

## Chairman's Chatter

Welcome to the latest edition of our bi-monthly newsletter and the arrival of the much awaited Spring weather and some brightness in our gardens at last. Hopefully, many of our groups will be resuming their outdoor activities!

It is the time when new projects and building repairs are started and I need to draw everyone's attentions to the major work which the Church will be undertaking very soon to stabilize the building structure and secure it for the future. Work should start in May and continue into August; if all goes to plan. The Church has asked that we do not park outside the Church hall during that period and to park at Etherow, which is the nearest alternative. Other members may be able to organise car sharing, come by bus or organise to be dropped off instead. We thank you in advance for your co-operation regarding this matter.

The committee have been discussing plans for the year and after much interest among our membership as a whole we have decided to adopt the North West Dwarf Sports Association as our charity this year. Penny Dean, who is one of their representatives came to speak to us last year and engaged us with her very humorous and lively presentation. Normally this event would take place in August but we have decided to change it to September 18th. 2018 in case the building work is delayed, so please put that date in your diaries.

Taking on the role of chairman has been a slightly daunting task, but I have an excellent committee to help who I'm sure will steer me in the right direction. Everyone has made me feel very welcome already.

The success of our U3A is based on the contributions of individuals who engage in running groups and carry out a wide range of tasks, from serving coffee to putting away chairs at the end of meetings. Without all this help and goodwill our U3A would not be thriving in the way it is. Thank you to everyone who helps in even the smallest tasks and continues to give their support. It is very much appreciated.

When I started U3A, approx- 7 years ago I didn't really know anyone at the meetings but I often sat next to people who just started to talk to me and introduced themselves. It made me feel much more comfortable and welcome. As time went by I joined various groups, and got to know a wider range of people. So, if you happen to be sitting next to someone new, then do start a conversation and introduce yourself - who knows where it may lead?

Clare Gwilym

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## Outings Group

On 26th April we had a very successful outing to the Terracotta Warriors exhibition at the World Museum, Liverpool. It was beautifully presented, not only the warriors but many artefacts of the period and before it ends in October we urge members not to miss this wonderful event- even if you have seen the 'real thing' in Xian!

## Future Outings

### Tuesday, 22nd May **BODNANT GARDENS AND LLANDUDNO**

Fully booked with a waiting list. If interested speak to organiser, Hazel Bhatt.

### Thursday 19th July **BUXTON AND AFTERNOON TEA AT ARICHI BIANCHI**

Spaces available and, if interested, speak to Joan Fogg.

### Friday 10th August - **SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW**

Spaces available and, if interested, speak to Jenny Summers.

## Outings Planned

### Thursday, 6th September - **NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM AND GARDENS**

With guides and optional sandwich lunch.

This recently renovated complex is a fascinating combination of historical, archaeological and natural beauty. The medieval monastic ruins, the thousands of artefacts from Norton's 900 year old history and its beautiful walled garden make it a delightful day's outing. Hope you are able to join us.

Booking: 19th June General meeting. Organiser: Jenny Summers

Price: £18 p.p. (optional sandwich lunch tea/coffee + £4.50pp= £22.50)

Leaving: 9.15 am with usual pickups.

### Thursday, 3rd October - **NATIONAL MINING MUSEUM**

A visit to this fascinating museum near Wakefield, including an opportunity to go underground and to see what mining life was really like.

Cost: £17 per person, including coach, entry to museum, underground tour, coffee on arrival and driver's gratuity.

First booking: Tuesday 19th June meeting and thereafter contact the organiser. Simon Temple

### Monday, 3rd December **CHRISTMAS AT CHATSWORTH**

A return visit was requested to this ever popular festive country House, gardens and Christmas market this year (over 100 stalls) and we have provisionally booked a number of tickets. The theme will be announced in September but they request a £200 deposit by 30th June to secure our timed entrance (3.00 p.m.) to the House. We are unable to fit in a visit to the farm this year.

We will leave Rose Hill at 9.45 am, the usual pickups and return from Chatsworth leaving at 4.15p.m.

Price: £32 p.p., incl. coach, self guided tour of House, driver's gratuity.

Booking : 15th May General Meeting.

and thereafter contact the organiser Jenny Summers (427 2861)

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## Local Theatre Group

There are no theatre bookings now until September when the 2018-19 theatre season starts. Look out for the details in the September newsletter.

