

Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A NEWSLETTER

Sept 2017



The University of the Third Age
Reg. Charity No. 1104944

Chairman's Chatter

What a superb "Summer Charity Event" again this year. We were raising money for Mercy Ships and have raised almost £1000 on the morning. With the additional money that has already been raised from Book, CD, DVD etc. sales, along with any other funds raised this year we will have a total of well over this £1000. Thank you to all of you who helped in any way with the event, to those who donated and especially to the ones who attended and made it into the successful event it became. We will be presenting a cheque to a representative of Mercy Ships at the beginning of the September meeting.

There will be another raffle starting at the September meeting with some art and textile picture prizes that have been donated. This will be drawn at the Christmas celebration. Raffle tickets will be available at the general meetings or from any member of the committee.

We are having a coffee morning on October 24th. 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. Many of our groups will be represented and people can find out about the breadth of experiences we offer. This is a chance for our members to share information about our U3A with other members and non-members.

I have been approached by the British Legion to sell poppies at our October General meeting and have a collection box for their charity. I have agreed to do this and hope that you will be willing to support them. Apparently a "splinter group" has separated from the Stockport group and is hoping to raise the profile of the British Legion in Marple and the surrounding areas.

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

Another date you need to note is the Christmas celebration meeting. We have brought it forward to **December 12th**. It should have been the 19th, but the closeness to Christmas Day was causing some difficulties with the organisation. Tickets will be on sale at the October meeting.

Shirley Hammond

Coffee Morning - Tuesday 24th October

St Paul's Church Hall - 10 am

Come along and bring your friends.

Admission is Free - Donations to this years charity 'Mercy Ships' would be appreciated
Many of our Group Leaders will be there to show what their groups do and when they meet

Dining Group

Thank you to everybody who has joined us for our recent meal experiences.

Forthcoming Events

Evening Meal on Wednesday 20th September at New Mills Golf Club

7.00 for 7.30 £21

Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 18th October at Wyevale Garden Centre 2.30 £8.

Bookings will be taken in September. We will be asking for the full amount at the time of booking.

Christmas Evening Meal on 6th December at The Midway Stockport

(We have booked the private function room overlooking the river Goyt)

7.00 for 7.30 £22. Bookings will start to be taken at the September 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

Remembrance Sunday - 12th November

St Paul's Church Compstall - 10.45 am

Come along and support our Chairman, Shirley Hammond who will be laying a wreath on behalf of our U3A

We will be selling Poppies on behalf of The British Legion Appeal at our October Meeting

Outings Group

Thursday 23rd November TATTON HALL AND LUNCH

The coach is fully booked for this trip and we have 3 places left for anyone who could travel independently at a price of £30 p.p. (plus £6 parking charge).

Please contact the organiser, J. Summers, on 427 2861 for further details.

Polite reminder: As there are 67 members booked we have a group timed entry into the Mansion of 11.15am; this is to ensure that all members from MB&M are present. Our dining entry time is 1.00pm into the Tenants Hall; the tables are reserved for us but seats are not - so please be flexible.

Future Outings for 2018

After the General Meeting on 17th October we wish to hold a short meeting in the Library to discuss possible outings for 2018. As you see below, already a start has been made with the April venue. All U3A members are welcome to attend - your input would be valued.

Thursday 26th April CHINA'S FIRST EMPEROR and the TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

We now have a date but so far no price for the Museum entry. We have had a huge response and if your name is on our list your place is assured. We shall have two coaches; one direct from Rose Hill Station and another collecting at the usual pickup bus stops. Further details as and when we have them.

11th June 2018 LAKE MAGGIORE AND EXCURSIONS by boat and coach,

staying at the Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

The group tour operator, Greatdays Holidays, as a 7 day holiday in the Italian Lakes flying from Manchester. The price for double occupancy on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis will be in the region of £870 p.p. with a single supplement of around £150pp. If you are interested more details will be available and a provisional booking can be made at the Outings Desk at the General meeting, 19th September.

There will be a minimum number required.

Guernsey Trip - Traffic Jam In Sark



Walking Group

Oct/Nov Walks

Group Organisers/Co-ordinators

Sue Ward - 0161 312 162

Judith Lynch 0161 449 7507

Wed 4th Oct	Longnor	5.5 miles	Moderate	Irene Riley
Tues 10th Oct	Dove Stone & Yeoman Hey Reservoir	5 miles	Easy +	Judith Lynch
Wed 18th Oct	From Peak Forest	5 miles	Moderate	Sheila Stafford
Tues 24th Oct	Moorside around Furness Vale	5/6 miles	Moderate	Irene Riley
Wed 1st Nov	Werneth Low to Broadbottom	6 miles	Moderate	Val & Roy Bradshaw
Tues 7th Nov	Bollington/Saddle of Kerridge/White Nancy	5 miles	Moderate	Judy Rhodes
Wed 15th Nov	Lyme park to Macclesfield Canal	5.5 miles	Easy.	Sue Ward

Please note NT cards needed for free car parking.

Wed 22nd Nov	Local walk t.b.c.	5/6 miles	Moderate	John Bloor
Tues 28th Nov	Rudyard Reservoir, near Leek	6 miles	Easy +	Judith Lynch

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 over the summer months!

Despite the showers in September Jenny took us on a short expedition around the Mellor "Dig" and the surrounding area. We then enjoyed a hot drink and some lunch at the Devonshire Arms.

