

## Chairman's chatter

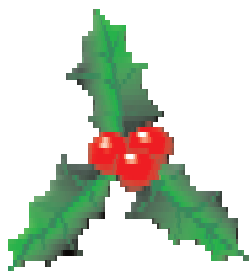
I can't believe it's time for me to write to you again. Time flies by. I feel that this is an exciting period for U3A members as so many things are happening. We have had a very successful summer with our charity event which was very well supported and we are now organising our Christmas fun event, once again with a hot pot lunch. This will be on December 20th with doors opening at 11.00am, entry by ticket only which will be available at the November meeting or directly from Malcolm Moss. We also have a "Festive Fun Quiz" on sale at £1. This consists of 6 sides of questions, from numerical to general knowledge and will keep you entertained for many sessions. Why not send some to your relatives and friends in their Christmas cards? Entries to be returned by January 10th, so that gives everyone time to complete them! This is a new venture for us, produced by Ann and Tony Matthews, so please give us your support.

Our web site is now becoming more useful with lots of information about the different groups and their activities, as well as keeping up to date with all aspects of our U3A. We have now got a sub-committee working on it wanting to develop more interesting aspects. If you can think of any more areas that could be included please let us know. Anyone wanting to post something on the web site please e mail it to Malcolm Moss, who is acting as our website editor.

May I remind you that our AGM will be held in February. Your nomination papers are included and we welcome any nominations for the four vacancies on the committee. Committee members must be proposed and seconded and the form sent to the secretary (Anne Eade) no later than 16th January, 2012. Members will be voted in at the AGM.

We are in need of an examiner to audit our accounts before the AGM. If anyone is willing to do this or knows of a suitable person could you please contact our treasurer, Peter Kitchen., or any committee member. Thank you.

*Shirley Hammond*



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Hot Pot & Apple Pie (with a Vegetarian option)  
at St Pauls Church Hall

on Tuesday 20th December 2011

Doors open at 11am for Lunch at 12 noon

Raffle - Activities



Admission £5.00 (Tickets on sale at the November meeting)

Entry by Ticket only

## Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Renewal of Membership 2012

The membership renewal form for 2012 is attached to this newsletter. It would be very much appreciated if you could renew your membership NOW and avoid the Christmas rush. Your cheque will not be banked until January 2012.

We are asking all members to pay by cheque (see the renewal form for details of arrangements) and would welcome your co-operation. If you have any problems with this please contact Carol Rice, Membership Secretary on 0161 449 9058.

Please note, we shall only post out the newsletter to members if they attach 6 stamped addressed envelopes, sized 230mm x 160mm (A5 size).

## Matinee Group

Sunday 18th December Halle Christmas Carol Concert at the Bridgewater Hall  
Wednesday January 25th.2012 The ballet "Beauty and the Beast" at the Lowry  
Tickets £25.50 plus coach  
Saturday March 10th. 2012 "Taking Steps" by Alan Ayckbourn at the Oldham Coliseum

*Will anyone who went on the Matinee Club outing to My Fair Lady at the Plaza Theatre please contact the Matinee Club desk at the November meeting to collect a rebate which is due to everyone who went.*

*Jean Howells & Sue Humphries*

## Outings

### Friday 24th February, 2012 WAKEFIELD RHUBARB FESTIVAL & 'THE HEPWORTH WAKEFIELD'

Wakefield is at the centre of what is known as 'The Rhubarb Triangle'. In the surrounding countryside are sheds where rhubarb is cultivated. During this last weekend in February there is a Festival in Wakefield celebrating this delicacy. There are stalls in the precinct leading to the Cathedral. There are all kinds of culinary delights for you to sample as well as street entertainers and plenty of places to get coffee and lunch.



The afternoon is in complete contrast. A £35 million art gallery, celebrating sculptor Dame Barbara Hepworth, opened in 2011 and is called 'The Hepworth Wakefield'. It is the largest purpose built art gallery to open since 1993. It is located on the historic waterfront area of Wakefield on the banks of the River Calder. It features 44 rarely seen prototypes and working models of Dame Barbara Hepworth sculptures. It also houses works by Turner, Moore and other artists in its 10 galleries.

Whilst we are there, there will be a visiting exhibition of Heather and Ivan Morison's work on architecture and aspects of escape and refuge. It should be most interesting !! The appearance of the building itself will be open to diverse opinions !! Entrance to the museum is free and there is a café for a cup of tea

Do come and have a varied day.

We shall leave-	Rose Hill	9.00am	Regent	9.05am	
	Marple Bridge	9.10am	Northumberland Arms		9.15am
	Romiley Arms	9.20am			

The cost of £12.00 includes coach and driver's gratuity.

