

CHEADLE AND GATLEY



NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2013

Monthly Open Meetings

The Second Wednesday: 1:15 for a prompt 1:30 start at the URC, Elm Road, Gatley

The Monthly Open Meeting is where to find out about all of our activities and any unforeseen changes to our programme.

Speakers talk on a wide range of subjects.

July 10th	Rev. Michael Burgess	For Better or Worse?
August 14th	No Meeting	
September 11th	Keith Vigurs	Mystery Shopping
October 9th	Keith Warrender	Manchester Oddities
November 13th	John Bever	Years in our Lives - 1953
December 11th	Christmas Meeting	U3A Singers and Creative Writers



Members of the Long Walking Group enjoy mulled wine and mince pies for elevenses on the December walk along the Bollin Valley!

Chairman's Message

In writing the second annual report I am conscious of how much we have achieved in a comparatively short time. We continue to record an average attendance of between 60 and 70 members for our Monthly Open Meetings, which reflects the continuing support of the membership. The **Interest Groups** now number 20 and seem to be moving from strength to strength, which is in no small part due to the commitment of the coordinators, whose efforts are much appreciated.

We have continued to make our presence felt in the area, especially with the exhibition boards designed by Judi Marsden and other members, displaying the activities of the Interest Groups, which Tom Fanning has located around the area at selected public venues, and which we hope will also attract new members. We will also be supporting Gatley Festival 2013.

Members have continued to support the quarterly raffles, organised by Judith Houghton and Anne Heath, which with Lois Evans' regular book sale have raised about £200, which will be donated to local charities.



Our new Treasurer Nuala Lynn has continued the good work of our previous Treasurer Martin Davey, in keeping us in the black and providing finance for Peter Bayley to purchase a PA system which I hope will improve the sound quality and volume for members at our meetings.

Our Membership Secretary, Judi Marsden, has ensured that we have improved our membership levels from last year and with our Secretary, Lois Evans has introduced a new service whereby the national U3A magazine 'Third Age Matters' is now posted direct to members.

We are taking an active part in the **North East Cheshire Network**, which enables the 5 local U3A groups in the area, namely: Bramhall, Cheadle Hulme, Poynton, Wilmslow and ourselves, to come together for various activities, and for which Tina Kelly acts as our representative. In addition to his valuable work as our Interest Groups Coordinator, David Gane has organised a Science Study Day in September on behalf of the Network. Further details of the Study Day and the Network's activities are on pages 10 and 11.

Finally I would like to thank our Secretary Lois Evans for all the behind the scenes work which she undertakes, and also Pauline Hadfield, who has kept the refreshments flowing at a variety of U3A events. Allan Witton should also be mentioned for his continued success in producing this and other publications acting in his capacity as publications editor.

John Houghton

Two men were fishing from a river bank when a funeral procession passed over a nearby bridge. One of the men removed his hat and placed it over his heart. 'That was a thoughtful gesture' said the other man. 'It's the least I could do' the first man replied, 'we'd been married for forty years'.

There are many perks of growing older, including:

*there is nothing left to learn the hard way;
things you buy now won't wear out;
your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the BBC weather forecast;
people no longer view you as a hypochondriac;
your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.*

Interest Groups Reports

Anyone interested in joining a Group should in the first instance telephone the Coordinator, or speak to them at the Monthly Meeting.

Monday Book Group

The Monday Evening Book Group has enjoyed some very interesting discussions since my last report. In January the theme was crime, with featured authors being John Grisham and P. D. James. The group's preference was for the latter, with many of us commenting on the real sense of place and character that James brings to her fiction. In February we paid homage to Jane Austen and all enjoyed re-reading our favourite novels. The response to Joseph Conrad was not quite so enthusiastic. While all appreciated the quality of his writing, some found the subject matter heavy going and rather depressing. The feelings about Howard Jacobson's novels were also mixed, but all agreed they gave a fascinating insight into what it is to be Jewish.

In May we focused on George Orwell, with some of us trying his non-fiction for the first time. These accounts were shocking in their revelations, yet fascinating because of his skills as a descriptive writer. The mid-war novels were much appreciated for similar reasons. Now we are reading whatever pleases us on the themes of gardening and journeys for June and July and then turning to the novels of Ian McEwan and Michael Frayn.

We have found that by choosing themes or authors, rather than specific books, we have broadened the scope of our reading and it also leads to wide informal discussion with everyone contributing.

I am afraid I can't invite anyone else to join at present as we have 12 members and my front room can't take any more comfortably!

