

November
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Bramhall U3A

Established 2010



Marple Locks by Derek Shardlow.

This was taken on an early morning visit to this interesting location to catch the narrow boats setting out to negotiate the 16 locks in the flight.

The Bramhall U3A Photography Group chose these two images from their recent themes.



Biddulph Grange by Robert Redpath.

This was submitted for a theme on "frames within the frame", guiding the eye towards the image's subject.

2017 Christmas Party

Friday December 15th at 2pm.

Venue: The United Reform Church. Tickets: £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 to your next group meeting and your Coordinator will pass it on, or contact: Bob Dumbarton or Helen Webster

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

Chairman's bit

Gosh, this month's news is a bit full. However, it does show you all of the wonderful things that are going on in your U3A at the moment and as we have nearly 60 groups, the range of activities is huge. You can see below that our two nominated Charities, The Wellspring and St Ann's Hospice, have big seasonal events coming up, so I really hope that you can support at least one of them. Both events are very different, but are equally important in their own way. Next month is your Christmas Party (Ho Ho Ho) and even though some shops and garden centres have been in Christmas mode since September, I think our choice of December is far more fitting. There are more details about next year's holiday to the Western Isles in this issue, but if you wish to book, then please contact Gill Moorhouse directly. There is no December news so the next copy is the January 2018 issue and then it'll soon be Easter. . . . In the meantime, all the best for the festive season to all our members.

Peter Webster



The RUCKSACK PROJECT SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER 2017

The Wellspring, Harvey Street, Stockport. SK1 1YD are looking for as many people as possible to go to charity shops or rummage through their wardrobes and drawers or try to get any or all of the following.

A Rucksack and/or any of the following:
a Fleece/jumper; Hat/Scarf/gloves; socks; undies; toothbrush; sleeping bag; flask; tins of beans/Soup (with ring pulls); a spoon; crossword puzzles & word searches and pens - Please drop them off on the 9th or call Helen Webster for more information.

Bramhall U3A can make a difference this Christmas

All items should be clean and in good condition



There'll be lots of festive fun including:

Christmas gift stalls

Santa's Grotto

Mince pies & mulled wine

Children's arts & crafts

Festive entertainment

For more information please contact:

Kathryn on khoyle@sah.org.uk

or

0161 498 3630

Bramhall U3A Committee

Chair: Peter Webster
Vice-chair: *Vacancy*
Business: Dorothy Chesterman
Treasurer: Alistair Gardner
Groups: Chris Stubbs
Pat George
Membership: Kay Witham
Speakers: Doreen Neil
Community: Alaister Macrae

Website:
www.bramhallu3a.org.uk

Groups Information:
groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

Bramhall U3A meetings:
Bramhall URC, Robins Lane,
Bramhall. Third Thursday
each month at 2pm.

Entrance: £1
with membership card

Meetings, Talks ...

December 15
Christmas Party at 2pm

& Walks

Wednesday 22 November

Rainow 5m EASY+

Peter Jaques

EASY+: Flat with a few very short ascents and descents.

December - No walks

Walking Group - I would like to thank all our leaders for their efforts over the past year, as without them it would be difficult to arrange such a varied Walk Schedule. Pleasingly, the number of regular walkers has increased to the point where a limit of twenty walkers per trip, has been necessary for safety reasons.

I am now working on our 2018 Walking Schedule. As usual, our walks will be every second Thursday and fourth Wednesday and will be between 4 and 6 miles. (*Only one walk in January and none in December*) Ideally most walks will be either easy (flat) or moderate (a few ascents) and be within reasonable travelling distance. As with this year, we may include a couple of slightly longer walks for those who are interested.

Again your help is required in leading walks - the task is not onerous and I can provide any help that may be needed. Over the past few years, we have had a core of approx. 10 Leaders but this number does not provide us with a full walk schedule. I therefore ask again for some more Walk Leaders who can provide us with a greater variety of locations. So please check your diary for next year and let me know in the next three weeks a date(s) when you would like to lead a walk, the location, the approximate length and grade (easy/moderate). A cafe or pub at the end of the walk is not necessary but this is quite popular.

Please note that details of walks are always in the U3A Newsletter and also on the Website.

Can I also ask that anyone who is no longer interested in being part of the Walking Group, please let me know in order that I can remove you from my mailing list.

Bob Dumbarton

Science for All – the group meets on the afternoon of the first Wednesday of the month and has a mixture of talks at the Village Club on Lumb Lane, and visits aimed at everyone. Talks for the beginning of 2018 are: 3 Jan “Aviation Infrastructure”; 7 Feb “Solar energy and its journey from the centre of the sun to your electric kettle”; 7 Mar TBA; 4 Apr “Your memory and you”. A visit to the National Stone Centre, near Matlock is on 2 May.

