

November 2022 Newsletter

Stop Press - Crisis

We have suddenly, out of the blue, received an email from the Trustees of St Paul's Hall, Compstall, informing us they have a group requesting to hire the Hall every Tuesday morning.

They have accepted this booking and have notified us that our Tuesday morning booking will be cancelled, possibly, from January.

This now leaves us with a dilemma.

We have requested a face to face meeting to discuss our concerns about the future, but so far, this has not been arranged.

In the meantime we will continue with our meetings in the Hall as normal and will update you as soon as we have more information.

Notices & other News Items

Remembrance Sunday 13 November

Shirley Hammond, our Chairman, will be laying a wreath, on behalf of our u3a, at the Cenotaph, Longhurst Lane, Mellor Time 12-15pm.

Members are encouraged to join her on this occasion.



Marple Bridge & Mellor u3a Meetings

15 November Peter Mount "Does Aid to Africa do any good"

13 December **Christmas Lunch**

Entertainment by Roger Brown Musician and Singer

17 January Eric McConnell "A Scotsman Abroad"



MBM u3a Membership Renewal for 2023

Membership renewal is due by 1st January 2023 and the renewal form is attached to this Newsletter, and the fee remains at £10.00 for the year. It would be appreciated if you could renew your membership now and avoid the Christmas rush.

We are asking all members to please pay by cheque (see renewal form for details), we would welcome your co-operation. If you have any problems please contact Colin Burkitt, Membership Secretary (membershipsecretary@mbmu3a.org.uk. - 0161 971 9285).

If you would like the bi-monthly Newsletter sent to you by post please attach six A5 size (230 x 160mm) stamped addressed envelopes.

Chairman's Chit Chat...

How suddenly autumn seems to have raised its head! The nights are drawing in and the weather has changed. Whilst I was out in the countryside the other day I saw some St Michaels daisies and it reminded me of the lines in a poem I remember from my schooldays. "When St Michael's daisies and golden rod appear we know that summer's over and autumn time is here". We need to keep the warmth in our hearts and work towards rejuvenating our u3a. Any ideas you have for new groups or activities would help to strengthen us and plan the way for our future. Every one of you can join in our events in whatever role you feel happy to take.



We are still desperate for some of you to join our committee. You may feel capable of taking on board a main role but the alternative could be to shadow someone for a period until you feel ready to take over. We are all equal as members and it is up to you as a member to help in whatever way you can to make our u3a successful. The last thing I would want is for our u3a to close if we can't get members to take on the committee roles. Please, please, think about how you can help our u3a in any way.

Shirley Hammond



Happy Christmas to all our readers

Strolling Group

Our "Strolling Group" is for members who would like a gentle stroll rather than a longer walk. We arrange strolls of about 2 miles followed by a cuppa. These take place on the first Tuesday mornings in the month commencing 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 or Shirley Hammond david.hammond60@btinternet.com



Tuesday November 1st Shirley Hammond

Meet in the car park at B and M, Manchester Road, Hyde. SK14 2BD As you enter the car park head to the extreme right hand side away from the Food Warehouse (by Iceland). Stroll along the canal, crossing Manchester Road, to the River Tame and back to the canal to return to our cars. A fairly flat walk with just one small slope toward the end. Possibility of a cuppa and something to eat at Pop In, a community café, near Asda in Hyde.

Tuesday December 6th Mike Hawkin

Meet at Romiley Forum in the centre of Romiley (post code SK6 4EA) We will stroll along the canal towpath returning to Romiley via Chadkirk. There are plenty of places in Romiley for a cuppa and something to eat after the stroll.

Dining Group

December
Thursday 1st

We looked at a number of venues for our November/December meal and found the best choice was **Peruga at Mellor and Towncliffes Golf Club**. A Three Course meal for £25 Tip included.



January

Wednesday 25th

The Maple Tree Chinese Restaurant in Marple Bridge

A Three Course Meal for £25 this includes

Prawn Crackers, Spare Ribs, Sesame Prawn Toast, Satay Chicken, Spring Roll & Seaweed.

Then a Main course of your choice from our menu.

Bookings to be taken at the General Meetings or contact Pat Walker by phone or email.

Pat Walker



Almoner

If anyone hears of another member of Marple Bridge & Mellor u3a who is unwell, in hospital or needs a bit of cheering up for any reason, please let Olwyn Wych (almoner@mbmu3a.org.uk) or 285 6766 know so that we can send a little card.

Outings Group

Trip to Portmeirion

Our trip to Portmeirion can be described as a memorable day not only because of the beauty of the place but it was the day we lost our beloved Queen !! A sad end to otherwise very enjoyable day. The weather on the day was dry and sunny at times even though rain was forecasted. The place looks well maintained with fresh paint on buildings, beautiful gardens and very helpful staff who looked after us wherever you encountered them. If you haven't been there it should be on your list worthy of your visit.