Lesley Witton 428 1522

Tuesday Book Group

The Tuesday Group continues to thrive. We have eleven members currently and meet at the very pleasant Cheadle library meeting room at 1.30pm- 3pm on the second Tuesday of each month. We have lively debates followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. We discuss the themes, characters, plot treatment, style, imagery, language, background and likeability of the novels provided by the library from a central supply over which we have some choice. Some books we have enjoyed in recent times have been:

Burnt Shadows - Kamila Shamsie;

The Elegance of the Hedgehog - Muriel Barbery;

Aphrodite's Hat - Salley Vickers;

Mary Barton - Elizabeth Gaskell.

Tina Kelly 312 1874

Bridge

The Bridge Group exists to give those who wish to learn an opportunity to play Bridge. It is suitable for beginners and the atmosphere is very relaxed. The format is that we simply deal the cards, bid and then play the hand. We then discuss how the hand was played, what went wrong and what went well. Progress comes from experience and learning from mistakes. As coordinator I have prepared a number of written notes on the game, which will be made available to new members.

We meet at St James' Parish Church Hall at 1.30pm on the first and fourth Wednesday of each month for about 2 hours. There is a charge of £1.50 to cover the cost of hiring the room and a small additional charge for refreshments.

Godfrey Jackson 437 7890

Computing

The group has been meeting on a regular basis at our house in Gatley and the main focus has been to help members become more familiar with the basics of using their computers and gain confidence in using the Internet. This approach has enabled several members to progress to a stage where they are now much more comfortable in the use of their machines so that they are now much more able to progress independently. The group meetings have concentrated on addressing issues which are important to individual members rather than following a prescribed syllabus.

One aspect which has been helpful is that members have been able to 'try out' the type of facilities available with both a traditional laptop and a tablet computer (iPad) in a less pressurised way than is possible in a shop situation. This has then enabled them to reach a more informed decision when choosing a new device.

Some areas of the digital world we have explored have been to access the excellent, very comprehensive BBC self tuition guide to using the Internet, getting to grips with Email, an introduction to using Ebay, the facilities available with the application 'Google Earth', the basic processes involved in working with digital photographs and using printing facilities.

We are currently going into a Summer recess with meetings resuming in the Autumn on a date to be announced. In the meantime if any particular issues occur then feel able to contact the group coordinator by telephone or email.

Peter Bayley **282 3468** p.bayley@ntlworld.com

*I have a spelling chequer,
It came with my PC,
It cheques out all off my miss takes,
The ones I cannot sea.*

*Eye put this poem threw it,
I'm shore you're pleased to no,
Its rite in every detail,
My chequer told me sew.*

Craft/Sewing

This is a small but enthusiastic group of people who have interests in sewing, knitting, card making and general fabric and paper craft. Members bring along their own ongoing projects and share their skill and experience with the rest of the group. It's very informal with no set programme of events but with lots of friendly chatter and exchange of ideas over refreshments. We meet in St James' Church Hall on the third Tuesday of the month at 10.30.



*Joan Read, Pauline Hadfield, Josephine Haynes, Pam Bann and Lois Haslam
with an exhibition of some of the work of the Craft Group*

Josephine Haynes **491 2382**

Creative Writing

The Creative Writing group is 8 strong at present and generally meets every three weeks on a Monday, at the first floor room in the Café Unity, in the main shopping parade in Heald Green. There is a car park behind the parade, where parking is free for three hours. The meetings are from 2 pm to 4 pm. Each meeting, we bring a piece of work on a subject that has been agreed at the previous meeting. Each person reads out his/her work and the group discusses the piece. It is informal, and gentle constructive critiques are the norm.

We write stories, reports, poetry. Anything goes. We try to make the pieces around 600 to 1000 words to allow everyone to read their piece in the allotted time. We showed a small display of our work at the May 8th Monthly Meeting; if you saw it and it interested you do come and join us.

Nigel Bann **491 6835**

Dining

The Dining Group has visited several local restaurants this year. We have sampled English, Lebanese, Chinese and Indian food. We have tried to vary the day of the week to enable as many as possible to join us each month. However our numbers have fallen, so from September we will be meeting regularly on the last Wednesday of each month. Members will be notified by email or on the Notice Board at the monthly meeting. We are always ready to meet members who would like to join us for a convivial meal and a chance to try new food and venues.