BOOKING AT NOVEMBER MEETING

Organisers Ann & Tony Matthews Tel: 0161 483 4050

# FERRARIS & BARTON GRANGE

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

If you have booked for this Outing please check on the Notice Board at the November meeting to see which coach you are on, depending upon your pickup option.

COACH NO. 1	Pickup	Rose Hill	9.00am		
		Marple Bridge	9.10am		
COACH NO. 2	Pickup	Regent	9.05am		
		Northumberland	9.15am	Romiley	9.20am

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## CHATSWORTH - 18TH NOVEMBER 2011

You are reminded about the coach arrangements for this Outing:

### COACH No. 1

Reversed pickup order:-	Leaving Romiley	9.30am	Northumberland Arms	9.35am
	Marple Bridge -	Bus stop opposite Ludworth School		9.40am
	Regent Cinema-	Bus stop opposite Cinema		9.45am

COACH No. 2                      Leaving Rose Hill only      9.50am

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## FUTURE OUTINGS

### MARCH 2012

Possibly Dunham Massey and its Winter Garden ( a.m.)  
Followed by Tabley House (p.m.)  
Details in January Newsletter.

### APRIL 2012

Coach to Seacombe (Wirral) and cross by ferry to Pier Head (Liverpool).  
Visit the new Liverpool Museum and Waterfront.  
Returning to Seacombe by ferry and coach home.  
Details in January Newsletter

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### ANY IDEAS:

Please contact us:-

1. If you would be willing to take an Outing
2. If you have any ideas of where you would like to go on an Outing.
3. If there is any particular Outing you would like us to repeat.

We will send round a list on the coach when we go to Chatsworth and Ferraris if you have any thoughts about the above.

*Ann & Tony Matthews*

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**Romiley U3A**                      There are vacancies in the following groups

Beginners Spanish - contact Isabel Wright 430 3127 for details

Discussion / Conversation Spanish - contact Eva Catlow 430 8911 for details

Computer Group - starting in January - contact Kath Bradley 430 4259 for details

## A Fun Quiz for the Festive Season



"Fun Quiz for the Festive Season" to raise funds for our U3A. Copies of this are still on sale at a cost of £1 - make sure you get a copy. The completed quiz will need to be returned by 10th January 2012, to The Quiz Organisers, 5 Langley Avenue, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 5HQ, or return it in a sealed envelope marked 'Quiz Sheet' to the person who sold it to you. The winning entry wins £25 and the "Lucky Number" wins £5

## Francis House Presentation

Malcolm Moss, Vice Chairman, receiving Certificate for the £600 Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A raised at the Grand Charity Event in August, from Lucy Heald, Fund Raising Organiser for Francis House.



## Walking Group

The group is open to all; you are welcome to come regularly or just occasionally. The grading is for guidance only as it is very difficult to assess. We don't live in flat country! The walk leader can advise on the exact nature of the walk if you have any doubts about your ability.

Very easy -- more or less flat, good surface, few stiles  
 Easy -- small sections of hill, not too rough, limited stiles  
 Moderate - Typical of local terrain  
 Moderate/hard - more climbing and/or more stiles

For all walks meet in Brabyn's Park car park (IN Brabyn's Park NOT the car park on Brabyn's Brow) for car sharing and prompt departure at 9.45a.m. Some walks may use buses so, please, carry your travel pass in case! Car passengers are asked to contribute about 10p per mile towards the cost of petrol. Please wear walking boots or strong shoes and carry waterproofs. You are advised to bring some refreshments for the walks, even short walks if they are at a distance. There may be a café or pub stop on some walks. The walk may differ from the one advertised if, for example, the weather is inclement or the leader has to be changed. Please don't bring dogs; they can cause problems! Again, if you have questions about any particular walk, please contact the walk leader.

A (D) after the distance indicates that the walk is some distance away and will therefore take longer and food will be required.

*Carole McConnell, Walking Group Co-ordinator, 427 5202*

## DEC 2011 - JAN 2012 WALKS

Tues 6 Dec.	5 m. Woodford Agnes Barlow	Easy 430 3105	Weds 4 Jan	5 m Middlewood Way Meet as usual or at Rose Hill at 10:00 Dorothy Venn	Easy 427 2595
Tues. 13 Dec.	5m Whaley Bridge Shirley Molloy Doreen Scotte	Easy/mod 427 2317 427 4334	Tues 10 Jan	4/5 m Hayfield Margaret Hogg	Mod 449 8571
Weds 21 Dec	6 m. Disley Sheila Stafford	Mod 01663 810043	Weds 18 Jan	4 m Combs Pam Bluhm	Mod 427 3916
Weds 28 Dec.	5 m. Local, bus one way-bring pass Carole McConnell	Easy+ 427 5202	Tues 24 Jan	5m Bollington Judy Rhodes	Easy/mod 427 2045

*Please keep this list in a visible place !*

## DINING CLUB

We had a full complement of diners at La Roberta, the Romanian restaurant in Hazel Grove and the delicious, diverse dishes were enjoyed by everyone.

