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Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A NEWSLETTER May 2019

Chairman's Chatter

Welcome to our latest news and events - there have been some excellent events in recent weeks and there are many more to come throughout the coming months. We have certainly enjoyed some changeable weather, but seem to have had the sunshine at all the right times, which was very fortunate.

I spent some days on duty at Lyme Park during the Easter week and it was lovely to see so many grandparents out and about with grandchildren. They enjoyed egg trails and other events in the park, as well as just walking and soaking up the sunshine. It made me realise just how much influence we 'Third Agers' can have over the children in our care and in how they respond to the wildlife they encounter. It made me reflect on my own relationship with my grandparents, and how I can remember so much of what they taught me about the wild flowers in the hedgerows and the plants in their garden. Lessons which were never forgotten!

Sadly, not everyone respects the environment, and there were yet more incidents of moorland fires over the last few weeks; very often simply the result of carelessness or not obeying simple guidelines. If we can help redress the balance in some small way, then it is worth doing.

Hopefully we have many weeks to enjoy our lovely countryside, whether it is with organised groups or just on our own!

Clare Gwilym

IMPORTANT You **MUST** show your membership card at all U3A events

This is necessary because of U3A regulations regarding insurance

Please have both your U3A Membership Card ready to show at the desk when you book in at monthly meetings, along with the entrance fee (preferably as a £1 coin)

Please put your emergency number on the back of your membership card

Outings Group

June 2019. Open gardens trip to Ednaston (within Chatsworth estate) is on Saturday the 22nd of June between 1pm till 5pm. Please note the date which is 22nd of June and not 23rd of June as mentioned in last newsletter. This is organised as a car sharing trip. Those who want to join this trip, could you all meet up in front of Regent cinema at 12 o'clock please. £5.00 pay at the gate

July 2019. Join us on the trip to Crich Tramway Village on Wednesday the 3rd July. On arrival you will be transported on the vintage trams along the traditional village street and visit various exhibitions. Then take the woodland walk to the picnic areas and Sculpture trail. There are few options for lunch and refreshments at the RedLion pub and Rita's Tearooms. £25.00

August 2019. We plan to visit Barbara Hepworth Gallery in Wakefield and Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Monday the 5th of August. We will be at the Barbara Hepworth Gallery for approximately 90mins during which you can join the guided tour or enjoy self guided tour. We will then travel a short distance to Yorkshire Sculpture Park for lunch and stay for approximately 3hours. Here you can enjoy the 500 acres landscape park with contemporary sculptures on your own or join the guided walks such as art and landscapes tour. £16.00
For the guided tour at YSP £2.70 pp provided 30 members share the cost of £80.

November 2019 outing A Traditional Fairytale Christmas at Tatton Park.
Join us on this trip to Tatton on Thursday the 28th of November. We would have arrived early enough to visit the gardens or relax with friends in the cafe before exploring the decorated Mansion. Then learn to make and take home your own Pomander, an 18th century Christmas gift.
Afterwards you are served a fabulous festive afternoon tea in the Mansion. The cost of this trip will be £36pp, this includes coach and the driver gratuity plus the Mansion entrance fee, craft activities and the afternoon tea. We will need a deposit of £5pp at the time of booking and the balance payable by end of July 2019. Booking are taken during May and June general meetings and afterwards contact the organiser Hazel Bhatt mobile number 07808809795.

Dining Group

Thank you to the people who joined us at IL Pepe Nero and for Lunch at the Fisherman's Table both were very successful.

Forthcoming Events

JUNE An Evening Meal at QURASHI Indian Restaurant Romiley
on Tuesday 11th June 6.30 for 7.00 £15

JULY An Evening Meal at The Sycamore Inn Birchvale
on Wednesday 10th July A Two course meal for £18



Bookings will be taken at the May 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

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! Wear appropriate footwear in case the ground is wet.

Tuesday May 7th

Meeting at Romiley Forum (post codeSK64EA) in the centre of Romiley, at 10.30am

We will wander down to High Peak canal then through the woods to Chadkirk Chapel (this could be muddy) and back along the canal into Romiley. This will be about 2miles with one short steep climb, obviously we will take this very slowly. If this is too much (can decide on the day) we can miss Chadkirk out altogether and stay on the canal towpath, distance about 1 and half miles.

Strong shoes recommended - could be muddy!

