

# Thank you to our group Co-ordinators



**Become a Bramhall u3a Coordinator and you too could soon be sharing a free lunch.**



The catch? There isn't one. We held our first **Thank You Lunch** since before the pandemic, to show our appreciation of all those coordinators, deputy coordinators and valuable helpers that make our u3a the success it is.

After some hard work by the committee, who arrived at 10.00 to set out the tables, food and drink, our first guests arrived at 11.30 and the room was soon abuzz with chat and laughter. A welcome from our Chair, an announcement about coordinator incentives for the future – more of this to come in the near future – and a short video followed, before the celebration proper began.

Over a glass of wine, we asked them what they enjoyed most about being a coordinator – which included 'rewarding', 'new friends', 'new knowledge' and 'learning from others'. As the party wound down, our lovely coordinators shared contact details, stories and jokes before leaving to carry on their day.

With 50 plus hungry people in the room there wasn't much food left over but what there was went straight to **The Wellspring** to bring a little slice of happiness to others. **And we'll be doing it all again next year – when you too could join us, just by offering to be a coordinator.**

**Chris Stubbs**

**Next meeting – Thursday June 20 @ 2pm**

**Your guest speaker will be [John Wallace: Air Born](#)**

He will tell the true story of two Second World War Spitfire pilots, re-united after their deaths by a million-to-one coincidence that spanned the world from Lincolnshire to the Mid-West of the USA.

*Join us, we love your company.*

**Doors open 1.30pm**

*\*Doors will close at 2pm\**

**Members £2 Remember your membership card.**

*More details on the Bramhall u3a website: <https://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/>*



**Knitting Group**

Thanks to everyone who bought some of our Easter knitting. We sent £110 to St Ann's Hospice.

**Sheila Porter**

**Group Coordinators**

Leaders are required for dance groups. This could be one person or a shared leadership. **Line Dancing** and **Scottish Dancing** groups have had to be suspended until a leader can be found. We also would like to set up **any other type** of dancing group eg. Ballroom, Zumba, Disco etc if you have the skills and would be willing to help keep U3A members fit and healthy.

Email: [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk)

**Meeting dates & Speakers**  
**Over the next few months**

**July 18** 'Don't tell them Pike!' Aunty BBC  
A decade of sitcoms  
Presented by Frank Vigon

**August 15** The German Occupation of the Channel Islands  
Presented by Geoff Scargill

**September 19** Jerome Kern  
Presented by Roger Browne

More details available on the Bramhall u3a website

**2024 Walks**

**Wed 22 May Wildboarclough**  
5m Mod+ **Keith Mant**

**Thurs 13 June Redesmere**  
4.5m Easy **Belinda Brunt**

**Wed 26 June Helsby & Frodsham Hills**  
7.5m Tough **David Pechey**

**Definition of Grade:**

**Easy** A flat walk with no hills  
**Mod** Generally a flat walk with some hills  
**Tough** A walk with some hills which may be severe

More details available on the Bramhall u3a website

**Have you looked at the Bramhall u3a website recently?**

*If not, try it. Everything you need to know about your u3a, all in one place:*

<https://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/>



A 3½ mile circular walk along old paths and new byways linking green spaces in Bramhall's suburban sprawl. For more details contact Val Murray email: [val.murray@me.com](mailto:val.murray@me.com)

# Your Coordinator Champions

Our coordinators do great work keeping this u3a going. Without their volunteering, there would be no groups. From now on, we are going to recognise their work with certificates of appreciation and – for those who go above and beyond – a free year’s membership.

*This month there are three people we want to thank:*

The first is **Olga Hampson**. She asked to join the existing History group and was told it was full. Nothing daunted, she took on board the u3a ethos of sharing skills and knowledge and set up a second History group. *Well done Olga – a year’s free membership is yours.*

**Brian Dougal** also wanted to join a group, found it full and set up a second group. So we are now fortunate enough to have a second Discussion group which meets every third Tuesday of the month. *Congratulations Brian, a certificate is on its way.*

Brian couldn’t have set up his group without the help of **Dina Levy**, who also deserves a certificate. She let him attend her group to see what she did, how she ran things and she was willing to share her topics – all to help him get started. *Thank you Dina for helping to make this happen.*

There you have it. Three great u3a members. If there’s a group you want to join but it’s full – why not set one up? Contact [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk) and we’ll give you all the support you need to get started.

**Alaister Macrae**

**Bowling – Crown Green Group** Such a nice morning I thought it only right to get the camera out and take some pictures of the group. A very good turn out for a Bank Holiday and for once no one got wet.

