



**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**

**Poynton**

**Group and Associate Group Reports**

**2017 – 2018**

## **Group Coordinator's Annual Report March 2018**

Thank you to all the Group Organisers for their commitment, dedication and enthusiasm in keeping the groups going.

At present we have 33 groups, 3 associated groups and 8 NEC Network Groups from local U3As open to our members.

We have had no new groups formed this year, so some new ideas would be welcome. The Music Appreciation and Discussion groups, which started last year, have continued successfully. The Newsletter Group is continuing to produce very interesting and imaginative newsletters but would very much welcome more members to help and to contribute. One new associated group, Walking Netball, has started at the Leisure Centre and has been well supported by our members.

The Diners' Club has changed organiser from Gerard Miller to Norma Shreeve and the Embroidery Group has changed its name to Needlecraft. Also, Beryl Simpson has taken over as organiser due to Barbara Davies having health problems.

Unfortunately, this year the Antiques Group and the Laptop & Internet Basics groups have stopped and the Art Appreciation group is in need of a new organiser. The Film Discussion group will now be holding its meetings in Wetherspoons.

Groups vary from 2 to 40 or more. Size is immaterial; where there is an interest we will form a group. So please keep coming up with ideas and in this way we will keep our U3A thriving.

Thanks go to Liz Markham, Asst. Group Coordinator, for her help and support.

**Joan Stepto**  
**Group Coordinator**

## **COLLECTION OF POYNTON U3A GROUPS & ASSOCIATED GROUPS**

**2017 – 2018**

### **ACOUSTIC FOLK/ROCK BAND**

Organiser – Geoff Brindle

The group meet informally at member's homes on most Wednesday afternoons.

They play guitars, banjo, harmonica, drum machine and occasionally Puerto Rican Cuatro.

### **ART**

Organiser – David Williams

The group meet in the Council Chamber of the Civic Hall on Monday afternoons 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

They explore and develop their individual styles with challenges set for them.

### **ART APPRECIATION**

Organiser – at present a new organiser is required due to the ill health of Kath Bell. Their aim was to visit as many available art exhibitions as possible throughout the year.

### **BALLET APPRECIATION**

Organiser – Meg Humphries

The group meets in the afternoon of the fourth Wednesday of each month and there is a repeat performance on the first Thursday of the following month.

They watch a varied mixture of documentaries, short pieces and full-length ballets all from world-class companies.

### **BIRD WATCHING**

Organiser – Peter Owen

Monthly outings to various places under the expert guidance of Peter Kirk.

### **BRIDGE**

Organiser – Dorothy Rowland

Meetings are on every other Monday at the Civic Hall.

Time 2pm – 4pm

Anyone interested in playing are most welcome also beginners.

### **BUS PASS EXPLORER**

Organiser – Evelyn Shepherd

The aim of the group is to help you make the most of your bus pass on local journeys and day trips. Meetings are at Wetherspoons some Wednesdays between March and October at 2.30pm.

### **CAKE DECORATING**

Organiser – Ann Tofield

Sessions are organised by arrangement.

### **CREATIVE WRITING**

Organisers – Ann Walker and Veronica O’Conner

Meetings are held at Davenport Golf Club every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 2pm.

New members are very welcome.

### **CROSSWORDS**

Organiser – Ed Milius

We meet about four times a year by mutual arrangement.

If you would like to join us feel free to make contact.

### **DAY TRIPS**

Organisers – Gerry and Iris Neale

Lists of trips are available at the monthly meetings and are also on the website.

### **DINER'S CLUB**

Organiser – Norma Shreeve

Details of the lunch and date are given at the General Meeting and on the website.

### **DISCUSSION**

Organiser – Les Simpson

Meetings are held at Wetherspoons generally on a Thursday morning starting at 10am and finishing around 12 noon. Meetings and topics are set for one in advance

### **D.I.Y.**

Organiser – Sue Badger

Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month, they take place in member's homes and start at 10.30am. Projects are tackled and discussed.

