

Chairman's chit chat.

This is a reminder to all members that as from February 2011 the newsletter will NO LONGER be sent out automatically by post. Members wishing to receive it through the post must send 6 envelopes (one years editions), A5 size, stamped and self addressed to Nora Glennon – Membership Secretary who will then post it to you.

If you have an e-mail address and have not advised the Newsletter Editor of this, now is the time to do so to ensure you receive the Newsletter as soon as it is available. Contact: newslettereditor2010@mbmu3a.org.uk
A hard copy will continue to be available at the General Meetings.

Thank you for your cooperation.

DIANE HOLKER, Chairman

DINING CLUB

Diane Holker and Chris Brooke organised a dinner at The Midway in June which, judging by the noise level of the conversations held was really well enjoyed, and in addition the food was very good indeed.

Jane Rhodes and Mike Bowden arranged a dinner at Perugia recently which was really well attended and thoroughly enjoyable. The food was excellent and I think collectively appreciated.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jenny Summers is organising a lunch at Mellor & Townscliffe Golf Club in Gibb Lane, Mellor for Thursday, 28th October 2010. She will be taking bookings at the general meeting on Tuesday, 21st September 2010.

Bill and I have reserved The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury for the U3A Christmas dinner event on Thursday, 25th November 2010. Ann Prophet will be taking bookings at the general meeting on Tuesday, 19th October for a limited number of places. Please note that no bookings will be accepted before the October meeting.

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

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OUTINGS

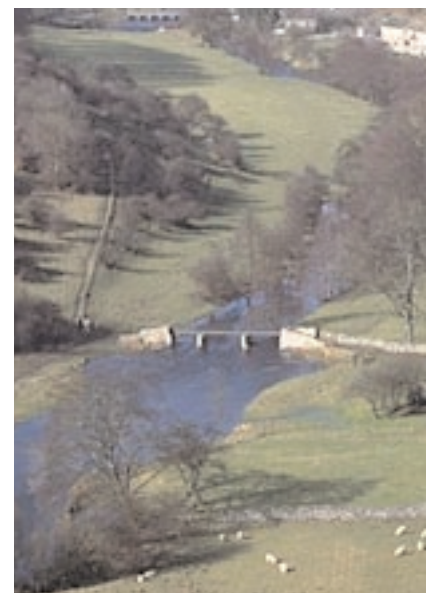
POTTER IN THE PEAK DISTRICT THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER, 2010

PLEASE NOTE

We have had to revise our pickup times for this outing. Please make sure you alter your diaries/calendars - the pickup times are now half an hour earlier. We are sorry about this and hope that it will be convenient for everyone.

Revised times are now :	Romiley	9.00am
	Northumberland Arms	9.05am
	Marple Bridge	9.10am
	Regent Cinema	9.15am
	Rose Hill	9.20am

ANN & TONY MATTHEWS



BARTON GRANGE & FERRARIS - FRIDAY, 10TH DECEMBER

These two venues seemed a popular choice for December.

We shall have our coffee stop, and browse, at the impressive Barton Grange Garden Centre before continuing to Ferraris for lunch. This lovely family country house hotel, in the heart of the Trough of Bowland, was once the Hunting Lodge of the Earl of Derby.

A two course lunch is included in the price. You can order a sweet on the day if you wish. A Christmas menu will be put up on the Outings Notice Board but you will not be required to pre-order (unless there is to be more than one coach).

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

Cost £19.00 includes coach, driver's gratuity and 2 course lunch at Ferraris.

BOOKING BEGINS AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING - ANN & TONY MATTHEWS

OUTING NEWS 2011: ROYAL ASCOT LADIES ' DAY.

We are currently arranging an outing to Ascot on Wednesday 15th / Thursday 16th June, 2011.

This EXPEDITION is to depart to Windsor on the 15th June and stay overnight in a 3/4 star hotel to enable you to enjoy some extra leisure time in Windsor and the following day to be transported to Royal Ascot to enjoy a very interesting experience.

Departure home would be approx 6.30 p.m.

The cost is going to be approximately £180, but this is not confirmed to date.

Bookings to be taken at the September meeting.

ELIZABETH ARAJ

U3A EXTRA EVENTS

We have our groups which have rightly been described as the heart of the U3A. They are a great opportunity to meet like-minded people to share thoughts and ideas on interesting topics and to take part in interesting and worthwhile activities.

While many of us love going on outings and trips , there are sometimes occasions when it would be good to do something more spontaneous or with a small group.

A free half day, the sun is shining, would someone else like to go somewhere? You see a performance or exhibition advertised and would love some company.

I have collated a list of interested people and the activities they may enjoy. The idea is that people contact each other to make mutually convenient arrangements.

