



Poynton U3A News

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

poyntonu3a.org.uk

Issue 14

Summer 2014

Chairman's Remarks

Our AGM in March was very well attended and Poynton U3A now has a new committee operating under its new constitution, which was agreed last September. The initial period of office for all the new committee, the officers and the committee members, is now the same, namely 3 years and details of the committee are given on this page.

Those of you who attended the AGM also received a presentation by Malcolm Adams, Poynton's Town Clerk. Malcolm introduced and expanded on the *Welcome to Poynton* Video, which was commissioned last year, and also took the opportunity of providing an update on what was happening in Poynton over the next few months, including alterations to the Civic Hall.

Despite the attractions of gardening and walks on a very pleasant spring afternoon, our General Meeting in April attracted considerable interest. Chocolate has probably held a life-long attraction for many of us and here was an opportunity to hear *The True History of Real Chocolate*. Mike Clarke did not disappoint us. His knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject allowed him to speak and maintain the interest of his audience for some 45 minutes.

Most of his audience would have been heartened by his thesis that real chocolate was actually very good for you. The secret of real chocolate was the high quantity of cocoa solids with its beneficial antioxidants. However, some manufacturers diluted their chocolate considerably with less expensive materials such as vegetable oils and fats. So – as with most foods which we buy today, we need to read the small print of the contents.

Finally, I would recommend to you all the *Poynton Update and News* which is available in print at the Civic Hall for those who don't have access to the Council's website.

David Sewart - Chairman

Your Committee	
David Sewart	Chairman
Clive Hill	Vice-Chairman
Gerry Neale	Treasurer
Kay Dacey	Secretary
Kate Marsham	Membership Secretary
Carol Gatenby	Speaker Organiser
Iris Neale	Asst Treasurer
Joan Stepto	Group Co-ordinator
Bob Stepto	Group Co-ordinator
Lynda Green	Events Co-ordinator
Anne Wynn	Welcome Co-ordinator
Dorothy Scale	Refreshment Organiser
Joyce Tapper	Asst Refreshment Organiser

Diary Dates	
Monthly General Meetings	
3 rd Tuesday in month at 2pm Poynton Civic Hall	
July 15th	Brian Hallworth The Life and Times of George Formby
August 19th	Peter Braun – from the National Trust Dunham Massey
September 16 th	Open Day – with presentations by Interest Groups
October 21st	Fr. Michael Burgess Weddings
November 18th	Andy Pollock Cromford and the High Peak Railway

All our group activities and details can be found on the groups list and on our web site, www.poyntonu3a.org.uk,

News from the Groups

Art Group

Members continue to amaze with their range of talents. They have become much braver in their techniques and styles and their use of various media, with outstanding results. They have readily responded to painting challenges, nothing formal, just something to try using their individual approaches.

There is now room for others to join the group. If you would like to have a go, please contact David Williams using the groups email below.

David Williams

Day Trips 2014

Bookings are now being taken for the next two outings.

Thursday 10th July - Llandudno & Penrhyn Castle

This outing is for a full day. We will go to Llandudno for tea/coffee and scones at the Tynedale Hotel on the Promenade and spend about an hour there. Then we will go to the National Trust Penrhyn Castle for the rest of the day. You will be able to explore the house and grounds and also the railway museum.

Depart Bulkeley Road, Poynton 9.30am - Depart Penrhyn Castle 5.00pm.

National Trust Members £18.00 - Additional charge of £9.50 for Non NT Members.

Wednesday 10th September - Bury Transport Museum & Bury Market

We will go to Bury Transport Museum for tea/coffee and biscuits. A guided tour is included or tour the museum at your leisure. Just across the road from the museum is the East Lancashire Railway. The steam trains will be running on the day of our visit, if you want to travel up the line to Rawtenstall.

The coach will collect those who want to go into Bury and visit the famous Bury Market, The Fusiliers Museum or the Art Museum.

Depart Bulkeley Road, Poynton 9.30am - Depart Bury 4.00pm

£12.00 per person

If you would like to book for these trips please contact Iris or Gerry.

