



The University of the Third Age

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# Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A

## NEWSLETTER Sept 2019

### Chairman's Chatter

As I sit to write the temperature gauge stands at the highest it has been so far this year and let's hope it means that we have some decent weather for a while! Last week when we held our Charity Event, I was concerned that it might put people off attending because the weather was so bad and we had almost continual rain. However, on the morning of the event it wasn't too bad and we had a lively crowd who participated and took part with everything on offer. Ulla did a roaring trade in waffles, while the cake, plant, card and craft stalls all did equally well. We also held a couple of raffles, and the mini auction which was ably organised by Shirley and David Hammond.

Oliver Gardiner from 'Pure Insight' came to tell us about the work of the charity we are supporting this year and stayed for a while to chat. The pledges were the main focus of the event and the most popular seemed to be the meal options; most of those seemed to go very quickly. We did have some pledges left over so I will try and encourage people to take those up at the next meeting. The money raised on the day was excellent but we will be collecting further monies from the pledges until December, so we don't yet have a final figure.

Many thanks to all those who attended and made the day a success!

Some future events for your diaries are a coffee morning on November 5th and the Christmas Meal on Dec 10th. Further details about both events will be included in this newsletter.

We will also be involved in the Remembrance service at St. Paul's church at Compstall in November this year.

Clare Gwilym

**MBM U3A**

## **CHRISTMAS MEAL & SOCIAL**

**December 10th 2019**  
**At Mellor Golf Club**

**Meeting at 12 noon for a two course meal  
and coffee with entertainment**  
**£15 per person**

**Drinks extra from the bar**

# November 5th Coffee Morning

St Paul's Church Hall - 10am to 12 noon

Admission £1.00 - Come and share Parkin, Treacle Toffee etc.

Proceeds for Pure Insight, this years Charity

*Come along and bring your friends*

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## Outings Group

Wednesday 23rd of October.....Saltaire 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. Places still available.

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. Fully booked, for cancellations contact Hazel Bhatt.

Thurs, 16th January 2020 GYPSY at The Royal Exchange

All tickets have been sold for this outing and will be available for collection at the Outings desk on Tuesday 17th September (General meeting). There is a waiting list for any cancellations.

*Hazel Bhatt*

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## Dining Group

Thank you to the people who joined us at The Sycamore in July.

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

NOVEMBER An Evening Meal at the Oaklands Hall Hyde on Wednesday 13th 6.30 for 7.00 A Three course Meal plus Tea or Regular Coffee £20

Bookings will be taken at the September meeting.

DECEMBER An Evening Meal at PERUGA on December the 4th 7.00 for 7.30 A Three course Meal plus Tea or Regular Coffee £21.

Bookings will be taken at the October 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.*

## 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](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! 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 September 3rd Maurice Keenen

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

#### The Stroll

Stroll from the car park up Quarry Road, crossing the railway bridge, and then making a short climb to Hilltop. Then wander down a gentle descent to a path on the left and along the border of Woodley Cricket Club. Then stroll along High Lane and Gilbert Bank to the Peak Forest Canal arriving back at the main road and Romiley Pool Car Park.

Approximately 1 and a half hours.

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

### Tuesday October 1st Bel Adshead

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

#### The Stroll

From the Sports Village take the path which descends via a flight of steps and leads onto the canal. Leaving the towpath we'll descend through a wooded area via steps. We then cross the river Tame and continue along part of the Trans-Pennine Trail, re-crossing the river to return back up the lane to the Sports Village.

The stroll is approximately 2 miles and should take about 1 1/2 hours.

Strong shoes are recommended as there is the possibility of mud.

After the stroll we can visit Start Point Café in Woodley Precinct.

### Tuesday November 5th Sue Norcross

Meet at the Hare and Hounds Carpark, Werneth Low, at 10.30am.

#### The Stroll

We will head across the Low towards the Cenotaph. Before reaching it take a right turn and head back to the road. Cross over and stroll down to the stile leading onto the golf course. Then we will make our way back to the Hare and Hounds. There are some short inclines and a few steps to negotiate on this stroll.

The stroll is approximately 2 miles and should take about 1 1/2 hours.

We will be able to enjoy some refreshments at the Hare and Hounds later.

*Shirley Hammond*

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## Sale of CDs and DVDs

There is very little demand for these items any more so we will no longer be selling them at the monthly meetings

We wish to thank Jean Parker and Barbara Littler for the many years which they have run this stall for us.

Book sales will continue as normal

## MB&M U3A Local Theatre Group. Season 2019-20

Please contact Carol Rice, Local Theatre Co-ordinator at least ONE month prior to the date of the play. This will allow time to purchase the tickets. Please email: [i.rice@virgin.net](mailto:i.rice@virgin.net)

Play tickets are between £7.50 to £9.50. NOTE: ticket costs must be reimbursed to Carol on the evening of the play. If you are unable to attend on the night, you will still have to pay for your ticket unless you are able to find a replacement person to attend in your place.

