

Chairman's Chatter

I would like to thank all those who attended our recent "New Members Meeting" and helped to make it an extremely successful event. A special thank you to members of the committee and our group coordinator, who helped to organise the session and gave their time on the day to assist in the running of the morning.

A wide variety of groups were represented by their group convenors, who were able to talk about their activities and offer encouragement to our newer members to either get involved in different opportunities or set up new groups. Thank you for your support at this event.

Many of our newer members attended, discussed their involvements and made some interesting suggestions for new groups. I am sure you will shortly be hearing about some of these ideas coming to fruition and have the chance to join some new groups. Many of you expressed your thanks at the end of the meeting and felt it had been an informative and interesting meeting.

We plan to run these new members meetings every other year, but in the meantime we hope that all of our members will welcome new members and encourage them to take a full part in our wide variety of activities. The committee will always support anyone who has new ideas for a group and we will fund an initial meeting and a reasonable amount for necessary equipment. If any of you have ideas contact the group coordinator or any of the committee.

Our next meeting on August 18th is our Annual Charity Event. You will see from the advert in this newsletter that this year we are raising money for the Urology Department at Stepping Hill Hospital. This department is recognised nationally as one of the most go ahead in the country and we are extremely lucky to have this facility in our area. This meeting is open to all, members and non-members, so feel free to bring friends and family with you. We would appreciate donations for the different stalls. Hopefully you will all come and enjoy a chat with your friends whilst raising money for an extremely worthwhile cause.

Shirley Hammond

AUGUST MEETING

Open Meeting and Grand Charity Event

Tuesday 18th August, St Paul's Church Hall, Compstall

to raise funds towards equipment for
The Urology Dept at Stepping Hill Hospital

Raffle - Bric-a-Brac - Books - Plants - Cakes - Cards - CDs/DVD's

£1.00 Entrance (includes coffee and biscuits)

Come along , bring your friends and find out more about our U3A activities



BARNEY

A Stitched and Quilted Wall Hanging

Over the next two months we are holding a special Raffle for this Wall Hanging. (Size 12" x 18")

It has been made by four members of our U3A and the proceeds of the raffle will go to the funds we raise at our Grand Charity Event in August for The Urology Dept. at Stepping Hill Hospital

It is a beautiful piece of work and whoever wins it will be a very lucky person.

It will be drawn at the August Meeting

Tickets 5 for £1

From the Group Co-ordinators

T'ai Chi

The group will start again after the Summer break on Monday 14th September.

Usual time and place - 2-3pm, Scout HQ, Marple. Information from Joyce Gartside, contact 430 6503

History of Culture Group

David Matthews tells me that there are a couple of vacancies in the Thursday morning group. Future topics include The Medieval Builder, and Roman architecture and technology. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month, starting at 10.00am.

If interested please contact David on rosings6@waitrose.com or 427 0372.

Family History Group

John Glennon tells me that the group continues to meet on the third Wednesday of every month at Marple Library, 10.00am - 11.00am. Any new members who are interested will be made very welcome whether they are complete beginners or experienced family historians.

Folk Music Group

At present this group is enjoying its summer break, it re-starts on September 24th. It will continue to meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 2.00 to 4.00pm at the home of Ken & Mags Whiting. Contact number 01457 865805.

Informal Sketching Group

The formation of this new group is proposed by Maxine Wild. The plan is to do some drawing and sketching in the open air under Maxine's guidance. A taster session is planned for August. Maxine's contact number is 01663 745726

Around the Groups

In each newsletter we will feature 1 or 2 groups that are part of our U3A

Rummikub Group

If you want to learn to play a game that can be enjoyed by grandparents, parents and grandchildren alike then come and join us at Marple Methodist Hall on the 3rd Tuesday in the month from 2.00 to 4.00pm. We are a friendly group and willingly help new members learn the game. It's not difficult and you will soon find yourself immersed in manipulating the pieces.

Rummikub is hands on fun mixed with elements of strategy. It combines aspects of rummy, dominoes and mah-jongg. It consists of tiles numbered from 1 to 13 in 4 different colours and of course jokers. The objective is to make runs of consecutive numbers in the same colour or groups of the same number in different colours, putting them out on the table and adding to those of the others. Finally being the first to get rid of all your tiles.

If you feel you may be interested in joining us do come along and give it a try or contact me for further information.