Iris and Gerry Neale

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. The programme for June and July is:

Date	Walk
10th June	Four Winds and Lyme Park, including a 45mins stop in Lyme Park.
24th June	Whiteley Green to Bollington.
8th July	Wood Lane wild-flowers walk.
22nd July	Lyme Park Round. Start at the lay-by by West Park Gate.
26 th August	Around Styal
9 th September	New season of short walks starts

Bob Stepto

Creative Writing Group

Bollington Festival this year held a Poetry and Short Stories Competition which a number of our members entered. Ruth Howard was delighted to be awarded third prize for her story and will have the opportunity to read her piece on Canalside Radio.

The Creative Writing Group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 2.00pm at Davenport Golf Club, Middlewood Road, Poynton, SK12 1TS.

Clive Hill

Hallé Concert Visits

Tickets are now available for next season's concerts. Please contact **Wendy Vigurs** for details.

Theatre Trips

Tickets have now been reserved for next season at the Royal Exchange Theatre and for other plays and shows in Manchester. Contact **Elaine Roe** or visit the web site www.poyntonu3a.org.uk for information.

Message to all Group Organisers : When you email your group members about arrangements, please send a copy to groups@poyntonu3a.org.uk so that we can keep the website up to date. Thank you.

News from the North East Cheshire Network

NECN Arts Study Day - *Every Picture tells a Story*

With **Julie Robson**, Art historian and teacher at the School of Lifelong Learning, University of Liverpool and **Andrew Gill**, Victorian photo archivist, magic lantern showman and transport consultant.

Cost: £15 (including lunch and refreshments).

Venue: St. Michael and All Angels, Bramhall on Thursday 9 October 2014 from 10.00 to 3.00.

More details and the booking form are available either at General Meetings or on the website.

Carol Gatenby

Members' Corner

A Shaggy Dog Story (describing events on a Short Walk)

The short walk in April through the Happy Valley was even more entertaining than usual. Setting out from the parking area near the Brookdale Theatre, we walked along by the Ladybrook towards Hazel Grove. It was a pleasant day after lots of rain and the path was rather muddy with the brook moving at speed.

We enjoyed our strolling, seeing the many signs of spring and passing several people along the way, some walking their dogs. Having walked as far as we could, we turned to retrace our steps, continuing to enjoy our chat and the scenery.

We hadn't gone far, when we came across two ladies. One was running up and down in a panic on the opposite bank and the other was crouched by the river bank talking to a large, shaggy white dog, ordering it to "stay". The bank was very steep at this point, with the river running quickly past. There was a big section of a tree embedded in the middle of the brook, with the dog perched on it ready to jump. I have to say that I was impressed that the dog was obeying its owner, although you could tell it was impatient to be off.

On finding that there was no-one in danger and help had been called for, we carried on our way. Several hundred yards further on, a fireman was hurrying up

the path. One of the walkers informed him that there was a dog in the river, but no people, and he had some way to go yet. A short distance further, we came across two more firemen looking for the incident and Margaret put them in the picture. Next, we met a whole group of firemen and the story was repeated! After that, two ambulance people arrived, seeking the action and bringing up the rear were two policemen!

Finally, we arrived at our start-point to be greeted by 2 fire engines, 1 fire truck, 2 ambulance vehicles and 2 police cars, only to find out that the dog had found its own way to safety before help arrived.

You couldn't make it up!

Jeni Bell-Quinn

Coffee Mornings

The Coffee mornings for all members and those interested in our U3A are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Wetherspoon's Kingfisher from 10.30am, so the next one will be 25th June (then 23rd July, 27th August and 24th September). Buy yourself a coffee on the way in and come for a chat. We are usually in the section beyond the bar, near the glass-fronted cellar area.

Anne Wynn

The next copy date for the Poynton U3A Newsletter is October 9th. Can you please email your contribution to newsletter@poyntonu3a.org.uk or give it to a committee member.

