

Newsletter - January 2023



Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Please Note - Monthly Meetings are now held on the 3rd THURSDAY of the month

Lifts to General Meetings – Drivers needed

During this last year Margery Mount has been arranging lifts for members who have found some difficulty getting to the General Meetings. A few members have requested lifts but Margery is having difficulties getting drivers to take them.

We desperately need some drivers to volunteer. If you are willing to offer to drive members to the meeting at St Paul's Hall, on a Thursday morning, please contact Margery using the details below.

Margery Mount – Email margery.mount@icloud.com Telephone 0161 427 4260

Chairman's Chit Chat...

May I wish you a happy and healthy New Year 2023 and I look forward to meeting many of you at our various u3a events in the New Year. May we build on our successes over the last year to make 2023 an enjoyable and active year for Marple Bridge and Mellor u3a.

As I will be busy over the Christmas and New Year period I am writing this the week earlier. It's cold and frosty with snow being forecasted. Let's hope it soon starts to improve and at least begins to get a little warmer. The ice makes it difficult for so many of us to get out, especially if we are a little unsure on our legs. It's important that we continue to socialise and be active but please do take care.

The last couple of months have been very challenging whilst the committee have had meetings with the Trustees of St Paul's Hall to sort out the day for our General Meeting. We have tried to find another venue in the area, so that we could continue to meet on a Tuesday but, after intensive investigations, there is nowhere suitable for us. We are therefore continuing to meet at St Paul's Hall but on a Thursday. This starts with the January meeting which will be on Thursday the 19th January. I have already had messages from some members saying they will now be able to join us but I'm also aware there are members for whom a Thursday is not convenient. If you have another regular Thursday involvement then maybe you could occasionally miss one and join us. Keep your eye on the speaker list in the Newsletter and check if there is anyone you would really like to hear.

Our February meeting is the AGM. Information about this is included in this newsletter. The work of the committee, for most of the time, is quite exciting. We get involved with choosing and planning different events throughout the year. We are certainly not a clique and would welcome new comers bringing new ideas. Anyone who would like to join us and help with the running of our thriving u3a should contact our secretary Barbara Scholes for a nomination form.

Having attended some National u3a meetings, in person or on zoom, during this last year it is sad to hear of some u3a's where their membership numbers have been decimated during and after the pandemic. I am pleased to say that so far our membership has stayed reasonably stable. We are always looking for new members. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining please bring them along to a meeting or get them to look at the various activities that run. Remember your membership renewal is also due. If you have any ideas of how we could advertise ourselves please pass them on to us. We also would like to start new interest groups. Put your thinking caps on and let's see what other activities we can start in 2023.

Shirley Hammond

Notices & other News Items

Notice of Marple Bridge & Mellor u3a Annual General Meeting 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of MBM u3a will take place on Thursday 16th February 2023, at 10.15am.

Nominations forms for committee roles are available from our Secretary Barbara Scholes secretary@mbmu3a.org.uk

Any questions that you wish to raise in 'Any Other Business' must be submitted, to the Secretary at the latest, 2 weeks prior to the AGM, i.e. 2nd February 2023, to allow for any necessary research for information to be carried out.

Agenda for the AGM

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of minutes of the 2022 AGM
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts.
6. Election of Chairman
7. Election of Treasurer
8. Election of Committee Members
9. Members Annual Subscription for 2024
10. Future General Meeting Arrangements.
11. Any Other Business
12. Vote of Thanks
13. Formal conclusion of the AGM

MBM u3a Membership Renewal for 2023

Membership renewal was due on 1st January 2023, the renewal form is attached to this Newsletter, and the fee remains at £10.00 for the year. .

We are asking all members to please pay by cheque (see renewal form for details) If you have any problems please contact :

Membership Secretary (membershipsecretary@mbmu3a.org.uk).

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

Marple Bridge & Mellor u3a Meetings

Thursday 19 January Eric McConnell "A Scotsman Abroad"

Thursday 16 February Annual General Meeting

Subscribe to the National u3a Magazine

Anyone wishing to receive the Third Age Matters magazine, please complete the form attached to this Newsletter and send it to
u3a Secretary, 15 Lower Strines Road, Marple SK6 7DL

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) know so that we can send a little card.

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.

Jigsaw Sales at Monthly Meetings

We have a table selling **2nd HAND JIGSAW PUZZLES** at our monthly meetings.

Please bring some along and buy another one.

Dining Group.



Thank you all for supporting Shirley and I at the venues we had chosen to visit last year. We hope we can find places of interest again for the coming year (watch this space).

January Wednesday 25th

An old favourite and not far to travel [The Maple Tree in Marple Bridge](#).

February Tuesday 21st

New to the Dining group [Pagliacci in Hyde](#).

