

Talks via Zoom

Now that autumn is with us, perhaps you would like to hear an interesting talk from the comfort of your home via Zoom? U3a Nation Office organises many such talks. Topics in the next few weeks include: How our thinking skills change with age and what we can do about it; Astronomy; Science network (Forensic DNA and the Apollo programme); Live cookery demonstration; Impact of fashion on the planet; Laughter yoga; Van Gogh; Sir Thomas Lipton.

You need to register (for free) at
<https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>.

Mike Hollingsworth

Walks

**Oct 25 Chorlton Ees to
Chorlton Water Park**
5 m Easy Clare Forrest 07957 793642
(Please text)

Nov 9 Poynton Pool
5.5 m Easy + Sue Jones 07903 156667

Bookings for the Bramhall U3A holiday to Oxfordshire from 25 to 28 April 2024 will be taken from Thursday 19 October until 30 November.

Details of the holiday, "Opulence and Operations", can be found on the U3A website
<https://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/events/holidays>

To book your place print off a copy of the Booking Form on the website. Complete and sign the form and post it with your cheque deposit to Roy McCarthy Coaches, Snape Road, Macclesfield SK10 2NZ.

If you prefer to pay by credit /debit card you may do so by phoning:
McCarthy Coaches on 01625 425060.

McCarthy Coaches will be accepting bookings on a "first come, first served" basis. If all the places are taken the company will establish a reserve list.

In the past there have been more people wanting a single room than there are rooms available. Perhaps you could consider asking a friend to share a room with you? This will increase your chances of getting a place and will also make your holiday significantly less expensive.

Hope you want to join us !

Frank Tucker

THEATRE – Events open for booking

Theatre contacts: Frances Bell (439.8654) & Kay Witham (439.6898)

Date	Theatre contacts: Frances Bell (439.8654) & Kay Witham (439.6898)	Price
Oct 24 and 28	Stockport Operatic Soc The Music Man	£20
Dec 13	G4 at Gorton Monastery - Coach included - almost full	£55
Dec 29	Halle at the Bridgewater - A Night at the Oscars Coach included Contact Chris Hartley 439 6535	£38
January 11 2024	The King and I at the Lowry Matinee performance with coach The story of Anna and the King of Siam has long been a favourite musical.	£60

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*.

As we do not have an Events Organiser, there will no Christmas Party this year.

In its place will be: **The Christmas Show on 14th December 2023**

Presented by: **Steve and Carol Robson presenting 'Fool's Gold'**

Light refreshments will be available, as usual, after the meeting

The show is a mixture of elements that complement each other in that stories, movies and images are blended with a core element of acoustic music, all played live. We hear about the histories, mysteries, tragedies and romances that lie, often hidden and unknown, behind our songs

Groups

Co-ordinators

Days/Times

Art		Mel Edge	2nd + 4th Wednesday - 10am to 12
Art Appreciation		VACANCY	2nd Wednesday - 2pm
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 - Improvers		Gordon & Ruth Kempster	Wednesdays - 10am to 12
Bridge - Beginners		Ray Lee	Wednesday - 2pm
Café book club	1	Angela Harding	Monthly. Tuesday - PM
	2	Kay Witham	Monthly. Monday - 10.30am
	3	Olga Hampson	Monthly. 3rd Wednesday - PM
Canasta		Sharon Turner	1st + 3rd Wednesday - 2pm
Card making		Veronica Dean	Alt. Mondays 2pm - 4
Creative writing		Jill Rickman	2nd Wednesday - 2pm
Cribbage		Pat George	1st Thursday - 7.30pm
Cycling		Val Barker	Every other Tuesday - 10am
Dining		Ian Pennie	Tues. or Wed. evening - 4th week
Discussion		Vera Moore	4th Monday - 2.30pm
Family History	1	Dina Levy	Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
	2	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 A		Carol Wilson	2nd Monday - 2pm
Gardening B		Nancy Comerford	2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 10.30am
German Intermediate		Jean Cox	Alt Thurs - 10am to 12
History		Angela Devaney	2nd + 4th Tuesday - 10am
Italian Beginners		Steve Goodall	Alt Wed - 10am to 11
Italian Improvers		Helen Webster	3rd Tuesday - 2pm
Knitting A		Sheila Porter	1st Thursday - 2pm
Knitting B		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	Thursdays - 2pm to 4
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	Contact for details
Transports of Delight		Peter Webster	2nd and 4th Tuesday - 2pm
Ukulele		Jackie Harmer	Alternate Fridays - 2pm
Video & Film Making		Alaister Macrae	See schedule on website
Walking		Viv Grimshaw	Bi-monthly - contact for details
Wine Tasting		Judy Godsell	