
Please Remember - It is now £2.00 to attend the Monthly Meetings

Chairman's Chit Chat....

Congratulation and very many thanks to everyone who made the Charity Event such a success. The committee worked hard in organising it but it's thanks to all the other members who either helped on the day or the members who supported us together with their friends and families. We received many donations for the raffle and raised more monies with "name the Owl" which was won by no other than Bill Prophet our own "tea lady". As usual the cake stall was the first to sell out but all stalls were well supported and the bring & buy stall offered a great variety of items. The unsold items were taken to a local charity. Over £320.00 was raised in total for the Marple Dementia Drop-In. So once again many grateful thanks and congratulations. All the monies raised this year will be officially presented to them at our AGM.

An update on Hector, my hedgehog. He has been visiting my garden every night up until the last 7 days when he suddenly stopped. I hope he has just found another "pit stop" and that he is ok. I've installed a wildlife camera in the garden so I could watch his visits, and discovered that a few field mice have also taken advantage of the food. I will continue to put the food out in the hope that Hector comes back. I will keep you posted.

Diane Holker

Notices & other News Items

Marple Bridge & Mellor u3a Meetings

Speakers at meetings for 2023

21/09/2023	Captain Ken Owen	The Highs and Lows of Life at Sea
19/10/2023	Peter Turner	Though the Eyes of a Magician

Book Sales at the Monthly Meetings

Due to the limited amount of storage space and the fact that hardback books and non fiction books are not popular, it is requested that paperback fiction books only are 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.

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

Hope you are having a good summer in spite of the weather.

Here is a reminder of the plans for the outings for the next few months.

Lytham Hall, Lytham St Annes – Tuesday 26th September. Limited places available.

Christmas at Chatsworth – Wednesday the 8th November. Limited places available.

Royal Exchange Theatre – Sat. 6th January 2024 at 2.30pm

All tickets for the Christmas production of 'Brief Encounter' have been sold and there is a waiting list. Please collect your tickets from Outings desk at the October meeting.

Gorton Monastery & Belle Vue Zoological Gardens – Thurs. 29th February 2024

A visit to Gorton Monastery has been arranged as follows:-

Arrival: either by car (lifts would be appreciated) or train from Marple to Ashburys. Tea/coffee on arrival
Talk and walk around the Monastery.

Sandwich lunch with cake and tea/coffee

Afternoon talk on Belle Vue Zoological Gardens. Most of us have memories of this iconic area, the exhibition complex, the amusement park, the speedway stadium, the large zoo and you are invited to bring along any souvenirs to the talk.

Price: for the day incl. lunch – £27.75 p.p.

Organiser : Jenny Summers (427 2861) in Hazel's absence.

Final times will be confirmed later.

Classic tour of Spain– Monday 18th–24th March 2024. Flight from Manchester airport.

Price £999 sharing a double/ twin room. Single supplement.285

If you need more information contact Hazel Bhatt. Mobile: 07808809795.

If you want to join us contact "Riviera travel" tel: 01283893106 mentioning Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A group bookings.

Hazel Bhatt

Dining Group

Thank you to all who have joined us for our latest choice of venue and choice of meals, we are getting very good feedback!



Wednesday 27th September 2.00pm Lymefield Garden Centre Broadbottom SK14 6AG
Afternoon Tea £16.95

Wednesday 25th October 7.00pm for 7.30pm Devonshire Arms
Three Course Evening Meal £22

Thursday 30th November 7.00 for 7.30pm Hazel Grove Golf Club
Three Course Evening Meal £25
Buxton Road Stockport SK7 6LU

We have now opened a bank account specifically for the Dining Group - MB&M DINING.

We would like to start collecting the full amount at the time of booking.

This will make it more manageable for myself and Shirley rather than spending the first 45 minutes to an hour collecting and counting the money on the night.

Pat Walker & Shirley Hammond.

Strolling Group

Our "Strolling Group" is for members who would like a gentle stroll. We arrange strolls of about 2 miles followed by a cuppa. These take place on the first Tuesday morning 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

Join us for a variety of strolls exploring our area and the surrounding countryside.

We benefit from outside exercise as well as joining in enjoyable social occasions.



