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Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A NEWSLETTER Jan.2019

Wishing you all a Happy & Properous New Year

Chairman's Chatter

We have had another successful year at our U3A and our groups are thriving, so I would like to send best wishes to everyone for the New Year and especially the group leaders for providing such a wonderful range of opportunities.

I was searching for a suitable quote with which to start the New Year, but so many of them seemed too romantic and idealistic to ring true. However, I did come across one which seemed appropriate for our U3A and which I include below.

' I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes , then you are making new things, trying new things, knowing, living, pushing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before and more importantly , you're doing something. '

Neil Gaiman - artist & author

There are lots of plans for the New Year already in place, with some excellent outings planned and a holiday to the Scilly Isles, to mention only two possibilities.

You may already be aware, as I have mentioned at previous meetings, that the committee will be changing, as various people come to the end of their terms of office. With this in mind we are hoping to persuade some new people to join us on the committee to bring in fresh ideas and new approaches. **Nomination forms are available from members of the existing committee for you to nominate someone but you must seek their approval first**

We will be announcing the final total for our charity effort, last year, which has already raised a substantial sum for the North West Dwarf Sports Association.

Finally , I would like to send best wishes to Jenny Summers, a committee member and our current Outings organiser who was admitted to hospital just before Christmas. She is now home and we wish her a speedy and through recovery.

Clare Gwilym

Notice of Annual General Meeting 19th February 2019, St Paul's Church Hall, Compstall

The meeting will begin with a speaker at 10-15am and the AGM Business meeting will follow at 11-15am

Any questions which anyone wishes to raise in "Any Other Business" must be submitted in writing to the Secretary by 5th February, to allow for any necessary research for information

Agenda

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Approval of the minutes of the 2018 AGM
- 3 Chairman's Report
- 4 Treasurer's Report
- 5 Appointment of Independant Examiner of the Accounts
- 6 Election of New Treasurer
- 7 Election of Vice Chairman
- 8 Election of New Committee Members
- 9 Members Annual Subscription for 2020
- 10 Any Other Business
- 11 Votes of Thanks
- 12 Formal Conclusion of the AGM

Third Age Matters - The National Magazine of the U3A

See information on the last page of the Newsletter

Outings Group

2019 Outings

Thurs 24th January 2:30pm. The Producer at the Royal Exchange Theatre

(make own travel arrangements into Manchester). Fully booked.

Organiser ..Hazel Bhatt tel 07808809795

Wed 6th March A visit to Dewlay of Garstang

(Family run cheesemaking diary farm) and lunch at the Barnes garden centre, Scorton near Garstang. On arrival at the Dewlay you will receive welcome refreshments in the conference hall where the story of the Dewlay will be explained followed by a guided tour along the viewing gallery. Afterwards there will be cheese tasting back in the conference hall. Lunch at the Barnes garden centre is booked for 2pm. There is a choice from the lunch time menu or afternoon tea (£14.95 pp).

Booking will take place at the January and February general meetings. Cost £20 pp for the coach and an entry fee for the Dewlay, plus £14.95 with the afternoon tea option.

Organiser... Hazel Bhatt (07808809795).

Thurs. 16th May 2.30pm .West Side Story at the Royal Exchange Theatre

Please make your own travel arrangements into Manchester.

Cost. £34.50pp. There are only 3 places left. Booking at the January general meeting

Organiser...Hazel Bhatt (07808809795) for places/reserve list Jenny Summers

Local Theatre Group

Here are the plays for the second half of the 2018/19 season which the local theatre group will go to see.

Please contact Carol Rice on 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.

The emphasis is on car/ taxi share. We generally meet in the foyer about 15 minutes before curtain up. Most tickets (concession rate) are between £8.00 - £9.

