

### Hello from Your Chairman

Well, here we are in November already. Hasn't the year gone quickly!

Despite the many relaxations of the rules about Covid our age group still needs to take care. The number of cases of it in Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme are still very high. Hence our restrictions on numbers and the need to wear masks. Better to be safe than sorry. Like me, I'm sure most of our members will have had their booster jab and feel the safer for it but it doesn't mean we can go wild just yet.

In the meantime, have you bought your Christmas cards yet? After all, there are only 36 days until Christmas. I've still to get mine!

Till next month keep going and stay safe.

**Alister Macrae**

### Groups updates

#### Would you like to help the Knitting Group support St Anns Hospice?

We have a variety of knitted covers for chocolate oranges, Smarties and Ferrero Rocher.

Also, little bags or stockings for your own fillers.

<b>Oranges</b>	<b>£2.50</b>
<b>Smarties</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
<b>Ferrero Rocher</b> (incl. chocolate)	<b>£1.00</b>
<b>Bags &amp; Boots</b>	<b>£1.50</b>

Please contact **Sheila Porter** via [charities@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:charities@bramhallu3a.org.uk)



### PERSONAL IMAGE COURSE

A new course will begin on January 4 2022 for 6 weeks at Bramhall Village Club, Lumb Lane, run by Colour-me-Beautiful consultant Catherine Jones.

#### What does it consist of?

1. Colour analysis. By the end of the course everyone will know which colours suit them best and which to avoid.
2. Makeup & skincare. Lots of ideas for simple skin care routine and makeup. Are you wearing the correct colour lipstick for your skin tone?
3. Body shape. How to dress the body you have and not the one you want.
4. Style personality. Once you know this, shopping becomes easier. Looking at the new season's fashions.
5. Face shape, hairstyles and glasses. Did you emerge from Covid with grey hair? You can wear exciting new colours now! Wardrobe weeding. Where to shop online. How to tie scarves. Getting ready for an M&S shopping trip.
6. Shopping at M&S. Putting into practice everything you have learned. Of course, you don't have to buy.

Interested? *Email:* [catherinejonescmb@gmail.com](mailto:catherinejonescmb@gmail.com) *web:* [www.cj-personalimage.co.uk](http://www.cj-personalimage.co.uk) *tel:* 07890186903

### Members Wanted for new Canasta Group B

This new group will be held in the coordinator's house on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoon in the month. If you would like to spend some pleasant winter afternoons with new friends email: [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk) with Canasta group B as the subject.

**Chris Stubbs - Groups**

**Hi everyone, I hope you are all glad to be back at u3a meetings. I know we are. Jill Rickman will be at the meeting so if anyone would like to order any (Christmas?) cards, then she would be delighted to take your order or if anyone would like her phone number for future use, please ask. Regards from the card girls.**

# Bramhall u3a Information



**Alaister Macrae**  
Chairman



**Peter Webster**  
Vice-Chair, Newsletter  
& Magazine



**Alistair Gardner**  
Treasurer



**Chris Stubbs**  
Groups



**Mike Hollingsworth**  
Holidays



**Bob Dumbarton**  
Events, Newsletter  
& Magazine



**Meg Rowell**  
Meetings & Business



**Helen Webster**  
Speakers & Charities  
& Magazine



**Dudley Newall**  
Outings



**Edward Haynes**  
Community



**Frances Bell**  
Theatre



**'Your names'**  
We need your support  
See below

Along with: **Kay Witham** Membership **Jill Rickman** Almoner

## Bramhall u3a - This is Your 2021 Committee

**We URGENTLY need an Equipment Manager**

We need your support. Contact: Alaister Macrae: [chairman@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@bramhallu3a.org.uk)



**Remember, this is your u3a - help us, help you**

## Walks - 2021/2022

**2021**

**November 24** **Wednesday**

No walk Planned

**December 9** **Thursday**

Rose Hill, Marple/Middlewood way

5.5 miles **Easy +**

Meet: Railway Road, Rose Hill, Marple.

