

Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A NEWSLETTER

July 2017



The University of the Third Age

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Chairman's Chatter

What a superb long weekend in Cardiff with many friends from our U3A. Beautiful weather, excellent company and lots of interesting visits all added together to make it an enjoyable experience. Thank you to all of you who helped to make the weekend such fun.

Our August meeting will be our Summer Charity Event. This year we are raising funds for Mercy Ships. You may remember we had a talk about these ships at a general meeting earlier this year. Many of you were extremely moved by the talk and we were asked if it would be possible to raise funds for them. A representative of the Mercy Ships charity will be present at the event. This meeting is not just for members, but for your friends, family and neighbours as well. It would be appreciated if you could advertise it as much as possible. Flyers will be available at the July meeting if you can display one anywhere. Please come and support us. If you can think of any ideas for fund raising that we could include at the event please speak to one of the committee.

Another coffee morning is being organised for October 24th. This will be a chance for all members to share information about our U3A with members and non-members. Again we would like you to let your friends and neighbours know about this meeting and to encourage people to come and find out about our U3A. We need as many groups to be represented as possible whether you are full or not as this will let people know the breadth of experiences we cover.

I mentioned at the AGM in February that Kitty Watt would be stepping down as Group co-ordinator. Hazel Bhatt will gradually take over this important role. You will always be able to speak with her at General Meetings.

On Remembrance Sunday last year I laid a wreath on your behalf at Mellor War Memorial. We were asked to alternate venues each year and therefore, this year, I plan to lay a wreath at the memorial at St Paul's Compstall. It would be lovely if some of you could also attend. Please put November 12th in your diary to remind you.

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'

£1.00 entrance (includes coffee and biscuits)

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

Crafts - Plants - Homemade Produce - Cards - Fun Activities

Come along and bring your friends



Important Notice

As from December 2017 the Christmas Lunch Meeting will be held on the **second Tuesday of the month, not the third**. This year it will be on 12th December.

Tickets for this event will be on sale at the October meeting.

Please make a note of this in your diary.

Dining Group

Thank you to all who joined us at The Crown in May and IL Pepe Nero in June. Both were very enjoyable evenings



Forthcoming Events

Thursday the 20th of July The Stables Gee Cross 7.00 for 7.30pm £18

There are still a few places please phone if interested.

Wednesday the 20th September New Mills Golf Club 7.00 for 7.30 £21

Bookings will be taken at the July Meeting

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

Matinee Group

Theatre Visits Planned

'Oklahoma' at the Plaza Theatre Stockport on Saturday 28th October.
Ticket £14 no coach, Tickets now on sale.

'Guys and Dolls' at the Royal Exchange Theatre on Saturday 9th December.
Ticket £ 33.50, no coach. Tickets on sale July and August



Please Note

If you change your bank account you must inform the Matinee Group and issue a new cheque if the original cheque has not been presented. If you don't and your original cheque is returned you will be responsible for the bank charges.

Jean Howells & Sue Humphris

Local Theatre Group

Here are the plays for the beginning of the 2017/18 season which the local theatre group will go to see.

Please contact Carol Rice email 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.

For ease, the next play "book in" date is always the 3rd of the preceding month (so put this reminder date in your diary!).

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 which is 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/ taxi share. We tend to meet in the foyer about 15 minutes before curtain up. Most tickets (concession rate) are between £7.50 - £9.

Book in by Date	Date of Play	Play	Venue
3rd August	Tue 12 Sept 7.45pm	Dial M for Murder by Frederick Knott	Chads, Cheadle
3rd September	Weds 4 October 7.45pm	Habeas Corpus by Alan Bennett	Brookdale, Bramhall
3rd September	Mon 30 October 7.45pm	A Vicar of Dibley. Christmas: The Second Coming. Stage adaptation from TV series	Poynton Players
3rd October	Sat 4 November 2.30pm Matinee	Journey's End by R C Sherriff	Carver, Marple

Outings Group

Thursday 13th July DAY OUT IN YORK

This outing is fully booked. Please contact organiser, C Rice, for any cancellations.

Friday 1st September VISIT TO CRESWELL CRAGS

Both organised tours, Rock Art and Life in the Ice Age, are full booked. We have a number of seats on the coach for members who wish to come for the day, join us for the morning talk and then make their own arrangements, either to take one of the public tours later in the afternoon or just enjoy the surroundings of this special place. We have a reserve list for our organised tours. Please contact organiser, J. Summers, on 427 2861 for any further information.

Thursday 23rd November TATTON HALL AND LUNCH

The coach is fully booked for this outing but there are 5 places available if you are able to travel independently at a price of £30 p.p. (plus £6 parking). Please contact organiser, J Summers, on 427 2861 for further details.

