

## *Chairman's Chatter*

Welcome to our latest newsletter - I hope that you are all enjoying the wonderful weather and making the most of all the activities that our U3A has to offer. A group have recently returned from a successful trip to Italy, and I know that some exciting trips are planned for the future. The outings group have secured some tickets for 'The Producers' in the new year, so events planning for next year is well underway.

A recent speaker made the comment that 'you can tell this is a thriving U3A' and expressed surprise at the large audience in attendance at our meetings and when she saw the list of activities available she was even more astonished. I explained that it was due to the number of members who make their homes available and run the interest groups - everything really is a joint effort. It is inevitable that some groups have to close or group leaders change but we always seem to manage to enlist new members to take over.

It isn't always the running of groups that we need help with - occasional help is just as important. We will be running our usual charity event in September and if you can assist with any of the stalls or just be available on the day, it will be much appreciated. Just contact anyone on the committee to let them know you will be available. Penny Dean, who represents the North West Dwarf Sports Association, will be coming to talk to us at that event and all the money raised will go towards assisting their work.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has avoided parking outside the church while the work continues - it will be for a while longer unfortunately, but they do hope to finish in August. Let's hope the fine weather will help them.

*Clare Gwilym*

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# **Open Meeting & Grand Charity Event**

**Tuesday 18th September  
St Paul's Church Hall Compstall  
10am to 12 noon**

**in Aid of North West Dwarf Sports**

**£1.00 entrance (includes coffee and biscuits)**

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

**Crafts - Plants -Homemade Product - Cards - Fun Activities**

*Come along and bring your friends*

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## ZUMBA GOLD CLASS

We are looking forward to members returning to this gentle exercise class with Emma, our instructor.  
Time: 10.00 -10.45 am price: £2.50 p.p.

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## Outings Group

### Future Outings

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

Fully booked but if you would like to be added to our reserve list please contact organiser,  
*Jenny Summers. Details in the May newsletter*

#### Thurs 6th September - NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM AND GARDENS

There are 6 places left on this trip. If you are interested contact the organiser, Jenny Summers, and thereafter we will have a reserve list. Please note there is a price change from the May newsletter.  
Cost of visit including tea/coffee on arrival £19.50 p.p. (optional sandwich+cake, tea/coffee lunch £5.50 p.p.) = £25.00p.p.

#### Thursday, 3rd October - NATIONAL MINING MUSEUM , Wakefield.

This is a fascinating indoor/outdoor mining museum dedicated to one of the iconic industries of our heritage. There is the opportunity to experience working conditions underground with a hard hat and an experienced ex-miner for a guide. Cost : £17 p.p. including coach, entry to museum and grounds, underground tour (optional), coffee and driver's gratuity.

*Organiser : Simon Temple for further details*

#### Monday, 3rd December - CHRISTMAS AT CHATSWORTH HOUSE

- fully booked with a waiting list and if interested contact organiser Jenny Summers

### Outings Planned

#### Thursday, 24th January 2019 @ 2.30 p.m. - THE PRODUCERS @ THE ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE, MANCHESTER.

Better late than never !

When we had a backstage tour in February 2017 it was agreed to organise a visit to a production at this wonderful theatre and so we have provisionally booked seats for THE PRODUCERS, their Christmas award winning musical. (Pre-Christmas seats were sold out). Hilarious and lots of fun, the tickets all in row E on the ground level will be £34.50 p.p. (group price).

Booking: Tuesday, 17th July General meeting and thereafter contact the organiser, Jenny Summers.  
Please note: make your own travel arrangements into Manchester.

## Our Outings Group trip to Lake Maggorie, Italy



"Having a triumph ascent up to the Mt Mottarone, some of us have to sit down to recover !!"

An evening meal after a very interesting day

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### 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](mailto:joanfogg@btinternet.com) 0161 430 3517 or Shirley Hammond [david.hammond60@btinternet.com](mailto: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 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 will take in the Well Dressing at Chadkirk Church.

### Tuesday 4th September Pam & David Taylor Tel.0161 449 9996

Meet 10-30am outside the Regent cinema in Marple.

We will walk through Memorial Park down to the Peak Forest Canal tow path towards Romiley. On the way we cross the Marple aqueduct which spans the river Goyt. Looking to our right we will see the very impressive viaduct, which crosses the valley. This carries the railway between Manchester and Sheffield. We continue along the tow path until we arrive at the entrance to Hyde Bank tunnel where we leave the canal and climb a series of steps to Hyde Bank. We then continue for a quarter of a mile into Romiley village, where we will stop for refreshments before catching the bus or train back to Marple.

Mileage approximately 2 miles.