Members' Corner

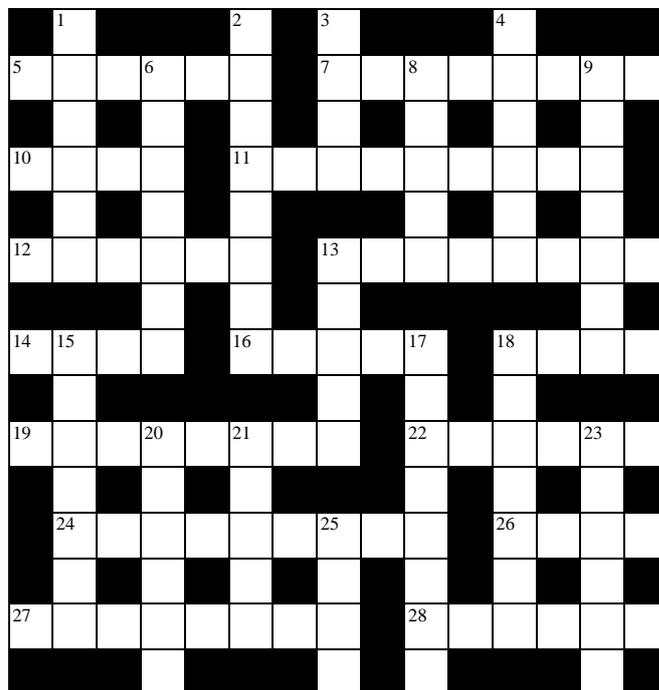
POYNTON U3A CROSSWORD PUZZLE No.10

ACROSS

- 5 A vehicle carrying six runs into something fishy. (6)
- 7 Scope for tail wagging before mixed duet provides backing. (8)
- 10 Starts to go in for tea and finds a present. (4)
- 11 I scan cave carelessly for openings. (9)
- 12 Live wire works on Monday. (6)
- 13 French resort has connections with pleasantries. (8)
- 14 Singer of sea shanties? (4)
- 16 Take off with learner into space. (5)
- 18 Ten join the Volunteers, but that's far too few. (4)
- 19 Five-sided enclosure hosting tango dancing. (8)
- 22 Expert sees swirling stream. (6)
- 24 Frisky carthorse entertains those in the stalls. (9)
- 26 Stare at part of gazebo. (4)
- 27 Average indeed? You've disgraced yourself. (8)
- 28 Bury someone in the garden Tom - 'bye! (6)

DOWN

- 1 French friend eaten by fish bait, on line. (6)
- 2 Vicar is overwhelmingly God like - as before. (8)
- 3 Smart man has beer before starting on crisps. (4)
- 4 Saint has religious instruction at court - how puritanical is that? (6)
- 6 Detached retinas will lead to crying. (2,5)
- 8 Not up to being in charge of what the doctor ordered. (5)
- 9 Not quite feeling the pressure, but enough to come back for afters. (7)
- 13 Material developed from New York and east part of London. (5)
- 15 Inspiring me owes a change. (7)
- 17 Unsettled summer with a silver lining searches vigorously. (8)
- 18 Hearing of provocation, with imaginative penetration. (7)
- 20 Bought for a particular season maybe, sounds right. (6)
- 21 Jealous of environmentalist. (5)
- 23 Living cells reproduced in enemy zone. (6)
- 25 Heartless ditty played. That's appreciable. (4)



Crossword Puzzle No.9

Erratum: The clue to 14 Across (Solution: GREBE) should have read:

Ogre becomes diving bird if beheaded and tailed. (5)

Solution

A	C	C	E	P	T		V	E	R	B	A	T	I	M
B		A		E		C		X		A	O		I	
S	U	P	E	R	N	O	V	A		N	E	P	A	L
T		U		S		R		S		T		S		L
E	N	C	H	E	E	R		P	A	U	L	I	N	E
R		H		V		E		E				D		R
G	R	E	B	E		S	T	R	I	P	P	E	E	D
E					R		P	A		I				S
	B	A	R	E	F	O	O	T		C	L	O	S	E
G		N				N		I		K		F		C
E	N	D	O	W	E	D		N	E	E	D	F	U	L
R		O		I		E		G		T		S		U
A	N	V	I	L		N	U	L	L	I	F	I	E	D
R		E		D		C		Y		N		D		E
D	A	R	K	E	N	E	D		A	G	R	E	E	D

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