Thanks, Carol

## 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 david.hammond60@btinternet.com or 0161 366 8223

Don't forget your bus pass in case we need to ride back! Bring a drink over the summer months!

### Tuesday June 5th. Jenny Summers 0161 427 2861

Stroll along part of the Sett Valley Trail to Hayfield. Bus passes needed

Meet at the bus stop by Costa Coffee at the Hollins Precinct in Marple Centre in plenty of time to catch the 10.00am bus number 358. Don't forget your bus pass. As the busses are every hour please do not be late. We will take the bus through New Mills to the Grouse Hotel stop, Birch Vale.

#### The Stroll

After leaving the bus we will stroll down a short path onto the Sett Valley Trail. Then we will go along the trail towards Hayfield. (Approximately 1 mile). After about 15 minutes we will join the Bluebell Woods Trail, a short diversion near Hayfield. Hopefully there will be a good display of bluebells. When we arrive in Hayfield you have the choice between returning to Marple on the next bus or to exploring the village and its surroundings staying for a cuppa or even for lunch! The fish and chips are recommended.

The return buses are every hour at half past the hour from the carpark in the centre of the village.

Jenny will be able to give us some guidance on our arrival.

This is very easy strolling on the flat trail.

### Tuesday July 3rd Sue Norcross 0161 494 1195

Meet at the Hare and Hounds Carpark, Werneth Low, at 10.30am. We will be able to enjoy some refreshments there later.

#### The Stroll

A stroll around Werneth Low, taking in the breath taking views across the whole of our area. The actual route is yet to be organized.

### Tuesday August 7th Geoff Fogg 0161 430 3517

Meet in the Carpark at Wyvale Garden Centre at 10.30am. We can enjoy a cuppa in their café at the end of the stroll.

#### The Stroll

The stroll will take in the Well Dressing at Chadkirk Church. Details yet to be arranged.

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

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## Zumba Gold Class

Please note there will be no class on Friday morning 25th May.

We will resume on 8th June. Emma, our instructor, is on holiday.

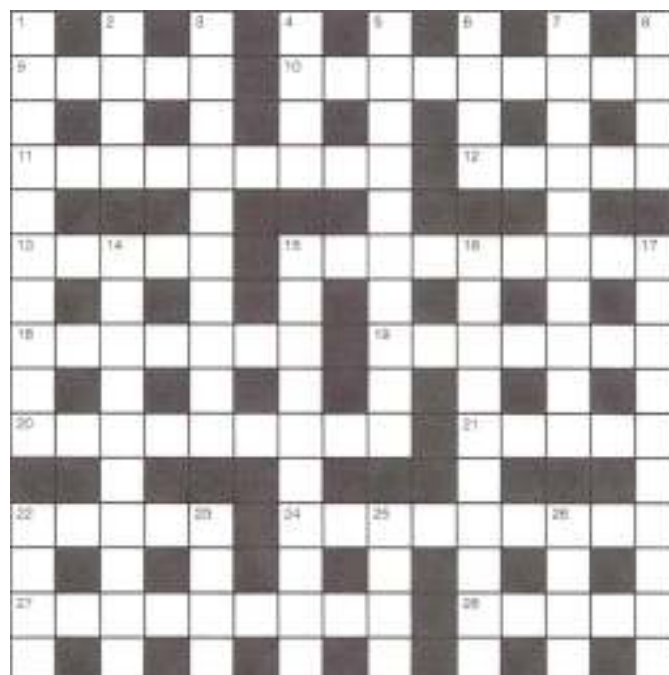
While the building works are going on please find alternative parking.

# Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

Sheila Stafford

## Clues across

9. A self-evident truth – one kiss and I'm in love. No quite the opposite. (5)
10. Fine leg, not the first with exotic tan and no refinement(9)
11. Amongst other things I translate Latin era. (5,4)
12. Initially rub oil and salt through, then cook. (5)
13. Water flows constrained by foetid estuary. (5)
15. Ursula.org can be very effusive. (9)
18. Manages to pay for a loud car with last of savings. (7)
19. Heard a sailor attack. (7)
20. Pen attachment to letter. (9)
21. March-past before May this month. (5)
22. Please repeat about drug grain. (5)
24. Broadmoor designed a meeting place. (9)
27. Sold alternative education. (9)
28. Synthetic material used in many London fashion houses(5)



