

### Chairman's Chatter

What a shock! A cold snowy day for our Coffee Morning! I was concerned that no one would want to come out, but I should have known you wouldn't let me down. The morning, on April 25th, seemed to be a really enjoyable event for all who came. The group leaders I spoke to were pleased with the opportunity to talk to members about their activities and possibly encourage them to come along and join in. Members found it interesting and informative to realise how many different activities are available to them. Others simply enjoyed the social event, having a drink and a chat with old friends and new. I loved the buzz of conversations and laughter I could hear across many areas of the hall. People asked if we were anticipating holding another Coffee Morning along similar lines. I would like to think we could do a similar thing in the autumn, possibly in October. We will advertise this in plenty of time. Watch this space.

Our next social event will be the Charity Event in August. Throughout this year we are raising funds for the Mercy Ships Charity. This charity was chosen following an excellent presentation about their work at a General Meeting. If anyone has any ideas for stalls or activities for the August event please talk to one of the committee or speak to me. We are always looking for new ideas. Up to now we have already raised over £100 for this really worthwhile charity through the sale of books, CDs and DVDs at the General Meetings.

Shirley Hammond

## Open Meeting & Grand Charity Event

Tuesday 15th August  
St Paul's Church Hall, Compstall  
10am to 12 noon  
in aid of 'Mercy Ships'



'The Surgery Ship'

£1.00 entrance (includes coffee and biscuits)

Raffle - Bric-a-Brac - Books - CDs/DVDs

Crafts - Plants - Cakes - Cards - Fun Activities

*Come along and bring your friends*

Mercy Ships is an international charity.

Mercy Ships currently operates the largest non-governmental hospital ship in the world, providing humanitarian aid like free health care, community development ... Wikipedia

Headquarters: Lindale, Texas, United States

Mission: To provide free healthcare and improve healthcare delivery systems in the poorest nations

## Dining Group

Thank you to all who joined Jane and Mike at New Mills Golf Club for a buffet lunch the food was excellent. We are looking to do an evening meal there in the future.



### Forthcoming Events

Wednesday the 17th of May      The Crown Hawk Green 7.00pm £16

Wednesday the 21st of June      IL Pepe Nero Romiley 6.30pm £15

Thursday the 20th of July      The Stables Gee Cross 7.30pm £18

Bookings will be taken at the May/June Meetings

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

Pat Walker

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ALMONER

My role is to send cards to our members who have been unwell, to cheer them up, or who have had a bereavement in the family.

Please help me do my job by letting me know of any member who has been unwell/been in hospital etc. so that I can send a card to let them know we are thinking of them.

Pat Walker [almoner@mbmu3a.org.uk](mailto:almoner@mbmu3a.org.uk)

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## Matinee Group

Theatre Visits Planned

"Hand bagged " by Moira Buffini Wednesday 16th August 2017

At the Theatre in the Lakes Ticket and coach. £28

There may be spare seats on the coach for anyone who would like a day out in Keswick with no theatre visit. Cost £14



Jean Howells & Sue Humphris

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## Local Theatre Group

Here is the next play the Local Theatre Group will go to see. This will be the last in this season of plays - look out for next season's plays in the September newsletter.

Please contact Carol Rice email [i.rice@virgin.net](mailto:i.rice@virgin.net) to book in for the play by the given "book in" date. This will allow for the purchase of tickets in advance.

Ticket costs will usually be between £8 - £9

The MB&M U3A Local Theatre Group will see selected plays from a wider programme of plays produced by local amateur dramatic theatres. If you would like to see another locally produced play, not on the list, then please contact Carol to see if it's possible to go to see this play?

The emphasis is on car share or taxi share or meet up point.

"Book In" by date	Date of Play	Play	Venue
25 May	Monday 26 June 2017	The 39 Steps adapted from the novel by John Buchan	Poynton Players

## Outings Group

### Wednesday, 31st May - Tissington Hall and Well Dressings

Leaving Rose Hill 9.15 am promptly with usual pickups at 5 minute intervals. FULLY BOOKED. Please ring Jenny Summers 427 2861 for any cancellations.

### Fri. 30th June - Mon. 3rd July 4 day/3 night holiday to Cardiff

The balance of the cost is due on or before the May General meeting.

### Thursday 13th July - Day in York

York has so many things to see, whether it's historic and religious sites, museums or architectural buildings, that a day out in York is planned where you choose what you want to do. Of course, you can always treat yourself to lunch in Betty's Tea Rooms or shop until you drop along the Shambles.

Visit the York Tourist Information website for ideas on where to go and what to see on the day out in York.

<http://www.visityork.org/information/york-visitor-guides.aspx>

The 1st Pick up is at 8.15am Rose Hill Station, Marple and then usual pickups through Marple to Romiley.