If interested in joining, then email:

groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk with Science for All in the Subject line or contact Mike Hollingsworth



2018 Holiday to Scotland - Island Hopping on the

West Coast of Scotland is the choice for next

year's holiday. Ayrshire, **the land of Robbie Burns, where the Gulf stream's warm current brings with it the blessing of a warm climate, sounds just perfect for our foray into Scotland.** We will visit Irvine, take a ferry from Ardrossan to the Isle of Arran, visit Brodick Castle and gardens, the Museum of Country Life and Costume and the seaside town of Largs. We will travel to the island of Cumbrae and Millport, the only town on the island and take in Alloway and the Robbie Burns Birthplace Museum. We will visit Culzean Castle, the former home of the Marquess of Ailsa, the chief of Clan Kennedy. The Isle of Bute is our third island port of call. We also include a trip to Mount Stuart House and Gardens. One evening during our time at our hotel in Irvine, we will have a Scottish themed dinner with the Haggis being piped in.

For full details of accommodation, visits and costs please contact Gill Moorhouse

24th - 29th May 2018 (6 days) £482.00 (p/p sharing twin/double); £100.00 single room supplement
£29.00 optional insurance. Please note that all rooms will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

The Value Songbook - Broadway Songs, which the Singing for Fun Group use, is now out of print. If any previous members have a copy which they could let us have, it would be much appreciated. If you can help, please contact Dorothy Chesterman or Gillian Rowe.



Four Walking Group Ladies on top of a windy Shining Tor

U3A Tai Chi (Open Group) - Contact Cheadle Hulme U3A for details

Chess - We are currently looking for a couple of people who would be **willing to take a beginners' group.** If you can help email: groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

Art Group - This month we have been working in acrylics with Mel and are looking forward to a pottery painting session with Kate. If you would like to join us or are willing to take a session, please email: groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

From a market stall in Leeds to our current M & S, the history of the company and their displays was fascinating. The Hepworth Gallery is housed in an iconic building with exhibitions of the works of Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore. They did their home town of Wakefield proud.



M&S Archive, Leeds



Hepworth Gallery, Wakefield

Outings
Co-ordinators:
Chris Hollingsworth
& Val Graham

Date	Outings - Events open for booking	Price
Mon 5 th Feb 2018	Elizabeth Gaskell House & the Pankhurst Centre, Manchester	£20
Outings – Events on Waiting list		
Thurs 25 th Jan 2018	Police Museum, Manchester	£9

Business has been brisk for 2018 events with only a few places left for the outing to Elizabeth Gaskell House. A Sunday outing in late March to Grange-over-Sands will go on sale in January.

Theatre
Co-ordinators:
Wendy Burton
& Ann Lee

All events can be booked at monthly meetings and via the U3A website, www.bramhallu3a.org.uk. It is always worthwhile to put your name on the waiting list, as we regularly have cancellations.

Date	Events open for booking	Bookings must be made by	Price
Wed 14 Mar 2018	Matthew Bourne's Cinderella Ballet , Lowry Theatre (matinee)	11 December	£48
Wed 18 Apr	Mary Stuart, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	11 December	£37

Date	Full but with a waiting list	Price
Wed 22 Nov	Stone Cold Murder, Players Theatre (evening)	£7.50

Stone Cold Murder – Reminder for Theatregoers - Tickets will be given out in the upstairs bar from 7:15 pm onwards. Players Theatre opens its doors at about 7:10 pm and the performance itself starts at 7:45 pm.

Cancellation, Refund and Guest Policies	Other Aspects
A full refund will be made if a booking with payment is cancelled by telephone within 7 days of the booking being made. In other circumstances, a full or partial refund will be made if there is a sufficient number of members on the trip to cover the costs. A refund of ticket costs can only be made where either the ticket has not yet been purchased or the ticket is sold to another member. Refunds - All refunds will be made after the theatre event/outing has taken place. Guest policy – Non-members can come on a theatre event/outing as a guest of a member on one occasion only.	The costs for theatre events/outings include transport, driver's tip and, where appropriate, tickets. The dates for future outings, for which bookings are not yet being taken, are posted on the website under <i>Dates for your Diary</i> .

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.

Interesting Groups

Group	Co-ordinator	Days/times
Adventure (S.C.R.U.F.F.)	Jenny Richmond	Monthly - Days/times vary
Art	Chris Stubbs	2nd + 4th Wednesday 10am - 12
Badminton	Carolyn Johnson	Tuesday 1.45-3.45pm
Bird Watching	Diana Oldfield Paul Carter	Usually 4th Wednesday @ 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	Jean Cox	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	Lawrence Devaney	Monthly - days and times vary
Real Railways	Peter Webster	Contact for details
Science for All	Mike Hollingsworth	1st Wednesday 2 - 4pm
Scottish country dance	Sheila Bruce-Smith	Every Friday 1.45 - 3.15pm
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 Intermediate	TBA	Tuesdays 10 -11.30am
Spanish - Self Help	Pat George	3rd 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
Wine Tasting	Jenny Richmond	Bi-monthly - contact for detail
<i>Holidays</i>	<i>Gill Moorhouse</i>	<i>See newsletter and/or website</i>