



**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**

**Poynton  
Group and Associate Group Reports**

**2018 – 2019**

## **Group Coordinator's Annual Report March 2019**

First of all, a big thank you to all the Group Organisers for everything they do to keep the groups going. Some have been leading their groups for 9 years now, and the groups continue to be as popular as ever with U3A members.

At the moment we have 31 interest groups and 3 associated groups. In addition, we have recently had more contact with our local U3As (N E Cheshire Network ) and now have access to 19 of their groups.

The Newsletter Group continues to produce interesting newsletters, but is always in need of articles of interest from any of the groups.

Vivienne Arnold now leads the Bus Pass Explorer group, and Kay Henshaw leads the Scrabble group, as Dorothy Bayman has now moved from Poynton. The Art group now meets in the Community Centre.

The Discussion group has restarted after a short break, and is actively looking for new members.

The Cake Decorating group has stopped this year, and the Art Appreciation group is still in need of a new organiser. There still seems to be a positive interest in this group, so a volunteer to lead, or jointly lead this group would be very welcome.

Groups can be of any size, from 2 to 50 or more. No new groups have been started this year, but if any member has any ideas for a new group, I would be very happy to give advice and guidance. New groups keep our U3A thriving.

Thanks go to Liz Markham, Asst. Group Coordinator, and Joan, who was Group Coordinator from the beginning of Poynton U3A, for their help and support.

**Sandra Batchelor**  
**Group Coordinator**

## **COLLECTION OF POYNTON U3A GROUPS & ASSOCIATED GROUPS 2018 – 2019**

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

Organiser – Geoff Brindle

The group meet informally at members' homes on most Wednesday afternoons.  
They play guitars, banjo, accordion and harmonica.

### **ART**

Organiser – David Williams

The group meet at the Community Centre on Monday afternoons 2.00pm – 4.00pm. They explore and develop their individual styles with challenges set for them.

### **ART APPRECIATION**

Organiser – at present a new organiser is required. 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, including beginners.

### **BUS PASS EXPLORER**

Organiser – Vivienne Arnold

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.

### **CREATIVE WRITING**

Organisers – Ann Walker and Veronica O'Conner

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

New members are very welcome.

## **CROSSWORDS**

Organiser – TBA  
Contact –groups@poyntonu3a.org.uk  
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 Meetings and on the website.

## **DISCUSSION**

Organiser – Les Simpson  
Meetings are held monthly generally on Wednesdays at Wetherspoons starting at 10am and finishing around 12 noon. Meetings and topics are set for one in advance. Contact organiser for details.

## **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.

## **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 Bennett

The group meets once a month, usually the 4th Thursday, visiting places of geological interest, weather and holidays permitting. In the winter the meetings are indoors at the Civic Centre.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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**

Organisers – Peter Bennett, Hilary Tivey and John Jurics

Meetings are held on the 1st Friday of the month at 2pm at the Community Centre. Regular outings are also arranged throughout the year. Details can be 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 – Glenys Parry-Jones

Meetings are held in Wetherspoons on the fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am. Books read have been an eclectic 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 – Kay Henshaw

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 approximately two to three 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

New members can only play on Tuesday, as Wednesday and Thursday sessions are full at present.

## **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 Monday 11.20 - 12.20 at Poynton Leisure Centre