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Dining Group

If you enjoy meeting new friends and having good conversation over a delicious meal then join the dining group on our monthly outing to a restaurant. Whether you are on your own or with someone I'm sure you'll find it a very pleasurable social event.

Membership of this group is open to all as long as you are a member of our U3A. The size of visits to any restaurant is only governed by the size of the establishment and how many diners they can cope with in one party.

We organise dinners, lunches and occasionally afternoon teas at a wide variety of restaurants sometimes giving our members new or different venues that they wouldn't normally experience. On our search for new restaurants we try to include fine dining, casual dining or cuisine from other cultures. We are always looking for new ideas and would appreciate recommendations from you

The newsletter will give you information of future venues. Come and meet us at our table at the monthly meetings to make a booking or contact us after the meeting by phone or e mail. All reservations require a non-returnable £5 cash deposit.

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CD's / DVD's

The CD's / DVD's which we have on sale at the monthly meetings need to be up-dated with different ones, so please can we ask for some more contributions to the stall, so that we can replace some of the existing ones with more up to date ones.

Please have a look at your collection and see if you can bring some along to the next monthly meeting.

Jean Parker & Barbara Littler

Outings Group

Tuesday 4th August ANSON ENGINE MUSEUM and optional lunch, Poynton.

Guided tour of the Museum by volunteers after coffee/ tea (80p p.p.) from 10.30 a.m. Optional lunch at the Boar's Head around 12.30p.m.

Price £7.50 p.p. for tour and places are still available. Please contact

Organisers: Jenny & George Summers (427 2861) for further information

Wednesday 19th August NATIONAL ARBORETUM, LICHFIELD.

Organiser: Carol Rice

Friday 4th September LINCOLN CATHEDRAL AND CASTLE

We regret we have been unable to secure enough members for a second coach to Lincoln on this occasion. The reserve list still stands in case of any cancellations.

Leaving Rosehill at 8.00 a.m. with the usual pickups at 5 minute intervals and traffic permitting, we expect to arrive at the Cathedral around 11 a.m. The guided tour is approx. 1 hour and members will be given individual tickets for access to the Castle in the afternoon.

Organisers: J & G Summers (427 2861)

Wednesday 21st October LANCASHIRE MILITARY MUSEUM, Fulwood Barracks, Preston, lunch at SALMESBURY HALL followed by the 'Witch' tour

The Lancashire Museum is the premier centre for military history in the north of England and is packed to the rafters with related artefacts ranging from the American War of Independence to items used in Afghanistan. A guided tour has been arranged. The Waterloo Room contains some of the oldest and most unique treasures of the Napoleonic campaign, just one of the highlights of our visit.



Then we leave for the fascinating medieval Salmesbury Hall where a soup and sandwich lunch, tea/coffee is provided. Free access to walk through the historic rooms, grounds etc. at your leisure until 2.30 p.m. we have the witch tour; the Hall had three women tried as witches at Lancaster Assizes and a costumed guide will recount their gruesome story together with tales of romance and turbulence that has filled the Hall over the centuries. We promise it will not be a boring trip and hope you will be able to join us!

Price: £32 p.p. (based on 35 members) this includes coffee at the Barracks, guided tour, soup and sandwich lunch, tea/coffee, witch tour at the Hall, coach and driver's gratuity.

Please note: all other gratuities are at your discretion.

Depart: Rosehill Station 9.15 am with the usual pickups en route at 5 minute intervals.

Booking: Tuesday 21st July General meeting and thereafter please contact

Organisers: George and Jenny Summers (427 2861)

MARPLE BRIDGE AND MELLOR U3A OPEN GARDENING GROUP

The Gardening Group saw thousands of daffodils dressed in their frilliest finery certainly putting the zing into spring on our April outing as a full coach wended its way to our first stop at Stoneyford Cottage Garden. Perhaps mostly a promise of what was to come in later months, the garden still had some interesting and unusual plants and trees to look at, as well as a nesting swan and her elegant mate gliding by on the small lake in the middle of the garden. Arley Hall was our next stop with songbirds in full throttle and the steady thrum of the mowing machines accompanying us as we wandered freely around the gardens. The Woodland Walk was a joyous celebration of magnolias from the palest to the deepest pink.

May brought the welcome return of Kate Perry of Lomax Nurseries, giving us the lowdown on just how tubs and hanging baskets should be planted to give a spectacular display throughout the summer - plenty of plants and plenty of water should be the mantra!