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

Tuesday November 7th Jenny Summers 0161 427 2861 (Postponed from September)

Meet at St Thomas' Church, Mellor SK6 5LX car park @ 10.30 am. 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.

We need some of you to arrange strolls from December 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

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.

'Cinderella' (Malcolm Bourne) at The Lowry on March 15th 2018

Ticket only £42, ticket and coach £50

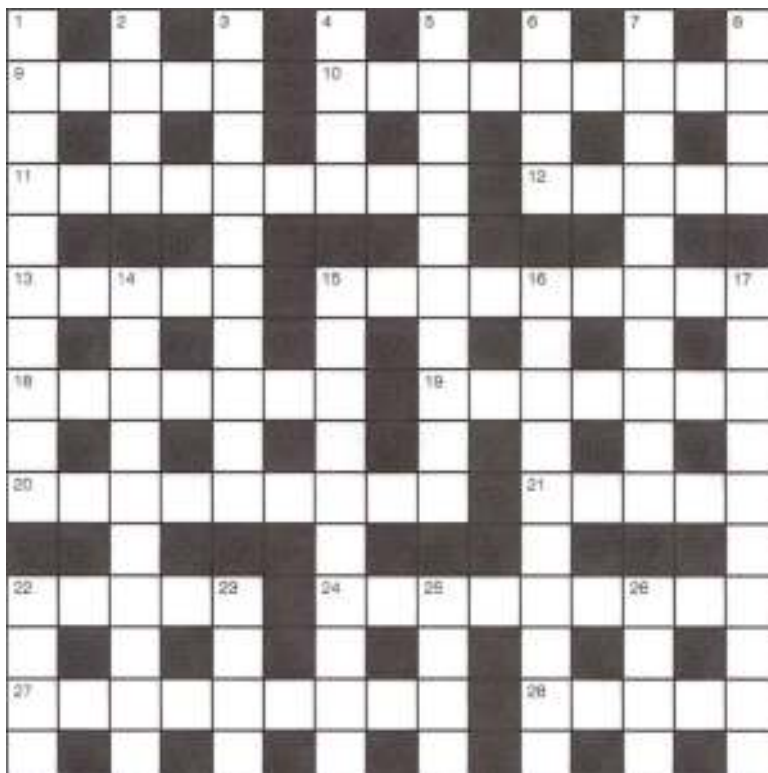


Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

Geoff Heath

Clues across

- 9 Strange degree for a dance (5)
 10 These won't work with a sharpening device (9)
 11 Longing for past times lost again, perhaps (9)
 12 Son is silly; no guts and a cry-baby (5)
 13 In Skegness, Lothario isn't a fast mover (5)
 15 Introducing short hairstyling is being economical (9)
 18 Eva getting back with intense anger is mean (7)
 19 Insect has girl retreating from appendage on its head (7)
 20 The brewer-up let ET take refreshment (3-6)
 21 Grub is right inside volcanic rock (5)
 22 Begin cheering loudly once wizard nosedives.
 He makes us laugh! (5)
 24 Uncle took port - worryingly overweight (9)
 27 Segregate arrangement of chocolate confection (6,3)
 28 Measuring device reveals gold in broken egg (5)



Clues down

- 1 Frank chats about important component in car engine (10)
 2 First Irish MPs could be little devils (4)
 3 Appear rash strangely to re-word passage (10)
 4 Booty was awfully good (4)
 5 Rate pirate suspect and return to native country (10)
 6 Demands a sharper knife, smiling at first (4)
 7 Follows meal, dressed up like this (4,6)
 8 Refuse some handmade nylons (4)

Clues down (cont)

- 14 Arouse hope in production at musical venue (5,5)
 15 Shows held up on the bridge (10)
 16 Applied science to me and tall guy confused about redhead (10)
 17 Secured, wandering under a gate (10)
 22 What the cock did for rowers? (4)
 23 Want to work dough, we hear (4)
 25 Cross when road goes alternately (4)
 26 Original emotive trinkets uncovered in little box (4)

Meetings - FUTURE SPEAKERS

- 19 Sept Penny Dean "Small in a Tall Person's World."
 17 Oct Judith Wilshaw "Compstall and Cooperation."
 21 Nov Simon Webb "Why we still need orchestras in a rapidly changing 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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Announcements

It is with great regret that we record the death of one of our members, Hilda Needle.
We sent our sincere sympathies to all her Family

Important Notice

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.

Please note -

the new address of
U3A National Office

The Third Age Trust
52 Lant Street
London SE1 1RB

Telephone number will remain
the same - 020 8466 6139

Crossword Solution
Across 9 Rumba; 10 Whetstone; 11 Nostalgia; 12 Sissy;
13 Slot; 15 Scrimping; 18 Average; 19 Antenna; 20 Tea-
kettle; 21 Larva; 22 Clown; 24 Corpulent; 27 Easter eggs;
28 Gauge.
Down: 1 Crankshaft; 2 Imps; 3 Paraphrase; 4 Swag;
5 Repatriate; 6 Asks; 7 Dog's Dinner; 8 Deny;
14 Opera House; 15 Spectacles; 16 Metallurgy;
17 Guaranteed; 22 Crew; 23 Need; 25 Rage; 26 Etni.

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

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**All contributions for the next edition of the Newsletter
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