



Chairman's Remarks

Hello Everyone,

Hopefully, by the time you read this, summer will be here to stay. We seem to have had a very mixed bag of weather so far this year. As always though, our U3A has been running smoothly thanks to the hard work and dedication from many of our members.

There will be another coffee morning at Wetherspoons for new members and anyone who would like to meet new people or just have a coffee and chat with other U3A members. Please join us on the 26th June, from 10.30am; we would love to see you.

We were really pleased to see so many of you interested in the Stockport Summer School after hearing about it at the March meeting. It sounds as though there are some fascinating courses. There is also the National Summer School at Newport with a few places available, but I believe the North West Summer School is now full. There is so much going on in the wider U3A. It is worth investigating the U3A web site.

The U3A National Conference and AGM at Nottingham, 13-16 September, is open to any member of the U3A. There are some good speakers including the House of Commons Speaker. Take a look and see what it is all about. Voting members are already agreed so there would be no pressure to make decisions.

Back to our own U3A. The French group is progressing well but needs a permanent organiser. The film group has had to be curtailed for a while, but we will let you know when it restarts. We really do want to keep improving our organisation but the only way we can do that is for you to get involved. Please come with your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

Enjoy your summer.

Jo Leach (chairman)

Diary Dates	
Monthly General Meetings	
3 rd Tuesday in month at 2pm Poynton Civic Hall	
June 18 th	Nan Ironside The Dating Game
July 16 th	Philip Bowen Living in Zambia – An African Adventure
August 20 th	Isabelle Killicoat Vincent Van Gogh – In search of the Sun
September 17 th	Peter Hyde The Work of the Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

News in Brief

NECN Science day

On Tuesday September 10th from 9.45am to 3.30pm, there is a study day hosted by our North East Cheshire Network partners, Cheadle and Gatley. It is to be held at the United Reform Church, Gatley. The subject is ***The Wonders of the Universe***. It sounds as though it will be an interesting day, with two excellent speakers. Cost: £15 including lunch and morning/afternoon coffee or tea.

Your Committee

Jo Leach	Chairman
David Sewart	Vice-Chairman
Gerry Neale	Treasurer
Lindsay Kay	Secretary
Iris Neale	Asst Treasurer
Carol Gatenby	Speaker Organiser
Helen Long	Membership Secretary
Joan Stepto	Group Co-ordinator
Bob Stepto	Group Co-ordinator
Joyce Tapper	Refreshment Organiser
Lynda Green	Events Co-ordinator
Anne Wynn	Welcome Co-ordinator
Dorothy Scale	Asst Refreshment Organiser

News from the Groups

Message to all Group Organisers

When you email your group members about arrangements, please send a copy to groups@poyntonu3a.org.uk, so that the website can be kept up to date.

Short Walks

Short walks are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. All the walks are gentle, about two miles in length and take one hour to one hour and a half: Meet at the Civic Centre at 10.30am, or at the start of the walk at 10.45am.

Date	Walk
11 th June	Jackson's Brickworks Nature Reserve, start at car park Jackson's Brickworks, Pool House Road, Middlewood.
25 th June	Whiteley Green to Bollington, start at the public car park just past the Windmill Pub near the canal on Holehouse Lane.
9 th July	Wood Lane Wild-Flowers Walk, start at lay-by on Wood Lane West near the Miners' Arms.
23 rd July	Lyme Park Pepper Pot Round, start at the lay-by by West Park Gate

There are no walks in August.

Bob Stepto

Bird Watching Group

Trip to Marshside RSPB Reserve at Southport in April

10 of us arrived at Marshside RSPB in beautifully clear, if bracing, weather. We were very grateful to the RSPB warden, Alex Piggott, for introducing us to the reserve on our arrival, giving us some of its history, and indicating what we might expect to see on the day. We were also grateful, that she was able to accompany us and give us the benefit of her expertise in the morning when we walked along Marine Drive for views across the reserve towards Polly's Pool. Flocks and individual waders were seen with star birds; Black-tailed Godwit, Golden Plover and Avocet.