We do have coffee mornings or afternoons from time to time so that people can begin to get to know each other

If you would like to have a copy of the existing list, would like to be added to the list or would like further information, you are welcome to contact Diana .

DIANA WILLIAMS

HOLIDAYS 2011

I have two trips to offer.

Puglia, Italy 12-21 May 2011

£1185 twin/double £205 single supplement

Deposit £100

Fly Manchester-Gatwick-Bari and return.

Two centre holiday. 4 nights B&B in Conversano at the Hotel Corte Altavilla. Daily excursions including lunch.

5 nights half board at Masseria Santa Lucia..

3 days excursions with lunch and wine tasting.

This is in the 'undiscovered' heel of Italy.



Wimbledon weekend Friday 1st July - Sunday 3rd July 2011

Soak up the atmosphere of the world's most famous tennis championships. Wander the outside courts, watch the action on court and spot celebrities.

The break is on finals weekend and includes a seat on Number One Court where the stars of tomorrow and yesteryear compete in the Junior and Veterans events.

Two nights B&B and return coach travel.

£189 p.p. Single supplement £20 p.p.

For full details, contact HAZEL JONES

OPEN GARDENING GROUP

This meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Marple Methodist Church, 9.45am – 11.30am.

Our charge of £1.50 is to cover the costs of – Room Hire, Speaker and Tea / Coffee.

Our programmes are published in the News Letter and all are welcome to attend.

Future Programme.

September 8th.

An illustrated presentation by Anne Gunning. Garden design through time, Principles of Design.

October 13th.

AGM and programme planning followed by a discussion on plant problems experienced by members through out the year.

November 10th.

An illustrated presentation by John Rowlands – The Development of Chadkirk Estate Gardens and Nature Reserve. A donation will be made to The Friends of Chadkirk

December 8th.

Christmas meeting. Quiz, followed by Mince pies, Coffee and a demonstration showing what can be used from the garden for Christmas.

Our Flower and Produce Show in August was a great success with a large number of Beans, Tomatoes, Sweet peas, Potatoes and “Odd shaped” Vegetables being on display.

During the year we visited One House Nursery at Macclesfield to see their recently restored Walled Vegetable Garden.

It inspired many of us to try harder with vegetables next year. We hope to return next year when the Sculpture Trail is assembled.

MARGARET HOGG

THANK YOU

I would just like to thank all group leaders who supported the coffee morning on 17th August. You all put a lot of work into your presentations which was appreciated. Thanks also to the members who came. I think an interesting time was had by all!

I know there were some enquiries about groups and a couple of prospective new members came as well. Especial thanks to Ann and Bill for keeping the coffee pots filled, and for the fancy biscuits.

MARION EYERS Group Coordinator

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Could I make an appeal to all knitters in Marple Bridge & Mellor U3 A on behalf of a local charity.

The Canal boat 'New Horizons' is in need of some new knee blankets for passengers in the cooler weather. If anyone has some spare wool and would be willing to make a blanket it would be appreciated.

Blankets can be of any thickness of wool, either knitted or crocheted, and approximately 36 to 40 inches square.

As the boat does not run during the winter they will not be needed until the start of the next season in March 2011 so you will have plenty of time to make them. I will be willing to accept any completed blankets at any of our monthly meetings and take them to 'New Horizons' in the Spring

Thank you MARION EYERS

TELEPHONE SCAM - PLEASE PASS ON

The new telephone 'scam' has arrived.

I received a call from a 'representative' of BT, informing me that he was disconnecting me because of an unpaid bill. He demanded payment immediately of £31.00, or it would be £118.00 to re-connect at a later date.

The guy wasn't even fazed when I told him I was with Virgin Media; allegedly VM have to pay BT a percentage for line rental!

I asked the guy's name - the very 'English' John Peacock with a very 'African' accent - & phone number - 0800 0800 152.

Obviously the man realised I wasn't believing his story, so offered to demonstrate that he was from BT. I asked how & he told me to hang up & try phoning someone - he would disconnect my phone to prevent this.

AND HE DID!! My phone was dead - no engaged tone, nothing - until he phoned me again.

Very pleased with himself, he asked if that was enough proof that he was with BT. I asked how the payment was to be made & he said credit card, there & then.

I said that I didn't know how he'd done it, but I had absolutely no intention of paying him, I didn't believe his name or that he worked for BT.

He hung up.

I dialed 1471 & phoned his fictitious 0800 number – not recognised.

I phoned the police to let them know, I wasn't the first! It's only just started apparently but it is escalating.

Their advice was to let as many people know by word of mouth of this scam. The fact that the phone does go off would probably convince some people it's real, so please let as many friends & family aware of this.