Lunch on the Judith Mary which Jenny and George Summers organised was thoroughly enjoyable and we were very fortunate with the weather. Also thank you for my birthday pie!

### Forthcoming Events

Bill and I have reserved The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury for the U3A Christmas dinner event on Thursday, 1st December 2011. Please note that members should meet at 7.00 p.m. for dinner at 7.30 p.m

### 2012

February - Dinner at Reflections, which is the catering college in Ashton-under-Lyne. Themed nights are very popular, so try to join us if at all possible. The date and other details will be available in due course.

March - Jenny and George Summers intend to organise a lunch at Reflections, which is the catering college in Ashton-under-Lyne. The date will be available in due course.

Thank you to all Dining Club volunteers for their tireless hard work in arranging these events for everybody to enjoy.

*Ann Prophet*

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## MAP READING GROUP

A new map reading group is starting in the New Year. Initially, at least, the meetings will be on Tuesday afternoons on the SAME day as the U3A monthly meeting. This means that the first meeting will be on the 17th January at 2 p.m. (more details to people in the group later). There are just about enough 'takers' to make the group viable but 2 or 3 more would be very welcome.

This group is independent of the Walking Group. In the past 50% or more of the participants have NOT walked with our walking group.

The content of the course is not difficult and is suitable for those who have not looked at a map since their schooldays but also for those who just want to gain a little more confidence. We start the course indoors and later on we do walks to test our ability to 'marry' the map with the ground. We usually have plenty of fun and laughs; for example imagine half a dozen people round a table trying to refold an Ordnance Survey map - you have to laugh at the contortions!!

Anybody interested should contact me, *Carole McConnell*, as soon as possible on 427 5202.

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## DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The group have one person on the waiting list so there are two spaces available. We have five active groups doing the basic course on Elements 2 and one group on Elements 7 and three groups who come every six months for a recap.

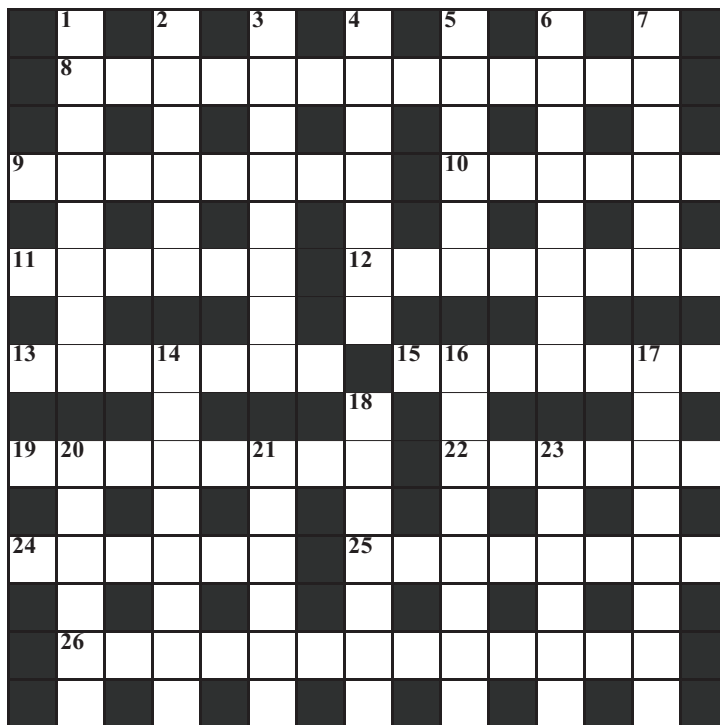
*Joy Close, Group Leader*

# Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

*Geoff Heath*

## Clues across

- 8 Increase in volume of junk-mail in first post?  
No, quite the opposite – a fiction, perhaps(13)
- 9 Hold firmly after hot air – it will keep the locks in place (4-4)
- 10 First stage of groin I injured (6)
- 11 Give to a noted organisation (6)
- 12 Succeeding in touching chin in a terrible rage (8)
- 13 Hat and wrap get bown about on military expedition (7)
- 15 Too formal? Cry “Hats off!” (7)
- 19 Last month’s award included in rewritten creed (8)
- 22 Assessor renewed most of premium (6)
- 24 The law makes a large amount of money (6)
- 25 Scout can change statements (8)
- 26 Hilarious result of weak seams in tight garment? (4-9)



## Clues down

- 1 A piano artist exercised unfounded delusion (8)
- 2 Grocers and volunteers formed one side in Peloponnesian War (6)
- 3 Fire away in Paris: this is extremely ferocious (8)
- 4 Parrot I trained can fly away from and return here (7)
- 5 Father – Zeus, maybe – placed before a tapering tower (6)
- 6 Race contestant hurt shin in dreadful fire (8)

