2nd Thursday 10am -12noon
Family History	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 - 11.00
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 Thurs 10 - noon
	Margaret France	Alt Thurs 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 Ale Appreciation Group	Lawrence Devaney	Monthly - days and times vary
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 Wed 10.00-12.00
Competitive Singles	Liz Pennington	4th Wednesday 10.30-11.30am
Ukulele	Joyce Kilgour	1st + 3rd Tuesday
	Ann Gray	2pm
Video & Film Making	Alaister Macrae	Alternate Fridays at 2pm
Walking	Bob Dumbarton	See schedule on website
Walking Football	TBA	TBA
Wine Tasting	Jenny Richmond	Bi-monthly - contact for detail
<i>Holidays</i>	<i>Gill Moorhouse</i>	<i>See newsletter and/or website</i>