Tuesday 3rd October Jenny Summers and Agnes Barlow

Take the 10.00 am 358 bus from Marple to New Mills on Tuesday 3rd October.

Descend steps down to the Torrs by the Heritage Centre to the Riverside Park below. Take a short detour right to see the dramatic mill ruins, the weir and the Archimedes screw turbine which lies at the confluence of the rivers Sett and Goyt. Retrace our steps to follow the Midshires Way on to the spectacular Millenium Walkway (160m long) which was completed in 1999. We walk on to discover Mousley Bottom Local Nature Reserve. Follow through the well-maintained reserve by the river to Hague Bar Road for the return bus 358 to Marple at 11.57am.

Bring bus pass, drink and wear suitable clothing for time of year.

Tuesday November 7th Sue Norcross

Meet at Pear Mill, Portwood, Stockport SK6 2BP. To leave at 10.30am

Stroll along the track to the river. Making our way up the river to Woodland Park.

We could either stop in the park for a drink or return to Pear Mill and have a drink in one of the cafes.

Shirley Hammond

REMEMBER THE CLOTHES LINE ?

(If you don't remember the clothes line better skip this)

JS

A clothes line was a news forecast to neighbours passing by,
There were no secrets you could keep when clothes were hung out to dry.

For it was also a friendly link, 'cause neighbours always knew,
If COMPANY had stopped to spend a night or two.

Then you'd see 'the fancy sheets and towels' out on the line; and best linen tablecloths, remember
those with intricate design?

The line announced an infant's birth to folks who lived inside
As brand new baby clothes were hung, so carefully, and with pride.

And ages of the children could so readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed - you'd know how much they'd grown.

It also showed when illness struck as extra sheets were hung, Then night clothes and dressing gowns too,
all haphazardly strung.

It also said 'on holiday now' when lines were limp and bare.
Then told, 'We're back' when full lines sagged with not an inch to spare!

New folks in town were criticized if wash was dingy and grey,
Your neighbours would raise eyebrows and carefully look away.

But clotheslines now are of the past for dryers make work much less,
Now what goes on inside a home is anybody's guess.

I really miss that way of life; it was a friendly sign
When neighbours knew each other best - by what was hung on that line.

UNKNOWN AUTHOR

Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

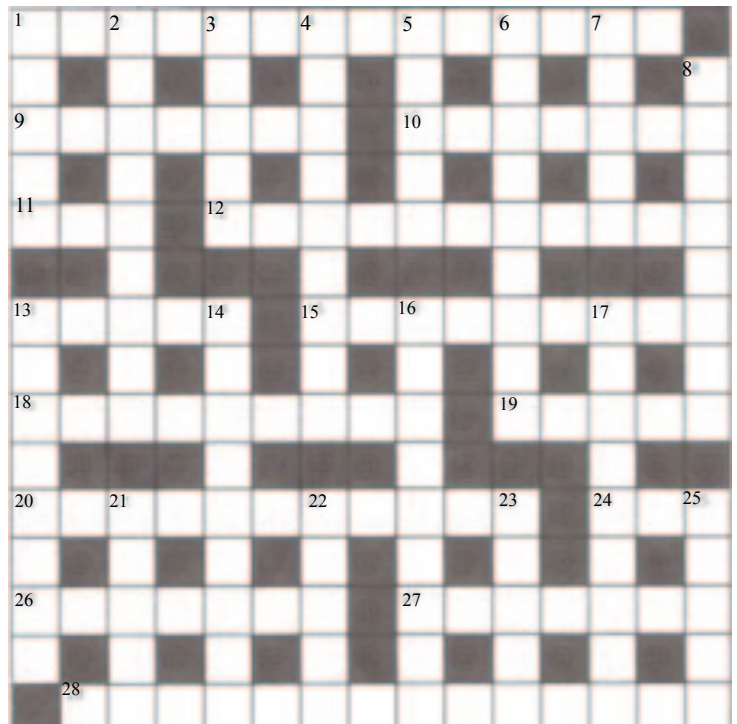
compiled jointly by U3A Crossword Group

Clues across

1. Greet a piper act playing round a drag. (9,5)
9. Parrot I rescued in terminal situation. (7)
10. Play area sounds free for Monk, say. (7)
11. Unusual gun used for wildebeest. (3)
12. Allowed nest building to be obstructed. (11)
13. Does Ontario Jail produce Spanish wine? (5)
15. Shock leading to spasm is distressing. (9)
18. Poets add to confusion in the future. (9)
19. Swarm over mess beyond open door. (5)
20. Sick feeling as Lions ie. subs swapped around. (11)
24. Observe the Bishop's regime. (3)
26. Someone from the Middle East has laser treatment in the middle of eyes we hear. (7)
27. Spend it incorrectly – it's Minister's
28. Principal has a cold and he is a pain. (8)