### **EMBROIDERY/NEEDLECRAFT**

Organiser – Beryl Simpson

The group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Civic Hall. They cover a range of styles and craftsmanship.

### **FAMILY HISTORY**

Organiser – Moyna Barrott

The group meets at the Civic Hall at 2pm on the first Wednesday of the month. Family history is explored and help given to trace ancestors but there are also very interesting stories to hear.

### **FILM DISCUSSION**

Organiser – Maggie Eagland

Meetings are held at Wetherspoons on the third Wednesday of the month at 2pm. Discussion is about films we have seen at the cinema, on TV or DVD.

### **FRENCH CONVERSATION**

Organisers – Keith and Sandra Batchelor

Meetings are held on Fridays at 2pm the next date is agreed at the end of each session.

The level and experience of the members is very varied and provided anyone who is interested has a basic knowledge of the language, there should be no problem.

### **GEOLOGY**

Organiser – Peter Bennet

The group meets once a month, weather and holidays permitting. There are indoor meetings and mostly outdoors visiting places of geological interest.

### **GERMAN CONVERSATION**

Organiser – Peter Owen

Meetings are held monthly in members' homes, arranging dates to accommodate all members as far as possible.

Although everyone has some background in German, from school or from later life, members are of varying backgrounds and levels of ability and anyone interested in joining us is very welcome.

### **HISTORY**

Organiser – Wendy Fermor

Meetings are held at 2pm on the fourth Tuesday in the month.

### **MUSIC APPRECIATION**

Organiser – Liz Markham

Regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm in members' homes. The programme of music listened to is based on a theme which members contribute to.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Organiser – Clive Hill

We produce three Newsletter editions a year and for each of these we meet three or four times before publication. New members are very welcome.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Organiser – Peter Bennett

Details of the monthly meetings are obtained from the organiser.

## **PLAY READING**

Organiser – Catherine Owen

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in members' homes at 2.15pm.

## **READING GROUP 1**

Organiser – Iris Neale

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday in the month in Wetherspoons at 10.30am. Books are supplied by the Stockport Libraries Readers Scheme.

## **READING GROUP 2**

Organiser – Glynis Parry-Jones

Meetings are held in Wetherspoons on the fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am. Books read have been an electric mix.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Organiser – Carol and Derek Gatenby

Meetings are held in the Bailey Room at the British Legion on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm if visits have not been arranged.

## **SCRABBLE**

Organiser – Dorothy Bayman

Meetings are held at the organiser's home on the second Monday in the month at 2pm.

## **SHORT WALKS**

Organiser – Joan Stepto

The walks are about one and a half to two miles in length and take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. We start at 10.45am but if you need a lift to the start of the walk be at the Civic Centre at 10.30am.

## **SPANISH**

Organiser – Paul Freeborn

Meetings are held at the Poynton British Legion weekly on Mondays at 10.15am to 11.45am. If you have a basic knowledge of Spanish and would like to practice the language come and join us.

## **TABLE TENNIS**

Organiser – Janet and Peter Gill

Players meet at Poynton Sports Club on London Road.

Every Tuesday 10 – 12noon

Every Wednesday 2pm – 4.30pm

Every Thursday 1.30pm – 4.30pm

## **WALKING**

Organiser – Marilyn Westbrook

Walks take place on the first Thursday of the month. There is a varied programme of walks which members organise. Walks vary between 5 and 6 miles long and are of easy to moderate difficulty.

## **ASSOCIATED GROUPS**

### **HALLE CONCERT VISITS**

Organiser – Yvonne Sharma

Information from Yvonne at General Meetings and on the website.

### **THEATRE VISITS AND MINIBREAKS**

Organiser – Elaine Roe

Information at General Meetings and on the website.

### **WALKING NETBALL**

Organiser – Liz Arrowsmith

Every Tuesday 11am – 12noon at Poynton Leisure Centre