Tuesday June 4th Maggie Preston

Meet at Romiley Forum (post codeSK64EA) in the centre of Romiley, at 10.30am

Tangshutt Trail, Romiley. (Just over 2 miles)

Stroll up to Tangshutts Lane. Follow the trail, an excellent paved path. This is mostly flat just one descent, a bit steep but OK if going slowly. Cross the railway by bridge then pass Hyde Bank Farm, the ex-tearoom. Take a left to the towpath of Peak Forest Canal. This can be muddy, you may need a stick and certainly stout shoes. After about a quarter of a mile we will come off towpath. On the left there are about 20 steps going down to a row of terraced houses on Vale Rd, Chadkirk Estate. Pass under the canal and back upto Compstall Rd.

Afterwards join us for a drink and a natter in one of the cafes in Romiley.

Tuesday July 2nd Geoff Fogg

Meet at Stockport Sports Village car park, Lambeth Grove, Woodley SK6 1XQ at 10-30am

There is a gradual downhill slope at the start, then over a bridge and along a path overlooking the River Tame to Stockport Road, where there are a couple of seats. Turn left along Arden Road and Turner Lane and then back to the car park. There is an incline for approximately 70 metres with some uneven ground and it could quite possibly be wet towards the end. With this in mind consider what footwear you wear.

Approximately 1and a half hours.

Afterwards join us for a drink and a chat at Startpoint café, Woodley Precinct.

Tuesday August 6th Shirley Hammond

Meet at Oaklands Lodge car park, Beech View, off Mottram Road, Godley, Hyde, SK14 3DE (A57) at 10.30am

Stroll up a gentle incline to the Trans-Pennine Trail. Explore the old shunting area and the engine turning circle which is starting to be renovated. Follow the trail up to Green Lane, an area that has plans for a housing development of over 2,000 houses. We can enjoy lovely views up to Werneth Low and friendly horses. Then take a gentle downhill track that can sometimes get muddy after rain. Join the farm track and stroll down to Mottram Road by Godley Station and then back along to Oaklands Lodge. I'd recommend shoes or trainers rather than sandals.

Approximately 1and a half hours.

Afterwards join us for a drink and a chat at Oaklands Lodge.

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 assistance to plan a stroll. Remember we only stroll 2-3 kilometers.

Shirley Hammond

Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

compiled jointly by U3A Crossword Group

Clues across

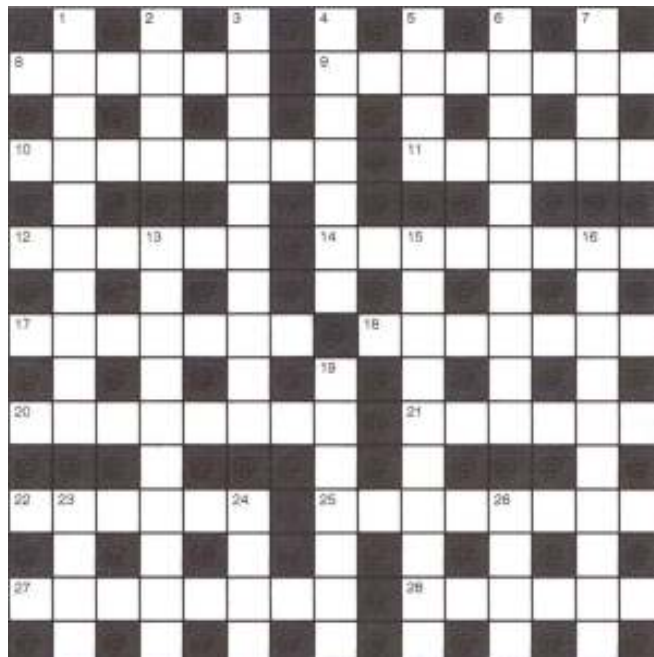
8. Capsicum found in church, ill-informed. (6)
9. Mere deed changed and repossessed. (8)
10. Trade off led to some legwork. (8)
11. Initially every mother brings round young offspring in early stages. (6)
12. Mature period? (6)
14. Drifted, pale, right into action. (8)
17. So tired! Could be the medication. (7)
18. Losing camping home in river relieves tension. (7)
20. Relaxed, popular class with one beginner. (8)
21. First let us start to recall early brilliance. (6)
22. Season well! (6)
25. We return after nice start on Earth to get to the Americas.(3,5)
27. Awful void seen during free fall. (8)
28. Get embarrassed at proffered denial in part. (6)