## Clues down

1. Stratagem I worked out for magistrate. (10)
2. It's what prompts Spring cleaning when tired somehow and lacking energy. (4)
3. Sponsor og musical orchestrates I'm Sir Opera! (10)
4. Topless talent for shoot. (4)
5. Tear pirate to bits and send him home. (10)
6. Your efforts are recognised, leading for 12 months. (4)
7. For example, librarian and curate got goal – played well! (10)
8. Reinstate the correction from the finest etchings. (4)

## Clues down (cont)

14. Lacking decency if I get upset. (10)
15. Berating us for making a type of combustion engine. (3,7)
16. Honest! Both feet on the ground. (10)
17. Hamlet was paid off with one. (10)
22. You and I cut short – a sign of friction. (4)
23. End of story broadcast. (4)
25. Helps out if I get involved with commercials. (4)
26. Obnoxious individual heading to empty lorry is obsequious. (4)

## Meetings -FUTURE SPEAKERS

15 May	Veronica Bird	"From Prison to Palace"
19 June	Charlotte Newson	" An Artist's Journey"
17 July	Geoff Scargill	"Miracle in Manchester"

(John Barbirolli and the Manchester Halle Orchestra)

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 show your Membership Card and have the entrance fee ready (preferably as a £1 coin)*
- \* *You must show your membership card at all U3A events, including groups.*
- \* *Please use the Etherow Country Car Park*
- \* *Please remember to bring and buy books and C.D's at the monthly meetings.*

## Dining Group



Thank you to everybody who has joined us for our recent meal experiences  
The Lunch at the Sportsman in March was well attended and enjoyed, Thank you to Pat and Nazir for organising it.  
The evening meal at Il Pepe Nero was so popular I have been asked to organise another visit in the New Year.

### Forthcoming Events

**An Evening Meal at Mellor and Townscliff Golf Club on Thursday 17th May**  
Three Courses plus Tea or Regular Coffee £20

**A lunch Time Cruise on a Narrow Boat on Wednesday 27th June**  
Leaving from Whaley Bridge. Hot pot and Apple pie for £18. (This is a fund raising event for the CHRISTIE HOSPITAL.)

**An Evening Meal at the Stables Restaurant Gee Cross Hyde on 25th July**  
Three course Meal £22. Bookings will be taken at the May 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*

## Walking Group

"We have been dogged by some bad weather this year, but the group has still gone out on most of the programmed dates. However, we've also had good weather days, including a walk in March over Alderley Edge from Nether Alderley. It was a pity that so few turned up, but those that did enjoyed splendid views and various places of interest en route. We began at the Old water mill and walked by the beautiful sandstone church in Nether Alderley, before climbing very gently up to The Edge, from where the photo was taken. The circular route of about 5 miles was quite easy and the glorious sunshine added to the enjoyment.

We have a new programme in place with lots of variety and hope that the walks will be well attended through the forthcoming months. We alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays and new members are always welcome."



## Jun / July Walks

*Group Organisers/Co-ordinators*

*Jean Mitchell 0161 221 2304  
Judith Lynch 0161 449 7507*

Wed June 6th	Rainow/Teggs Nose	5m	Moderate	Jean Mitchell
Tues June 12t	Glossop	5-6m	Moderate	Irene Riley
Wed June 20th	Buxton	5m	Moderate	Sheila Stafford
Tues June 26th	Styal Woods	5m	Easy+	Val and Roy Bradshaw
Wed July 4th	Tittesworth Reservoir (D)	5m	Moderate	Judith Lynch
Tues July 10th	Whitehough/Eccles Pike	4m	Moderate	Judy Rhodes
Wed July 18th	Park Bridge/Daisy Nook	5m	Moderate	John Bloor
Tues July 24th	Bollington	5.5m	Moderate	Sue Ward

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

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Crossword Solution  
Across 9.axiom 10.Inlegant 11.inter alia 12.Roast  
13.Tides 15.Garrulous 18.affords 19.assault 20.Enclosure  
21 April 22.Wheat 24.Boardroom 27.Auctioned 28.anylon  
Down 1.magistrate 2.Dirt 3.Impresario 4.Kill  
5.Repartrate 6.Year 7.catalogue 8.set 14.Deficiency  
15.gas turbine 16.Upstanding 17.Settlement 22.wear  
23.fall 25.Aids 26.oily

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