Our speaker in June, Jan Greenland (The Herb Lady) had also been invited back by audience request after her visit to us last year. This time we "travelled" through the centuries seeing pictures of iceman and bogmen, dwellings and artefacts all with the theme of herbs medicinal, edible and poisonous! Jan's gentle humour kept the audience well-entertained as she gave us a fascinating glimpse of life long past.

There will be no meeting on July 8th as an outing has been arranged.

The August 12th meeting is the Group Members Horticultural Show.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month (except on outing days) at Marple Methodist Church, Church Lane, Marple. 9.45 a.m. £2 per meeting.

Jean Parrish

Walking Group

Group Organisers/Co-ordinators

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Aug/Sept Walks

Aug Tues 4th	High Lane.	6m easy+	Wendy Greenwood
Aug Tues 11th	South Head.	5m mod+	Jean Mitchell
Aug Wed 19th	Rainow.	5m mod	Margaret Hogg
Aug Tue 25th	Lyme Park.	5m mod/easy	Betty Clew
Sep Wed 2nd	Broadbottom.	4m easy/mod (inc.lunch + review of group)	Judith Lynch
Sep Tues 8th	Crowden.	5m easy	Sue Ward
Sep Wed 16th	Carrbrook.	5m mod	Irene Riley
Sep Tues 22nd	Mam Tor.	5m mod+	Sheila Stafford
Sep Wed 30th	Chapel en le Frith.	5.75m mod	Judy Rhodes

New walkers please contact Judy or Sheila before attending a walk.

MATINEE GROUP



Theatre Visits

'Kiss me Kate' at the Plaza, Stockport on 31st October 2015 at 2.15pm Tickets £13 NO coach

'Into the Woods ' at the Royal Exchange on Dec 12th 2015 at 2.30pm Tickets £25.50 NO coach

'The Girls' (Calendar Girls - musical, music by Gary Barlow) Wednesday 20th January 2016 at 2pm
Tickets £40 (including the coach). We have to pay for the tickets by 31st July 2015.

As cheques are not always presented to the bank straight away, it is important to let us know if you have changed your bank account. If your cheque has not been paid in before this change, a charge can be incurred to the Matinee Group Bank Account. So please let us know of any changes, Thank you.

Jean Howells & Sue Humphris

DINING GROUP



Thank you to Pat and Alan Stanbridge for the excellent Evening meal they organised at Peruga. The food and service were excellent.

We also had Lunch at Mellor and Townscliff Golf Club a pleasant change from an evening meal, with good service and wonderful views.

Thank you to Carol Rice for Afternoon Tea at The Gingerbread House Marple. Good food and plenty of it (no need to cook at home that night) all in all a very agreeable afternoon.

Still to look forward too.

September

The Bee Hive at Combs Wednesday 9th September at 6.30pm

A three course meal for £9.50. Bookings are still being taken at the July meeting
see Pat and Nazir Chourbaji

October

La Dolce Vita in Marple Tuesday 20th October

A two course meal for £17 plus tea or coffee

Bookings will be taken July and September

November

The Alma Lodge Stockport Thursday 26th for our Annual Christmas Dinner. £22.50 for three course dinner coffee/tea mints and of course a Mince Pie. Ann and Bill Prophet will be taking bookings starting in September.

A £5 cash deposit to secure your reservation for all Dining Group experiences will be required at the time of booking which is Non-refundable