We aim to arrive in York by 10.45am and we will leave promptly at 4pm.

Please note, the coach will park in a central car park near the river, so there will be a short walk into the centre of York.

Cost £14.50 (includes driver's gratuity). Booking at the May and June meetings

*Outing organiser is Carol Rice*

### Friday 1st September - Creswell Crags - Museum, Limestone Gorge and cave system, country park and wildlife reserve.

We have provisionally booked a day at Creswell Crags including a 45 minute presentation, setting the context of the site's archaeology, the art of the Stone Age and the flora/fauna of the time, followed by guided tours of either Robin Hood Cave- Life in the Ice Age, a tour of more general interest - or the Rock Art Tour (specific to the oldest engravings in the UK) of the Church Hole. There is a 15 minute walk to and from the caves.

Itinerary is approx. as follows:- 11.00 am Talk, setting the context

12 noon to 1.00 p.m. up to 25 members 'Life in the Ice Age' tour

12.30 - 1.30p.m. Rock Art tour (but don't expect Lascaux cave paintings!)

12 members

If you have an interest in geology, or archaeology or merely interested in learning how prehistoric man lived and thrived, their tools, their artefacts and their animals, this is the outing for you. Hard hats will be supplied for the tours and good shoes are advised - there are steps with a handrail up to both caves.

Afterwards, walk along the gorge and by the lake, take a picnic or buy snacks at the small café on site and sit in the sunshine or visit the fascinating little museum if it rains.

Price: £21 p.p. cheques only please to MB&MU3A Outings

Booking: May General Meeting

*Organiser: Jenny Summers (427 2861)*

### Thursday, 23rd November - Tatton Park, Mansion and lunch package

Following the successful visit and lunch last year we have provisionally booked for this year's 'Twelve Days of Christmas' package.

Price: £40 p.p. which includes coach and driver's gratuity, the mansion tour and lunch package inc. a three course meal, one glass of wine or orange juice, tea or coffee. Other gratuities to the staff are at your discretion. OR

£30p.p. if you make your own way to the venue. There is a £6 per car for parking fee.

Please Note : Booking forms and lunch menu choices will be available at the MAY GENERAL MEETING. This is because Tatton Hall requires early indication/confirmation of our numbers.

Cheques, payable to MB&MU3A Outings, will not be cashed until September

*Organiser Jenny Summers (427 2861)*

## Strolling Group

We meet at various locations for a stroll of about 2 - 2.5 miles in and around Marple on the first Tuesday of the month at 10.30 a.m. The last stroll was from Mellor and Townscliffe Golf Club to the hamlet of Brookbottom and back again. We were blessed with sunshine, stunning views, good company, an excellent light lunch break at the Golf Club and - fresh eggs.

Next stroll - Tuesday, 6th June at 10.30 a.m.

Meet at Stockport Sports Village, Woodley SK6 1QX for a gentle stroll of approximately one and a half hours. Afterwards meet for a cuppa and a chat at the Star Point Café, Woodley.

For more information please contact the Organiser,

*Geoff Fogg, email joanfogg@bt internet.com.*

## Walking Group

Group Organisers/Co-ordinators Sue Ward - 0161 312 162  
Judith Lynch 0161 449 7507

We have had some very interesting local walks during the Winter months, not wanting to travel too far in case of bad road conditions. For example, in March nine members of the group took the bus from High Lane to Newtown and then walked back over the hills and through Lyme Park. It was a glorious day with lovely views as the photo shows. There was a bit of mud to negotiate, but nothing too terrible, and we felt very fortunate to have such beautiful countryside on our doorstep.



Now the weather is more settled we are venturing a bit further afield and have a good variety of routes coming up during the summer.

*Sheila Stafford*



## June/July Walks

Tuesday 6th June	Dove Stone/Yeoman Hey Reservoirs.	5 miles	Moderate	Judith Lynch
Tuesday 13th June	Circular walk from Disley.	7.5 miles	Moderate +	Judy Rhodes
Wednesday 21st June	Fernilee/Coombs area.	6 miles	Moderate	Jean Mitchell
Tuesday 27th June	Buxton.	5 miles	Moderate	Sheila Stafford
Wednesday 5th July	Hague Bar to Thornsett and New Mills.	6 miles	Moderate	Wendy Greenwood
Tuesday 11th July	Clough House to 3 Shires Head.	4.5 miles	Moderate	Sue Ward
Wednesday 19th July	Castleton.	5 miles	Easy +	Carole McConnell
Tuesday 25th July	Brabyns car park to Chadkirk.	6 miles	Moderate	Val&Roy Bradshaw

