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Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A

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Chairman's Chatter

It seems that some summer weather may have arrived at last - as I write the temperature gauge is steadily rising and the sun is out. Long may it last! We are looking forward to our summer events and our usual charity fund raising event in August, which I have mentioned already at our general meetings. If you weren't there, then you will find some detailed information included in this newsletter.

We have had some excellent speakers again in recent weeks; most notably the speaker who came to tell us all about the 'Street Angels' in Halifax. We also had an unfortunate situation again when the speaker did not arrive, due to a traffic accident on the motorway. Derek Hesketh stepped in to tell us more about his work and travels, while Tony Addy and David Hammond helped to get the dvd player and projector working, so that we were able to show a short film about Mellor. Many thanks to them for their sterling efforts!

Clare Gwilym

The Grand Charity Event 20th August 2019

Admission £1.00 (as usual) includes Coffee

The main focus of our fund raising activities this year will be the 'Skills Exchange' involving the offering of skills or services, which would be provided by members and bought by others. The money paid for those services will go towards this year's charity. We will still have the main event taking place in the church hall as an extended coffee morning, with waffles being made by Ulla and a card making activity being led by Carol. There will also be a number of stalls, selling craft items, cakes and plants; as well as a raffle and quiz. So plenty to attract everyone's interest on the day. We hope that all members will be involved in some way, either providing a service, or receiving one.

For example, a member might offer to cook a meal for two people for a price agreed between them and at a date and time agreed between them. The member offering the service would fill in the proforma provided with this newsletter and hand it to a member of the committee (preferably before the event). All the services on offer would be on display at the event so that members can choose the ones they would like to opt for. The final date for all monies to be handed to the charity fund collector would be December, so that gives everyone plenty of time to complete their tasks.

Some ideas for skills to offer:-

Do someone's gardening for 3 hours
Make a batch of cakes or biscuits to order
Instruct someone in the use of an Ipad or computer
Take someone to the hospital or airport by car
Give someone's special furniture or silver a polish
Provide a vehicle to take some rubbish to the tip
Take someone on a special shopping trip
Teach someone a new skill ie. How to play chess, how to line dance
Offer to paint someone's garden fence or ornaments
Offer to make some cushions or fancy items for the house
Offer to walk someone's dog for the week

Read aloud to someone
Do someone's ironing for a week
Give someone help with their gardening, with advice and tips
Take someone on a day trip to a special place nearby
Offer to cook a meal for 2 or more people
Give a demonstration of how to do something

This is certainly not a definitive list - you may have some super ideas of your own. Please have a real think about what you might be able to offer

Outings Group

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

September 2019 6th - 13rd September 2019. The Isles of Scilly Adventure
This trip is now fully booked.

October 2019Wednesday 23rd of October.....Saltire World Heritage Site

A visit to this model industrial village built by Sir Titus Salt has been organised. On arrival you are met by Salts walks guide in costume and character who will take you for a walk around the village. For lunch there are several restaurants such as Salts Mill diner, Salt Bar & kitchen and Don't tell Titus restaurant and wine bar. After lunch visit Salts mill for David Hockney Gallery and much more. Cost for the tour is £25 pp which includes coach travel, driver gratuity, cost for the guided tour and refreshments on arrival. Booking taken from July general meetings onwards.

Organiser...Hazel Bhatt. 07808809795

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.

Thurs, 16th January 2020 GYPSY at The Royal Exchange

We will be taking bookings for the above musical at the Royal Exchange at the July General Meeting. (To get the best seats one has to book early!) This is a wonderful show and the theatre's Christmas production is always a delight. Group price tickets will be £36.50 p.p. and as usual one would make one's own way into Manchester for the matinee performance. We hope you will join us once again.

Hazel Bhatt

Dining Group

Thank you to the people who joined us at QURASHI it was different but very successful.



Forthcoming Events

September

Behind the Scenes Tour and Afternoon Tea at the Plaza Stockport on Wednesday 25th 2pm £15.50 inclusive of Tour and Afternoon Tea.

October

An Evening Meal at the Duke of York Romiley on Wednesday 16th
6.30 for 7.00 A Three Course Meal for £18

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

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 rely on you to help to plan future strolls. Speak to Geoff or Shirley if you have any ideas for future strolls..

Tuesday August 6th Shirley Hammond

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

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

Tuesday September 3rd Maurice Keenen

Meet in the car park at Romiley Swimming Baths, Hole House Fold, SK6 4BB, at 10.30am.

Join us for a drink and a chat across the road at The Duke of York.

Tuesday October 1st Bel Adshead Details to be added later.

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

A date to remember

16th Aug 2019 marks the 200th anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre at St Peters Field in Manchester.

On this day when the Manchester Yeomanry rode into a peaceful crowd protesting for the vote, aside from those killed (18), many more received injuries from sabres and horses' hooves. No one on the side of the government was ever jailed for their part but the principal speaker, Henry Hunt, went to jail along with other protesters. Such was the attitude of government towards the common man at the beginning of the 19th Century.