We will be at the monthly meetings to take your bookings

Pat Walker

Strolling Group

I'd like to thank all those who led a stroll in 2022. We have visited many interesting places during the year. In fact, quite a few of us were introduced to totally new areas that we've been able to explore further on our own. Any Marple Bridge and Mellor u3a members can come along and join us on these strolls.



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 email joanfogg@btinternet.com

or Shirley Hammond email david.hammond60@btinternet.com mobile 07411 352 801

Tuesday January 3rd – No Stroll

Tuesday February 7th Colin Burkitt

Meet outside the Regent Cinema in Marple (opposite the Italian restaurant) to leave at 1030am. We will stroll along the canals around Marple. More details nearer the date.

Tuesday March 7th Sue Norcross

Meet in the Quarry car park at the top of Joel Lane, Werneth Low to set off at 10.30am.

Shirley Hammond

Outings Group

The Outings proposed for 2023

January	Royal Exchange Theatre "Betty" sort of musical.	Wednesday the 11th of January
February	The Lowry & Imperial War Museum.	Friday the 24th of February.
March	Garden in the Sky.	Wednesday 22nd of March.
April	World Museum, Liverpool.	Monday 17th of April.
May	Silk Museum & Paradise Mill Macclesfield.	Friday 19th of May.
June	Bolton Abbey, Skipton.	Wednesday 14th of June.
July	Attingham Park, Shrewsbury.	Monday the 3rd of July.
August	France, The very best of Normandy.	Sunday 27th of August – 6days.
September	Lytham Hall, Lytham, Lancashire.	Tuesday 26th of September.
October	Chetham School of Music Library.	Thursday the 12th of October.

Happy and Healthy New Year to you all, Hazel Bhatt

Lowry Museum & Imperial War Museum

Friday the 24th of February we will travel on train to Manchester and then tram to Mediacity. We aim to meet at Lowry museum around 11am. Afterwards we plan to visit Imperial War Museum. Although it is free to enter both museums we need to inform them the numbers attending so please put your name down during January & February general meeting.

National Trust Initiative Garden at Castlefield Viaduct

A visit to a garden in the sky is planned for Wednesday the 22nd of March. The entrance is free but we need booking three weeks in advance. An e.mail has been sent to them, regarding a group booking , but we are still awaiting the response. Currently 20 members expressed their wishes to join.

France – The Best of Normandy (A Roy McCarthy Coaches Holiday)

27th Aug. 2023 – 6 days Based at The Grand Hotel de l'Esperance, Lisieux
Ferry Portsmouth to Caen and return 5 nights bed and breakfast and 4 dinners
£895 per person sharing twin/double room £204 single room supplement

Excursions included: The pretty seaside resort of Honfleur
and Chateau du Breuill Calvados tasting
Monets Gardens in Giverny
Bayeaux Tapestry and the town of Bayeaux
A visit to Chateaux du Vendevre
with a light lunch



You have to laugh !

When my friend told me she was going to see a Flamingo dance group we both immediately started laughing. Luckily she recognised her malapropism, (that's a wrong word or mispronunciation we all might say at some time in our lives, whether as a genuine slip of the tongue, or deliberately, for comic effect). Mrs Malaprop was an elderly aunt in Sheridan's play, The Rivals, with the character deliberately making errors to get a laugh.

Many years ago I overheard two women discussing a poster for the forthcoming country Gymkhana. "They're having a gymnaka", said one.

"It's not a gymnaka" said the other, "you say gymhanka!"

That made me start to look for other slip ups and here are just a few lovely examples for your entertainment, mostly medical ones.

There was the elderly lady who implied to everyone that her eye problem was a gift from God because she spoke of having 'immaculate degeneration', and a puzzling symptom of Covid – testing positive but being 'asymmetric'.

How about the relatives of an elderly patient who wanted him assessed for 'power of eternity', or the lady who, having been discharged from hospital, cheerfully admitted she had had a 'cafetière' fitted. One lady was warned about eating smoked salmon – in case she got Listerine, perhaps she was the same person whose friend bitterly complained about her Scottish holiday when she was 'eaten alive by midgets'. A neighbour said his grandson had had his teeth straightened by an 'ornithologist'. One young doctor nervously muddled his words and told a new mother that he would see her at the 'post mortem', he meant post natal, poor chap. And finally in a medical exam, a student confidently wrote that 'Sigmund Freud treated women suffering from wisteria'.

I think our members will have many more amusing anecdotes about 'slip ups' to share, we've all done it, so please let Malcolm include them in the next newsletter and let's all have a laugh!

