

September 2021 Newsletter

Good News



We are slowly getting back to normal

Come and join us at our

Drop in Coffee Morning

Friday 17th September 2021

From 10.00 – 11 30am.

St. Paul's Church Hall, Compstall



Coffee Tea Biscuits

Come and Chat to friends Make new friends

Meet the committee Share Ideas Raffle

Enjoy yourselves

Acting Chairman's Chatter

I am getting quite excited about all the things that Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A are beginning to arrange or reopen. We are still having to concern ourselves with the health and safety of our members and are working through risk assessments for the different activities. It is super to see that quite a few groups are beginning to meet again in person. It could be useful for you to contact the group facilitator or group leader to check what the plans are for any groups with which you are involved. Let's hope that this can snowball and things can be up and running before the end of the year.

There is an advert for our Drop in Coffee Morning, on Friday September 17th at 10.00-11.30am, above. I have really missed seeing all of you in person at the monthly meeting and catching up with your news. I would love to meet up with lots of you again and hear about the things you have been doing over the past year or so.

I am hoping to arrange for us to have a presence at the Artisan Market at the Windsor Castle Public House on November 27th from 10.00am – 2.00pm. This will allow us to spread the word about our U3A and possibly encourage some new members.

It is still not certain that the Winter Wonderland in Marple Bridge will go ahead this year. It is planned for December 4th. Again I have made enquiries about having a table where we can explain who MB&M U3A is and what we do.

I will be able to confirm more details of these 2 events in the next newsletter or through our email system. It would be brilliant if some of you could come and join us to publicise our activities and the groups that you enjoy.

Shirley Hammond

Blood Bikes Manchester Our Charity for this Year

If you feel that you would like to donate to their work, then please send a cheque made payable to 'Blood Bikes Manchester', to the address below:-
c/o Ulla Metha, 1, Hearthstone Close, Cheadle. SK8 2NW

Do not send any cash and do not make any cheques payable to our U3A.



Notices & News Items

Marple Bridge & Mellor u3a Meetings all commence at 10.00am

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| 21 September | Alison Mees | "Living the African Dream" (On Zoom) |
| | | <i>Wildlife Photographer, Conservation & Community Work</i> |
| 19 October | Chris Code. | "Meet the Butler" |
| 16 November | Donna Johnstone | "From Quarry Bank Mill to Quarry Bank" |

Outings Group

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to restarting our general meetings (face to face rather than virtual) and such like.

During 10th to 19th September the Heritage Open days give us an opportunity to visit and learn the historical importance of some of the places that we may not be aware of their significance. Check the full details online "heritageopendays.org.uk".

In Marple, St Martin's Church showcases its outstanding Arts and Crafts building. To visit this church as a group, meet me at the entrance of the church next to the Marple train station at 11am on Saturday 11th of September.



I plan to restart the outings meetings from October with a visit to see the Van Gogh painting exhibition at the Lowry on Wednesday the 27th of October at 1:30 pm. Although the booking for our group visit is now closed, if you are interested to join us get in touch with the Lowry directly.

Outings Leader.....Hazel Bhatt. tel: 07808809795

Chat and Cuppa Group

As I will be away towards the end of September there will not be a *Chat and Cuppa* meeting. I will let you know about the arrangements for October nearer the time.



*Shirley Hammond
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Around the Groups

Crown Green Bowling Group

During the lock down the crown green bowling group were inactive but when restrictions were lifted we have bowling weekly, keeping approx 2m distance, taking everybodys name and details just in case and using hand sanitiser before we start bowling. We will be bowling at Marple Memorial Park Green till the end of September when we move to Torkington parks bowling green for the winter

Bill Prophett Group Leader



Crossword Group

The crossword compiling group are now able to meet again on a monthly basis to discuss our clues for the crossword which is published in the newsletter. During lockdown members sent me their homework and I put together the usual joint effort,

Sheila Stafford Group Co-ordinator



Strolling Group

The strolls for the next two months are:

October 5th Meet outside the Maple Tree Chinese in the centre of Marple Bridge to leave at 10.30am..
Geoff and Joan Fogg 0161 430 3517

Stroll through Marple Bridge and along Low Lea Road to the Roman Lakes returning along the same route.
Approximately 2 miles.

November 2nd Meet at La Dolce Vita Restaurant, Marple to leave at 10.30am.
Shirley Hammond. 07411 352 801

Stroll up the Peak Forest Canal, cutting across to the Macclesfield canal to return to Marple.
Approximately 2 miles.

Shirley Hammond

Walking Group



I am currently not in a position to continue to coordinate the walking group. I informed our regular walkers of this some time ago in the hopes that someone else would come forward to take on the role. Sadly, there were no willing volunteers. I had felt that latterly interest in the walking group was waning, and trying to get sufficient leaders, and indeed walkers, was becoming increasingly difficult.

Sue Ward

Rummikub Group



Rummikub group meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month 1-30pm at Marple Methodist Church Hall. Session lasts 2 hours.

Rummikub is a number game based on the card game of gin rummy. If you have never played, it is easy to pick up. We play individually, in fours and have an average of 12 in the group. We are all willing and able to help you learn. The games can become as complicated as one wants it to be.

Our Rummikub group is very sociable and we enjoy an afternoon of laughter, conversation and game playing. Our group is very welcoming and it's a great opportunity to get to know other members and make new friends.

We are planning to re-start on Tuesday 21st September 2021

Trixie Ballard Group Leader

Dining Group



Pat Walker and Shirley Hammond have arranged meals for the Dining Group for the next few months. We would like to invite members of MB&M U3A to now book for these meals. As usual bookings will be taken on a first come basis.

7th October 6.30 for 7.00 The Pack Horse Inn, Mellor Road, New Mills. 3 Course meal £22.

