

January 2018 Bramhall U3A

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A seasonal photo edition



Chairman's bit

May I wish each and every one of you a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2018. If the last two years are anything to go by, then this year could be an absolute corker, in all sorts of ways. We will just have to wait and see. Anyway, our Christmas Party was once again a great success. On that note, I wish to pass on my thanks to all members of the Committee who helped organise things both before and on the day. Also a huge thank you to those members who turned up early and just mucked in to get it set up in time for everyone to arrive. The only problem for us now is to try to make it even better next time. So thinking caps on for fun and practical ideas please.

There are some changes taking place in your committee. Wendy Burton, our Theatre Coordinator, is standing down and as yet we don't have anyone to replace her. I am also standing down as Chair so this is my last **Chairman's Bit**. I am passing on that responsibility to the very capable Alaister Macrae at our AGM. It's been a great year and your Bramhall U3A will just keep getting better and better. Best wishes to all. Peter Webster

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

February 15 Bramhall U3A - A.G.M.

The Con Chordes Quartet *The Magic of Harmony* Illustrated by songs in various styles with some audience participation!

March 15
 Travels with a camcorder
 Alaister Macrae

April 19 The history of Arighi Bianchi
 Arighi Bianchi
 Nick Bianchi

May 17
 Irving Berlin - A Man for All Seasons
 Brian Green Some of his most enduring work and achievements

Start the new year with good intentions!

Join our Fitness & Flexibility group which meets Mondays 9.45am in the Scout Hut on Fir Road.

The class is a fun workout which is suitable for all levels. You can work at your own level and injuries are taken into account. The class consists of simple, easy-to-follow exercises to great music. All you need to bring is a drink of water and a mat or towel. We do floor exercises but alternatives are given if you don't like getting on the floor. You can join in and pay weekly, or pay for a course. A warm welcome awaits you.

For more information contact groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk with 'Fitness and Flexibility Enquiry' as the subject.

Walks 2018

Wednesday 17 January *Bring bus pass*

Bridgewater Canal 6m EASY

Bob Dumbarton

Thursday 8 February

Lymm 5m EASY+

Viv Grimshaw

Wednesday 28 February

Werneth Low 5.5m MOD

Elaine Hitchinson

Thursday 8 March

The Roaches 6m MOD+

Bob Dumbarton

Wednesday 28 March

Lyme Park 6m MOD

Keith Mant

EASY: A flat walk with no hills or ascents/descents

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

MOD: 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 +)

Our Charities Thanks to the continued support and generosity of our members, during 2017 we donated £779.75 to The Wellspring and **£738.20 to St. Ann's Hospice**. Especial thanks go to the card-making group who made a total of £390 for The Wellspring in 2017 and to the knitting group, whose efforts made £275 for St Ann's Hospice. The popular book stall continued to raise money for St Ann's Hospice, while the donation of dry food goods and toiletries for The Wellspring was an impressive feature of every meeting. We also supported the rucksack appeal for The Wellspring, and throughout the year, with many donations of good, new and used clothing and towels. Helen Webster



Photo by David Pechey of the Science for All group at our December meeting, discussing what tomorrow's world might be like.



As usual the Line Dancing Group had its Christmas party on the last session before the seasonal break. This year there was an optional "festive" dress code which was "HO, HO, HO." A good time was had by all. Chris Chapman (Line Dancing)

Would you be interested in becoming a Hearing Research Volunteer? The Manchester Centre for Audiology and Hearing Loss need volunteers with normal hearing and hearing loss to take part in research studies that teach them more about hearing loss and how best to treat to treat it. For more information go to: www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/other/community.html or contact Mike Hollingsworth.

Outings

Co-ordinators:
Chris Hollingsworth - 439.2865
& Val Graham - 486.9121

New this month is the Sunday outing on 25th March, which is to the Carnforth Heritage Centre first and then to The Netherwood Hotel, Grange-Over-Sands for a 3-course lunch. There will be some free time in Grange-over-Sands before we return home.

April brings our visit to Shugborough (National Trust), the previous home of Patrick Lichfield, Royal photographer. En-route we will stop at Trentham Shopping Village.

Our short holiday this year includes the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo, Culross, the Scottish Parliament, the Falkirk Wheel, the Kelpies, as well as a guided tour of Glasgow followed by lunch at the famous Rennie Mackintosh inspired Willow Tea Rooms. We shall also cross the new Forth Road bridge, which was opened a few months ago.

The Xmas outing (Show-Party) was a resounding success with a very good time had by all.



