

Chairman's Chatter

February General Meeting included our AGM. I would like to thank all of you who attended the meeting. Clare Gwilym has been a co-opted member of the committee for a few months and was voted in as a full member. Geoffrey Fogg was also nominated and voted onto the committee. Derek Hesketh and Jenny Summers have been on the committee for 3 years and have been voted in for another 3 years. Being on the committee is an important role, taking a part in planning and organising aspects of the running of our U3A. It is an interesting and rewarding role. There are always opportunities for any member who is interested in helping us. Just approach any member of the committee; we are constantly looking for new members and new ideas.

The amendment to the constitution that was printed in the last newsletter was passed at the AGM with a unanimous vote. It was agreed that the term of office for the position of chairman and vice chairman should be brought in line with the terms of office of other members of the committee. This will now result in these positions being held for a maximum of 3 years rather than 2 years.

We have a thriving U3A with nearly 400 members. Anyone who has not yet renewed their membership will, unfortunately, be taken off our list and will no longer be eligible for our activities or meetings. I would like to repeat my thanks to anyone in our U3A who has helped in any way over the last year. It is very difficult to start naming people as there are so many of you who give your time to help other members. Thank you, all of you. I am now looking forward to keep on developing all the functions and activities of Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A.

For your information I include the names of our new committee

Chairman	Shirley Hammond	Vice Chairman	Vacant
Secretary	Malcolm Moss	Treasurer	Michael Paxton

Committee members Derek Hesketh, Carol Rice, Jenny Summers, Tony Addy, Pat Walker, Ulla Mehta, Pam Taylor, Clare Gwilym and Geoffrey Fogg.

Shirley Hammond

Membership of Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A

You should have renewed your membership of Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A and your new membership card should be a BLUE one, and look like this:-



Emergency Telephone Number/s
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If you have not renewed your membership please contact the Membership Secretary and do so straight away. If you have not renewed, you are not eligible to attend meetings, any group activity and are not covered by insurance.

Outings Group

Friday 20th May LET LOOSE IN LIVERPOOL with optional tour

An exploration of the city is long overdue and so we have arranged the above, leaving Rose Hill station at 9.15 a.m. with the usual pickups on Friday 20th May. The optional guided walking tour 'Gateway to the World' will include Port of Liverpool, Cunard and the Liver Buildings, Albion House (White Star), Museum of Liverpool (new exhibition of recently discovered hoard of Roman coins) and the Town Hall. The price is £19.00 p.p. which includes tour, Golden Green coach hire, and gratuity to driver. Home around 5.30 p.m.

Alternatively the price is £11.00 p.p. without tour.

Booking: 15th March General meeting and thereafter contact

Organiser: Jenny Summers 427 2861.

Cheques only please to MB&MU3A Outings with booking form (available from desk)

Friday 10-13th June CROMER, NORFOLK.

We have 2 extra twin bedded rooms now available for this mini holiday, full details of which are available on the notice board and at the booking desk.

Tuesday 26th July MEDIEVAL MARKET, CHESTERFIELD, AND VISIT TO EYAM VILLAGE

Step back to the Middle Ages for the day, with entertainment, musicians, Fairy Queen, stalls and food, knights and sword fights, meet Robin Hood, climb the crooked church tower and be entertained by the Court Jester, Heironymous Slop, but watch out for the medieval beggars!

We leave Chesterfield around 1.45 p.m. for the short journey to Eyam where, in 1665, a tailor ordered a bale of cloth from London and unwittingly triggered 260 deaths from bubonic plague. The courageous decision to seal the village to prevent the spread of the disease is well documented both in the museum (£2 entrance), in the Church and around the pretty village itself. Eyam Hall and craft centre is nearby

Price: £12 p.p. including Golden Green coach and driver's gratuity.

Booking: 19th April General Meeting and thereafter contact the organiser:

Jenny Summers (427 2861) Cheques only to MB&MU3A Outings



Future Outings - more information to follow

Thursday 18th August - SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW

Carol Rice is organising an outing to Southport Flower Show.

If you want to go, please reserve the date in your diary.

Booking will take place at the June and July meetings.

Friday 9th September - MIDLAND HOTEL, Morecambe, for coffee and then to LEIGHTON HALL, Carnforth, and grounds for afternoon tea at 1.00 p.m. followed by Hall tour. Falconry display in the beautiful grounds is included. Booking June General meeting

Organiser: Jenny Summers

CHRISTMAS

We wish to produce a collection of work written or visual by our members for our members and friends on the theme of Christmas - either collectively (as part of an interest group) or just individual remembrances of Christmases past - stories, poems, anecdotes, recipes, quizzes, hints, sad or funny - anything, but please not too long. Material should be submitted to our Secretary, Malcolm Moss by the 20th July General meeting, either by email secretary@mbmu3a.org.uk or handwritten. The final edited booklet will be produced in time for Christmas at a modest price All monies will go to our chosen local Charity.