FUTURE OUTINGS FOR 2018

April 2018 - CHINA'S FIRST EMPEROR and the TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Taking place at the World Museum, Liverpool, from February to October next year this exhibition will be the first time in more than 10 years that these spectacular warriors from the tomb of China's First Emperor, Qin Shihuangdi, have been brought to the UK (last time was to London). I have provisionally booked tickets and should be pleased if members would indicate their interest at the July General meeting when more details may be available.

The exhibition will be hugely popular and if you are on our list your place is assured.

Therefore you don't have to book that trip to Xi'an - just join us!

Organiser, J. Summers, on 427 2861.

Cardiff Trip July 2017



"A group of members happy to pose in front of a pile of money during recent U3A weekend visit to Cardiff.

The rest of the group declined!! "

Walking Group

Aug / Sept Walks

Group Organisers/Co-ordinators

Sue Ward - 0161 312 162

Judith Lynch 0161 449 7507

Wed 2 Aug	Circular walk from Rowarth	5/6 miles	Moderate	Carole McConnell
Tues 8 Aug	Disley to Black Rocks/Bollinghurst Reservoir	6 miles	Moderate	Sue Ward
Wed 16 Aug	Unusual walk over Werneth Low	5 miles	Moderate	Sheila Stafford
Tues 22 Aug	Haughton Dale walk from Woodley	5/6 miles	Moderate	Val and Roy Bradshaw
Wed 30 Aug	Mill Brow to Broadbottom circular	4.5/5 miles	Moderate	Judy Rhodes
Tues 5 Sept	Bollington – around Big Low and Billinge Hill	5 miles	Moderate	Jean Mitchell
Tues 12 Sept	Ladybrook Valley + lunch at Norbury Farm Cafe	5 miles	Easy	Judith Lynch
Wed 20 Sept	Longdendale Valley	6 miles	Moderate	John Bloor
Tues 26 Sept	Longnor	5.5 miles	Moderate	Irene Riley

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

Strolling Group

Our "Strolling Group" is for members who would like a gentle stroll rather than a longer walk for which we have a "Walking Group". We arrange strolls of about 2 miles followed by a cuppa. These take place on the first Tuesday mornings in the month at 10.30am.

If you would like to be put on our contact list pass your details to Geoff Fogg joanfogg@btinternet.com 0161 430 3517 or Shirley Hammond chairman@mbmu3a.org.uk or 0161 366 8223

Don't forget your bus pass in case we need to ride back!

Bring a drink with you over the summer months!

Tuesday 1st August Shirley Hammond chairman@mbmu3a.org.uk or 0161 366 8223

Meet on Alexandra Street, Hyde SK14 1EY. Directions: To Romiley, turn right into Sandy Lane, Pennine Road. At end turn right onto Hyde Road and continue to the T junction at the traffic lights, turn left into Market Street and then second left into Church Street. Keep travelling straight on into Woodend Lane (which becomes an unmade road), over the railway bridge and turn right into Alexandra Street. There is lots of parking on either side of the road. Meet at the junction with Woodend Lane.

The Walk - Join me for a shaded stroll under trees. Strolling along the Peak Forrest Canal, keeping our eyes open for wildlife as well as canal barges, up a very short gradual incline up Apethorn Lane to the Trans Pennine Way (railway/walkway). Then back through top Hyde to the cars.

Approximately one and a half hours

Possibly a cuppa and chat after the stroll.

Tuesday September 5th Jenny Summers 0161 427 2861

Meet at Mellor Parish Church Car Park at 10.30am - From Marple Bridge take the road to Mellor, up Longhurst Lane, and just before the Devonshire Arms turn left into Church Road. Follow the winding road up to the church car park.

Anyone needing a lift from Marple Bridge please contact the organiser.

The Walk - This is a linear country stroll right towards Chatterton Lane, Rowarth, the path may be muddy and uneven in places so good walking shoes are advised. The views towards Kinder Downfall and surrounding areas are quite spectacular.

On the return we have the opportunity to view the archaeological site at Mellor Old Vicarage which has found evidence of a Hill Fort dating from the Iron Age (around 500-1000 BC), and later occupation by the Romans (around 180AD). St Thomas' church itself is worth a visit, again with spectacular views over Marple Bridge.

The Devonshire Arms at the bottom of the hill is now open following refurbishment for a cuppa.

Tuesday October 3rd 2017. Geoff Fogg joanfogg@btinternet.com . Telephone 0161 430 3517

Meet at Stockport Sports Village, Woodley, SK6 1QX. The Large Car park at 10.30am.

Directions from Marple - through Romiley turn right at the Cow and Calf, follow the road to the traffic lights and turn right by St Marks Church, take the second left at the Woodley Arms and follow the signs for the above.

The Walk. - Initially there is a gradual downhill slope, then over the bridge taking the path alongside the River Tame to the Denton boundary. The path is reasonably flat, good underfoot with a couple of seats for a rest. Then turn left along Stockport Road, left along Arden Road, which is fairly flat but cobbled and along Turner Lane. Further along this stretch is a small climb of about 30 meters with uneven ground and could be wet, lastly a nice gentle stroll back to The Sports Village.