Free Parking opp. allotments SK6 6HU

Viv Grimshaw

**2022**

**January 26** **Wednesday**

TBA

5.5 miles **Easy**

Tricia Canning

**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+)

## Talks - 2022

**Thursday January 20**

**Jean Braddock**

'Classical Favourites You Know and Love'

**Thursday February 17**

**Brian Hallworth**

*title to be confirmed*

**Thursday March 17**

**Jean Finney**

'The Origins of Nursery Rhymes - Part 2'

**Thursday April 21**

**Bob Kermeen**

'The Life and Times of Queen Soraya'

**Thursday May 19**

**Mark Hunter**

'10 Years in Parliament'

**Thursday June 16**

**Geoff Scargill**

'Edward Elgar, the Real Enigma'

## Our next meeting - Thursday 16 December at 2pm

**Speaker: Peter Asburner 'Flog it'**

*Peter talks about being an auctioneer of antiques and collectables.*

*Bring along a treasured object for him to talk about - or just come and listen.*

**Numbers are limited to 70. Book your place from December 1**

**To book, contact: Bob Dumbarton** (email is preferred)

**Email: [r.dumbarton@talktalk.net](mailto:r.dumbarton@talktalk.net)**

**Phone: 0161.439.8720**

\*Please include your membership number in all communications\*

***Please be aware - if you have not pre-booked, you will not be able to enter the Church or the meeting.***

**Bring your membership card.** It will be checked and you will be signed in against your details. (NHS Test and Trace)

We expect that all attenders will have been double vaccinated.

We expect and recommend that a mask/visor/face guard is worn at all times within the URC.

**Bramhall u3a Committee**

**Theatre - Events open for booking**

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

Contacts: Frances Bell & Kay Witham

Date	Theatre - Events open for booking	Price
Mon. to Thurs. 22 - 25 Nov. 7.45 pm	<b>The Players Theatre - Anson Road, Cheadle Hulme</b> <b>Stones in His Pockets by Marie Jones</b> *Monday & Tuesday evening are socially distanced* Own transport	<b>£10</b> Tickets available from box office from 7.15pm.

### Events from u3a National Office

**u3a National Office have organised a series of free online events including:**

<b>Tuesday 30 November</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Why did the Spanish Armada fail? Part 1</b> by Catherine Stevenson (Chair Newcastle u3a)
<b>Tuesday 30 November</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Genealogy - Early 20<sup>th</sup> century research</b> by Stephen Dyer (Genealogy Subject Adviser)
<b>Tuesday 2 December</b>	<b>10.30am - 2pm</b>	<b>National Kindertransport day event (2 parts)</b> by Dame Esther Rantzen
<b>Thursday 2 December</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>The geology of sedimentary rocks Part 3: Limestones, coals, oil &amp; evaporites</b> by Martin Eccles (Sutton u3a)
<b>Tuesday 7 December</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Astronomy - What's out there?</b> by Martin Whillock (Astronomy Subject Adviser)
<b>Wednesday 8 December</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Exploring world faiths (Zoroastrian faith)</b> by Jimmy Suratia
<b>Subject Surgery</b>		
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Table Tennis</b> by Tony Shapps (Table Tennis Subject Adviser)

For details and booking, go to <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

