

## **Bramhall U3A Group Coordinators Shine**

Our dedicated coordinators are the unsung heroes behind the scenes, orchestrating a symphony of learning, friendship and fun. It is their enthusiasm that inspires members and allows them to explore diverse interests, ranging across our 54 groups from Art to Wine Tasting, while all the time building connections, creating memories and making new friends.

We raise our hats to these committed people who make it happen in our u3a, and in appreciation the committee invites them all to a Thank You lunch later this month.

Watch this space for further news and photos of this special event.

**Chris Stubbs**

**Bramhall u3a 2024 AGM** was held on Thursday, 21 March 2024 at 2.00pm at the United Reformed Church, Robins Lane, Bramhall. Chairman, Alaister Macrae, welcomed all those present. In total 104 members had signed into the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.

Members had received copies of the minutes of the 2023 AGM. They were approved by members present with no matters arising. The Chairman's report was approved by members present. Alistair Gardner presented the Treasurer's report. Bramhall u3a had just completed its fourteenth year.

The ethos of the u3a is *Education of the Members by the Members*. Members really benefit from what they put into their membership rather than what they take out from it. All members are encouraged to get involved in running our u3a. The Treasurer expressed his thanks to the Accommodation Officer for her assistance with venues and also to those Group Coordinators that are required to provide financial statements for their Groups. The Treasurer invited questions regarding the accounts. With no questions or objections forthcoming, members present formally approved the accounts as presented. The Groups report was approved by members present. No new nominations had been received. Members present accepted that the current Chairman and Committee would continue. We are still looking for volunteers willing to help organise Outings, Holidays and Events. With no other business, the Chairman closed the AGM meeting at 2.07pm.

**Consider this:** being a member of **Bramhall u3a** isn't just about having a new social group. It's a commitment to share **your considerable knowledge**, learn new things and make new friends. Every one of our 50 plus groups is run by a **member of our u3a**. Every **group coordinator** brings a desire to enable others, and themselves, to learn.

**Help everyone. Become a group coordinator. The group subject is up to you.**

Chat to **Chris Stubbs** to find out more. Email: [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk)

**Membership Renewal** – Your membership of Bramhall U3A should have been renewed by March 31. If you have forgotten, please renew your membership as soon as possible, so that you can continue to attend group activities

### **THEATRE – Events open for booking**

*Theatre contacts: Frances Bell & Kay Witham*

<b>Date</b>		<b>Price</b>
May 13 – 16	<b>Wife After Death by Eric Chappell</b> – Players Theatre	£12
May 22	<b>Jesus Christ Superstar</b> – Lowry – Wednesday Matinee – coach (3 seats left)	£58
Aug 10	<b>HMS Pinafore and Trial by Jury</b> – Buxton – coach (3 seats left)	£50
Sept 26	<b>War Horse</b> – Lowry – Thursday matinee – coach	£63

## Outings

## Events

## Holidays

No one has come forward to organise these, so there are NO outings, NO parties and NO holidays.

**YOU can help all of us by volunteering, with a friend, to fill these important roles.**

Full information will be provided and you will find it great fun and very rewarding.

Interested in helping your u3a? Of course you are, so email: [chairman@bramhallu3a.org](mailto:chairman@bramhallu3a.org)

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	Dave Pennington	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	Angela Harding	Wednesday - 2pm
Bridge - Duplicate	Ray Lee	Wednesdays - 10am to 12
Café book club	1 Olga Hampson	Monthly. Monday - 10.30am
	2 Kay Witham	Monthly. Tuesday - PM
	3 Sharon Turner	Monthly. 3rd Wednesday - PM
Canasta	Veronica Dean	1st + 3rd Wednesday - 2pm
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 - 4th week
Discussion	1 Dina Levy	4th Monday - 2.30pm
Discussion	2 Brian Dougal	3rd Tuesday - 2pm
Family History	1 Mary Hambleton	Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
	2 Brian Turner	Second Thursday - 1pm to 3.00
Fitness & flexibility	Vikki Radford	Mondays 09.30 - 10.15
French	Kay Witham	Alternate Mondays - 2pm
Gardening A	Carol Wilson	2nd Monday - 2pm
Gardening B	Nancy Comerford	2nd Monday - 2pm
German Intermediate	Jean Cox	2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 10.30am
History	Angela Devaney	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
Mapping Bramhall	Val Murray	3rd Monday - 2pm
Music for Pleasure	Jackie Harmer	3rd Friday - 10.30am
Pickleball	Julie Suckling	Every weekday - 10am to 12
Pilates A	Vikki Radford	Monday - 10.30am + 11.40am
Poetry	Valerie Greenwood	2nd Monday - 1.30pm
Pub Quiz	Cathie Kay	1st Thursday - 8.30 for 9pm
Science for All	Mike Hollingsworth	1st Wednesday - 2pm to 4
Scrabble	Val Barker	2nd Monday - 2pm to 4.30
Singing For Fun	Vera McWhirter	1st + 3rd Monday - 10am
Spanish - Intermediate	Diana Blaney	Alt. Thursdays - 2pm
Spanish - Upper Intermediate	Janet Smith	Tuesdays - 10am to 11.30
Strollers	Gwendoline Shorrock	1st Tuesday pm - 3rd Wed . am
Table Tennis: Fun for All	Liz Pennington	1st/2nd/3rd Wednesday - 10 to 12
Competitive Singles	Liz Pennington	4th Wednesday - 10.30 to 12
<b>Transports of Delight</b>	<b>VACANCY</b>	<b>Group coordinator needed</b>
Ukulele	Jackie Harmer	2nd and 4th Tuesday - 2pm
Video & Film Making	Alaister Macrae	Monthly - Contact for details
Walking	Viv Grimshaw	See schedule on website
Wine Tasting	Judy Godsell	Bi-monthly - contact for details