

Newsletter – September 2024

Chairman's Chit Chat...

Congratulations!!! Our wonderful members have done it again. The August Charity Event was a resounding success raising £597.00 on the day for St. Ann's Hospice building fund, which will be added to the monies already raised and presented later in the year.

Barbara and Greg from St Ann's Hospice were very pleased to attend and by the reception and interest shown in the project. We will be keeping in touch with them in the coming months I'm sure.



I hereby take this opportunity of thanking everyone who contributed in one way or another to the event. Without your support we would not be able to achieve any of it. You came in spite of the bad weather and were so generous in your contributions and donations. So many of you not only supported the event but donated raffle prizes, cakes, plants bric-a-brac, books and jig-saws, plus Ulla once again donated the lovely turtle for us to name, not forgetting all the "stall holders". A breakdown of all monies collected will be shown by our Treasurer at year end accounts.

I have been told that should we raise £1,000.00+, a brick with our name on it will be built into the wall at the new hospice. So far we are on track to achieve this with the sale of the books and jig-saws. So, please keep bringing and buying them.

So a very big THANK YOU once again to everyone, Diane

NB The September meeting will start at 10.15am sharp.

Notices & other News Items

Website

Dear u3a members,

Following on from our communication in July, we are pleased to say that we have now migrated the U3A website to the new platform.

You can access the new site by typing the following address into the address section of your web browser: <https://mbm.u3asite.uk> When accessing the site for the first time, please remember to add the address to your favourites.

The new platform is similar to the previous site, containing all the same information, with one or two new features and a newer fresher feel. It also contains improved security and reliability features.

Over the coming weeks and months, we plan to introduce further enhancements, such as updating photos on display and making it easier for potential new members to join the u3a.

We hope you enjoy using the new site.

Gary Mason (Webmaster)

Marple Bridge & Mellor u3a Meetings Speakers - 2024

Sept 19th	Graham Eagland	Behind the Scenes at Lyme Park and my volunteering experience
Oct 17th	Sarah Chambers	A talk and demonstration about the art of Flamenco Dance
Nov 21st	John Wallace	A history of the Regal Ballroom Alderley Edge with musical excerpts
Dec 12th	Daisy Daquiri.	Daisy will perform well known Christmas music of the 30's, 40's and 50's. There will be lots of singalong numbers for us all to enjoy

Remembrance Day 2024

Our chairman, Diane, will be laying a wreath on behalf of MBM u3a at the Mellor Cenotaph on Longhurst Lane on Sunday 10th November at 12 Noon, you are all welcome to attend.



Outings Group – Special Event

The Christmas production at the Royal Exchange is SPEND SPEND SPEND

This is the wildly funny and award winning musical based on Viv Nicholson's rags-to-riches life after she won on the Football Pools in 1961. We have provisionally booked tickets at group discount rate of £43.20 p.p.

Please make cheque payable to MB&M u3a Outings and collect booking form at our September meeting.

Jenny Summers 07388236537

Dining Group

Here are the Latest Bookings for this year



October Thursday 17th
The Fisherman's Table
103 Church Lane Marple SK6 7AR
Three course meal for £30

November Wednesday 27th
Oaklands Lodge
Beech View Hyde SK14 3DE
Three course meal plus coffee or tea
with mints £29

You can now pay for your meals by Bank Transfer details below.

Make payable to MB&M Dining

Account number 16583188 Sort code 16 00 30

Pat Walker

Strolling Group

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 or lunch. These take place on the first Tuesday morning in the month commencing at 10.30am, unless otherwise stated.



The August Stroll

Members of the strolling group took part in the stroll from Hague Bar to New Mills across the Millenium Bridge



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Tuesday October 1st Margaret Williams and Dorothy Jones

Meet outside the Italian restaurant, La Dolce Vita, in the centre of Marple. To leave at 10.30am.

Stroll up Lockside, crossing the road at the Ring O Bells and on to the Adlington Canal. Pass the Goyt Mill to the bridge that will take us to a farm and up Barnsfold Road to the green at Hawk Green.