Date	Outings - Events open for booking	Price
Sun 25 Mar	Sunday lunch in Grange-over-Sands	£40
Fri 20 April	Springtime at Shugborough	£11 (N.T.) or £23 (Non-N.T.)
Fri 10 to Mon 13 Aug	Edinburgh Tattoo and Glasgow	£420 p.p. £66 s/supp £50 deposit
Outings – Events on Waiting list		
Thur 25 Jan	Police Museum, Manchester	£9
Mon 5 Feb	Elizabeth Gaskell House & the Pankhurst Centre, Manchester	£20

Theatre

Co-ordinators:
Wendy Burton - 440.8586
& Ann Lee - 485.1347

Future Theatre Trips - **Wendy is standing down at the AGM and so 'Mary Stuart' is the last planned theatre trip.** Any future trips are dependent on new U3A members volunteering to organize them.

Date	Events open for booking	Bookings must be made by	Price
Wed 18 Apr	Mary Stuart, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	Extended to Jan 26	£37

Date	Full but with a waiting list	Price
Wed 14 Mar	Matthew Bourne's Cinderella Ballet , Lowry Theatre (matinee)	£48

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.

Cancellation, Refund and Guest Policies

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.

Other Aspects

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 *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.

Groups

Adventure (S.C.R.U.F.F.)
Art
Badminton
Bird Watching

Books
Bridge Beginners
Improvers
Café book club
Canasta
Card making
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 Pleasure
Photography
Pilates
Play reading
Poetry
Pub Quiz
Real Ale Appreciation
Real Railways
Science for All
Scottish country dance
Scrabble
Singing for fun
Spanish - Intermediate
Spanish - Upper Intermediate
Spanish - Self Help
Table Tennis: Fun for All
Competitive Singles
Ukulele

Video & Film Making
Walking
Wine Tasting

Holidays

Co-ordinators

Jenny Richmond
Chris Stubbs
Carolyn Johnson
Diana Oldfield
Paul Carter
Dudley Newell
Peter Levy
Ray Lee
Kay Witham
Sue Young
Dorothy Chesterman
Paul Ramsden
Pat George
Val Barker
Ann Smith
Dave Rowell
Vera Moore
Jan Boys
Dina Levy
Pat Wright
Dorothy Chesterman
Diane Bright
Mary Hambleton
Brian Turner
Pamela Roth
Vikki Radford
Kay Witham
Marilyn Hughes
Jean Cox
Angela Devaney
Margaret France
Glenys Steedman
Helen Webster
Sheila Porter
Shelagh Lord
Chris Chapman
Val Murray
Jackie Harmer
David Pechey
Wendy Litchfield
Olga Hampson
Lynn Whyte
Frances Bell
Lawrence Devaney
Peter Webster
Mike Hollingsworth
Sheila Bruce-Smith
Val Barker
Gillian Rowe
Diana Blaney
Janet Smith
Pat George
Liz Pennington
Liz Pennington
Joyce Kilgour
Ann Gray
Alaister Macrae
Bob Dumbarton
Jenny Richmond

Gill Moorhouse

Days/Times

Monthly - Days/times vary
2nd + 4th Wednesday 10am - 12
Tuesday 1.45-3.45pm
Usually 4th Wednesday
@ 9.15am
4th Thursday
Tuesdays 2 - 4pm
Wednesdays 10am - Noon
Monthly. Tuesday PM
1st & 3rd Mondays - 2pm
Alt. Mondays 2 - 4pm
Phone for information
2nd Wednesday 2pm
1st Thursday 7.30pm
April to October - Mondays 11am
Typically, one ride per fortnight.
uesday or Wednesday evenings -
4th week of each month
4th Monday 2pm
3rd Friday 2pm
2nd Thursday 10am -12noon
Monthly - Wednesday at 2pm
Monthly - Wednesday at 2pm
First Thursday 1-3pm
4th Wednesday at 10.30am
Mondays 10.15 - 11.00
Alternate Mondays at 2pm
4th Thursday
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10.30am
Alt Thurs 10 - Noon
Alt Thurs 10 - Noon
Contact for details
Thursdays at 10am
1st Tuesday at 2pm
1st Thursday at 2pm
Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30pm
3rd Monday at 2pm
3rd Friday 10.30am
3rd Monday at 2pm
See website for details
1st Thursday at 10am
2nd Monday at 2pm
Monthly first Thursday 8.30 for 9.00pm
Monthly - days and times vary
Contact for details
1st Wednesday 2 - 4pm
Every Friday 1.45 - 3.15pm
2nd Monday 2 - 4.30
1st & 3rd Mondays 10 to 12
Thursdays 2 - 4pm
Tuesdays 10 - 11.30am
3rd Wednesday at 2pm
1st, 2nd + 3rd Wed 10.00-12.00
4th Wednesday 10.30-11.30am
1st + 3rd Tuesday
2pm
Alternate Fridays at 2pm
See schedule on website
Bi-monthly - contact for detail

See newsletter and/or website