Lois Evans **428 4373**

Family History

The Family History Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Coordinator's house in Northenden, at 9.30 a.m. The aim is to help one another with any problems in our research. There is a good mix of experience among the members, and the morning always turns out to be cheerful and sociable. It does help to have access to a laptop or computer. Two or three new members have received individual help initially, and recently 2 new members were taken to Sale library to sample the excellent facilities there. As always, the librarian made us very welcome.



At present the group is at full capacity, but if anyone would like to trace their ancestors, do please contact the coordinator, who will be pleased to help. If enough new people are interested, a second group could always be arranged.

Sheila Harkin **998 7276**

French Conversation

The French Conversation Group meets at 4 Mount Grove Gatley on the third Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. We have an average attendance of seven covering a wide range of abilities. As well as discussing numerous and varied topics we also use BBC learning materials. We have a number of publications and learning aids which are used both at meetings and at home. Everyone is encouraged to participate at their own level and assistance is provided by the more experienced members of the group. We have established a good rapport with the common bond of a love of France and all things French. New members are always welcome.

Martin Davey **491 6132**

Gardening

The Gardening Group helps members gain knowledge through practical sessions, research, talks, visits and videos. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month at 2.00 at various locations.

We continue to maintain the Patsy Calton Memorial Garden at Cheadle Library where the spring display of bulbs was very cheering.

Recent meetings have been on Winter Colour in the Garden, a fun session planting potatoes in pots and an enjoyable trip to Dunham Massey for an event called Grow Your Own with a visit to the Winter Garden.

Future plans are visits to Gatley allotments and other local specialist gardens. Some of our members are also helping with Gatley Open Garden Scheme on 30th June.



Nuala Lynn, Barbara Joyce, Tina Kelly and Denise Williams on a recent visit to Dunham Massey Winter Garden

Denise Williams 282 1033

History

The History group continues to meet at URC Elm Rd., Gatley, twice a month on a Friday at 2 pm, usually on the second and fourth week of the month. For the past two years we have been delving into medieval history, covering a wide variety of topics, from Byzantium, the Hundred Years War, the growth of towns and trade to the impact of Christianity and the spread of Islam. During this time each member selected a topic of interest to discuss.

We are starting to venture out with a visit to the John Rylands Library, where we were treated to our own special exhibition showing the development of printing, including a viewing of early books, manuscripts and printing presses. In June we visited North Wales to examine the building of medieval castles, which included talks by local guides on the building of Conwy Castle. This outing was a highpoint of our session and formed the conclusion of our examination of medieval history. In the autumn we will be selecting a new subject for discussion.

John Houghton 428 2892

Tom Fanning

428 8666

Local History

Since the last report there has been a slight reduction in the number of registered members, and attendances at meetings have varied from 10 to as high as 35.

Josephine Haynes has stepped down as group leader and is greatly missed. The group is now run by four people: Anne Heath, Pat Pritchard, John Pollard and Nick Rogerson.

To try to find out what the members wanted we issued a questionnaire, and we are now also sending out monthly newsletters. After reviewing the replies in the questionnaire we are trying to stay local but are including, Northenden, Wilmslow, Wythenshawe, Cheadle Hulme and Stockport. We are considering having meetings in other venues and are trying Cheadle Library in June. A talk on the family living in Rosehill in Northenden was well attended. We still meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

Nick Rogerson 428 6114

John Pollard

428 2150

Lunchtime Concerts – for free

This group is steadily growing in number. Since the last report we have had some very interesting and unusual concerts.

As part of the Benjamin Britten centenary celebrations we attended an excellent performance at the RNCM with Sir Mark Elder conducting Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. In a concert given by University student choirs the music ranged from medieval music to barber shop. Also at the University Music Department there was a concert of Gamelan music from Indonesia, which was a new experience for most of us. In May there was a lively concert of jazz at the RNCM. These were four greatly contrasting events.

On Thursday 13th June students of Chetham's School will present a programme in the Baronial Hall. Please ring me if you would like to join us.

Barbara Wingard 428 5922

Scrabble

We meet fortnightly at 6 West Drive Gatley, and occasionally at other houses, on Fridays at 2 pm. At present we have 7 members although we have not had more than four at any session so far and would certainly welcome any newcomers.

We play two games each meeting and it is a friendly, humorous group. We all relish the challenge of the game but the atmosphere is relaxed and non competitive. Our next meeting is on June 14th.

Ann Gane 428 0204

Singing for Pleasure



The choir entertains at the December Monthly Meeting

Barbara Wingard 428 5922

The choir with a regular attendance of 30 – 34 members continues to make progress, especially on producing a really good sound and in part-singing too.