Clues down

1. Scots have good start – ring the bells! (5)
2. Talkative Solar Guru worried. (9)
3. Digs about in earth? Cheers! (5)
4. Exchange cockney hat for rags. (3,3,3)
5. Weird engineer I endeavour to hide. (5)
6. Celebrated cad had malice dealt with. (9)
7. Identical part of core qualification. (5)
8. Principal has a cold and he is a pain. (8)



13. Historic find around hostelry which is for the people. (8)
14. Plant hides a confused dead Roman. (9)
16. Broadcast seed dear to recipient. (9)
17. First tense philosopher to have wedding finery. (9)
21. Words initially limited your rhythm in chorus. (5)
22. Flap wings to move to and fro. (5)
23. Small aspiration sounds fashionable. (5)
25. Finished in drunken deduction.

Marple, Marple Bridge and Mellor Quiz.

Compiled by Mike Humphris

1. What is the connection between the trial and execution of King Charles 1st and Marple Hall ?
2. What serious local disaster was the reason for Margaret Thatcher's 1991 visit to Marple Bridge ?
3. In which year were Mellor and Ludworth transferred from Derbyshire to Cheshire and so becoming part of Marple Urban District council ?
4. When was Marple UDC abolished and merged with Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council ?
5. How was the area now called Marple named in the Domesday Book ?
- 6.. Where did the railway line that now ends at Marple Rose Hill originally terminate ?
7. Other than the construction of a cotton mill, houses for his workers and sinking of a number of coal mines what local landmark, now in picturesque ruins, did Samuel Oldknow build in Marple ?
8. How many locks compose the flight of locks on the canal at Marple. ?
9. When was St Martin's church on Brabyns Brow built ?
10. Where would you find an 1813 cast iron bridge in Marple ?
11. When was Brabyns Hall used as a hospital ?
12. Who was the writer of the many books in which a "Miss Marple" solved the crime or mystery ?
13. How long is the canal aqueduct which spans the river in Marple ?
14. Which is the oldest recorded edifice in the Marple/Mellor area ?
15. Where is the area known as the Artist's Estate (Bonnington Rise, Constable Drive, Reynolds Drive, Raeburn Drive etc) located ?
16. Adjacent to which local vicarage would you find an archaeology dig in which Roman and Iron artefacts been discovered ?
17. What was the name of the public house on the site now occupied by the McCarthy & Stone retirement flats ?
18. What was the purpose of the building on the Stockport side of Dan Bank known as Seventeen Windows ?
19. Where would you find Hollins Hall and what is it now used for ?
20. Where was the Marple Gas Company with its attendant large gas holder located ?
The area is now part of a housing estate.

Answers in the November issue of MBM u3a Newsletter
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Announcements

It is with great sadness we regret to record the sudden death of David Hammond. David served on the committee many years ago and since then has played a mayor role in all MBM u3a activities, helping at the monthly meetings and all the other events we have held. He will be greatly missed. We extend our sincere sympathy to Shirley and all of David and Shirley's family.



Crossword Solution
Across 1. Cigarette Paper 9. Airport 10. Recluse 11. Gn
12. Stonewalled 13. Rioja 15. Traumatic 18. Postdated 19. Drove
20. Billionsness 24. See 26. Israeli 27. Stipend
28. Ocean Greyhound
Down 1. Clang 2. Garrulous 3. Roots 4. Tit for tat 5. Eerie
6. Acclaimed 7. Equal 8. Headache
13. republic 14. Andromeda 16. Addressee 17. Troussseau
21. Lyric 22. Swing 23. Swish 24. ended

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