This is good but not that clever. He gave the wrong number - it should have been 0800 800152 which takes you through to BT Business. The cutting off of the line is very simple, he stays on the line with the mute button on and you can't dial out - but he can hear you trying. (This is because the person who initiates a call is the one to terminate it). When you stop trying he cuts off and immediately calls back. You could almost be convinced! The sad thing is that it is so simple that it will certainly fool the elderly and vulnerable. Obviously, if this scam is real, once they have your credit/debit card details, there is nothing to stop them cleaning out your account.

Marple Computer Group

There are several places available on a new computer course.

This group will run weekly from Wednesday, September 22nd to Wednesday, December 1st inclusive with one week off for half-term – October 27th. The group will be held in the IT department of Rosehill School, Marple and will run from 4pm to 5.30pm.

The cost will be £1 per week payable in advance i.e. £10 for the 10 week course. This money will be used to cover such expenses as printing etc.

Students will work from books with helpers on hand to assist where necessary.

If you wish to attend the course please contact

Mavis or Cyril Lewis

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
Moderate – Typical of local terrain

Easy -- small sections of hill, not too rough, limited stiles
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. (Sorry, but I've put this up at the request of NON drivers) 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,

October-November Walks 2010

Weds 6 Oct 5 m.(D) easy+(stiles)
Lower Peover
Judy Rhodes

Weds. 3 Nov 4/5m. mod
Chinley-Chapel
Bring bus pass
Sheila Stafford

Tues. 12 Oct . 5 m. mod(climb)
Chestnut Centre
Doreen Scotte
Shirley Molloy

Tues 9 Nov 4/5 m easy+
Local
Margaret Hogg

Weds 20 Oct. 6 m.(D) v. easy
Moravian Centre and Portland
Basin Museum
Meet as usual for 10:05 train to
Reddish North
Carole McConnell

Weds 17 Nov t.b.a.

Tues 23 Nov 4m easy
Taxal
Agnes Barlow

Tues 26 Oct 4 m. easy
New Mills
Pam Bluhm

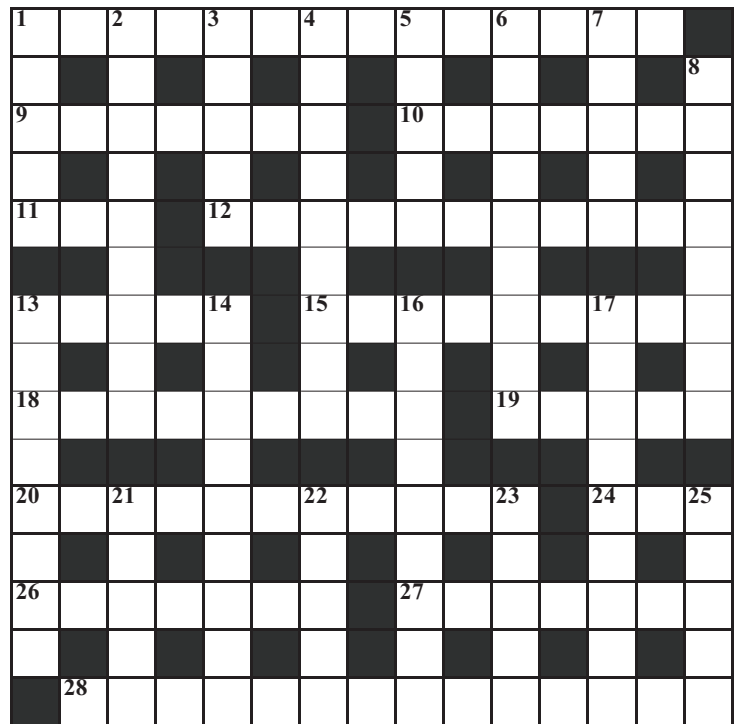
Please keep this list in a visible place !

Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A Crossword Group

Geoff Heath

Clues across

- 1 Ample librarian turned out to be
a leading dancer (5,9)
- 9 Big cat paroled? How strange! (7)
- 10 Switch can shut and stop leak (7)
- 11 Twitch oddly (3)
- 12 Seller of small articles for sewing?
Bears had her, unfortunately! (11)
- 13 Playing polo, I got crippling disease (5)
- 15 Felt sorry about greed surrounding race (9)
- 18 Oriental found wandering near trees (9)
- 19 Jet of water needed for ironing crisp
rayon shirt (5)
- 20 Exile Cubans? That's wrong and
not justifiable! (11)
- 24 Within the Arctic Circle, in part (3)
- 26 Exhausted summary (7)
- 27 Siren with learning gets garland (7)
- 28 Waist-line of 800 metre runner? (6,8)