Continue past the Crown pub at Hawk Green and up the hill to Ridge Road

At the top we go down a footpath and over a stile to the footbridge over the canal.

Now on The Peak Forest Canal we stroll back towards Marple, going down Lockside and back into the centre where we can enjoy a drink.

Tuesday November 5th Jane Hallam

Meet outside Costa Coffee in Marple at approx. 10.30am

Take the 385 bus to Shiloh Road, Mellor leaving from Costa, Marple at 10.47am

Cross Moor End Road at Five Lane Ends to Boggard Road. The road climbs gently to Whetmorhurst Lane.

Turn right down Whetmorhurst Lane, which is very steep but a tarmac surface. At the end of Whetmorhurst Lane turn right onto Gibb Lane and continue to junction onto Moor End Road, opposite the Devonshire Arms.

The 385 bus leaves the Devonshire Arms at 12.08 to return to Marple where we could go to one of the cafes. Alternatively the Devonshire Arms opens at 12.00 where we could enjoy some refreshments.

Buses are hourly to return to Marple

Tuesday December 3rd Colin Burkitt

Meet outside the Italian restaurant, La Dolce Vita, in the centre of Marple. To leave at 10.30am.

We will stroll along footpaths and lanes around Marple for approximately 2 miles. In December some paths may be muddy but I will select those that are not too bad. Please choose appropriate footwear. It's Marple so it will not be a flat stroll but there will be no big hills!

Join everyone for a cuppa afterwards.

Crossword Compiled by Marple Bridge and Mellor u3a Crossword Group

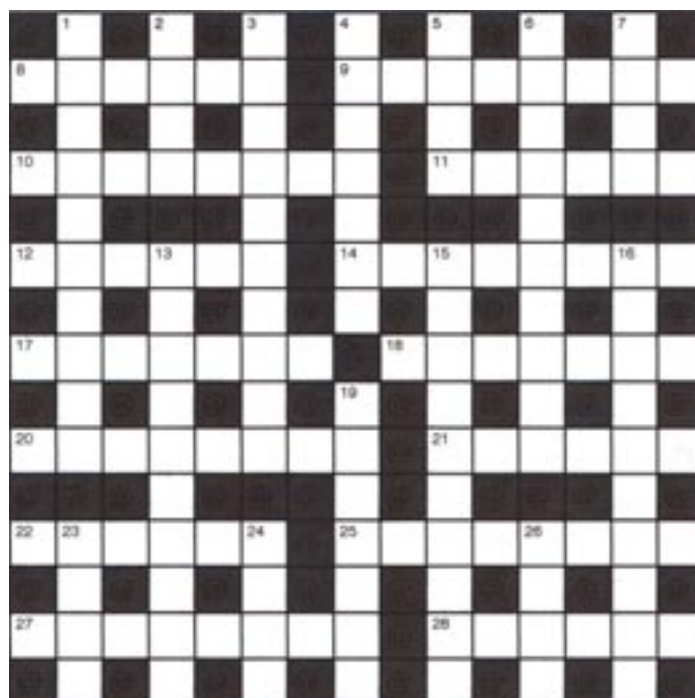
compiled jointly by u3a Crossword Group

Clues across

8. Eatery found in Pub is troublesome. (6)
9. Freed peace-makers by canal section Edward. (8)
10. Rained and disrupted Deer Show. (8)
11. Scrape round right untidy layabout. (6)
12. Oh, Is Pa surprising goddess. (6)
14. Crave for good french drug, purported to be lucky. (8)
17. Self-indulgence for myself with holiday. (7)
18. General mix up to get bigger. (7)
20. Period of evolution near hump development. (8)
21. Concealed as part of aphid density. (6)
22. Rising at dawn I used shower first and spoke. (6)
25. Determined about what's in the solution. (8)
27. End users display lack of manners. (8)
28. Needle small lusty characters. (6)

Clues Down

1. Unusually, ref's homing to prawn seller. (10)
2. Turned west in a state of anxiety. (4)
3. Compose major insult, there's no time to rewrite this career. (10)
4. Knocked over and not feeling well. (3,4)
5. Unhappily foremost athlete's legs are stiff. (4)
6. Twenty on panel exhibit progress. (10)
7. Work free from jagged rock. (4)



Clues down cont.