After a picnic lunch taken in the Soundgrunder Hide and Visitor Centre, we viewed Rimmer's Marsh from Nel's Hide and Marshside Road, from which we also had views back across the main reserve. We left for home at around 3pm, beating the weather as it closed in.

Our species list (for which many thanks to Viv Arnold) showed, of the waders:- Avocet, Gadwall, Black-tailed Godwit, Golden Plover, Redshank, Shoveler, Oystercatcher, Common Sandpiper, Snipe, Dunlin, Ruff and Ringed Plover. Other species seen were:- Little Egret, Pied Wagtail, Lapwing, Skylark, Kestrel, Pink-footed Goose, Black-headed Gull, Tufted Duck, Coot, Starling, Shelduck, Moorhen, Pipit, Swans, Woodpigeon and Swallows.

Peter Owen

DIY Group

Our meeting on 3rd May was a return to a project we had started a little while ago. The plan was to repair a wooden garden arch but as we were without our project manager, the ever patient Jim, our plans hadn't proceeded as well as we had hoped.

After the obligatory cuppa and biscuits we started our meeting by planning and discussing our next project. With every one catching up on news and putting forward their own points of view we eventually picked up saws, hammers plus a variety of other tools and set forth.

There was quite a lot of sawing to be done, overseen by Jim, and a few spectators who drove past very slowly, quite agog at the bevy of beauties wielding hammers and saws.

The apex of the arch was soon hammered into submission and ready to be secured to the two uprights. This involved quite a bit of holding, manoeuvring, steadying and a lot of *is that quite straight?*

Success - that same bevy of beauties and Jim stand back and admire their fantastic handiwork. Backs were patted, praises sung and Jim sincerely thanked. Another U3A DIY project completed.

At our next meeting on Thursday 16th May 10.00am we will begin our next project which is making a bird box. Bring a wood saw and a measurer if possible and money to pay for materials!

Sue Badger

Minibreaks

11 OCTOBER TO 13 OCTOBER 2013

EDINBURGH AND ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA

This trip, which includes all coach travel, 2 nights' bed, breakfast and dinner at the King's Manor Hotel, Edinburgh, and entry to the Royal Yacht Britannia, is now fully booked, but I will take names for a waiting list.

Cost: £166 per person based on 2 people sharing a room, and 5 single rooms at £182 per person.

Elaine Roe

Diners' Club

Between 15 and 20 people meet every other month for a convivial meal, usually in a local restaurant. At the moment the meals are planned by different members of the group, but in order to ensure the continuing success of the group, an organiser is needed to sort out the rota of people willing to plan the meals and provide a contact number for U3A members wishing to come to the meal.

Please contact Bob or Joan.

Family History

Several members of the Family History group attended a U3A Peak District Workshop in April held at the Dome in Buxton.

An interesting, informative and enjoyable day was had by all.

News from the Groups

Day Trips

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

SALTS MILL AND SALTAIRE GUIDED WALK

Depart Bulkeley Road at 9.30am and go to Salts Mill. We are having tea/coffee and scones on arrival, then free time to tour the mill. Meet at 1.30pm at the United Reform Church for a guided tour of Saltaire. Depart approx. 3.30/4.00pm and return to the Civic Hall Car Park in Poynton.

Cost: £18.00 per person

TUESDAY 6 AUGUST

NATIONAL TRUST DUNHAM MASSEY

Depart Bulkeley Road at 10.00am and go straight to Dunham Massey. Depart approx. 3.30pm and return to the Civic Hall Car Park in Poynton.

Cost: £5.00 NT members. Extra Charge for Non NT Members £9.75.

We are taking booking for these trips now.

Dates for your Diary	
September 12 th Thursday	Ashbourne Market and Sudbury Hall
October 30 th Wednesday	Fish & Chips and Blackpool Illuminations

Bookings for September and October will be taken in July.