Local Theatre Group

Here are the plays coming up. Please contact Carol Rice or email i.rice@virgin.net to book in for the plays by the given "book in" date. This will allow the purchase of tickets in advance.

Book in by Date	Date of Play	Play	Venue
17th March	Mon 18 April 16	One Last Card Trick by Stuart Permutt	Poynton Players
17th March	Mon 25 April 16	Lost Monsters by Laurence Wilson	Garrick, Stockport
17th April	Mon 23 May 16	The Lady Killers by Graham Lineham	Chads, Cheadle
17th May	Mon 20 June 16	Cheshire Cats by Gail Young	Poynton Players

Groups at General Monthly Meetings

Any Group wishing to have a table at the Monthly Meetings to advertise their group activities can do so.

The Group Leader should contact the Secretary before the date of the meeting, they wish to attend, who will make arrangements for the table for them

Walking Group

Group Organisers/Co-ordinators

Judy Rhodes - 0161 427 2045
Sue Ward - 0161 312 1621

We have had many varied and interesting walks but a memorable one took place on the 23rd February in glorious clear weather. It was a splendid route along the Sett Valley trail to Hayfield, then over Lantern Pike. We thoroughly enjoyed the stunning views towards Coombes Edge, Hayfield village and Kinder Scout and felt very privileged to have the health and fitness to make it up there. It was a pity that some of our regular members were not able to come - they missed a treat!

Sheila Stafford



Apr/May Walks

Tue April 5th	Chadkirk	5m	mod	Val and Roy Bradshaw
Tue April 12th	Hayfield, Birch Vale	5.5m	mod	Wendy Greenwood
Wed April 20th	Kettleshulme. Sponds Hill	5m	mod+	Jean Mitchell
Tues April 26th	Swineshaw, Padfield & Reserviors	5.5m	mod	Irene Riley
Wed May 4th	Parwich	5m	easy/mod	Judith Lynch
Tue May 10th	Hay Dale	5.5m	mod	Margaret Hogg
Wed May 18th	Whitehough and Eccles Pike	3.5m	mod	Judy Rhodes
Tue May 24th	Hollingworth Moor	5m	mod	Sheila Stafford

New walkers please contact Judy or Sue before attending a walk.

MATINEE GROUP

Theatre Visits

Wednesday 23rd. March at the Bolton Octagon
Martha, Josie and the Chinese Elvis - a comedy by Charlotte Jones (Sold out)



Wednesday 13th. April at 2pm in the Lyric Theatre - Lowry
Breakfast at Tiffany's - adaptation by Richard Greenburgh (Sold out)

Wednesday 22nd June 'The Government Inspector' at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield (Sold out)

Because the Matinee Group has to book so far in advance it means that quite often the events are sold out when the Newsletter is produced. This information is included to show what events have been booked, and for information in case there any cancellations.

As cheques are not always presented to the bank straight away, it is important to let us know if you have changed your bank account. If your cheque has not been paid in before this change, a charge can be incurred to the Matinee Group Bank Account. So please let us know of any changes, Thank you.

Jean Howells & Sue Humphris

DINING GROUP



Thank you to everybody who joined us for the meal at Reflections.

Forthcoming Events.

Wednesday 16th March Dinner at the Joshua Bradley, Gee Cross, Hyde (Booked Up)

Thursday 21st April Dinner at All Things Nice, Marple

For a Siam Thai meal (served Buffet Style). £20
Bookings will be taken at the March meeting.

Wednesday 25th May Dinner at The Oddfellows, Mellor

Three courses plus Tea or Coffee £14.95
Bookings will be taken at the April meeting.

A £5 cash deposit to secure your reservation for all dining experiences will be required at the time of booking; this is non-refundable.

Pat Walker

Third Age Matters - The U3A Magazine Subscription for 2016-17

The cost is only £2.25 for 6 issues sent directly to your home address. If you wish to take out a subscription, please contact Carol Rice before 21st March.

Subscription forms will also be available at the March meeting.

C D's / D V D's

The CD's / DVD's which we have on sale at the monthly meetings need to be up-dated with different ones, so please can we ask for some more contributions to the stall, so that we can replace some of the existing ones with more up to date ones.

Please have a look at your collection and see if you can bring some along to the next monthly meeting.