Clues down

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| <p>1 Begin pushing in levers operating the guide (5)</p> <p>2 I lose secs making two sides equal (9)</p> <p>3 Mother-in-law ashamed, hiding inside with water
all over the place (5)</p> <p>4 A real band plays 'Bright Star' (9)</p> <p>5 Beam turns up in fire sale (5)</p> <p>6 Ken's aware changes are needed when interest
level rises (9)</p> <p>7 Scottish river surrounds new hole on golf course
(half way) (5)</p> | <p>8 Yard shut, unfortunately, at this time
of the week (8)</p> <p>13 Prime Minister leading easily on first night (8)</p> <p>14 Drove erratically round bird – put too
many in (9)</p> <p>16 I brag about going to Aldi for a biscuit (9)</p> <p>17 Sailor and saint in waterproof sheet (9)</p> <p>21 Boredom from seven nuisance calls (5)</p> <p>22 Feeling seen unusually around north (5)</p> <p>23 Bird originally entered garden round
Easter time (5)</p> <p>25 Sweet ringing sound of hymn in church (5)</p> |
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MEETINGS - FUTURE SPEAKERS

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| 21st Sept | Dr Gillian Fearn - "Plant hunting in Namibia & South Africa"
<i>A writer & broadcaster on horticulture & a member of many 'Gardener's Question Time panels'</i> |
| 19th Oct | John Meeus - "On being the Ambassador's Honorary Consular for Belgium" |
| 16th Nov | Val & David Bryant "Spinning Through Time"
<i>Recording our heritage of spinning and spinning wheels</i> |
| 21st Dec | Christmas Celebrations |

*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 coffe 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*

- * *Please remember to bring and buy books at the monthly meetings.*
- * *Please don't park near the War Memorial*
- * *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.*

ROMILEY COMPUTER GROUP - AUTUMN TERM 2010

Starting Monday 13th Sept - Romiley Primary School - 4pm to 6pm. - Tutor Plus individual help

10 weeks @ £1 per session (£10 payable in advance) Cash or cheque payable to K.P.Bradley

September 13th - 20th - 27th October 4th - 11th - 18th
November 8th - 15th - 22nd - 29th

* Please note no classes Monday Oct 25th (half term) November 1st (Inset day). None in December
Re-start in January.

* Please ring/notify me of any holidays or absences

K.P.Bradley

Little Gems

“If you sometimes feel a little useless, offended or depressed.....Always remember that YOU were once the fastest and most victorious little sperm out of millions!!”

“We’ll be friends until we are old and senile.....Then, we’ll be NEW friends”

Crossword Solution
Across: 1 Prima ballerina; 9 Leopard; 10 Staunch; 11 Tic; 12 Haberdasher; 13 Polio; 15 Regretted;
18 Easterner; 19 Spray; 20 Inexcusable; 24 Arc; 26 Rundown; 27 Lorelei; 28 Middle distance.
Down: 1 Pilot; 2 Isosceles; 3 Awash; 4 Aldebaran; 5 Laser; 6 Reawakens; 7 Ninth; 8 Thursday;
13 Premiere; 14 Overcrowd; 16 Garibaldi; 17 Tarpanlin; 21 Ennu; 22 Sense; 23 Egret; 25 Chime.

NORTH WEST REGION

SEMINAR DAY – RUNNING YOUR U3A

29th October 2010 from 10.30 to 16.30(approx)

at St Cuthbert's Church Centre, Lytham Road, Fulwood, Preston.

There will be the five subject areas listed below (some of which will be run twice depending on take-up) and each participant will attend three. The day will be arranged so that each subject lasts for approximately 90min. Each group will have short introduction(s) followed by discussions. Facilitators will all be U3A members with experience in the field being discussed and include Mike Long the National Education and Development Officer, and John Ellison (N.W.Trustee).

1. Group Leaders - finding & supporting group leaders, sustaining the group, and examining suitable ways of sharing learning.
2. Technology - sound systems, digital projection (for DVD, PCs, document readers etc), and building a website.
3. Finance – sources of funding, registering as a charity (when and how), reserves, drawing up reports, examiners for accounts.
4. Committees - efficient running of committees, taking into account the specific nature of U3A committees and that committees are made up of individuals.
5. Communications – promoting your U3A, internal communications, relations with external bodies, newsletters and diaries.

Cost £8.00

Application forms from Eva at the General Meeting

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“When contacting any of the officials by e-mail, could you please include in the “Subject” – U3A - otherwise recipients may not always spot it.

“Would members please observe the rules by not attempting to gain entrance to the hall until 9.45am – to comply with safety regulations”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with regret that we announce the passing of the following member

Michael Moore

Please note the address for the Newsletter Editor is :

newslettereditor2010@mbmu3a.org.uk

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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 which is organised by Peter Kress

Closing date for the November edition of the Newsletter will be no later than 6th November 2010

If you would like to get the newsletter early by e-mail on a PDF file which is designed for reading on a monitor, faster downloading and saving on printing and postage costs, please let Nora Glennon, the membership secretary know.