Gerry & Iris Neale

Organisers Needed

We are in the happy position that several of our groups are at full capacity. We need more organisers for various groups, including Art, French, History and Reading. If you can help, contact Bob or Joan.

Members Corner

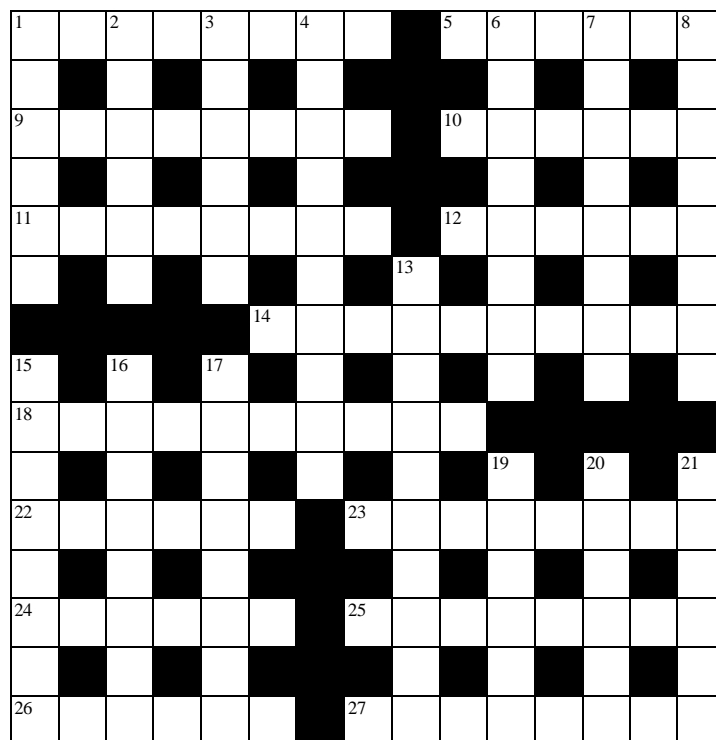
POYNTON U3A CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 6

Across

- 1 Difficult skid round computer component (4,4)
- 5 Part of play includes a mushroom? O.K.! (6)
- 9 Number of French complaints is straightforward (2,6)
- 10 Rehash pancake clutching facility for collection of residue (6)
- 11 Rash developed from a headless mess clerk (8)
- 12 Goose country (6)
- 14 Arsonist around? This will make the mayor panic! (10)
- 18 More shillings and pence offer fair compensation (10)
- 22 Accountant and theologian, together that is - found on course(6)
- 23 Sulfur, smelling awful, it needs cleaning (8)
- 24 Tipsy mother and I heading for Newcastle? Fully protected (6)
- 25 Cheerful Ann in a different guise (8)
- 26 Who's hiding in the shack ___er.. it's a tabloid journalist (6)
- 27 Data transmission search. That's hard to wear (8)

Down

- 1 European country without a yearning (6)
- 2 Start less quietly on improving building frontage (6)
- 3 Laddie reforms to idle about in Scotland (6)
- 4 Tiny man with flair lives in South Dakota. He's bogus (4,6)
- 6 The players are out. Thrown out maybe (8)
- 7 Weight of broken misshape (8)
- 8 Number at a ball take care (8)
- 13 River flowing through hydrogen factory finds its way to a garden centre (5,5)
- 15 Crushed brick has salty taste (8)
- 16 Boffin is half housed by air conditioning and electric supply (8)
- 17 Ice ban after morning creates an atmosphere (8)
- 19 Asian ass with orange crush (6)
- 20 Hear of Scandinavia to wind up (6)
- 21 In harmony, but sounds like an excessive desire (6)



Compiled by the Poynton U3A Crossword Group. If you would like to join us contact Ed Milius.