Jean Parker & Barbara Littler

**Crossword Compiled by
Marple Bridge and Mellor
U3A Crossword Group**

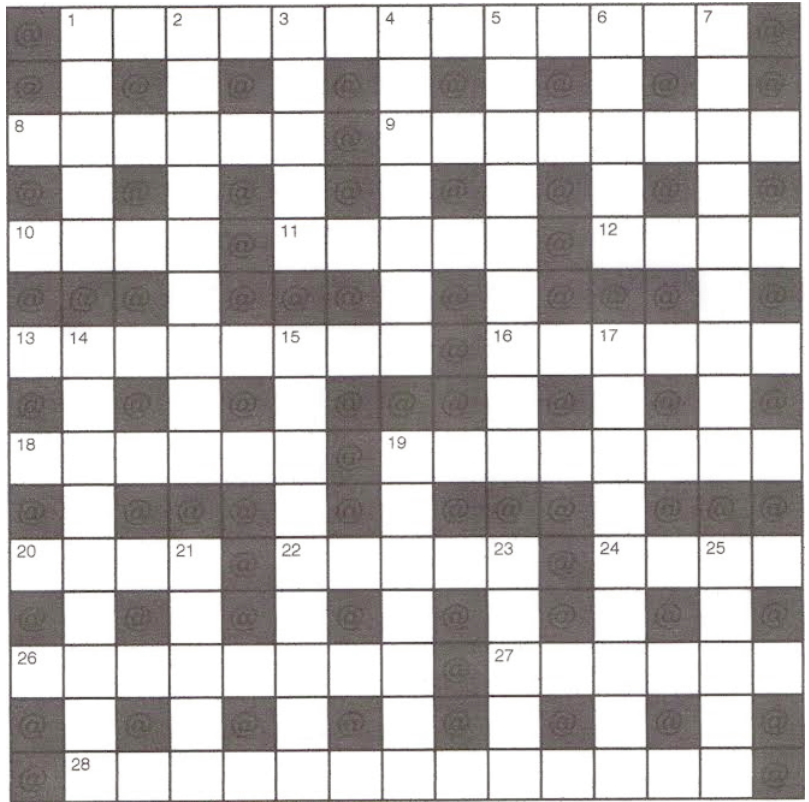
Geoff Heath

Clues across

- 1 Beef producer emerges from granite city as gun
goes off (8,5)
- 8 You and I get rave review for cloth maker (6)
- 9 Relax, Pam! Become a model! (8)
- 10 Object of admiration starts intimating dreams of
love (4)
- 11 Group of Scots Guards leading with sound of bell (5)
- 12 Coloured interior of study - Editor's den! (4)
- 13 Strove for prize against rivals: politician and
extra-terrestrial with co-ed running round (8)
- 16 Train a group of artists (6)
- 18 Ensemble due set musical exercises (6)
- 19 Snake with pain, bragging (8)
- 20 Very keen headless giant (4)
- 22 Intended first move, everyone after new targets (5)
- 24 Basil, say, seen in her boudoir (4)
- 26 Recessed, ten dined exotically (8)
- 27 Counting beads; a degree course, oddly enough (6)
- 28 Daddy-longlegs coming. Hide coat! (13)

Clues down

- 1 A brainbox is in the lead (5)
- 2 Deep novel is rewritten and wrapped up (9)
- 3 A form of architecture is adored without a
pressman in charge (5)
- 4 Mere lad destroyed green stone (7)
- 5 A lasagne I cooked, producing insensitivity to pain (9)
- 6 Opened wide, and a peg was ruined by leading
dentist (5)



Clues down (cont)

- 7 Head knows to change temporary bed (9)
14 Crazy cat jumped into unusual lagoon with eight sides (9)
15 Cricket game can be a trial for a marriage (4,5)
17 Produce chicken, then retreat to car (9)
19 Public schoolboy often is one who gets on (7)
21 She wanted to be alone, a topless target unfortunately (5)
23 First Tchaikovsky aria performed in jewelled headdress (5)
25 Stir up tours roughly (5)

Meetings - FUTURE SPEAKERS

15th	March	Pauline West	" Keeping the Zest in your life"
19th	April	Gary Hart	" How Parliament Works"
17th	May	Karen Corcoran	" The Lady Policeman"

Unless otherwise notified, the ordinary monthly meetings are held in St Paul's Church Hall, Compstall on the third Tuesday of each month at 9-45am (for coffee and socializing). To enable members to use the bus service, the business of the meeting will start at 10-15 and will finish at 11.45 am approx.

- * When attending a meeting please have your entrance fee ready (£1) preferably in exact money
- * You should show your membership card when booking in at the monthly meetings and at U3A groups and other events.
- * Please do not park near the War Memorial, use the Etherow Country Car Park
- * Please remember to bring and buy books and C.D's at the monthly meetings.

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Christmas ! ! !

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Crossword Solution

Across 1 Aberdeen Angus; 8 Weaver; 9 Exemplar;
10 Idol; 11 Clang; 12 Dyed; 13 Competed; 16 School;
18 Fudes; 19 Boasting; 20 Agog; 22 Meant; 24 Herb;
26 Indented; 27 Abacus; 28 Leatherjacket.
Down: 1 Ahead; 2 Enveloped; 3 Doric; 4 Emerald;
5 Analgesia; 6 Gaped; 7 Shakedown; 14 Octagonal;
15 Test match; 17 Hatchback; 19 Boarder; 21 Greta;
23 Tiara; 25 Roust

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to Malcolm Moss,

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Any stories, articles or photographs of interest to members are welcomed

You can read all issues of the newsletter on our website www.mbmu3a.org.uk

***All contributions for the next edition of the Newsletter
should be received no later than Friday, 6th May***