**New walkers please contact Sue or Judith before attending a walk.**

# Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

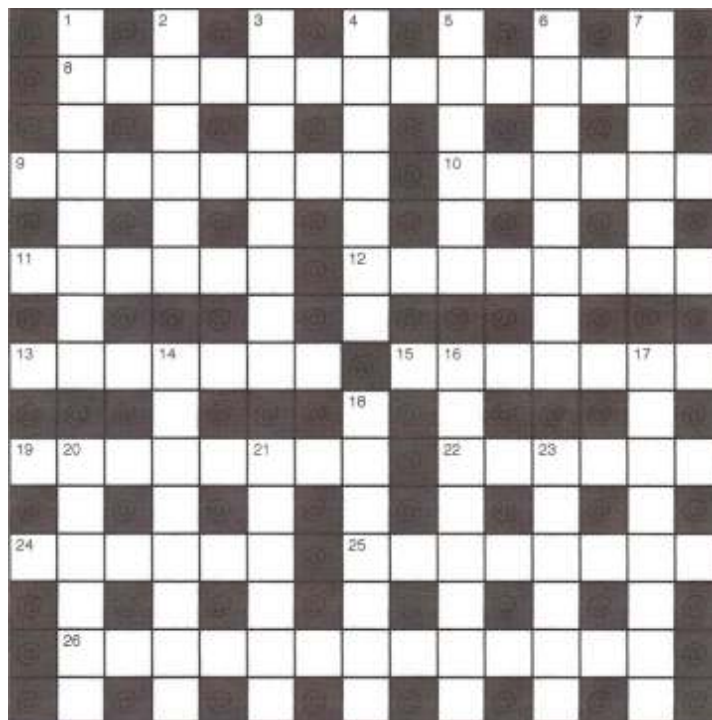
## Clues across

Geoff Heath

- 8 Unfortunately, aerial climber can't be rescued (13)  
 9 Future minister has one granny captured by bishop after gold (8)  
 10 Sort out relays to produce strata (6)  
 11 Decadent outdoor entertainment following Easter festival initially (6)  
 12 End users are upset by discourtesy (8)  
 13 A little warmer off the E Coast last Saturday (3,4)  
 15 Quite awkward space from which to remove noise (7)  
 19 Stupidly, create headless pet and the rest of that ilk (2,6)  
 22 Comfortable feeling of conflict before regular match (6)  
 24 Originally, tactical mistake created great fear (6)  
 25 Conveyors are made by weepers around returning sun god (8)  
 26 Any healing hug can be used on this animal (8,5)

## Clues down

- 1 To destroy lair, fire weapon (3,5)  
 2 From other minerals get a white winter coat (6)  
 3 Scarpers off with decorators' tools (8)  
 4 Radar built into yacht's mast initially with cross-piece (4-3)  
 5 Extremely sad, went around some distance, then expressed happiness (6)  
 6 State of suspension? Yea, can be, perhaps (8)  
 7 Animals with stripes and crossings (6)



## Clues down (cont)

- 14 Cold here, flu outbreak, in good spirits (8)  
 16 Not good enough? Why run? To get distressed? (8)  
 17 Everlasting with unknown tucked in on the outside (8)  
 18 Platform for the two main parties back-to-back with May last (7)  
 20 Three times higher in pitch (6)  
 21 Unrefined but hearty, maybe (6)  
 23 Aired last of clothes, sorted and lifted up (6)

## Meetings - FUTURE SPEAKERS

16 May	Lucy Marsh	"The Work of The Dogs Trust Manchester."
20 June	Keith Burkett	"The history of Robert's Bakery."
18 July	Ian Cheeseman	"The best Job in the World" - A BBC reporter

Unless otherwise notified, the ordinary monthly meetings are held in St Paul's Church Hall, Compstall on the third Tuesday of each month at 9-30am (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 Membership Card and the entrance fee ready (preferably as a £1 coin)*
- \* *You must show your membership card at all U3A events, including groups.*
- \* *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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## Parking at General Meetings

Please do not park blocking the road  
up the the church or the vicarage as  
access is required to these buildings  
at all times

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### Payments by Cheque

We are aware that some people may  
be changing their bank accounts due  
to some branches of banks closing in  
the area.

We have had a problem in that some  
cheques have been issued to us that  
are no longer valid and we have had  
to pay charges on these.

**Please be sure that any cheque you  
issue is from an up to date account**

Crossword Solution

Across8 Irreclaimable; 9 Ordinand; 10 Layers; 11 Effete;  
12 Rudeness; 13 Tea cosy; 15 Quieten; 19 Et cetera;  
22 Warmth; 24 Terror; 25 Carriers; 26 Laughing hyena.  
Down: 1 Air rifle; 2 Ermine; 3 Scrapers; 4 Yard-arm;  
5 Smiled; 6 Abeyance; 7 Zebras; 14 Cheerful;  
16 Unworthy; 17 External; 18 Balcony; 20 Treble;  
21 Earthy; 23 Raised.

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