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

# Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

Sheila Stafford

## Clues across

4. Is in possession of most of intoxicating resin. (3)
7. Bachelors leave this place of learning. (10)
9. Give up, at first quickly under intense torment. (4)
10. Sort out Faith and God there to enjoy mature life. (2,3,5,3)
11. Pulse starts beating erratically at night. (4)
13. Tall perennial – the point is, a collection of antiques. (5)
14. Dutch cheese is made differently. (4)
15. A temp school shop orders oculists' instruments. (15)
18. Move to and fro, backwards, right? Maybe with a West country accent. (4)
19. Group outside activities safely in shade initially. (5)
21. Recording of odd tramp set. (4)
23. Graduate stormed actual race, taking drug to get qualification. (13)
25. Working with Church at one time. (4)
26. Metal units were designed just before the deadline. (4,6)
27. Cruel loss of a hundred and fifty. A cause of regret. (3)

## Clues down

1. Yours truly supports popular firm for earnings. (6)
2. Old city bloke calling for immediate attention. (6)
3. Flower girl to give her answer after the end of September. (10,5)
4. They add real notes, even to fitting nozzles. (7)
5. Uncool, but nothing in rot factor. (6,4)
6. Ignited European with speed of letters. (8)



*Apologies for the bad reproduction of the grid*

## Clues down (cont)

8. Carefully check the soldier back from the wars. (3)
12. Bird – headbanger! (10)
16. Choice singer is sorting out the pipework. (8)
17. A bad role model, but charming. (8)
20. Look in blueish rim pot for small fry. (6)
22. Attractive pet? Try hybrid. (6)
24. Leader Alan watches Nora bristle. (3)

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## Meetings - FUTURE SPEAKERS

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| 17 July   | Geoff Scargill | "Miracle in Manchester"<br>(John Barbirolli and the Manchester Halle Orchestra)   |
| 21 August | Graham Short   | "Hands of a Genius"<br>(He has been an Engraver to the Queen and he is responsible for engraving Jane Austin's face on four of the new £5 notes.) |

## 18 September Open Meeting & Grand Charity Event

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.*

## Matinee Group

It has already been announced that the matinee group will close after their trip in August. We would like to thank all those involved for their hard work, over many years and we know that their trips have brought much pleasure and enjoyment to our members.



Unfortunately in the light of changing rules and regulations imposed by the Charities Commission and U3A National Office the group could not continue to run in its present form.

Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A Committee

## Dining Group

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

I have been told the lunch trip on the narrow boat raising money for CHRISTIES hospital was a great success we raised £215 pounds. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

## Forthcoming Events

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

September An evening at the Lamb Inn Chinley on 19th September 6.00 for 6.30  
Three courses for £15 Bookings will be taken at the July meeting.



£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

"The sunny weather has provided us with perfect conditions for our walks recently and we have made the best of it. One delightful route took us from Wild Boar Clough to Three Shire's Head, which is a very scenic place where Derbyshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire meet. The quaint pretty bridges mark the county boundaries. We all thoroughly enjoyed the outing, the wonderful views and the excellent picnic spot.



We have lots of interesting venues coming up on the next programme. Previous and new walkers are always welcome. "

## Aug/Sept Walks

Group

Organisers/Co-ordinators

Jean Mitchell 0161 221 2304

Wed Aug 1st	Mellor/Mill Brow	5m	Moderate	Jean Mitchell
Tues Aug 7th	Goyt Valley	5m	Moderate	Val and Roy Bradshaw
Wed Aug 15th	Reddish Vale	5m	Easy	Sue Ward
Wed Aug 22nd	TBA			John Bloor
Tues Aug 28th	Stoney Middleton	5m	Moderate	Sheila Stafford
Wed Sept 5th	Goyt Valley	5m	Moderate	Judith Lynch
Tues Sept 11th	Chadkirk	5m	Easy	Val and Roy Bradshaw
Wed Sept 19th	Glossop	5-6m	Moderate	Irene Riley
Tues Sept 25th	Cracken Edge	4.5m	Moderate	Judy Rhodes

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

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Crossword Solution  
Across 4. has 7. university 9. quit 10. of the third age  
11. bean 13. teen 14. edam 15. ophthalmoscopes  
18. burr 19. oasis 21. tape 23. bacalalareate  
25. once 26. last minute 27. rue  
Down 1. income 2. urgent 3. Michaelmas daisy  
4. hydrants 5. square root 6. literate 8. vet  
12. nutcracker 16. plumbing 17. adorable 20. shrimp  
22. pretty 24. awn

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**All contributions for the next edition of the Newsletter should be received no later than Wednesday 5th Sept**