This year's centenary celebrations for Benjamin Britten (1913 – 1967) and Giuseppe Verdi (1813 – 1901) have not only widened our repertoire but also our knowledge of the place of these composers in the history of music.

Anyone who is interested in singing is welcome to give us a try, but with only three men in the choir more male voices would be especially welcome!

Theatre Visits

The Theatre Group has enjoyed a wide variety of different plays. In November we saw *My Boy Jack* at the Players' Theatre in Cheadle, which was very well acted. Next we saw *Rope* at the Stockport Garrick which was filmed by Alfred Hitchcock in 1948. In February we saw *Blood Brothers* at Chads Theatre which was excellent. In April we saw Molière's *Miser*, which was a historical classical farce. In May we hope to see *Calendar Girls* at Chads.

If anyone wishes to join us they are more than welcome.

For details of our future visits and the plays please ring me.

Mary Lyons 428 3395

Walking (Longer Walks)

The number on our emailing list has now increased to 22, seventeen of whom have been on at least one walk, with about ten of those being fairly regular, and 8 is the average number on walks over the last year. Over the winter our walks have been at the shorter end of our range, but in July we plan to head up Pendle Hill.

A snowy walk from Disley



Sunshine for the walk round Rudyard Lake



Over Bleaklow from Old Glossop in May

Recent walks have been:

Dec: A short festive walk along the Bollin Valley (4 miles – very easy; see cover photograph)

Jan: A snowy walk from Disley golf course (5 miles - easy)

Feb: A rather muddy trudge through the Todd Brook valley (6 miles – moderate, apart from the mud!)

Mar: An ascent of Lantern Pike from Rowarth (6 miles - moderate)

Apr: A circuit of Rudyard Lake followed by a splendid lunch at the Knott Inn (6 miles - easy)

May: A walk over Bleaklow from Old Glossop (6.5 miles – moderate)

Car sharing from Gatley Hill House is the normal arrangement.

Country walking with fresh air and exercise in convivial company – what more could you want in your senior years – surely not a yacht at Cannes? Register your email to receive monthly details of the forthcoming walks, then feel free to come on as many or as few as you wish.

Allan Witton

428 1522

Alan Lynn

915 6421

Walking (Short Walks)

The group meets monthly on Thursdays to do afternoon walks of up to about 4 miles at venues not too distant e.g. Dunham Massey, Sale Water Park, Millgate Fields and Fletcher Moss gardens, Higher Poynton, Macclesfield Forest and Tatton Park. Anyone who is prepared to lead a walk would be welcome to do so, and anybody is welcome to join us.

Stuart Forsyth

491 3592

Walking (Strollers)

The Strollers get together every two or three weeks, walking for about an hour at a leisurely pace in attractive and interesting locations in and around Gatley. We started these strolls six months ago and so far have walked in Gatley Carrs, Abney Hall, Bramhall Park and Fletcher Moss.

If we have to travel to start a walk, we endeavour to use public transport rather than cars. With around ten in the group, we are a friendly bunch and always finish in a café, rewarding our effort with a cup of coffee. Our strolls take place every first and third Monday of the month at 11am.

Marianne Owen

491 3323

Wine Appreciation

The group began in October 2012 with some exploratory meetings to see what sort of format would prove to be useful. The initial format we tried out was to hold informal social evenings in which we explored and enjoyed various wines in a semi structured way rather than more formalised 'wine tasting'. The meetings are generally held in members' homes which inevitably restricts the number of active members who can attend.

In the first few meetings we sampled what are termed 'varietal wines', made from a single grape variety. We compared four different wines, first without any accompanying food and then with a range of simple canapé style nibbles and cheeses. A simple objective assessment of each wine is then recorded which is then published as part of a brief meeting report distributed to the group members.

We first enjoyed ranges of varietal red wines and varietal white wines, followed by a seasonal 'sparkling' evening in December. We then looked at some traditional blended wines and evenings devoted to wines from a particular region such as Italy or South America.



In Spring one meeting was hosted at the premises of a local Wine Merchant where the staff guided us through a slightly more formal version of wine tasting, first without and then with food, giving us excellent guidance about what we were experiencing.

We completed the season's events with a buffet dining evening with the food being served with various accompanying wines. The first meeting of the new season will be to enjoy a series of rosé wines, hopefully on a warm summer evening.

The group is run very much as a cooperative without any one particular leader, and the primary focus is enjoying an evening of lively conversation in a convivial atmosphere when we can share and also add to our knowledge and appreciation of various wines. We are primarily a group united in our enjoyment of wine and wishing to know more, rather than brimming with expert knowledge of the subject.

The group operates on a self-financing basis and during the year our meeting costs have ranged between from £5 to £7.50 per person. We have found it useful and educational that our members take it in turns to select and purchase the wines for each evening following an informal plan discussed at the previous meeting. In our first year we have tended to concentrate at the budget end of the price range but during next season we are possibly going to start to contrast and compare a range of the same wine style across a widening price range.

Depending upon the level of interest within the overall membership of C&G U3A it may be possible to launch a second Wine related interest group in the coming year.

Peter Bayley

282 3468

U3A N.E. CHESHIRE NETWORK - SCIENCE STUDY DAY

THE WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE

Tuesday September 10th 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Gatley URC ELM ROAD

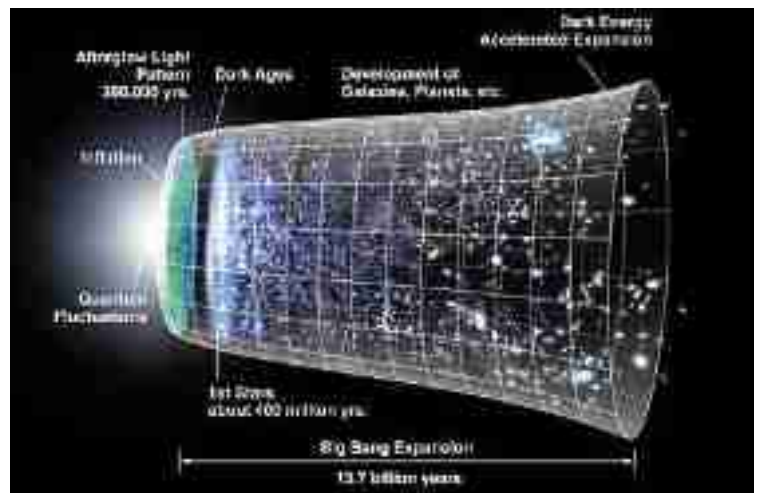
Cost: £15 per head including lunch and morning/afternoon tea or coffee

A stimulating but non technical Science Study Day exploring the creation and evolution of the Universe and how it is made up. The event is for members of the North-East Cheshire Network (Bramhall, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle and Gatley, Poynton and Wilmslow U3As).

PROFESSOR IAN MORISON
of JODRELL BANK

will talk in the morning on the creation of the Universe (the Big Bang Theory) and how it is has evolved. He will explain scientists' latest theory that the Universe is actually expanding from nothing to infinity in 13 billion years and counting!

After lunch there will be a second talk on how the Universe is actually made up.



PROFESSOR LOEBINGER of
MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

will talk about the Inner Secrets of the Universe – the story of elementary particle physics. Scientists have long been searching the basic building blocks which make up the Universe. This has led to the development of large particle accelerators such as CERN. They have discovered the strange sub nuclear world of quarks, gluons and leptons. The talk will show how the subject has developed and how Manchester scientists have played a prominent role. The latest discoveries including the recent first signs of the Higgs Boson and pointers to the future will be reviewed.



To book your place, complete a booking form (available at the June and July Monthly meetings) and forward to the treasurer Nuala Lynn, (either at a Monthly Meeting or by post to 28 Troutbeck Road, Gatley, SK8 4RR), with a cheque for £15 made payable to Cheadle & Gatley U3A by 20th July 2013.

Parking near Elm Road Church

The Church officers have once again had complaints from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking by a small number of drivers who visit the Church buildings at various times during the day. They are therefore requesting that care be exercised when parking near the Church, as residents are likely to report any further incidents to the Police with the resulting penalties.

North-East Cheshire Network

The North-East Cheshire Network is an informal association of five local U3As (Bramhall, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle and Gatley, Poynton, and Wilmslow), which have come together for their mutual benefit, such as sharing good practice and organising common events. The Cheadle and Gatley Representative for the Network is Tina Kelly.

Following on from the very successful History Study Day organised by Cheadle Hulme last October, David Gane has organised a Science Study Day, details of which are given on the previous page.

Another scheme being adopted is for individual U3As which have a number of vacancies in some of their Interest Groups to make this information available across the network, so that members of other Network U3As may join those groups. The scheme is still in its infancy, but at the last Network meeting the following U3As indicated vacancies in the groups given below.