**Gordon Kempster**



Date	<b>THEATRE – Events open for booking</b> <i>Theatre contacts: Frances Bell &amp; Kay Witham</i>	Price
May 22	<b>Jesus Christ Superstar – Lowry Wednesday</b> Matinee with coach 3 seats left	£58
Aug 10	<b>HMS Pinafore and Trial by Jury – Buxton</b> Saturday Matinee with coach 3 seats available	£50
Sept 26	<b>War Horse – Lowry – Thursday matinee – coach seats available</b>	£63
Oct 22 & 26	<b>My Fair Lady – Stockport Operatic Society – Plaza Theatre</b> Evening Tues Oct 22 and matinee Sat Oct 26	£22

**Cancellation, Refund and Guest Policies for Outings and Theatre Trips**

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 all theatre events, outings and holidays will 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*.

# u3a Bramhall Vacancies

## Outings

## Events

There will be NO FURTHER outings or parties until these posts are filled.

Help us all and help the members, by volunteering with a friend.

*Interested in helping? Of course you are, so please contact one of the Committee.*

### Groups

### Co-ordinators

### Days/Times

Art	Mel Edge	2nd + 4th Wednesday - 10am to 12
<b>Art Appreciation</b>	<b>VACANCY</b>	<b>2nd_Wednesday_-_2pm</b>
Badminton	Phil Kay	Tuesday - 1.45pm to 3.45
Bird Watching	Robert Mantle	Usually 4th Wednesday - at 9.15am
Books	Paul Carter	4th Thursday
Bowling - Crown Green	Dudley Newell	Contact for details
Bridge - Beginners	Gordon & Ruth Kempster	Wednesday - 2pm
Bridge - Duplicate	Angela Harding	Wednesdays - 10am to 12
Café book club	Ray Lee	Monthly. Monday - 10.30am
	Olga Hampson	Monthly. Tuesday - PM
	Kay Witham	Monthly. 3rd Wednesday - PM
	Sharon Turner	1st + 3rd Monday - 2pm
Canasta	Veronica Dean	Alt. Mondays 2pm - 4
Card making	Jill Rickman	2nd Wednesday - 2pm
Creative writing	Pat George	1st Thursday - 7.30pm
Cribbage	Val Barker	Every other Tuesday - 10am
Cycling	Ian Pennie	Tues. or Wed. evening - 4th week
Dining	Vera Moore	4th Monday - 2.30pm
Discussion	Dina Levy	3rd Thursday - 2pm
Discussion	Brian Dougal	Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
Family History	Mary Hambleton	Second Thursday - 1pm to 3.00
	Brian Turner	Mondays 09.30 - 10.15
Fitness & flexibility	Vikki Radford	Alternate Mondays - 2pm
French	Kay Witham	2nd Monday - 2pm
Gardening	Carol Wilson	2nd Monday - 2pm
Gardening	Nancy Comerford	2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 10.30am
German Intermediate	Jean Cox	Alt Thurs - 10am to 12
History	Angela Devaney	1st Thursday - 10.30 to 12.00
History	Olga Hampson	2nd + 4th Tuesday - 10am
Italian Beginners	Steve Goodall	Alt Wed - 10am to 11
Italian Improvers	Helen Webster	3rd Tuesday - 2pm
Knitting	Sheila Porter	1st Thursday - 2pm
Knitting	Shelagh Lord	3rd Monday - 2pm
Mapping Bramhall	Val Murray	3rd Friday - 10.30am
Music for Pleasure	Jackie Harmer	Every weekday - 10am to 12
Pickleball	Julie Suckling	Monday - 10.30am + 11.40am
Pilates A	Vikki Radford	2nd Monday - 1.30pm
Poetry	Valerie Greenwood	1st Thursday - 8.30 for 9pm
Pub Quiz	Cathie Kay	1st Wednesday - 2pm to 4
Science for All	Mike Hollingsworth	2nd Monday - 2pm to 4.30
Scrabble	Val Barker	1st + 3rd Monday - 10am
Singing For Fun	Vera McWhirter	Alt. Thursdays - 2pm
Spanish - Intermediate	Diana Blaney	Tuesdays - 10am to 11.30
Spanish - Upper Intermediate	Janet Smith	1st Tuesday pm - 3rd Wed. am
Strollers	Gwendoline Shorrock	1st/2nd/3rd Wednesday - 10 to 12
Table Tennis: Fun for All	Liz Pennington	4th Wednesday - 10.30 to 12
Competitive Singles	Liz Pennington	<b>Group coordinator needed</b>
<b>Transports of Delight</b>	<b>VACANCY</b>	2nd and 4th Tuesday - 2pm
Ukulele	Jackie Harmer	Monthly - Contact for details
Video & Film Making	Alaister Macrae	See schedule on website
Walking	Viv Grimshaw	Bi-monthly - contact for details
Wine Tasting	Judy Godsell	