

March Bramhall U3A



This stunning view was taken by Phil Drinkwater on the bridge over the canal beside the Lowry Theatre clearly demonstrating how colourful the night-time Salford Quays landscape is.

This picture shows members setting up tripods and cameras to capture the beautiful colours and reflections of the brightly lit buildings at Salford Quays. We call this The U3A Paparazzi, not least because we were asked which celebrity we were waiting for outside the Lowry Theatre!



Greetings from Your New Chairman

After our AGM last month, I find myself as your new chairman wondering what I've let myself in for. My thanks to Peter Webster who successfully kept the show on the road last year, ably abetted by his fellow committee members. Thank you to them too.

I'm not sure yet what this year will bring for us all. Where's the spring for example?

Fortunately, our wide selection of interest groups should help us ignore what's happening elsewhere that's beyond our control. If you've not joined any yet, it's time to have a word with our Groups Organiser, Chris Stubbs. She can help you find at least one that's bound to be of interest to you.

In the meantime, have you renewed your annual subscription yet? Any subs not paid by the end of this month will result in cancellation of membership. Could Group Co-ordinators please check that all their members have renewed because of our insurance liabilities.

Now that we're successfully into our 8th year, let's hope it will be the best yet.



Alaister Macrae

North East Cheshire U3A - Study Day 2018

A Literary Exploration

Focussing on the works of Graham Greene.

AM [Dr. Creina Mansfield - Graham Greene, Phuong and me](#) - Graham Greene's, *The Quiet American*, 1955, foresaw America's disastrous involvement in Vietnam. Creina explains why, despite her admiration for the novel, she decided to re-write it.

PM [Dr. Alan Sennett - The films of Graham Greene](#) - Looking at his involvement in cinema and reaction to the films of his novels.

or

[Jackie Starkey - A Pot Pourri of Poetry](#) - From Shakespeare to Shelley, from John Donne to Carol Ann Duffy, we have a rich legacy of Poetry. Let us dip into the pot and discover what it tells us about life and ourselves.

Bramhall URC

Saturday 28 April

10am to 4pm

£20 (including refreshments)

For further details contact: [Dorothy Chesterman](#) Business Secretary

Bramhall U3A Committee

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

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

April 19

Arighi Bianchi The history of Arighi Bianchi
Nick Bianchi

May 17

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

URGENT - We need a Theatre Visits Coordinator - URGENT

As there is no one to replace Wendy Burton, all theatre trips will cease in April. We know you enjoy the theatre trips so we need a team of three people to take on that role. *Interested?*

[We also need a Community Links Coordinator.](#)

Interested in either role?

Please contact a BU3A Committee member as soon as possible.

Walks 2018

Wednesday 28 March

Lyme Park 6m MOD
Keith Mant

Thursday April 12

Lindow Common 5m EASY
Barbara Shafer

Wednesday 28 March

Lyme Park 6m MOD
Keith Mant

Wednesday 25 April

Rainow 4.5m MOD
David Pechey

Thursday 10 May

Teggs Nose 4.5m MOD+
Tricia Canning

Wednesday 23 May

TBA
Tony Sharples

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 +)

New Group Planned - Walking Football

Walking football is a slower version of the national game. Games are usually played in teams of 5 or 6 and can be played indoors or outside. Any running is penalised and there is no contact allowed between players. Games can be 15 to 25 minutes each half and substitutes can be used at any time. Women welcomed. To join in the fun email groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk. Chris Stubbs

Real Ale Appreciation Group

The March 2018 meeting will be a trip to Chiverton Tap in Cheadle Hulme on March 23.

This replaces the trip to Bakewell, which has been postponed.

For more information about the Real Ale Appreciation Group go to the Bramhall U3A website or contact groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

New *Open* Group: Tai Chi

This group meets in Cheadle Hulme at the Institute Building on the corner of Church Road and Hulme Hall Road, every Thursday 10.30 – 11.30. It is open to all Bramhall U3A members. If you wish to join the group email groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk.

Adventure Group - (S.C.R.U.F.F.)

This month eight intrepid adventurers went indoor flying at Ifly, Manchester.

We all thoroughly enjoyed it and have the photos, videos and the certificates to prove it!

Great instructor and staff at Ifly. They made us very welcome. Most of us took the option of 'flying high' ie: to the top of the chamber.

We all gained @white fliers' status!

If you want more information or wish to join the group then please email:

groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk.