13. Snag over walker – one wanting a lift. (5-5)
15. Somehow see thy sins combine. (10)
16. Careless Great Uncle was drunk. (10)
19. Strip strangely under sun shade to start with. (7)
23. Next to tuba being played. (4)
24. Awful pest on stair. (4)
26. Puts down songs. (4)

Open Gardening Group

Meetings on 2nd Wednesday of each month at Marple Methodist Hall, 09:45 for coffee then 10:00 for the meeting. All u3a members welcome. £3 per meeting. Do come along.

- September 11 Chris Middleton – Disley and District Flower Club
Our members are requested to bring flowers and foliage from our own gardens for members of the flower club to demonstrate possible arrangements.
- October 9 Trip – Trentham Gardens
- November 13 Elizabeth Maddock – A member of the British Succulent Society
Elizabeth will give a talk on Succulents and will bring plants to sell at the end of the meeting.
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Outings Group

In October a select few members are joining “McCarthy’s coach tour to Glasgow”.

This year the Christmas outing is to visit Tatton Mansion “Wizard of Oz” theme decorations and Christmas Gift fair within the Tenants Hall on Thursday the 5th of December. The cost is £46pp which includes coach hire, driver’s gratuities, entry to the mansion and gardens, two course lunch and hot drink. Those who don’t want to have the lunch the cost will be £30pp.

Booking in person at September, October & November general meeting
or via email ...outings@mbmu3a.org.uk.

Hope you can join us. – Hazel Bhatt

Laughs with J

Did you see that comedian Mark Simmons has won this year’s Funniest Joke of the (Edinburgh) Fringe?
This is it – “I was going to sail around the globe in the world’s smallest ship – but I bottled it”

Other one-liners are:- “I sailed through my driving test. That’s why I failed it”

“Ate horse at a restaurant once – wasn’t great. Starter was all right but the mane was dreadful”

“I’ve been taking Salsa lessons for months but I just don’t feel like I’m progressing. It’s just one step forward... two steps back “

And finally. “I love the Olympics. My friend and I invented a new type of relay baton: well, he came up with the idea. I ran with it.” Clever !



Newsletter items

Thank you to the people who have submitted articles for inclusion in past Newsletters,

can we 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 let’s try to make the Newsletter more interesting for all our readers.

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Announcements

It is with great sadness we record the death of two of our members Jean Day and Mike Humphies (Mike was one of the founder members of MBM u3a)

We send our sincere sympathy to Jean's family, and to Sue Humphies (Mike's Wife) and his family

We also record the death of Joy Close, who was a member until recently when she moved to the Lake district to be near her daughter.

Joy was also one of the founder members of our u3a. We send our sincere sympathy to Joy's family.

Jigsaw Sales at Monthly Meetings.

Please don't bring Jigsaws with pieces missing

We have a table selling 2nd HAND Jigsaw Puzzles at our monthly meetings. Please bring some along and buy another one.

Book Sales at the 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.

Crossword Solution
Across: 8. Bistro 9. Unlocked 10. Showered 11. Scruff 12. Sophia
14. Wishbone 17. Egotip 18. Enlarge 20. Prehunan 21. Hidden
22. Radius 25. Resolute 27. Rudeness 28. Stylus
Down 1. Fishmonger 2. Stew 3. Journalism 4. Run down 5. Alas
6. Scoreboard 7. Reef 13. Hitch-hiker 15. Synthesise 16. Neglectful
19. Undress 23. About 24. Step 26. lays

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

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All contributions for the next edition of the Newsletter should be received by Friday 1st November AT THE LATEST