The Secret Rapture by David Hare Chads Monday 21 October 2019, 7.45pm  
Drama set in the Thatcherite 80s. A family have to deal with family crises.

When we Are Married by JB Priestley Carver Matinee Saturday 9 November 2019, 2:30pm  
A farce. A group of old friends, all married on the same day in the same chapel, gather to celebrate their wedding anniversaries when they discover that they are not legally married.

The Holly & the Ivy by Wynyard Browne Poynton Players Monday 25th November 2019, 7.45pm  
Comedy. Jenny must give up her love in order to care for her aging parson father.

Arsenic & Old Lace by Joseph Kesselring Chads Monday 9 December 2019, 7.45pm  
A farce, A theatre critic discovers his two beloved aunts have been killing off lonely single men.

Iron by Rona Munro Chads Monday 27 January 2020, 7.45pm  
A drama set in a prison. A mother is convicted fifteen years earlier for the murder of her husband. Memories are gradually revealed.

Veronica's Room by Ira Levin Carver Matinee Saturday 29 February 2020, 2.30pm  
Mystery thriller. Students find themselves as guests enticed to a Boston Mansion.

Fondly Remembered by Gareth Armstrong Poynton Players Monday 30 March 2020, 7.45pm  
Comedy. Friends are reunited for a memorial service, but is this the time to tell the truth?

Salt of the Earth by John Godber Carver Matinee Saturday 9 May 2020, 2:30pm  
Drama. Spanning three generations, the play captures the dreams, ambitions, joys, tears and heartache of three sisters.

Separate Tables by Terence Rattigan Chads Monday 25 May 2020, 7.45pm  
Two interlinked one-act dramas. The plays share the same hotel setting where a number of relationships are witnessed between guests.

Carver Theatre - 60th anniversary One Act Play Festival  
Monday 1 June - Saturday 6 June 2020 (? Evening performances)

There will be 3 one act plays per evening with each play adjudicated by the Greater Manchester Drama Federation (GMDF) "on the fly" which can be exciting. Details of the GMDF plays to be seen by the Theatre Group will be announced early in 2020.

*Please note: at the time of notifying the new season plays to the newsletter, the Brookdale Theatre has not announced plays due to their recent flooding. We will consider plays once they are known.*

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## The History of Culture Group

We are sad to announce that David Matthews has decided to step down as leader of this group, after nearly 20 years of service, both here and in Marple. We appreciate and thank him for all that he has done with the group throughout that time.

At the moment we don't have anyone to take over, but if you know of someone who might be able to keep the group going, please do let us know.

# Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

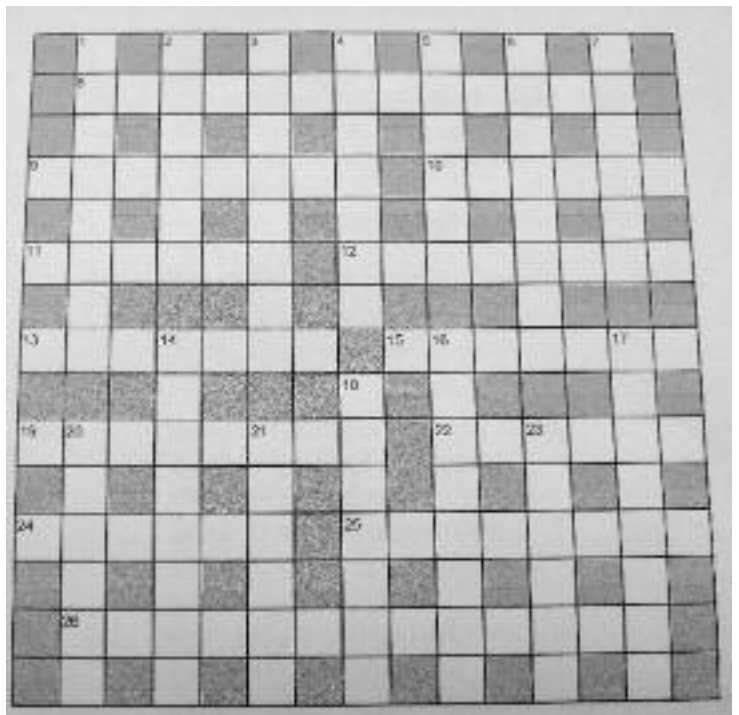
*compiled jointly by U3A Crossword*

## Clues across

8. Upright supporter can be great help to eastern European. (9,4)
9. Bakery ad broadcast at sunrise. (8)
10. Lurking in the sink; jettisoned type of printer. (3,3)
11. Strays stampeded for fauns. (6) s
12. Pennies from heaven? Frantic nude ran around Edgbaston at the start. (8)
13. Fuel is hard to get for frenzied dancer. (7)
15. Of no help to economise. (7)
19. Community involvement by strange route at first, although coming home. (8)
22. To secure in place a new choir having lost one. (6)
24. Sainly home – fool is one from here. (6)
25. Oddly tidy life gives rise to loyalty. (8)
26. White elephant is great help initially, flitting about raising heavy dumbbells. (13)