Jenny Richmond



'Thank You' lunch 2018

On Friday March 16th we will be saying 'Thank you' once again to our splendid band of Group Co-ordinators who put so much time and effort onto running our interest groups. We have an enviable array of varied groups, playing a great part in maintaining the U3A's mission to educate and entertain.

Outings

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



The Police Museum in January was an eye-opener as to the history of policing in Manchester. We saw cells from the 1890s and a restored old **magistrate's court**. Our visit to Elizabeth Gaskell House and the Pankhurst Centre went very well. We learned a great deal about both Mrs Gaskell and the Suffragettes.



We are having a Sunday outing that includes lunch at the Netherwood Hall Hotel in Grange-Over-Sands. We will call at Carnforth Heritage Station on the way for refreshments and a chance to see the iconic set of the film Brief Encounter.

There are still a few places for our outing to see the Terracotta Warriors exhibition in Liverpool, which is very exciting. We shall also be taking a boat trip across the River Mersey, have lunch at the Maritime Museum and return home by crossing the new Mersey Gateway bridge.

A trip to Bodnant Garden, calling at the St. Asaph Tweedmill, is our outing for June. This National Trust property has 80 acres of gardens and hopefully we will see the magnificent Laburnum Arch. The garden is situated above the River Conwy and looks across the valley to Snowdonia. A magical place to explore.

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. Twin and double rooms are still available but there is a waiting list for single rooms.

Date	Outings - Events open for booking	Price
Sun 25 Mar	Sunday lunch in Grange-Over-Sands	£40
Thurs 6 th Jun	Bodnant Garden (including morning coffee + scone)	£16 (N.T./R.H.S.) £28.50 (non-N.T./R.H.S.)
Frid 10 – Mon 13 Aug	Edinburgh tattoo and Glasgow	£420 p.p. £50 deposit
Outings – Events on Waiting list		
Fri 20 April	Springtime at Shugborough	£11 (N.T. members) or £23 (Non-N.T. members)
Fri 18 May 2018	China's first Emperor and the Terracotta Warriors plus Ferry 'Cross the Mersey (includes lunch)	£38

Theatre

There is NO Theatre Co-ordinator in role at the moment

Date	Events open for booking	Price
Wed 18 Apr	Mary Stuart, Lowry Theatre (matinee)	£37

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

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 - Open
Bird Watching

Books
Bridge Beginners
Improvers
Café book club 1
Café book club 2
Canasta
Card making
Computers
Creative writing - Open
Cribbage
Crown green bowling
Cycling
Dining

Discussion

Embroidery - Open
Family History

Film & discussion
Fitness & flexibility
French
Gardening
German Intermediate
History

History Visits
Italian Improvers
Knitting A
Knitting B
Line Dancing - Open
Mapping Bramhall
Music for Pleasure
Photography
Pilates
Play reading
Poetry
Pub Quiz
Real Ale Appreciation
Real Railways
Science for All
Scottish country dance - Open
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 - Open

Co-ordinators

Jenny Richmond
Chris Stubbs
Carolyn Johnson
Diana Oldfield
Paul Carter
Dudley Newell
Peter Levy
Ray Lee
Kay Witham
Olga Hampson
Sue Young
Dorothy Chesterman
Paul Ramsden
Pat George
Val Barker
Ann Smith
Dave Rowell
Vera Moore
Jan Boys
A - Dina Levy
B - Pat Wright
Dorothy Chesterman
A - Diane Bright
B - Mary Hambleton
C - 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

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
Monthly. Monday 10.30am
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.
Tuesday or Wednesday evenings -
4th week of each month
4th Monday 2pm
3rd Friday 2pm
2nd Thursday 10am - 12
Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
First Thursday 1 - 3pm
4th Wednesday 10.30am
Mondays 09.45 - 10.30
Alternate Mondays 2pm
4th Thursday
2nd and 4th Tuesdays 10.30am
Alt Thurs 10 - 12
Alt Thurs 10 - 12
Contact for details
Thursdays at 10am
1st Tuesday 2pm
1st Thursday 2pm
Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30pm
3rd Monday 2pm
3rd Friday 10.30am
3rd Monday 2pm
See website for details
1st Thursday 10am
2nd Monday 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 - 12
Thursdays 2 - 4pm
Tuesdays 10 - 11.30am
3rd Wednesday at 2pm
1st, 2nd + 3rd Wed 10.00 - 12
4th Wednesday 10.30-11.30am
1st + 3rd Tuesday
2pm
Alternate Fridays 2pm
See schedule on website
Bi-monthly - contact for detail

Holidays

Gill Moorhouse

See newsletter and/or website