Bramhall:	Art	Embroidery	Church History	Scottish Dancing
Cheadle Hulme:	Poetry	Tai Chi		
Wilmslow:	Cycling	Maths		

The Third Age Trust's National Conference and Annual General Meeting

This takes place on 13-16th September at the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham. The theme will be "Learn, Laugh and Live". The residential fee from Friday to Sunday is £340. Full details from the Secretary, Lois Segar-Evans.

Membership

We would be delighted to welcome any new members to join our U3A.

Interested people are welcome to attend one Monthly Open Meeting or one Interest Group meeting before being required to join the Cheadle and Gatley U3A.

Fees to join Cheadle and Gatley U3A are £3 as an initial joining fee and £12 per year pro-rata, April to March; e.g. someone joining in September would pay £3 + £7 (for September to March). In addition there is a charge of £1.50 for each Monthly Open Meeting and a similar charge for most group meetings in a hired venue to cover room hire and refreshments where appropriate.

Renewals are due each April and both application forms and renewal forms can be found on the U3A website (<http://u3asitec.org.uk/live/code/u3asite.php?site=333&page=0> or search 'Cheadle and Gatley U3A') or from **Judi Marsden, 4 West Drive, Gatley, SK8 4JJ. Tel 428 4228**. All members this year should have a **green** membership card; would existing members please make sure their membership is up to date.

Your Committee

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CHEADLE AND GATLEY U3A

DETAILS OF INTEREST GROUPS

(At June 2013)

GROUP	COORDINATOR(S)	CONTACT	DATES	TIME	VENUE
Book Group 1	Lesley Witton	428 1522	1st Monday	7:30	House
Book Group 2	Tina Kelly	312 1874	2nd Tuesday	1:30	Cheadle Library
Bridge	Godfrey Jackson	437 7890	1st and 4th Wednesdays	1:30	St James' Hall
Computers	Peter Bayley	282 3468	Thursdays	2:00-4:00	House
Craft	Josephine Haynes	491 2382	3rd Tuesday	10:30-12:00	St James' Hall
Creative Writing	Nigel Bann	491 6835	Mondays 3-weekly	2:00-4:00	Café Unity Heald Green
Dining	Lois Evans	428 4373	Last Wednesday	Various	Various
French Conversation	Martin & Anne Davey	491 6132	3rd Wednesday	10:00-12:00	House
Family History	Sheila Harkin	998 7276	1st Tuesday	9.30	House
Gardening	Denise Williams	282 1033	4th Thursday	1:30	URC
History	John Houghton Tom Fanning	428 2892 428 8666	2nd and 4th Fridays	2:00	URC
Local History	Nick Rogerson John Pollard	428 6114 428 2150	1st Wednesday	1:30	St James' Hall
Lunchtime Concerts	Barbara Wingard	428 5922	Periodically as arranged	-----	-----
Scrabble	Ann Gane	428 0204	Fridays Fortnightly	2:00	House
Singing for Pleasure	Barbara Wingard	428 5922	Tuesdays Fortnightly	1:00-3:00	URC
Theatre Visits	Mary Lyons	428 3395	Monthly as arranged	-----	-----
Walking (Longer) (Up to ~8 miles)	Allan Witton Alan Lynn	428 1522 915 6421	3rd Friday	9:30	Meet at Gatley Hill House car park
Walking (Easy) (Up to 4 miles)	Stuart Forsyth	491 3592	Thursday of week after Monthly Meeting	12:30	Meet at URC
Walking (Strollers) Easy local walks	Marianne Owen Anne Taylor	491 3323 428 2683	1st and 3rd Mondays	11:00	Various
Wine Appreciation	Peter Bayley	282 3468	Monthly as arranged	-----	-----

Please note that occasionally dates or times do change between updates of the Interest Group List. In the event of a change in group details, it would be most useful if the Coordinator would inform the Groups Coordinator, David Gane, so that this Interest Groups List can be kept as up-to-date as possible.

Anyone interested in joining a Group should in the first instance telephone the Coordinator, or speak to them at the Monthly Open Meeting.

Forthcoming events for Groups which meet 'Periodically as arranged' are usually announced at the Monthly Meeting.

Some Groups take a short 'Summer Break' in their activities.

No group which caters for your particular interest? Then why not form one?

In order to form an Interest Group there must be:

1. sufficient people with a common interest;
2. someone (one or more people) prepared to act as the Coordinator(s).

Anyone interested in setting up a new Group should contact David Gane.