Thanks to those members who gave me a few suggestions on where to visit during 2023.

The following are the suggestions ... RHS Bridgewater garden, Bolton Abbey, Liverpool world museum, Lytham Hall, the Silk Museum and Paradise Mill in Macclesfield, RAF Cosford and Attingham Park, Amsterdam. Very interesting suggestions. Keep coming.

The last outings for this year has been organised to attend the Chetham School of Music free lunch time concert at 1:30pm on two dates Thursday the 17th and Wednesday the 23rd of November. Please note the concert will take place at the Carole Nash Hall, but we will still meet up at the box office which is at the Stoller Hall around 1:15pm. Only four tickets left so if you are thinking of joining us be quick !! Just email me on "outings@mbmu3a.org.uk"

In the New Year, an annual trip to Manchester Royal Exchange theatre to see a brand new show "Betty a sort of musical" is now fully booked.

Hazel Bhatt

Donations from Holiday Companies

Apparently a few holiday companies are now offering a donation to u3a's. I'm not sure exactly which ones are doing it so it may be worthwhile enquiring when booking. You have to mention that you are a member of a u3a as you make the booking, not at a later stage, and they will donate a percentage of the total cost of your holiday. If they agree to donate you would have to contact our treasurer to get the u3a bank details. We have already benefitted financially from a few of our members doing this so bear it in mind when planning your next holiday.

Shirley Hammond



Jigsaw Sales at Monthly Meetings

A table selling **2nd HAND JIGSAW PUZZLES** at our monthly meetings. Please bring some along and buy another one.

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 only brought for the Stall.

Please do not bring any magazines as these also do not sell.

Please have your u3a Membership Card ready to show at the desk when you book in at monthly meetings, along with the £1 entrance fee

Lifts to General Meetings



It has been suggested that some of our members may need a lift to the General Meetings at Saint Paul's Church Hall. It may be a temporary need, for example due to an operation etc. or a regular need due to some difficulty in getting to the Hall.

If you would like to take advantage of this initiative and have a lift to the meeting or to offer anyone a lift, please contact Margery using her details below.

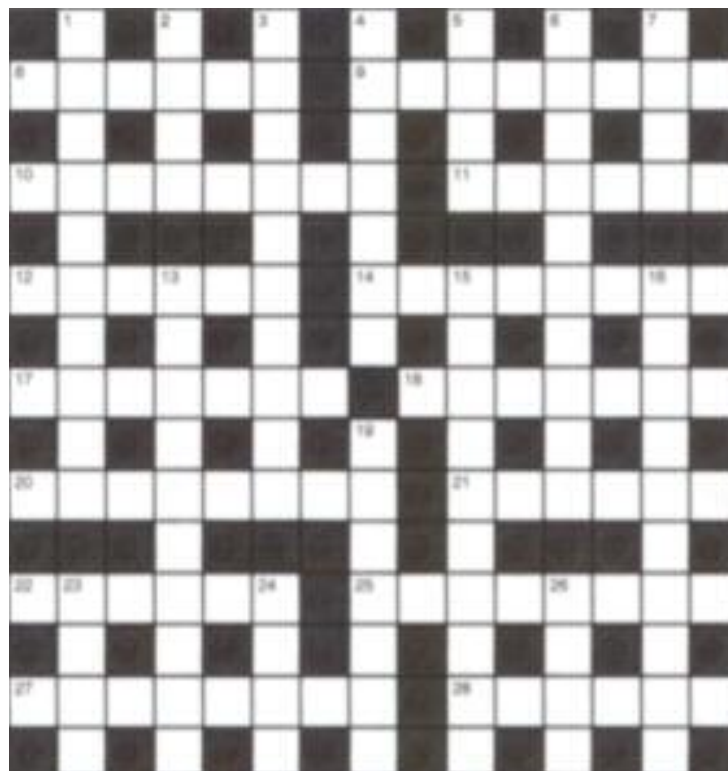
Margery Mount - [Email margery.mount@icloud.com](mailto:margery.mount@icloud.com)

Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

compiled jointly by U3A Crossword Group

Clues across

8. Run down German Celebrity. (6)
9. Investigator is nearly as mad. (8)
10. Con tuner into playing particular piece of music. (8)
11. Attempt internal intention to be in fashion. (6)
12. Rob took bin out and made a tape. (6)
14. Propositions needed to organise rest home. (8)
17. The ache could be for an animal. (7)
18. Little brother! It is hoped you find your roots here. (7)
20. Afterthought, sum up at finish – then not sure. (8)
21. These recipes can be found in her balance. (6)
22. Only right to have support in Public Relations. (6)
25. Good! Relative permitted protective glove to be worn.(8)
27. Knock out leading tricky fellow, he takes risks. (8)
28. Boiler used a thousand stinging weeds, topped and tailed. (6)