Book in by Date	2019 Dates	Title of Play	Venue
3rd February	Saturday 2 March Matinee 2-30pm	Gaslight by Patrick Hamilton	Carver, Marple
3rd February	Monday 11 March 7.45pm	A View from the Bridge by Arthur Miller	Chads, Cheadle
3rd April	Saturday 11 May Matinee 2.30pm	Harvey by Mary Chase	Carver Marple
3rd April	Monday 20 May 7.45pm	Communicating Doors by Alan Ayckbourn	Chads Theatre

* *When attending a meeting please have both your U3A Membership Card and the entrance fee ready (preferably as a £1 coin) to show as you book in*

* *You MUST show your membership card at all U3A events, including groups*

* *Please use the Etherow Country Car Park*

Renewal of Membership 2019

Those members who have not yet renewed may do so at the monthly meeting on 15th January or alternately send the completed form, cheque and a stamped addressed envelope for the return of the new card to:- Membership Secretary, 24 Beechwood Drive Marple SK6 7DG

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, unless otherwise stated.

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! Please wear appropriate footwear in case it is wet underfoot.

We have quite a large group of members who join us for a variety of strolls exploring different areas around our area and the surrounding countryside. We benefit from outside exercise as well as joining in enjoyable social occasions. We do need some of you to help to plan future strolls.

Tuesday February 5th Pam Turner and Shirley Hammond

Meet at 10.30 in Chadkirk car park.

The Stroll - More details on the stroll later, but it should take approximately 1 1/2 hours.

After the stroll we can enjoy a drink and a natter in the café at Wyevale.

Tuesday March 5th Shirley Hammond

Meet in the car park at Etherow Lake at 10.30am.

The Stroll - Join us for a stroll around and about the lake. As yet, we have no specific plan.

Afterwards join us for coffee etc. in the café at the lake.

Please be aware that our strolls are arranged by members of the group. This tends to fall on the same few people! We desperately need some other strollers to arrange future strolls. Please speak to Shirley Hammond or Geoff Fogg. If you have a basic idea they will give you assistance to plan a stroll.

Remember we only stroll 2-3 kilometers.

Shirley Hammond

Dining Group

We wish everybody a Happy New Year and hope you join us again in the coming year

JANUARY 2019 An evening meal at Platform One Romiley

A Three course Pub meal for £13 on Thursday 17th January 6.30 for 7.00

Tea or coffee extra

Sorry for the change of the price to £13 but this was due to confusion over the portion sizes

This event is fully booked.



FEBRUARY Our last chance to have a meal at Reflections Catering College

before they move to the new college in the centre of Ashton.

A Three course meal for £18 on Tuesday 5th February 7.00pm for 7.15pm

Bookings will be taken at the January meeting.

MARCH A Meal at the Devonshire Arms Mellor

A Three course meal for £17 on Thursday 7th March 7pm for 7.30pm Tea and Coffee extra