## Clues down

1. Test area troubled with chemical compound. (8)
2. Hanging loose, flesh looks a bit baggy yet original. (6)
3. Some progress essential for fearsome women. (8)
4. Perambulation abroad leads to industrial action. (4-3)
5. For sitting in, tea is English. (6)
6. Spaniel is with the Spanish farmyard fowl. (8)
7. Withdraw from an alliance with Kent and give way. (6)



## Clues down (cont)

14. Mary takes first class return to American state. (8)
16. Deadlock for group of trees gone rancid. (5-3)
17. Hearts go out to area of deficiency. (8)
18. Manipulate the pack prior to deal being made. (7)
20. Sun now blistering but seeds still in packet. (6)
21. A right, after changing sides, to get off the bus. (6)
23. Dog to settle under mountain pass. (6)

## Walking Group

The Walking Group is either your introduction to Country Walking, or a Refuge for those no longer able to do the distances of traditional Rambling Clubs. Distances vary from 4 to 8 miles. We meet either a Tuesday or Wednesday morning in Brabyns Park car park ready to leave by 9-45 prompt. Walks liable to change.

Walk Grading. Please note. Walks can change due to weather etc.

Easy: More or less flat, good surface, few stiles

Easy + : Small sections of hill, not too rough, limited stiles

Moderate: Typical of local terrain

Moderate + : More climbing and/or more stiles

All walks meet IN Brabyns Park for prompt departure at 9.45 am.

When necessary 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.

Please stay with the group unless you have arranged with the leader to do otherwise.

**Group co-ordinators are Roy Bradshaw (0161 427 7324)  
and Judith Lynch 0161 449 7507  
or email [mbmwalkers@gmail.com](mailto:mbmwalkers@gmail.com) for details**



## Oct/Nov Walks

Oct Wed 2nd	Coombs Ridge	5 m	Moderate	Kath Dak
Tue 8th	Lose Hill	6m	Moderate	Jean Mitchell
Wed 16th	Mossley	6m	Moderate	Kathryn Godfrey
Tue 22nd	TBA			Irene Riley
Wed 30th	Padley Gorge	5 m	Moderate	Judith Lynch
Nov Tue 5th	Buxton	5m	Moderate	Sheila Stafford
Tue 12th	Bugsworth	5m	Moderate	Gillian Cheesman
Wed 20th	Bollington	5m	Easy	Sue Ward
Wed 27th	TBA			John Bloor

We had a splendid 4 mile stroll on Tuesday the 23rd of July from Foolow to Eyam and return. Three of us extended the walk by visiting the boundary stone near Stoney Middleton whilst a visit to a cafe was enjoyed by the other two. The weather was hot, but a gentle breeze kept us comfortable. Eyam is excellent for providing benches to rest, both in the sun and in the shade. The stories connected with the plague in the 17th century are sad, but fascinating too.



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## Zumba Gold

Our gentle exercise class to music has continued throughout the summer as part of the SMBC Life Leisure programme. We are lucky to have Emma as our leader and her eclectic choice of music from the 1920s to present day keeps us all moving. If you enjoyed dancing to '60s music then you will enjoy our Friday morning sessions at 10.00 am in the Church Hall **and it's not just for ladies!** Good fun, good company and it does you good.

Price : £2.50 p.p. for 45 minutes

Classes continue each week until Friday 13th December.



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## 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

17 Sept Eddie Tarry

"Living in Styal"

15 Oct Geoff Scargill

"Miracle in Manchester"

Barbirolli and the

Manchester Halle Orchestra

19 Nov Keith Warrender

"Hidden Gems of Manchester"

Unusual people and places

around Manchester

*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 8. telegraph pole 9. Sunrise 10. ink jet 11. satyr  
12. unearned 13. Dervish 15. useless 19. outreach  
22. Anchor 24. Assist 25. fidelity 26. weightlifting  
Down 1. separate 2. Flabby 3. ogresses  
4. walk-out 5. chaise 6. cockerel  
7. secede 14. Virginia 16. stand-off  
17. shuffle 20. unsown 21. alight 23. collie

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Any stories, articles or photographs of interest to members are welcomed.

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**All contributions for the next edition of the Newsletter should be received no later than Wed 6th Nov.**