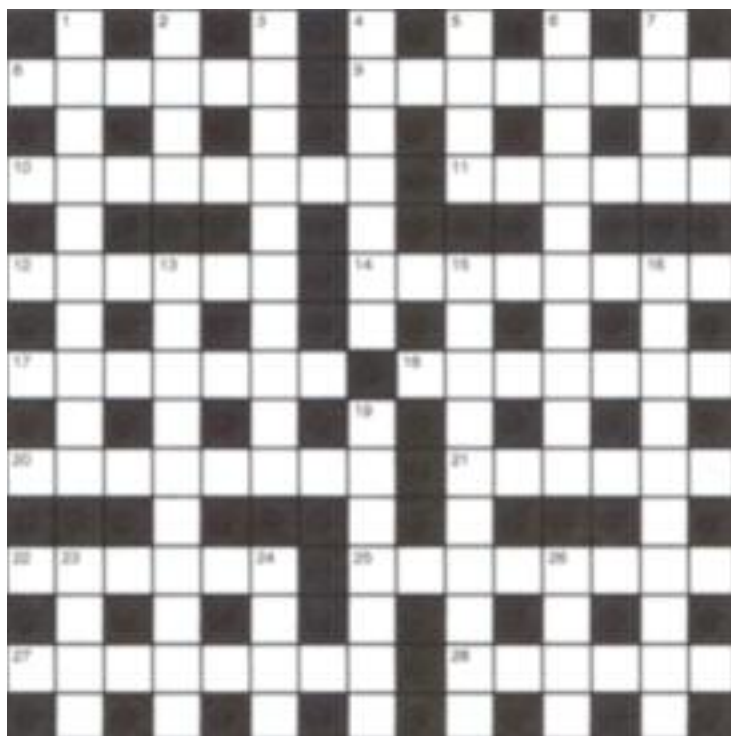
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Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

compiled jointly by U3A Crossword Group

Clues across

8. Seraph to broadcast a few words. (6)
9. It's a trick! Don't care if it changes. (8)
10. Maybe not under charged. (6,2)
11. Unwanted plant overwhelmed newspaper man who worked in the garden. (6)
12. Nag Mum angrily to get an ice cream, maybe. (6)
14. Narrow part Don ties for example. (8)
17. Seated at meal time. (7)
18. Fight to beat harsh conditions. (7)
20. Scheme in mere trouble with factory boss. (8)
21. Insight from first words in some documents of ministry (6)
22. Deny registered nurse took drug, although sterile. (6)
25. I can raid destructive fallout. (4,4)
27. Possibility of crop pest being ruinous. (8)
28. Space has costly charm. (6)



Clues down

1. Discharge a volatile mist to treat this painful disease. (10)
2. Unsuccessful museum in London I closed down. (4)
3. Needy Mayor interfered with cash. (5,5)
4. Mending like new inside – very brave! (7)
5. Worry about casserole. (4)
6. Fat rewards possibly come later. (10)
7. Care about piece of land. (4)
13. Startled hen, not diagnosed initially, suffering from skin complaint. (6,4)
15. Imitate author who produces adverts. (10)
16. Animal coat unusually relating to its physical structure. (10)
19. The Bard develops liberality of mind. (7)
23. Wary about being off course. (4)
24. A fine education can hide want. (4)
26. It sounds as if I regretted being cheeky. (4)

Sheila Stafford Group Co-ordinator

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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 1st March at the latest**

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Announcements

It is with great regret that we record the death of Sheila Nester.

We send our deepest sympathy and our condolences to all Sheila's family

*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*

*Please show your
Membership Card at all
Group meetings
you attend.*

*All Group Leaders need to
check the cards*

Crossword Solution
Across 8. Phrase 9. Artifice 10. Turned on 11. Weeded
12. Magnum 14. Neckwear 17. Sitting 18. Spartan 20. Employer
21. Wisdom 22. Barren 25. Acid rain 27. Prospect 28. endear
Down 1. Rheumatism 2. Vain 3. Ready money 4. Darning 5. Stew
6. Afterwards 7. Acre 3. Nettle rash 15. Copywriter
16. Anatomical 19. Breadth 23. Awry 24. Need 26. rude

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.....

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

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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.....

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

For u3a Membership Secretary use

Date Application Received..... Paid by Cheque/Cash

Date Entered on Beacon.....

Membership Card - Posted / Taken to u3a meeting

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The subscription must be renewed each year so if you signed up last year, you will need to renew your subscription for 2023/4

To subscribe to the national U3A magazine, please complete the form below and send it, along with a cheque for £3.60 made out to Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A.

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Title (Mr/Mrs, etc)

Name:.....

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I enclose payment of £3.60 (cheque, made out to Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A).
This will cover all issues published in April, June, September, November 2023 and February 2024

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If you should change your address, you must notify our u3a Secretary, otherwise the magazine will continue to be sent to your old address.

Signed:..... Date: