



Chairman's Remarks

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our new look 'News' We hope you like it and find it easy to read. Please let us know what you think.

Well, hopefully spring will have arrived by the time we get this in print. My snowdrops are looking lovely and the crocuses are just beginning to show.

As always the committee has been beavering away on your behalf. One major step forward has been the purchase of a new radio microphone and mixer which is compatible with the Civic Hall system including the induction loop system. Hopefully you will no longer have any difficulty in hearing us or the guest speakers. The purchase of this equipment has been made possible by a grant from Cheshire East Council and we are most grateful to them for their generosity. We have also been able to purchase a projector stand and all the cabling necessary to install this equipment.

There are a number of items to look out for on the notice board and on our web site. Check out the Stockport Summer School information. Some good courses are going to be on offer. Also the North West region is again holding its annual summer school but this year near Penrith. If you are interested in a stimulating holiday then this may be for you but be quick as some courses are filling up.

Please read the information on the Third Age magazine. These are no longer going to be delivered in bulk and available at the meetings but will now have to be purchased. They are always a good read with information about what is going on in the wider U3A society.

Of course, there is information about our own groups. A new French group has been started and if anyone is interested in joining it, or any other group, please see Joan or contact the organiser of that group.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your continued support.

Jo Leach (chairman)

Diary Dates

Monthly General Meetings

3rd Tuesday in month at 2pm Poynton Civic Hall

April 16 th	David Frith Going with the Flow - Following the Goyt
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May 21 st	Peter Heaton The 1940s revisited
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June 18 th	Nan Ironside The Dating Game
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July 16 th	Philip Bowen Zambia – An African Adventure
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News in Brief

New Microphones

Supported by



The support of Cheshire East Council, which has graciously provided a grant of £500, has allowed Poynton U3A to purchase a range of equipment to support its meetings in the Civic Centre. To date this includes a robust stand for a projector and laptop, a radio microphone and a mixer, through which sound from lap top presentations and the radio microphone can now be relayed through the induction loop system in the main hall and thus become available to those in the audience wishing to tune in hearing aids. This new equipment will shortly be set up in the Civic Hall and will then become available to groups using the building under the authority of staff of the Civic Hall.

Summer Schools 2013

Stockport Summer School will be held on 15th to 19th July, 2013.

The North West Region's Summer School is at Newton Rigg College, near Penrith, on 27-30 August 2013.

U3A National Summer schools are at Harper Adams - Monday 15th July to Thursday 18th July 2013

and at the Royal Agricultural College - Monday 19th August to Thursday 22nd August 2013.

Further details are available on the notice board and website.

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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 10.30, or at the start of the walk at 10.45.

Date	Walk
26 th March	Four Winds and Lyme Park, to include a 45mins stop in Lyme Park. Start at Nelson Pit Visitor Centre.
9 th April	Happy Valley, start at the lay-by opposite the Brookdale Theatre on Jackson's Lane, Bramhall.
23 rd April	Lyme Park, start at lay-by near West Park Gate.
14 th May	Lyme View Walk, start at Nelson Pit Visitor Centre.
28 th May	Bluebell Walk & Styperson Pool, start at the public car park just past the Windmill Pub near the canal, on Holehouse Lane.
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

Bob Stepto

Geology

7th & 8th March

JOHN PIPER EXHIBITION & GEOLOGY OF SNOWDONIA, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester. (Combined outing with Macclesfield U3A Geology Group.)

25th April

ECTON HILL COPPER MINES

A Guided walk by Brian Brough. Bring a picnic lunch.

Peter Bennett

Embroidery Group

We now have six members in our group and we meet on the fourth Thursday afternoon at 2.30 pm every month except when it is snowing.

After our efforts at block work, we are embarking on producing a tactile book for the ClearVision project which supplies a postal lending library for visually impaired and sighted children. Our book is called "Teddy's Birthday": a simple story which will have Braille added to each page when we have completed our sewing. Hopefully it will be enjoyed by the children as much as we will enjoy making it.

Barbara Davies

Day Trips

THURSDAY 21 MARCH

WEDGEWOOD & STAFFORDSHIRE POTTERIES MUSEUM

Depart Bulkeley Road at 9.30 and go to the Wedgewood Visitor Centre which includes ceramic demonstrations and the museum.

We are having tea/coffee and cake on arrival, then on to the Staffordshire Potteries Museum, home to the magnificent Staffordshire Hoard.

Depart approx. 3.30 and return to the Civic Hall, Poynton

Cost: £20.00 per person

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

NATIONAL TRUST ATTINGHAM PARK

Depart Bulkeley Road at 9.30 and call at Dobbies for a comfort break then on to Attingham Park.

Depart approx. 3.30 and return to the Civic Hall Car Park in Poynton.

Cost: £12.00 NT members. Extra Charge for Non NT Members £8.50.

We are taking booking for these trips now.

Dates for your Diary	
Wednesday 3 July	Saltaire
Tuesday 6 August	Dunham Massey
Thursday 12 September	Ashbourne Market and Sudbury Hall

Bookings for July and August will be taken in May.

Gerry & Iris

PHS-PTA Minibreaks

These trips are organised on behalf of the Poynton High School PTA but are open to Poynton U3A members.

FRIDAY 24th MAY to SATURDAY 25th MAY 2013 CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW AND KEW

We leave Poynton at 8.30am on Friday and travel to Chelsea arriving around lunch time. We remain there until 8pm before heading off to our overnight hotel so there will be plenty of time to wander around the show gardens. On Saturday, we head to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. One of the world's leading botanic research institutions, Kew has a magical mix of landscaped lawns, formal gardens, glasshouses and over 30,000 plants. After a fascinating day out, we reboard the

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coach and head home, returning to the local area by mid to late evening.

Cost including coach travel, one night's bed and continental breakfast and entry to Chelsea and Kew: £139.95 (Single room supplement £22).

Elaine Roe

Diners' Club

28th March: 6 pm for 6.30pm at the Deanwater Hotel, Woodford. Transport available from the Civic Centre.

Margaret Myers & Jessie Monaghan

Art Appreciation

The group has decided to alternate between visits to galleries and discussion meetings on particular artists or genres in members' houses. The next meeting is on 23rd April.

Carol Gatenby

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, History and Reading. If you can help, contact Bob or Joan.

Members Corner

U3A CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 5

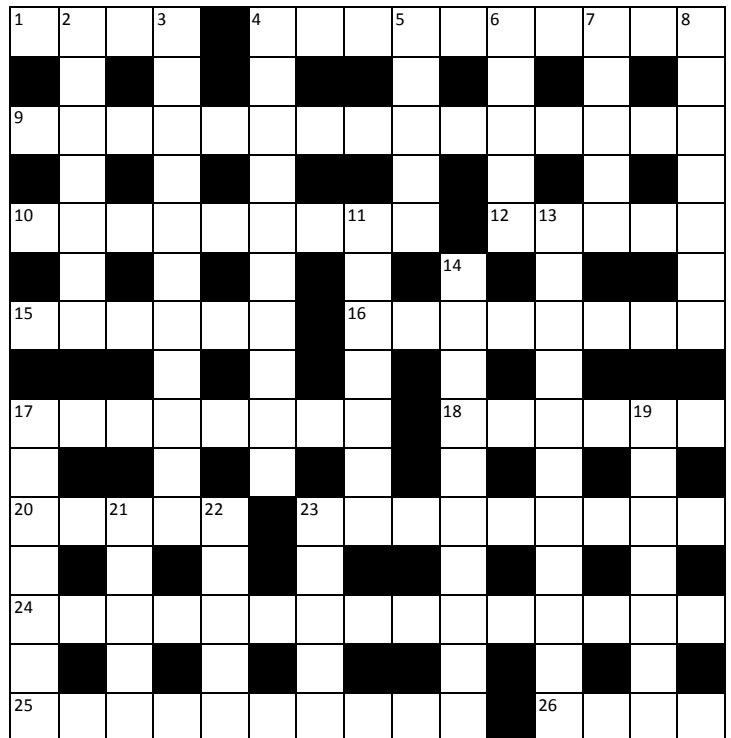
Across

1. Southern comedian has stolen goods (4)
4. Renovators emerge from Russian bushfires (10)
9. Cautiously involving religious festival with unruly soul left out (15)
10. Sad story about broken hips ending in fallacy (9)
12. Female singer from 60s feeds a couple of fifties to American spies! (5)
15. Unknown, a slum offers a place of refuge (6)
16. Female singer from 60s loses fifty, honest! (8)
17. Writhing rattlers will cause alarm (8)
18. A scarab bite is partially responsible for a poor sporting performer (6)
20. Musical instrument for man in river (5)
23. I follow a ruddy dog! (3,6)
24. Me spent small company income in order to deal with all matters (15)
25. Variations come from playing clear notes (10)
26. Sounds like a starter, but is really a pudding! (4)

Down

2. Close this computer program to prevent drafts (7)
3. You can get cold herding those who you care for spiritually (11)
4. Liberates many? He won't pay for that! (4, 6)
5. Coloured old Turkish leader touring London University (5)
6. Philosophical school member tucking in to antipasto — Ichthyas perhaps? (5)
7. Headless carnivore maybe supporting picture (5)
8. Recent thriller includes clips of Tchaikovsky falling over (7)
11. Consult Early English in order to judge (7)
13. Workers following nun to meet the locals? (11)
14. Is it outsize after using cut material? It'll give rise to a medical condition (10)
17. Prince in drunken stupor needs propping up (7)
19. Found in the Antarctic, bird returns to the Channel Islands (7)
21. A yearly book without a reverse (5)
22. Large vehicle for an award (5)
23. Italian on a horse riding round top of mountain (5)

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



POYNTON U3A CROSSWORD No. 4 Solution

Across: 1 nutcracker; 6 stab; 9 categorise; 10 bang; 13 classic; 15 hoopoe; 16 notion; 17 madonna and child; 18 superb; 20 trendy; 21 sleight 22 inri; 25 stentorian; 26 hats; 27 board games

Down: 1 neck; 2 tots; 3 regale; 4 christmas dinner; 5 essoin; 7 traditions; 8 bygone days; 11 the messiah; 12 good spirit; 13 corners; 14 concert; 19 blotto; 20 throng; 23 film; 24 inks

A CHRISTMAS PUZZLE (SOLUTION)

A	A = 2; E = 7 M = 9;	2
MERRY	R = 4; Y = 5; X = 6;	97445
XMAS	M = 9; S = 8; T = 1;	6928
TURKEY	U = 0; K = 3	104375

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 15 th March)
Bridge	Dorothy Rowland	2.00 alternate Mondays Civic Hall (next meeting 25 th March)
Cake Decorating	Ann Tofield	To be advised
Card Making	Catherine Owen	2.00 4 th Wednesday in month
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	Margaret Myers Jessie Monaghan	28 th March at 6 pm for 6.30pm at the Deanwater Hotel, Woodford
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 1.00-2.00 2 nd Thursday in month. (Additional classes see below.)
Family History	Moyna Barrott	Twice monthly
French Conversation	Bob & Joan Stepto	First meeting 20 th March
Geology	Peter Bennett	4 th Thursday in month
German Beginners	Catherine Owen	By arrangement with the organiser
German Conversation	Peter Owen	Monthly
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
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
Short Walks	Bob Stepto	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays 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 and 3 rd Wednesday in month, 4th Thursdays in month 1.00-2.00pm
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	23rd-24th March 2013 Bath & Cotswolds 24th-25th May Chelsea Flower Show & Kew Gardens

NEC Network Open Groups

Group	Organiser	Meeting
Art (Bramhall U3A)	Peter Richardson	1.00-3.00 alternate Mondays
Church History (Bramhall U3A)	Dorothy Chesterman	10.00 alternate Wednesdays
Embroidery (Bramhall U3A)	Dorothy Chesterman	10.00 2nd Thursday in month
Personal Image (Wilmslow U3A)	Carolynne Powell	10.00-12.00 Fridays from April 5 th to May 10 th
Poetry (Cheadle Hulme U3A)	Pat Wright	To be advised
T'ai Chi (Cheadle Hulme U3A)	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