

Newsletter – May 2026

Chairman's Chit Chat....

Summer is fast approaching and many people will be booking their holidays. This is just to remind you that if you are planning your holidays to bear in mind Riviera Travel. Don't forget to tell them at time of booking that you are doing this through our U3A.. Whether you will be holidaying in this country or abroad, I hope you have a great time.

Caroline Ley our new committee member is trying to organise a Pickleball session for us. When she gets full details, she will be sending out a message to you all by Beacon.

I know this is a bit early, but I was wondering if there are any members who would like to go to a Turkey and Tinsel Event in November. I organised one last year as you know which we enjoyed very much. Please let me know by phone or email if you would be interested.

Regards Diane



Some of our recent Events

Outings Group visit to Wentworth House

A group visited Wentworth Woodhouse on Thursday, the 30th May. The weather was warm and sunny and the journey there took us through wonderful scenery in the Peak District and Yorkshire.



Wentworth Woodhouse is a huge stately home with a chequered history.

We had a guided tour with an excellent guide who brought to life the history of the building.

We wandered through the grounds where the rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias and bluebells were magnificent.

Well worth the visit

Dining Group Visit to The Ring-o-Bells

A lovely sociable evening at the Ring O Bells. So much chatter and laughter. People didn't want to go home.

Remember you can always come and join the dining group at any of the meals you fancy. Whether you come with friends, a couple or on your own, you'll end up talking with someone and enjoy the evening. Our next dining group in May is at the Hare and Hounds at Mill Brook, followed in June by a visit to Werneth Low Golf Club, normally 6.30 for 7.00pm.

Come and join us. We'd love to see you.

Contact Pat or Shirley or see us at the General Meeting to book in.



Games Group – 1st Wednesday of the month – 10am to 12 noon

The new Games Group is now up and running with a variety of board games for members to choose from. The meetings are held on 1st Wednesday of each month at Marple Methodist Church at 10am till 12, and we would like as many of you to come and enjoy playing games, meeting new people to socialise with and bring your friends and even learn new games if you so wish.

I look forward to seeing lots of you there.

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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.

June 10 Jane Allison – 'The Artists, the Eccentric Englishman and the Italian Princes'

3 gardens which can challenge our perception of what makes a garden.

Biddulph Grange Garden

The Himalayan Sculpture Garden in Ripon, North Yorkshire.

The Island Gardens of Lake Maggiore in Italy.

July 8 Trip – Thornbridge Hall National Trust

August 12 Annual Show

Dining Group

Please remember all members of the MBMu3a can come on any of our meals. Just check the venues we have booked and the menu choice, if you like the look of it just email or phone Pat to check there's a place and book. You can now also do a bank transfer once you have booked.

JUNE 24TH

Werneth Low Golf Club

6.30 for 7.00

Three course Meal for £20 some meals are £5 extra

JULY 21st

The Lamb Inn Chinley

6.30 for 7.00

No details yet.

Pat Walker

Strolling Group

Tuesday 2nd June Colin Burkitt

Meet in the car park at Jacksons Brickworks, Pool House Road, Off Middlewood Road, Upper Poynton, SK12 1TY. The walk will take us along parts of the Middlewood Way, the Macclesfield canal, through MiddleWood and into Jacksons Brickworks nature reserve. There is a mixture of local industrial history and nature to stop and admire through this stroll. There are no hills on this walk. The paths may be muddy after rain, but hopefully in June it will be dry.

Join us for some refreshments after the stroll.

Tuesday July 7th Sue Norcross

Meet in Pear Mill car park, Bredbury, SK6 2BP. We will leave at 10.30am.

The stroll will take us through Woodbank Park and we can enjoy a cuppa at the mill afterwards.

Tuesday August 4th Colin Burkitt

I am planning a stroll for August that is completely different. I hope that our strollers will find it an attractive option.

Meet outside the Cornish Pasty shop on Piccadilly station, bear right as you leave the ticket check from the train and you will see its distinctive yellow sign. You will see me there with my red rucksack.

Train times are -

Depart Rose Hill 10.11, Romiley 10.17, Woodley 10.20 - arrive Piccadilly @ 10.46

Depart Marple 10.40 - arrive Piccadilly @ 11.07 Depart Godley 10.35 - arrive Piccadilly @ 10.55

We will then get the tram to Media City where we will walk the Salford by the Sea heritage Trail. This is a 2 mile step free trail. This trail explores the people, places and stories behind the area now known as Salford Quays. We will be strolling at a gentle pace stopping at each of the 14 trail points to learn about the history of the area. After the stroll if the weather is kind we will take a seat over looking the water for a picnic lunch, either bring your own or get one from the nearby Pret a Manger. If the weather is not so good we will go to the nearby Kargo MKT where you have a wide choice of food outlets. After lunch we get the tram back to Piccadilly and our train home. You will need your bus pass with train and tram travel added, this will cover all your transport. Please email me or text me, with your mobile phone number for emergency contact on the day, to confirm that you plan to join us. My phone number is 07434 284666, email cburkitt18@gmail.com

Outings Group

Thursday the 25th June.....The Car Man a ballet by Matthew Bourne at the Lowry Theatre.

Thursday the 9th July.....Trentham Gardens and outlet village. Booking at monthly general meetings until the end of June 2026

Saturday the 25th July.....5 nights cruising from Liverpool to Coastal Charms of Normandy & Dorset with Fred Olsen. Booking informations at Outings desk at general meetings.

Wednesday 9th September...guided tour of restored "Victoria Bath" in Manchester. The tour start at 10:30 am. The cost of the tour is £9 pp plus £3 pp for tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival. Booking at the general meetings.

Plaza visit 24th October..... Saturday matinee. Stockport Operatic Society - CHESSE by Tim Rice and ABBA writers.

Price £21 pp cheque (group rate) payable to MBMu3a Outings.

Booking from June at general meeting. Hazel Bhatt/Jenny Summers

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Announcements

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Geff Fogg. Geff was a member of MBM u3a committee for many years, and co-leader of our Strolling Group. We send our sincere sympathy to his wife Joan, his family and all his friends.



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.

Newsletter items

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

Malcolm, Newsletter Editor

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