Pat Walker

Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

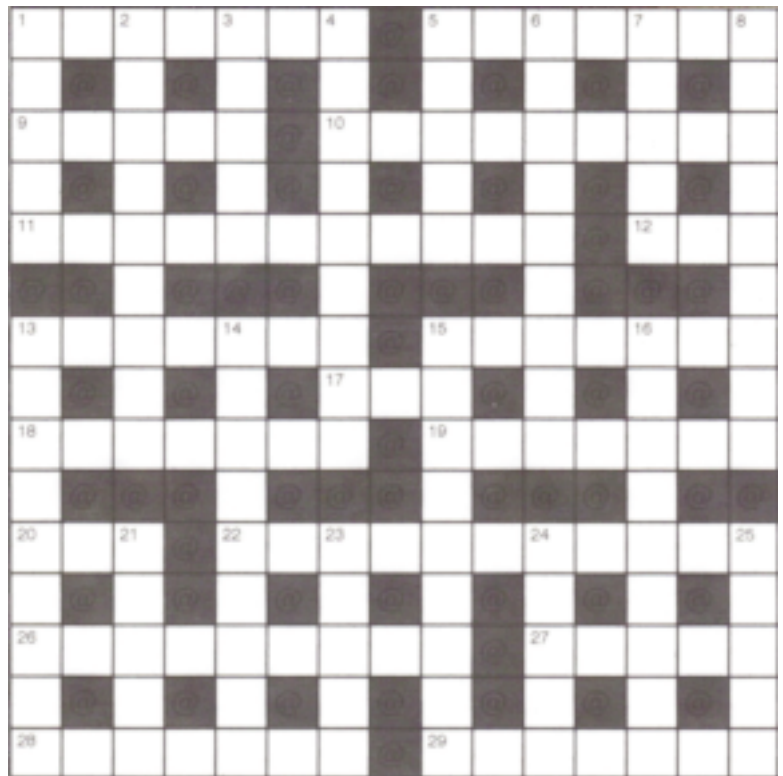
Geoff Heath

Clues across

- 1 Devilish cat's in a whirl (7)
 5 Gold coin tossed with ring in river (7)
 9 Proportion of food allowance cut short (5)
 10 Trader's agent into dodgy dealing (9)
 11 Wickedly poison rival as a temporary measure (11)
 12 Remains in fashion (3)
 13 Whole number get rein in a twist (7)
 15 Seaside feature has most of deck with a hole cut through it (7)
 17 Travel to a former Portuguese colony (3)
 18 Diplomatic understanding used in government enterprise (7)
 19 Run toad off domed building (7)
 20 Be off! Bride is disencumbered (3)
 22 Gentle in run; can become immovable (11)
 26 One accompanying a teetotal close worker (9)
 27 Return skin after second class note (5)
 28 Back runner coming in last at 'Aydock Park (7)
 29 Reacted badly and made a fuss (7)

Clues down

- 1 Parts going up via belt (5)
 2 Revenge of bird for rubbish (3,3,3)
 3 I moan getting up Ruth's mother-in-law (5)
 4 Hall porter makes Coe cringe on the run (9)
 5 Love gran playing church music on it (5)
 6 Mind! Let client out! (9)
 7 Introducing: Oh boy! America's most able President (5)
 8 Ha! Redcoat manufactured objects with eight faces (9)



Clues down (cont)

- 13 Drunk from bad brine I consumed (9)
 14 Smuggler starts giving up night riding until nine new enemies react (9)
 15 Soldier who took empty lorry had nervous twitch and was very drunk (9)
 16 Seasoning put in the second I mentioned it (9)
 21 Old-fashioned tea brewed in original Darjeeling district (5)
 23 Author sounds as if he'd be a good one (5)
 24 Good French return to the Parisian aristocrat (5)
 25 Monkey taken in by good duke yawned (5)

Meetings - FUTURE SPEAKERS

- 21st July Janet Bradshaw 'Sweet Memories'
 18th August Charity Event
 15th September Peter Sykes 'DIY Surgery'

Unless otherwise notified, the ordinary monthly meetings are held in St Paul's Church Hall, Compstall on the third Tuesday of each month at 9-45am (for coffee and socializing). To enable members to use the bus service, the business of the meeting will start at 10-15 and will finish at 11.45 am approx.

- * *When attending a meeting please have your entrance fee ready (£1) preferably in exact money*
- * *You should show your membership card when booking in at the monthly meetings and at U3A groups and other events.*
- * *Please do not park near the War Memorial, use the Etherow Country Car Park*
- * *Please remember to bring and buy books and C.D's at the monthly meetings.*

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STOP PRESS

Would all contributors to the Newsletter please note that, due to holiday arrangements, the deadline for the September issue is the 28th August

Crossword Solution
Across 1 Satanic; 5 Orinoco; 9 Ratio; 10 Negotiant;
11 Provisional; 12 Ash; 13 Integer; 15 Pierced; 17 Goa;
18 Entente; 19 Rotunda; 20 Rid; 22 Unrelenting;
26 Attendant; 27 Bleep; 28 Endorse; 29 Created;
Down: 1 Strap; 2 Tit for tat; 3 Naami; 4 Concierge;
5 Organ; 6 Intellect; 7 Obama; 8 Octahedra; 13 Inebriate;
14 Gunrunner; 15 Paralytic; 16 Condimment; 21 Dated;
23 Reade; 24 Noble; 25 Gaped.

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