Why did the magistrates give the order to charge? Did they believe such a large demonstration of people power (some 60,000) was uncomfortably like the French Revolution of 1789?

Peterloo should be remembered not only for the brutal massacre of working class people peacefully demonstrating for their rights but also because it did much to shape the form of political democracy that still exists in the U.K. today, starting with the 1832 Reform Act.

Mancunians will mark the 200th anniversary with a series of events led by the Manchester Histories Festival, including exhibitions and workshops at the People's History Museum and you can always watch Mike Leigh's recent film, Peterloo.

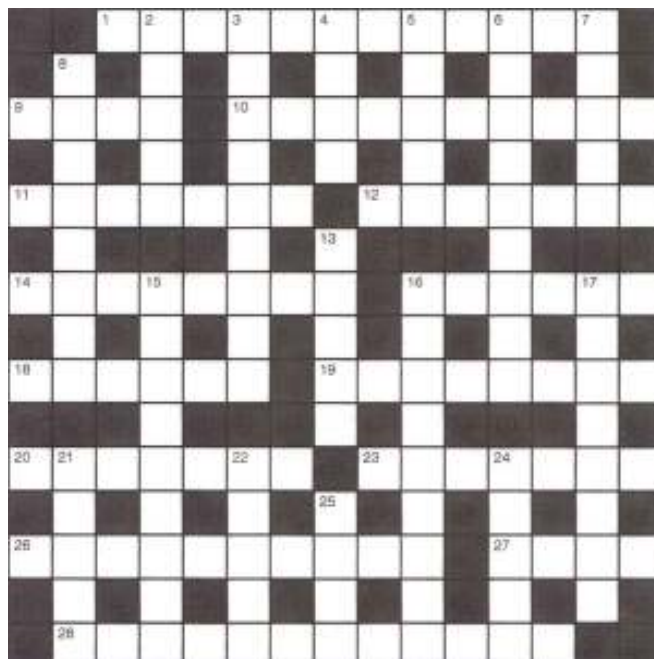
History Group

Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

compiled jointly by U3A Crossword Group

Clues across

1. Cook chips, any sort, with this West Country meal. (7,5)
9. Set of rules for Coed school. (4)
10. Dull work earned tips. (10)
11. Article with very loud tunes means business. (7)
12. To me and men scrambling words is a reminder. (7)
14. The fool hides in this French recording container. (14)
16. Lustful glances maybe fuel and entrap the old. (6)
18. Ask about setback with fish. (6)
19. Where to put your belongings in fire after a scrum. (8)
20. Sat awkwardly on fairground attraction, legs apart. (7) e
23. Morning backup with support for one with missing limb. (7)
26. Compose nice act Ron for musical instrument. (10)
27. Take something, no pressure, just a small amount. (4)
28. Refined head returns to superior food shop. (12)



Clues down

2. Musical composition will work with age. (5)
3. Hens I trip over causing inflammation. (9)
4. Team starts staying in doing exercise. (4)
5. Praise the alternative glue. (5)
6. She's an accomplished speller, so change of career's not a fuss ultimately. (9)
7. Useful ingredient, yet includes arsenic. (5)
8. Frame on car for case or a frock maybe. (4-4)

Clues down (cont)

13. Held meeting about standard measure. (5)
15. Cleverly witty Rita's up and running ahead of a novice. (9)
16. Include English range. (9)
17. Relative starts nervously closing hands – open them out! (8)
21. Was a candidate for council and outstanding boss in speech. (5)
22. Some Tudor icehouses have this style of architecture. (5)
24. Peacekeepers had dismantled tie for the link. (5)
25. Food plan for assembly. (4)

Walking Group

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

Aug/Sept Walks

Aug Tue 6th	TBA			Kathryn Godfrey
Wed 14th	Edale	6 m	Moderate	Carol Culley
Wed 21st	Peover	6m	Easy+	Judith Lynch
Tue 27th	Alderley Edge	5m	Easy	Sue Ward
Sept Wed 4th	Bollington	5m	Moderate+	Jean Mitchel
Tue 10th	Hope	5m	Easy	Sheila Stafford
Wed 18th	Mellor	6m	Moderate+	Judy Rhodes
Tue 24th	Barmoor Clough	6m	Moderate	Irene Riley



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.

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Speakers

16 July Steve and Carol Robson
"Stormy Stories"
Songs and Stories

20 Aug Charity Event
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17 Sept Eddie Tarry
"Living in Styl"

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. Cornish pasty 9. Code 10. Pedestrian 11. affairs
12. memento 14. Cassette 16. Eye-ful 18. skates 19. rucksack
20. Astride 23. amputee 26. concertina 27. inch
28. delicatessen
Down 2. opera 3. Nephritis 4. Side 5. paste
6. sorceress 7. Yeast 8. roof-track 13. metre
15. satirical 16. Encompass 17. unclench
21. stood 22. Doric 24. Unite 25. diet

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**All contributions for the next edition of the Newsletter
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