Crossword Puzzle No. 5 Solution

Across: 1 swag; 4 furbishers; 9 unadventurously; 10 sophistry; 12 Cilla; 15 asylum; 16 faithful; 17 startler; 18 rabbit; 20 piano; 23 red setter; 24 omincompetences; 25 tolerances; 26 sago

Down: 2 windows; 3 godchildren; 4 free sample; 5 bluey; 6 stoic; 7 easel; 8 skyfall; 11 referee; 13 inhabitants; 14 fibrositis; 19 iceberg; 21 annul; 22 oscar; 23 roman

Group Information

Poynton U3A Groups

Group	Organiser	Meeting
Antiques	Judith Davis	To be advised
Art	David Williams Tony Worthington	Mondays 1.45-3.45 Civic Hall
Art Appreciation	Kath Bell Carol Gatenby	Monthly. Contact Organiser.
Ballet Appreciation	Meg Humphries	1 st or 4 th Wednesday each month
Bird Watching	Peter Owen	Monthly (next meeting 31 st May)
Bridge	Dorothy Rowland	2.00 alternate Mondays Civic Hall (next meeting 24th June)
Cake Decorating	Ann Tofield	To be advised
Card Making	Catherine Owen	Starts again in the autumn
Creative Writing	Veronica O'Connor Ann Walker	1.30 2 nd & 4 th Mondays in month
Crosswords	Ed Milius	By arrangement with the organiser
Day Trips	Iris & Gerry Neale	Information at General Meetings & on website
Diners' Club	Joan Stepto	6pm Thursday 26 th July at Church Inn, Cheadle Hulme
DIY	Sue Badger	To be advised
Embroidery	Barbara Davies	2.30 4 th Thursday in month
Exercise Class	Irene Johnson	St Martin's Church Hall 1.00-2.00pm 2 nd Thursday in month (Additional classes see below.)
Family History	Moyna Barrott	Twice monthly
Film Group	Maggie Eagland	To be advised
French Conversation	Bob & Joan Stepto	Monthly
Geology	Peter Bennett	4 th Thursday in month
German Beginners	Catherine Owen	By arrangement with the organiser
German Conversation	Peter Owen	Monthly (next meeting 28 th June)
History	Wendy Fermor Dorothy Bayman	2.00 4 th Tuesday in month
Laptop & Internet Basics	Jack Taylor	Information at General Meetings & on web site
Photography	Jan Slinn	1 st Friday in month
Play Reading	Catherine Owen	2.30 1 st Tuesday in month
Reading	Iris Neale	2 nd Tuesday in month
Scrabble	Dorothy Bayman	2.00 2 nd Monday in month
Short Walks	Bob Stepto	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays in month
Spanish	Wendy Vigurs	Mondays 10-11.30
Table Tennis	Janet Gill	2.00-4.00 1 st four Thursdays in month, Poynton Sports Club
Walking	Joy Bradburn	1 st Thurs in month

Other Poynton Groups open to our U3A Members

Group	Organiser	Meeting
Exercise Class	Irene Johnson	St Martin's Church Hall 11.00am-12 noon 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday in month
Hallé Concert Visits	Wendy Vigurs	Information at General Meetings & on web site
PHS-PTA Theatre Trips	Elaine Roe	Information at General Meetings & on web site
PHS-PTA Minibreaks	Elaine Roe	Information at General Meetings & on web site

NEC Network U3A Open Groups

Group	Organiser	Meeting
Art (Bramhall)	Peter Richardson	1.00-3.00 alternate Mondays
Church History (Bramhall)	Dorothy Chesterman	10.00 alternate Wednesdays
Embroidery (Bramhall)	Dorothy Chesterman	10.00 2nd Thursday in month
Poetry (Cheadle Hulme)	Pat Wright	To be advised
T'ai Chi (Cheadle Hulme)	Pat Wright	To be advised

Please be sure to let us have any news items and photographs from your group's activities for our Website and Notice Board, via your Group Organiser.

If you are interested in joining any groups, contact the group organiser, or if you are interested in forming a new group, speak to Bob or Joan at General Meetings or email groups@poyntonu3a.org.uk