4th November 6.30 for 7.00 The Devonshire Arms, Marple Bridge. 3 Course meal £19.

1st December 6.30 for 7.00 Oaklands Hall, Hyde. More details later.

If you are interested in any or all of these dinners please contact Pat Walker, on 0161 366 7453 or patnewby19@btinternet.com to reserve your place and to receive the relevant menus and booking details.

We require a non-refundable £5 per person deposit to confirm your booking. This can either be in person in cash or a cheque payable to A S Hammond. You will also need to let Pat have your choice from the menu.

Pat and Shirley will be available at the Drop in Coffee Morning on September 17th if you would prefer to pay your deposit there.

We're looking forward to once again enjoying some sociable evenings with good company and good food.

Pat Walker/Shirley Hammond

Gardening Group



We meet every second Wednesday of the month at Marple Methodist Church at 10am. Tea or Coffee – sometimes biscuits are available from 9.40am --- time for chatting. Our charge for each meeting is £3. – this covers the cost of room hire, refreshments and Speaker charges. We also have a 'plant' stall where people bring unwanted cuttings, excess fruit/veg, flowers, seeds and Gardening Magazines a small charge is made and the money goes to swell the coffers which is needed as some of our speakers cost £100.

The numbers of U3A members from MBM, Marple, Romiley or High Lane who come ranges from 20 to 45 per meeting.

Our Annual Show – usually held in the summer, produces most oddly shaped vegetables and beautiful vases of mixed flowers -- we have prizes !!.

As Marple Methodist has relaxed its Covid requirements we are intending to start meetings again in October and continuing in November and December – assuming there is no change in the Covid situation.

We also run 2 coach trips a year to visit gardens, travel time being no more than 2 hours each way. These have included RHS Harlow Carr, Woollaton Old Hall and Tatton Park.

We hope to see you at one of our meetings

Margaret Hogg and Fellow Organisers

Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

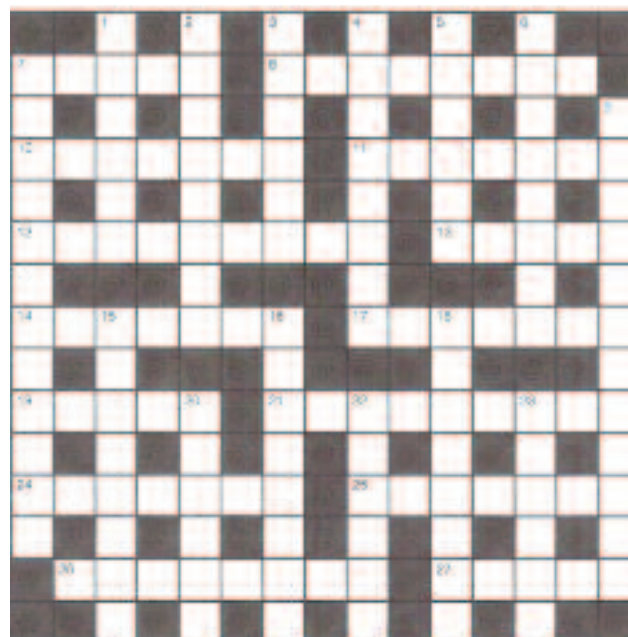
compiled jointly by U3A Crossword Group

Clues across

7. Erica has place in the athletics competition. (5)
8. No French feeling creates insanity. (8)
10. Originally some chemists instigate experiments not choosing electricity for discipline. (7)
11. Reserved and staying at home looking tired. (7)
12. Locomotive built by son or heir. (4,5)
13. Water bird in surroundings Sandra keeps visiting. (5)
14. I vehicle I have been badly treating. (7)
17. Chemical – Viceroy gets one. (7)
19. Vicious newspaper man was partisan. (5)
21. Difficulty with fast polish. (9)
24. Is Eli a King travelling from Middle east. (6)
25. Use fig and aloe leaves. (7)
26. A good number have difficult route inside swampland. (8)
27. Things on sun collapsing. (5)

Clues down

- 1.. Shuffle coins a bit in house of cards. (6)
2. Kidnap hash Gina threw around. (8)
3. During weekend early, inspire love. (6)
4. Mechanism the queen set up. (8)
5. Go first, Mr Sheeran, for kind of fuel. (6)
6. Get away with no exercise – dead to increase. (8)
7. Main treatment centre. (8,4)



Clues down cont.

9. No matter how confused, I bet Ned sends appreciation. (12)
15. Strangely grounded victim of injustice. (8)
16. One who requests information might require new beginning. (8)
18. Caustic or confusing like Alan. (8)
20. Depressing with rough dry ear. (6)
22. Baby makes first nurse faint. (6)
23. A taxi runs up to join us – you can count on it. (6)

Sheila Stafford Group Co-ordinator

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THE COMMITTEE

NEEDS YOU !!!

Marple Bridge and Mellor u3a is thriving organisation but it needs new members to join the committee.

You don't need any special qualifications, only a willingness to help and to have a sense of humour! You can sit in on a couple of committee meetings, under no obligation, to see what its like. If we all sit around expecting somebody else to do it, then you know what will happen!

For more information speak to any member of the existing committee listed opposite

SO COME ON, GIVE IT A GO

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NEEDS YOU !

Crossword Solution
Across 7. Heath 8. Nonsense 10. Science 11. Indrawn
12. Iron horse 13. Drake 14. Abusive 17. Reagent 19. Sided
21. Quicksand 24. Israeli 25. Foliage 26. Fourteen 27. Nouns
Down 1. Casino 2. Shanghai 3. Ender 4. Engineer 5. Leaded
6. Escalate 7. Hospital ship 9. Indebtedness 15. Underdog
16. Enquirer 18. Alkaline 20. Drea 22. Infant 23. abacus

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

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