

June Bramhall U3A



Bramhall U3A on tour outside the Dalgarven Museum of Ayrshire Country Life and Costume

TRIBUTE TO ANN SMITH SWALLOW

It was with great sadness that we heard of the recent death of Ann Smith Swallow, who was a valued and committed member of Bramhall U3A.

In the early days of Bramhall U3A, it became very clear that the role of groups leader was a job for more than one person. An appeal to the membership saw Ann along with David Armstrong volunteering to help Sue Bosworth keep in touch with the numerous groups that had grown up. Ann worked quietly in the background, ensuring her groups were kept informed of what was going on.

When Sue stepped down, David took the lead and Ann took on more responsibility, joining the Committee. She made valuable contributions to the discussions, always ensuring that the views of the members were represented. She also helped to put on our events, such as the Christmas Party and Thank You lunch.

As David stepped down for health reasons, Ann became the groups leader with Pat George and Helen Webster supporting her. Ann was responsible for bringing interested people together to form new groups, helping them find venues and advertise within U3A.

She took the lead in forming the Crown Green Bowling Group and the Dog Walking group (along with her black Labrador, Dora), which saw our canine friends and their owners enjoying themselves knowing there would be tea and cake at the end!!

It was under Ann's leadership that the Group Leaders handbook was produced – a very useful resource for both new and experienced co-ordinators. She also ensured that Newsletter was sent out to members who did not have access to email.

Ann played a very vital role in the development of Bramhall U3A in the formative years and finally stepped down last year, handing over her duties to Chris Stubbs.

Her funeral is at St. Michaels on Friday 22 June at 11.30

Greetings from Your Chairman

I'm pleased to see that spring has finally arrived and maybe even a touch of summer. Trust it to arrive just as I'm off, at great expense, to a sunnier clime for two weeks. I'm sure everybody who is able-bodied will be taking advantage of the good weather. It should help us to recharge our batteries after the winter.

We recently held a welcome tea party for new members, but many were unable to attend. We'll catch them next time, probably in the autumn, along with those have joined more recently.

In the meantime, keep well and enjoy life.

Alaister Macrae

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

July 19

Life through the rear view mirror
Some memories from my life as a chauffeur.
Ron Hutchinson

August 16

Its not what you say,
but the way that you say it.
Places and dialect
Derek Paulson

September 20

The Moravians in Manchester
How the Moravians came to North Manchester
Jean Bailo

October 18

Land Girls and the War at Tatton
Janet Bradshaw

NEW Theatre and Concert Group - We are hoping to start a new group for people who are interested in theatre and concert outings. The first outing will be to Players Theatre , Cheadle Hulme for a production of Come Blow Your Horn, a comedy by Neil Simon. It will be on Thursday October 4th at 7.15 for 7.45pm meeting in the bar and using own transport. Cost £8. Further trips are being planned. Calendar Girls in November at the Lowry and an Abba Tribute at the Bridgewater Hall (with coach) in late December. Members of the Group will be notified in advance of proposed trips and will also have the opportunity to suggest shows/concerts they would like to attend. We will also provide information on the availability of other local theatre groups which might be of interest. All trips will be available on the website and at monthly meetings at a slightly later time. Where there are sufficient numbers we will consider arranging travel by coach.

If you are interested please e-mail groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

Information Technology Basics - Following the success in April, we are pleased to be able to run another course. The course is flexible enough to ensure that all types of equipment and issues are covered and moves at a pace so that nobody feels left behind. The next course is on Friday afternoons, July 06, 13, 20 and 27 at Bramhall Village Club, Lumb Lane. If you are interested and missed the first one, do get in touch with PaulRamsden@talktalk.net to register your interest.

Paul Ramsden

Walks 2018

Wednesday 27 June

Dunham Massey 5m EASY
Ray Atkinson

Thursday 12 July

Bollington 6m MOD+
Viv Grimshaw

Wednesday 25 July

Hayfield 6m MOD+
Sally Atkinson

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 +)



The walking group on an 8.2 mile walk that included Mam Tor and the Great Ridge and had a total ascent of 2000ft



Singing for Fun are going to the Romiley Operatic Society production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang on 7 August at the Plaza, making our own way there. Tickets £17.50. We have 2 spare tickets but can get more if there is a demand.

This year celebrates 50 years since the original version on stage. As there is no professional production this year, the owners of the copyright have given permission for 7 amateur groups to put on the production and Romiley has been selected as one of them. If you would like to go, please contact Dorothy Chesterman

Community Volunteers are needed for a research project on how the brain perceives motion using visual tasks on a computer screen. The study will involve a single session of up to 2.5 hours and will take place at Manchester University. Travel expenses will be paid. For further information go to <http://bramhallu3a.org.uk/other/community.html> and then the Research section or contact Mike Hollingsworth.

A request for assistance, from one of our members

She asks, 'Are there any RAF and/or ATA veterans with time and patience to help with a book I am writing about my partner, Leo Carter, who was a pilot. I would like help to organise the list of UK RAF stations he was at and try to place the many pictures of planes that he photographed in the correct year order.'

If you can help and would like further information please contact Peter Webster

Since our last outing we have had a further two. Our first was to the Terracotta Warriors exhibition where we

Outings

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

sailed into Liverpool across the bay to the strains of 'Ferry Cross the Mersey'.

We went to Bodnant Garden in Wales for our second outing. Perfect weather, the 120 foot Laburnum arch was in full flower, the flowerbeds were beautiful and we had a healthy stroll down to the stream.



On sale from today is our September trip to Wales and Thomas Telford's Aqueduct at Pontcysyllte.

We shall first go to Llangollen where you have time for a wander around this charming town and lunch.

We then take a 2 hour trip along the canal to the aqueduct and then back to Llangollen.

| Date | Outings - Events open for booking | Price |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|
| Fri 7 Sept | Llangollen & Pontcysyllte Aqueduct (includes canal boat trip) | £24 |
| Outings – Events on Waiting list | | |
| Wed 11 July | Coniston & Ambleside (includes boat trip & lunch) | £37 |

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 only 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
Bowling (Crown Green)
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
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
Gordon & Ruth Kempster
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
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
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 1.30pm
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
1st, 2nd + 3rd Wed 10.00 - 12
4th Wednesday 10.30 - 12
1st + 3rd Tuesday
2pm
Alternate Fridays 2pm
See schedule on website
Bi-monthly - contact for detail
See newsletter and/or website