Approximately one and a half hours

Possible a cuppa and chat at Star Point Cafe, Woodley

We need some of you to arrange strolls from November onwards. Please speak to Geoff Fogg. If you have a basic idea he will give you assistance to plan a stroll. Remember we only stroll 2-3 kilometers

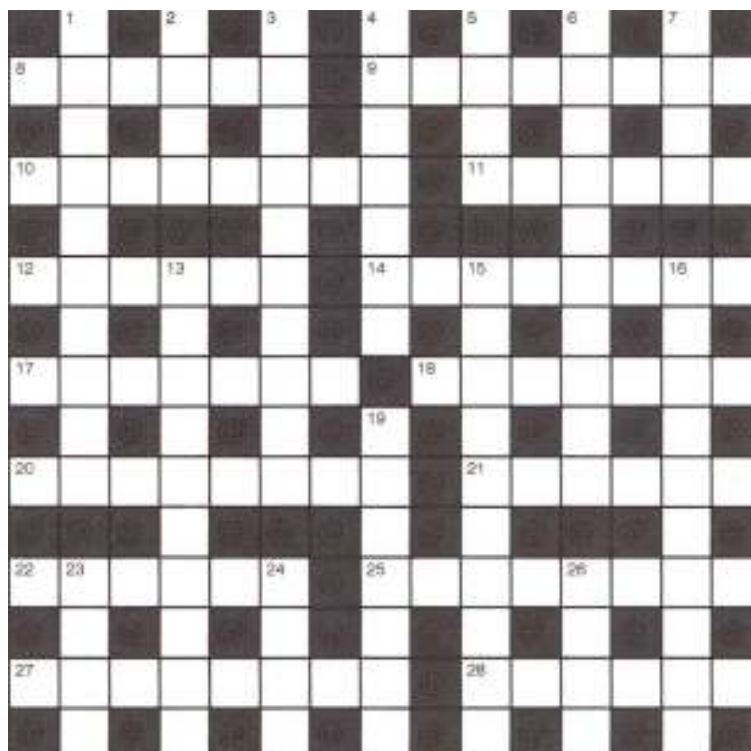
Shirley Hammond

Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

Clues across

Geoff Heath

- 8 Gracie takes part in game of cricket (6)
 9 Setter in turmoil about return on investment (8)
 10 Worried cadet due to be trained (8)
 11 Musicians in Scotland, reported in London press (6)
 12 Rare find in Jacqueline's car - cello (6)
 14 Cooks gain whelk. Not hard; it's a delicate creature (8)
 17 Pacifies, but everyone can always let millions scream, to start with (7)
 18 High-principled Beth; I called her to come inside (7)
 20 Vacant, starving and sick at heart (8)
 21 Government confuses emigré (6)
 22 Fish around right ditch (6)
 25 All of a sudden wildly lash a fin (2,1,5)
 27 I meant swapping places with me just for now (8)
 28 Corrected draft. It's held by two responsible for the task (6)



Clues down

- 1 Discern new strange part of car (10)
 2 Obstruct no end of nations in an alliance (4)
 3 At constant temperature, how is other malt contained? (10)
 4 Order old wine and have a rest (3,4)
 5 Cats, dogs etc return, marching in this? (4)
 6 Driving forward to support the Spanish fish (10)
 7 Sure to become a drug addict (4)

Clues down (cont)

- 13 In a tizz I rang Nigel setting things straight (2-8)
 15 Ten alerts, a change for those in between (10)
 16 Stingy girls are almost successes (4,6)
 19 I'd dream about being revered (7)
 23 Regrets being not quite sure (4)
 24 Head covering, eh? Wavier even! (4)
 26 Leading lion alone is resting in den (4)

Meetings - FUTURE SPEAKERS

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|-----------|---------------|--|
| 18 July | Ian Cheeseman | "The best Job in the World" - A BBC reporter |
| 15 August | Charity Event | In aid of Mercy Ships |
| 19 Sept | Penny Dean | "Small in a Tall Person's World." |

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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the road up the church or
the vicarage as access is
required to these buildings
at all times

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Crossword Solution
Across 8 Fields; 9 Interest; 10 Educated; 11 Pipers;
12 Scarce; 14 Weakling; 17 Becalms; 18 Ethical
20 Unfilled; 21 Regime; 22 Trench; 25 In a Flash;
27 Meantime; 28 Edited.
Down: 1 Windscreen; 2 Bloc; 3 Isothermal; 4 Lie down;
5 Step; 6 Propelling; 7 User; 13 Re-aligning;
15 Alternates; 16 Near misses; 19 Admitted; 23 Rues;
24 Hair; 26 Lair.

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