Clues down

1. Rachel's not dressed for the dance. (10)
2. Insect removed from waffle and disposed of. (4)
3. Factory space, I hesitate to hold name for a long time. (10)
4. It's boring to fight over the commercial. (7)
5. Foolishly lied, now unemployed. (4)
6. Beef up new lenses' lack of strength. (10)
7. Refuse of French city. (4)

Clues down (cont)

13. Rambling rector wrote about "Moses in error or not?" (10)
15. Annoy with creation of tattoo. (10)
16. Herald Lent broadcast and be spellbound. (10)
19. Very slim small loan shark. (6)
23. Combine the kitty. (4)
24. Good eulogy to make impression. (4)
26. Three to one, for example, could be overdose, Detective Sergeant. (4)



Walking Group

Group Organisers/Co-ordinators

Roy Bradshaw 427 7324
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June/July Walks

June Wed 5th	Roman Lakes	6 m	Easy	Kathryn Godfrey
Tue 11th	Barmoor Clough	6m	Moderate	Irene Riley
Wed 19th	Padley Gorge	6m	Moderate	Judith Lynch NT*
Tue 25th	TBA			Gillian Cheesman
July Wed 3rd	Daisy Nook	5m	Moderate	John Bloor
Tue 9th	Eccles Pike	6m	Moderate	Judy Rhodes
Wed 17th	Werneth Low	5m	Moderate	Val Bradshaw
Tue 23rd	Lantern Pike	5m	Moderate+	Roy Bradshaw
Wed 31st	Trenterbank	6m	Moderate	Sue Ward



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.

(D) indicates that walk is some distance away and will therefore take longer. All walks are subject to change.

Ann Matthews

It was with great sadness that I heard of the death of Ann Matthews on Sunday 7th April 2019. She had been a member of Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A for many years and a very special personal friend. Our paths first crossed when we were both teaching in Stockport. Later when I worked at the Manchester Metropolitan University, she gave me examples of the Nursery childrens' work to show to my students. I was delighted when much later, we met again when she joined our newly formed U3A.



Ann, together with her late husband Tony, soon became an invaluable member of Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A

We benefited enormously by their expertise in organising outings and events for the National Trust. Soon after the formation of the Outings Group, we were offered countless interesting opportunities to visit wonderful places far and wide. Her organisation of these events was amazing and entailed Ann and Tony visiting or in her own words "doing a recce" before each visit! I remember there was no such thing as scrambling to get off the coach, it was always "Driver's side first or passenger's side!" The photograph illustrates a happy celebration at my 70th Birthday lunch in April 2013.

Sadly, Ann's health declined in recent years and she was unable to leave home as much as she would have liked to. However, in all this time her cheerful and good humour shone through.

Ann Matthews will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Margaret Stevens (First Chairman Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A)

MB&M U3A Book Group 2

If you like reading, sometimes books you would never have thought of reading, why not join our group. We have room for 3 members. You would be welcomed.

Phone Jean Howells 0161 427 5691

Book Sales at the Monthly Meetings

Due to the limited amount of storage space and the fact that hard back books and non fiction books are not popular, it is requested that Paper Back Fiction books are mainly brought for the Stall. Please do not bring any magazines as these also do not sell.

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Speakers

21 May

Paul Blakey MBE

"Street Angels"

Volunteer to help the vulnerable.

18 June

Colin Alderson

"Life in the Palace Kitchens"

Chef to the Queen

16 July

Steve and Carol Robson

"Stormy Stories"

Songs and Stories

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

If you would like to see the Newsletter early go to our Website, www.mbmu3a.org.uk and click on the relevant Newsletter heading. You can also view past Newsletters on the website

Crossword Solution
Across 8. chilli 9. reeemed 10. Treadled 11. embryo
12 season 14. Wandered 17. Steroid 18. detente
20. Informal 21. Lustre 22. Spring 25. new world
27. nosedive 28. redder
Down 1. Charleston 2. Flea 3. Millennium
4. bradawl 5. Idle 6. Feebleness 7. Deny
13. sermoniser 15. Needlework 16. Enthralled
19. slender 23. Pool 24. Grip 26. odds

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