## Clues down (cont)

- 7 Flag officer (6)
- 14 Rule out putting leader of choir in prelude (8)
- 16 Neat and curt – somehow cut short? (8)
- 17 Their age confuses evidence from the past (8)
- 18 Sticky stuff removed form Health Centre – a cleaner place now (7)
- 20 At all events, Eve and son going round (4,2)
- 21 Stern order she bet – out of order (6)
- 23 Church architect incorporated lead initially for a computer software enhancement (4-2)

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## Meetings - FUTURE SPEAKERS

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| 15th Nov | Derek Slater    | "The pulpit and the Stage"<br>theatre history and the effect of censorship on drama |
| 20th Dec | Christmas Lunch | 11am for lunch at 12 noon ( <b>Entrance by ticket only</b> )                        |
| 17th Jan | Liz Mc Connell  | "The Lighter Side of Pharmacy"  |

*Unless otherwise notified, the ordinary monthly meetings are held in St Paul's Church Hall, Compstall on the third Tuesday of each month at 10am (for coffee and socialising). To enable members to use the bus service, the business of the meeting will start at 10.20 and will finish at 11.50am approx. Helpers are always needed as welcomers, refreshment rota, committee members, screen erection etc.*

*Please let the person on the information desk know if you are able to help*

- \* *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.*
- \* *When attending a meeting please have your entrance fee ready (£1) perferably in exact money*
- \* *You are advised to carry your membership card with you, as you may be asked to show it at U3A group and other events.*

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## Postal Scam:

Please can you circulate this around especially as Xmas is fast approaching - it has been confirmed by Royal Mail. The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact the m on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number).

DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize .

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655.

Crossword Solution  
Across: 8 Amplification; 9 Hair-grip; 10 Origin;  
11 Donate; 12 Reaching; 13 Warp; 15 Starry;  
19 December; 22 Umpire; 24 Wealth; 25 Accounts;  
26 Side-splitting.  
Down: 1 Paranoia; 2 Sparta; 3 Fiercest; 4 Airport;  
5 Pagoda; 6 Finisher; 7 Ensign; 14 Preclude;  
16 Truncate; 17 Heritage; 18 Treacle; 20 Even so;  
21 Behest; 23 Plug-in.

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Please send items for publication by email or disc in Microsoft Word, but hand written will do, to Malcolm Moss, 24 Beechwood Drive, Marple, SK6 7DG. 0161 427 1110.

**Email: [newslettereditor2010@mbmu3a.org.uk](mailto:newslettereditor2010@mbmu3a.org.uk)**

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

You can read back issues of the newsletter on our website [www.mbmu3a.org.uk](http://www.mbmu3a.org.uk)

***All contributions for the next edition of the Newsletter should be received no later than 6th January 2012***

# Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A ~ 2012 Membership Renewal

Members are invited to renew their membership for 2012; the fee is £9.00. You can renew your membership in one of two ways:

By post any time before 31 December. Enclose your renewal form, cheque and a small stamped addressed envelope for the return of your membership card. Send to Carol Rice, Membership Secretary (see address below). For any queries, phone Carol on 449 9058.

OR:

You may leave your renewal form, cheque and a small SAE in a sealed envelope in a box on the Membership Desk at the Tuesday meetings in November or December.

Whichever method you use, please make your cheque for £9.00 payable to Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A, and include with your payment the completed renewal form below. Please note that cheques dated 2011 will not be presented to the bank until early 2012.

If you would like the bi-monthly newsletter posting to you then please attach to your application 6 stamped addressed envelopes, size 230mm x 160mm (A5 size).

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*please fold this page, detach here and send the form to:*

**Carol Rice, U3A Membership Secretary, 5 Highfield Road, Marple, SK6 7NG.**

## MARPLE BRIDGE AND MELLOR U3A Membership Renewal 2012

Please complete in CAPITALS.

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Email address.....

Note: The newsletter will be sent to you by email. If you wish to receive newsletters by post, please attach 6 stamped addressed envelopes, sized 230mm x 160mm (A5).

Which other local U3A groups do you belong to, if any?

What are your interests?

Are you able to offer to host an interest group? If so, in what subject?

Under the Data Protection Act, you need to be aware that information given on this form will be stored on a computer in the Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Membership Database.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

# MARPLE BRIDGE AND MELLOR U3A

## NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE

There are vacancies on the Committee for  
Four new Committee members.

Nominations proposed must have a seconder and be signed by the person nominated  
for a position.

Nominations must be with the Secretary - Anne Eade, 42 Leighton Drive,  
Marple Bridge, SK6 5BY by **16th January 2012**

POSITION	NOMINEE	NAME & SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER	NAME & SIGNATURE OF SECONDER	SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE
COMMITTEE MEMBER				
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