Clues down

1. Hide models disguised or they will be destroyed. (10)
2. Don't eat, be quick! (4)
3. Nigeria had developed an audio device. (7,3)
4. Dad pays for home for Mum and Dad. (7)
5. Actors open Charity auction selling treasures. (4)
6. Kind author needs text machine. (10)
7. Want to be born on the first of December. (4)
8. 13. Worker, say, preserving apiculture. (10)
15. Tremble after planet has volcanic activity. (10)
16. In error, some of nostrum is taken lying down. (10)
19. Just picture if I find silver in coalfield for example. (7)
23. The service commences really in the evening. (4)
24. Have fun in prompt action. (4)
26. Carry to our team's European leadership. (4)

Sheila Stafford Group Co-ordinator

This Newsletter appears bi-monthly. The next edition will be published January 2023

Please send items for publication by email

to newslettereditor@mbmu3a.org.uk

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

You can read all issues of the newsletter on our website www.mbmu3a.org.uk

**All contributions for the next edition of the Newsletter
should be received by 3rd January at the latest**

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Announcements

It is with regret that we record the death of two of our long standing members, Jean Parker and Kitty Watt.

We extend our sincere condolences to all their family and friends.

Kitty Watt

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of Kitty Watt who had been involved with Marple Bridge and Mellor u3a from its earliest days. Lots of you will have met her as for many years she has been at the registration table to welcome you to the General Meeting. Kitty was always a willing helper for our u3a in a variety of ways. Among other things she has been a committee member, taking on the responsibility of Group Coordinator. Her expertise in needlework came to the fore as she regularly made a wealth of items to sell at our various charity events.

Jean Parker

Over the years Jean was present at the General Meetings helping to raise funds for our various charities selling CDs and DVDs. Her friendly smile and conversation will be missed.

Crossword Solution
Across 8. Defame 9. Analyser 10. Nocturne 11. Trendy 12. Ribbon
14. Theorems 17. Cheetah 18. British 20. Addendum 21. Herbal
22. Proper 25. Gauntlet 27. Stuntman 28. Kettle
Down 1. Demolished 2. Fast 3. Hearing aid 4. Parents 5. Cast
6. Typewriter 7. Need 13. Beekeeping 15. Earthquake
16. Mistakenly 19. Imagine 23. Rite 24. Romp 26. tote

Newsletter items

Thank you to the people who have submitted articles for inclusion in this month's Newsletter, can I have some more please !!!

Things that have happened to you in the past, funny or serious, items that you think could be of interest to our members.

You don't need to have your name published with the article if you do not wish to, but I do need to know who has sent the article.

Put your thinking caps on and lets try to make the Newsletter more interesting for all our readers.

Malcolm, Newsletter Editor

Marple Bridge and Mellor u3a Membership Renewal Application 2023

Membership is from 1st January each year.

The fee for 2023 is £10.00. Please complete the Membership Form and return it to the address below, with your cheque made out to MBM u3a.

If the details you are filling in have not changed since last year please tick this box

Send the completed form to

MBM u3a, Membership Secretary, 18 Churchill Crescent, Marple, SK6 6HJ

You need to send a SAE for your card to be returned to you, unless you can collect it at a meeting

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR DETAILS IN CAPITAL LETTERS (except email address)

Please use a separate form if the people applying have a different surname or are from different addresses

1. TITLE.....1st NAMESURNAME.....

EMAIL:PHONE \ mobile.....

ADDRESS POST CODE

Relative/Friend Phone No.(in case of incident whilst on u3a activity).....

2nd u3a MEMBER (Renewal Application)

2. TITLE..... 1st NAMESURNAME

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

All members must tick the boxes below to indicate their agreement of membership terms:

- Abide by the Principles of the U3A movement and the Terms and Conditions of the Constitution.
- Always act in the best interests of the U3A, treating other members with respect and courtesy at all times.
- Advise the committee of any change in your personal details.

I/We will abide by the terms of membership as stated above

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Please tick the box below to give us permission to use the information you have supplied in the following ways:

- To store it securely for membership purposes
- To communicate with you as a U3A member either in email or newsletters
- To share with group leaders of those groups for which you are a member
- To use your photograph in newsletters participating in a U3A group activity
- To send you information about the Third Age Trust (the national organisation to which u3as are affiliated)

I/We consent to personal data being used for purposes as described above

I/We apply to renew our membership of Marple Bridge & Mellor u3a

Signed: 1st MemberSigned: 2nd Member.....

Please be advised that you can request for your data not to be used for any purposes at any time by contacting us: membershipsecretary@mbmu3a.org.uk

You will be notified by email when the newsletter is on the website.

If you wish to receive the newsletter by post, please enclose 6 stamped addressed envelopes with your membership form, size 230mm x 160mm (size A5)

If any of your details change throughout the year, including email, address or telephone numbers please inform the Membership Secretary of these.