**Mike Hollingsworth**

## **Groups**

## **Co-ordinators**

## **Days/Times**

Adventure (S.C.R.U.F.F.)		Jennefer Richmond	Monthly - Days + times vary
Art		Chris Stubbs	2nd + 4th Wednesday - 10am to 12
<b>Art Appreciation</b>		<b>VACANCY</b>	<b><a href="mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk">groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk</a></b>
Badminton		Phil Kay	Tuesday - 1.45pm to 3.45
Bird Watching		Robert Mantle	Usually 4th Wednesday -
		Paul Carter	at 9.15am
Books		Dudley Newell	4th Thursday
Bowling - Crown Green		Gordon & Ruth Kempster	Contact for details
Bridge Beginners		Peter Levy	Tuesdays - 2pm to 4
Improvers		Ray Lee	Wednesdays - 10am to 12
Café book club	1	Kay Witham	Monthly. Tuesday - PM
	2	Olga Hampson	Monthly. Monday - 10.30am
	3	Sharon Turner	Monthly. 3rd Wednesday - PM
Canasta	A	Margaret Ramsden	1st + 3rd Wednesdays - 2pm
	B	Jackie Honey	2nd + 4th Tuesday PM
Card making		Jill Rickman	Alt. Mondays 2pm - 4
Creative writing		Pat George	2nd Wednesday - 2pm
Cribbage		Val Barker	1st Thursday - 7.30pm
Cycling		Ian Pennie	Every other Tuesday - 10am
Dining		Vera Moore	Tues. or Wed. evening - every 4th week
Discussion		Dina Levy	4th Monday - 2pm
Embroidery		Vera McWhirter	2nd Thursday - 10am to 12
Family History	1	Mary Hambleton	Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
	2	Brian Turner	First Thursday - 1pm to 3.00
Film & discussion		Pamela Roth	4th Wednesday 10.30am
Fitness & flexibility		Vikki Radford	Mondays 09.30 - 10.15
French		Kay Witham	Alternate Mondays - 2pm
Gardening		Carol Wilson	2nd Monday - 2.30
Garden visits		Glenys Steedman	4th Thursday
German Intermediate		Jean Cox	2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 10.30am
History		Angela Devaney	Alt Thurs - 10am to 12
		Margaret France	Alt Thurs - 10am to 12
Italian Beginners		Steve Goodall	2nd + 4th Tuesday - 10am
Italian Improvers		Helen Webster	Alt Wed - 10am to 11
Knitting A		Sheila Porter	3rd Tuesday - 2pm
Knitting B		Shelagh Lord	1st Thursday - 2pm
Line Dancing		Chris Chapman	Wednesday - 1.30pm - 3.30
Mapping Bramhall		Val Murray	3rd Monday - 2pm
Music for Pleasure		Jackie Harmer	3rd Friday - 10.30am
Photography		Mike Faragher	3rd Monday - 2pm
Pickleball		Julie Suckling	Mondays + Fridays - 10am to 12
Pilates A		Vikki Radford	Monday - 10.30am + 11.40am
Pilates B		Vikki Radford	Thursday - 10am + 11.15am
Poetry		Valerie Greenwood	2nd Monday - 1.30pm
Pub Quiz		Frances Bell	Monthly first Thursday - 8.30 for 9pm
Real Ale Appreciation		Lawrence Devaney	Monthly - days and times vary
Science for All		Mike Hollingsworth	1st Wednesday - 2pm to 4
<b>Scottish country dance</b>		<b>VACANCY</b>	<b><a href="mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk">groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk</a></b>
Scrabble		Val Barker	2nd Monday - 2pm to 4.30
Singing for fun		Gillian Rowe	1st + 3rd Mondays - 10am to 12
Spanish - Intermediate		Diana Blaney	Thursdays - 2pm to 4
Spanish - Upper Intermediate		Janet Smith	Tuesdays - 10am to 11.30
Table Tennis: Fun for All		Liz Pennington	1st, 2nd + 3rd Wednesday - 10am to 12
Competitive Singles		Liz Pennington	4th Wednesday - 10.30 to 12
Transports of Delight		Peter Webster	Contact for details
Ukulele		Jackie Harmer	2nd and 4th Tuesday - 2pm
Video & Film Making		Alaister Macrae	Alternate Fridays - 2pm
Walking		Viv Grimshaw	See schedule on website
Walking with Dogs		Liz and Dave Pennington	Last Friday - every month
Wine Tasting		Judy Godsell	Bi-monthly - contact for details