Bookings will be taken in February

£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

Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

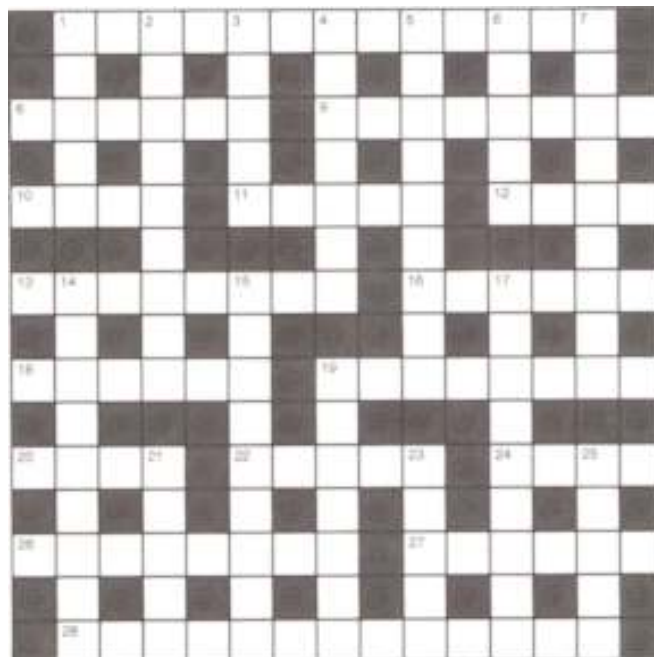
compiled jointly by U3A Crossword Group

Clues across

1. Oh, red tricycle can provide power source. (5-8)
8. Drain cleaner starts turning smelly. (6)
9. Me? Erotic? Fantastically rare. (8)
10. Knock fruit back. (4)
11. Inert compound found in gunpowder. (5)
12. Calamity initiated by lad on wine. (4)
13. Ed got wed? Strangely that's good and bad. (3-5)
16. Warm up for theatre performance lacking time. (6)
18. Still part to star characters. (6)
19. Fresh milk round even longer with a metric measurement. (8)
20. Insect larva found in rotting rubbish. (4)
22. Feel for poles in Diocese. (5)
24. Cold orange or lemon at first is really good for teens. (4)
26. Vague, very short, a secret agent, he's really a drifter. (8)
27. Unsure what to do with oneself left in Paris. (6)
28. Drinkers timed out in this town. (13)

Clues down

1. Listen! Time to get courage. (5)
2. We're told a church official speaking in fun will remove blockage. (9)
3. Ancient start of long days, endless nights. (5)
4. Restricted sort of company when one over 50 timed out. (7)
5. During the Magnificat he'd rallied in place of worship. (9)
6. Shape initials right here on my back. (5)
7. Drink outside joint – thanks for sausage! (9)



Clues down (cont)

14. Liquid currency to foil forger. (9)
15. Eccentric mover's big end sore, copy removed. (9)
17. Justice dispenser feels ebullient at place for tennis. (4,5)
19. In seeking do many find realm? (7)
21. I would shortly follow support and produce decoration. (5)
23. Nigel got drunk in Scottish town. (5)
25. Not these books belonging to a lady. (5)

Walking Group Feb/Mar Walks

Group Organisers/Co-ordinators Roy Bradshaw 427 7324
Judith Lynch 0161 449 7507

February 6th	Lyme Park	5.5m Easy	Leader Sue Ward
February 13th	Reddish Vale	5m Easy	Leader Judith Lynch
February 20th	Chadkirk	5m Easy	Leader Val Bradshaw
February 26th	TBA		Leader Maxine
March 6th	Mill Brow	4m Moderate	Leader Judy Rhodes
March 12th	Lantern Pike	5m Moderate	Leader Roy Bradshaw
March 20th	High Lane	5m Easy	Leader Sheila Stafford
March 26th	TBA		Leader Gillian Cheesman



Very Easy – More or less flat, good surface, few stiles
Moderate – Typical of local terrain

Easy – Small sections of hill, not too rough, limited stiles
Moderate plus – more climbing and/or more stiles

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

All walks meet IN Brabyns Park for prompt departure at 9.45 am. Car passengers are asked to contribute 10p per mile to petrol cost.

Walking safety: Footwear (walking boots), clothing and equipment needs to be suitable for the conditions likely to be encountered. This area is famous for changeable weather so come prepared for all eventualities. Bring your mobile phone and inform the leader of your phone number and that of an emergency contact. Provide your own first aid kit.

Refreshments: Bring more than adequate food and drink for the length of walk and weather conditions. Remember delays sometimes occur.

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Speakers

15 January Edwina Currie
"Growing Old Disgracefully"

19 February Philip Caine
"Barrow to Baghdad and Back"

19 March Michael Leach
"It's a Funny Way to make a Living"
Wild life author and photographer

Unless otherwise notified the ordinary monthly meetings are held at St Paul's Church Hall, Compstall on the third Tuesday of each month at 9-30 (for coffee and socializing) and the business part of the meeting begins at 10-15am and will finish at 11-45am approx. The December meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month at 11 am.

Newsletter

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Crossword Solution
Across 1 hydro-electric 8 rancid 9 meteoric 10 stun 11 nitre
12. blow 13 two-edged 16 rehear 18 stator 19 kilogram
20 grub 22 sense 24 cool 26 vagabond
27 gauche 28 Kiddemminster
Down 1 heart 2. decongest 3 olden 4 limited 5 cathedral
6 rhomb 7 chipolata 14 watermark 15 gyroscope
17 high court 19 kingdom 21 braid 23 elgin 25 other

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Signed:..... Date: