

	
August Bandstand in the Park by Sonia Brodie	September Views of Chapel-en-Le-Frith and Eccles Pike By Trish Hampson

(Photos taken from Digital Photography Group's Calendar)

The Bulletin – September 2026

Bulletin sent on behalf of our Chair, Jill Murphy

(Photo Credit: Marge Rose)

Hello Everyone,

There's lots going on this Autumn, so I am going to concentrate on that in this edition.

Paula, our new webmaster, has told me that from her recent review you would like a shorter bulletin, and more variety. However, if there is anything you would like included in October, or any future edition, please let me know. We are very much open to all ideas!



It's probably a bit early to mention the X-word, but I'm going to! We have booked a stand at the Christmas Fair in the Pavilion Gardens on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December. We will need some volunteers for our stand, so please put these dates in your diaries. Also don't forget our Christmas Lunch on December 7th in the Crescent Hotel. Details in our next bulletin.

For u3a week we are putting great efforts into our Showcase event which will take place in the Palace Hotel on October 7th. There will be opportunities to take part in some of our activities so please do bring neighbours and friends who might be interested in joining the u3a and they can see for themselves what we do. More below.

Jill



(Thanks to Ann LeBlanc for the idea behind this illustration)

Countdown to CALS

As you know, our wonderful Creative, Arts and Leisure Showcase day is coming up so please make a note in your diaries, come and support us and any group you are a member of. Bring friends, family and anyone else who might be interested. This is a unique chance for us to show off all that we do and there are opportunities to get hands on with some crafting!

Date: Wednesday, 7th October 11am–4pm Palace Hotel Ballroom.

A short message from Diane:

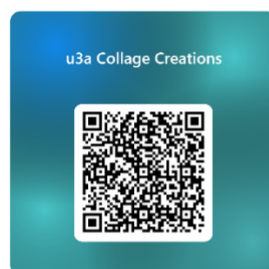
First of all I want to say a huge thank you to all of you who are working hard on putting together displays for our big event. From conversations I have had with members I know that a lot of work is going on behind the scenes and I really appreciate your support. Anne and Simon have worked hard on a plan for the ballroom space which, given 40 groups will be taking part, has been quite a task!

During the event there will be some art and craft workshops that will give the opportunity for everyone to have a go. For most of these you are welcome to just pop in on the day, but two of the workshops do need to be booked in advance.

These are Collage Creations and Dorset Buttons. To access a booking form simply scan the QR code below or, alternatively, complete the booking form which can be found on our website – buxton.u3asite.uk



Dorset Buttons



Collage Creations

All of the workshops are free of charge and you will be able to take your masterpiece home with you.



Darren and I popped into Buxton to try out one of our swish new CALS banners and we thought it looked pretty good. We are going to start attaching these to various sets of railings at the start of September so look out for them cropping up over Buxton shortly.

(Credit: Barry Finn-Hurst)

We have also been distributing flyers around hot spots in the town like the Pavilion Gardens and the Pump Room so if you see some perhaps you could pass one on to a friend.

So once again from me, and the rest of the team, thank you for everything you are doing and we look forward to seeing you all on the 7th October.

Diane

Fun Facts from 1996 from Darren.

- Mobile phones were still very uncommon and so British Telecom red phone booths were in high demand.
- Blockbuster and Radio Rentals were part of weekly life. Families rented VHS tapes for weekend entertainment

Groups and Events Roundup

Charabanc

There were no Charabanc outings in August.

Upcoming trips:

Hardwick Hall 8th September (full)

Hardwick Hall 30th September (4 spaces left)

Bury Market 23rd October (full)

Bury Market 30th October (full)

Now open for booking:

Pure and Simple Shopping Outing, Handforth Dean Thursday 3rd December
£8 including coach and driver's tip.

Please contact Trish, via the [group page](#). You should also let her know if you want to be added to the email list.

New Recorder Group

This is a message sent on behalf of Esme Upcott. Please reply to Esme via the [Recorder Group web page](#).

Buxton u3a Recorder Group will meet twice a month on Monday afternoons from 2.00–3.30pm, in the Methodist Church Upper Room. Dates for the first term will be October 5th and 19th, November 2nd and 16th, December 7th and 21st. It will be led by Esme Upcott, assisted by Carol Bowns, who are experienced both in recorder playing and in leading musical groups.

Descant, treble, tenor and bass recorder players are all welcome. There are a few spare recorders available if you want to try a different sized instrument. The emphasis will be on playing together, in time and in tune, remembering to breathe and, most importantly, having fun in the process. Don't worry if you haven't played since school days – we will be playing music arranged to suit all levels and will make sure that everyone feels supported. Now's the time to dig your recorder out of the loft and start getting reacquainted. Or are you already a confident player in search of a group? We would love to include time for solo spots at the end of the group playing session if anyone would like to do that too.

You will need to bring a music stand, again a couple of spares will be available, and a drink. We will work on music from Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and contemporary composers covering a wide range of genres.

Esme and Carol will be playing recorders in the Assembly Rooms, a casual drop-in concert, on Thursday 17th September between 1.00 and 3.00pm, which may be a useful opportunity for you to come and chat. Some of the music they have in mind for Buxton u3a recorders will be available to look at on that day.

Alternatively get in touch [via this link](#) to find out more.

Gourmet Gossips

Please watch out for opportunities to join us for future meals. Our September meal is booked out as numbers are limited. Diners, we ask for £5 in cash on the day to cover our deposit but hope that you will join our friendly, interesting group for good food and company. You pay your own balance.

Family History

Gordon Clark, the new Group Leader: The Family History group is starting up again, beginning 16th September. Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, 10:00–12:00 at Buxton Library. The intention is to rotate around topics like **Making Sense of Your Family History** (including sharing progress and ‘brick walls’ as well as exploring different ways of bringing the past to life) and **Sharing Practical Tips & Resources** (including comparing experiences of the main software programmes and databases and understanding what DNA analysis can bring to our research). Our direction will be very much led by what the group wants, but the loose plan is to have short talks by members about an interesting ancestor or research breakthrough; group discussions on some of the topics mentioned above; show-and-tell sessions for any unusual documents, photographs or family artefacts; and occasional themed discussions (for example DNA testing, military records or local archives) where I’ll take some notes and ensure we build a library of knowledge we can share with all members.

The Science Group

Marge Rose would like to resurrect the Science group which was disbanded over 3 years ago. She missed it while she was webmaster. Could anyone interested in this group please contact Marge so that she can suggest some dates for a preliminary meeting in mid-late September to agree format, frequency, meeting day, start date and venue?

Poetry group

The Poetry Group now has a new Group Leader, Nick Bostin. The group continues to meet at Buxton Library at 2pm on the 2nd Monday of the Month.

The Travel Group

The next meeting after the summer break will be on Friday 4th September at 2.00pm in The New Inn. Please contact Dee Matthews, Group leader via the [group page](#) for more information.

Movie Matinée

Our Movie Matinée group continues to meet fortnightly in our new home at the Conservative Club. August's offering was Ladies in Lavender, part of a Judi Dench/Maggie Smith double bill which continues on Tuesday 8th September with Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

Coming soon:

13th October: Goodbye Mr Chips (1939) Robert Donat & Greer Garson

27th October: Moonstruck (1987) Cher & Nicolas Cage

10th November: Dunkirk (2017) Cillian Murphy, Tom Hardy & Kenneth Branagh

24th November: The Darkest Hour (2017) Gary Oldman

1st December: Nativity (2009) Martin Freeman

15th December: White Christmas (1954) Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye & Rosemary Clooney

Movies are now scheduled fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon throughout the remainder of 2026 and 2027. No need to book, just join the group, and all are welcome, please contact Darren or Barry via the [group page](#) for further info.

For more information on any groups please take a look at our [Groups](#) page.

What's On?

Details of all u3a events are on the [website](#) (use the Search facility in the top righthand corner of any website main page to find what you're looking for). The list below is for your convenience.

September

Tuesday 8th 12.30pm Gourmet Gossips Group Lunch, The Vault (full)

Thursday 10th Crescent Hotel. 12pm Blue Room Luncheon (w/l)

Monday 14th 09.30am Monthly Meeting

Paul Bohan from Zink will tell us about the variety and significance of the work that Zink does. Please bring a donation of either cash on the day or an item for their foodbank.

Wednesday 30th September

Charabanc to Hardwick Hall (4 spaces left)

October

Monday 5th 2-4pm

Re-opening of Kurling Group

St Anne's Community Centre (back of St Anne's Catholic Church)..

Wednesday 7th 11am-4pm

Creative Arts and Leisure Showcase

Palace Hotel Ballroom

Monday 12th 09.30am Monthly Meeting

Interested in finding out more about Transition Buxton and perhaps getting involved? Jean Ball will be there to talk about the work they do and what opportunities there might be.

November

Thursday 5th

Quiz, Conservative Club

Not booking yet

Monday 9th 09.30am Monthly Meeting

Worried about your driving? Did you pass your test longer ago than you care to remember? Come and hear about Derbyshire's Driving Safer Longer course from Karen Dobson, Road Safety Officer.

December

Monday 7th

Christmas Lunch, Crescent Hotel. Not booking yet

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several new volunteering opportunities available including reading and working with school children. If you are interested in volunteering then please visit our [volunteering page](#).

Free Offer

[HearinghelpUK](#) is offering free hearing equipment to Derbyshire residents. Options include help with hearing your TV, your doorbell, your alarm clock, personal listening devices and a personal listener, allowing you to join in conversations.

Please visit their [website](#) for more info or call them on 01773 570976.