

Newsletter

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September 2012

Chairman's Remarks.

Hello everybody,

I hope you have all had a good summer. It seems to have flown past. Not only have we had the Olympics but a lot has been going on in the Poynton U3A. There was a wonderful trip with the Theatre group to the Clonter Opera, and a brilliant day out to Port Sunlight and the Lady Lever Art Gallery. The Family History Group had two very interesting visits to Manchester, one to the Records Office and the other to Manchester Cathedral.

We also held our own Diamond Jubilee celebration. Thank you to all who came and entered into the spirit of the Jubilee and to everyone who put in so much hard work to make the event such a success. There were some wonderful outfits. Look in the Members' Corner for some of your Coronation Memories.

As you will see, new groups are being formed and others evolving. The Art Appreciation Group looks as though it is now up and running. Other new groups are in the pipeline, but if you are interested in something not already on offer then please let us know. The Singing Group would like someone who can play a musical instrument to accompany them. Please remember to have your membership card with you, especially in September and October, for all activities.

As we go to press there are still a few places left for the History Study Day organised by Cheadle Hulme U3A from our own NEC Network. This promises to be an interesting day. The first of many such ventures, we hope.

As always, this is your U3A, so let us have your ideas and suggestions - but most of all enjoy yourselves.

Jo Leach (chairman)

**Hello and welcome to
our Autumn
Newsletter**

Editorial Comments:

Autumn here already! What happened to summer? Hope you all managed to see some sun, somehow, somewhere. Never mind, still lots of activities to keep us occupied.

It's always a bit quiet during the holiday season so we're a bit light on news, but there is still loads of information and the crosswords are great.

Keep those items coming in!

Anybody wishing to contribute should email information to newsletter@poyntonu3a.org.uk

All items should be original and submitted with author's name and contact details. My grateful thanks go to all who have contributed so far.

Joyce

Diary Dates
Monthly General Meetings
3rd Tuesday in month; 2pm Poynton Civic Hall
Guest Speakers

September 18th	Carol Ward - My life as a Tiller Girl
October 16th	Kevin Whittaker - A.V. Roe and Woodford
November 20th	Ann Metcalfe - A Dickens of a Christmas
December 18th	Christmas Special

Meet the Groups

Poynton U3A Groups

Group	Organiser	Meeting
Antiques	Judith Davis	Tuesday 25 th September
Art	David Williams Tony Worthington	Mondays 1.30-3.30 Civic Hall
Art Appreciation	Kath Bell	Thursday 13 th September
Bird Watching	Peter Owen	Monthly (next meeting 28 th September)
Bridge	Dorothy Rowland	2.00 alternate Mondays Civic Hall (17 th September)
Cake Decorating	Ann Tofield	To be advised
Card Making	Catherine Owen	2.00 4 th Wednesday in month
Computing	Joan Bridge	No course at present
Concert Visits	Wendy Vigurs	Information at General Meetings & on Website
Creative Writing	Veronica O'Connor Ann Walker	1.30 2 nd & 4 th Mondays in month
Crosswords	Ed Milius	To be advised
Day Trips	Iris & Gerry Neale	Sept. – Dec. Information at General Meetings & on Website
Diners' Club	Maureen Ridley Dorothy Hoadley	Next meals are 27 th September & 29 th November
DIY	Sue Badger	To be advised
Embroidery	Barbara Davies	2.30 2 nd Wednesday in month
Exercise Class-Postural Stability	Irene Johnson	Wednesdays 19/09, St Martin's Church Hall Thursdays 13/09, St Georges Hall (Upper room)
Family History	Moyna Barrott	Twice monthly
Geology	Peter Bennett	4 th Thursday in month (27 th September)
German Beginners	Catherine Owen	2.30 3 rd Monday in month
German Conversation	Peter Owen	Monthly – next meeting 19 th September
History	Wendy Fermor Dorothy Bayman	2.00 4 th Tuesday in month
Laptop & Internet Basics	Jack Taylor	Meetings start again 25 th and 27 th September
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
Singing	Wendy Winsor	Fortnightly 2.00 Tuesdays, Civic Centre
Spanish	Wendy Vigurs	Mondays 10-11.30
Table Tennis	Janet Gill	2.00-4.00 1st & 3 rd Thursdays in month, Poynton Sports Club
Theatre Trips	Elaine Roe	Information at General Meetings & on Website
Walking	Joy Bradburn	1 st Thurs in month (next walk 4 th October)

If you are interested in joining any of the groups, contact the group organiser

GROUPS WITH POTENTIAL MEMBERS, BUT NEEDING ORGANISERS:

Discussion	French Conversation	Local History	Wildlife Study
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Why not play your part and become a Group Organiser?

<mailto:groups@poyntonu3a.org.uk>

Meet the Groups

NEC Network Open Groups

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Bramhall, Cheadle & Gatley, Cheadle Hulme, Poynton and Wilmslow U3As have formed an association known as the **North East Cheshire (NEC) Network**. Importantly, the **NEC Network** recognises **Open Groups**. These are Interest Groups organised, as usual, within a particular U3A but open to all members of all the U3As in the **NEC Network**. It is hoped that the membership of an Interest Group will increase once it has become an **Open Group**. So far, seven **Open Groups** have been formed.

Group	Organiser	Meeting
Art (Bramhall U3A)	Peter Richardson	1.00-3.00 alternate Mondays
Cake Decorating (Poynton U3A)	Ann Tofield	To be advised
Church History (Bramhall U3A)	Dorothy Chesterman	10.00 alternate Wednesdays
Concert Visits (Poynton U3A)	Wendy Vigurs	Information at General Meetings & on Website
Creative Writing (Poynton U3A)	Veronica O'Connor Ann Walker	1.30 2 nd & 4 th Mondays in month
Embroidery (Bramhall U3A)	Dorothy Chesterman	10.00 2 nd Thursday in month
T'ai Chi (Cheadle Hulme U3A)	Pat Wright	To be advised

Groups in Focus

POYNTON U3A SHORT WALKS

The new season of walks starts on 11th September. The programme of walks until December is now available at General Meetings and on the website. Please note that the walks are now U3A walks and there is no longer any involvement of Age UK.

These gentle walks are about 2 miles in length, taking approximately an hour to an hour and a half. As usual, walks will take place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. Meet on Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m. at the Civic Centre, Poynton or at the start of the walk at 10.45 a.m. (15 minutes earlier than last season). New members welcome.

The next walks are:

- 11th September – Coppice Walk; start at Coppice car park on Middlewood Way.
- 25th September – Canal and Prince's Incline; start at Nelson Pit Visitor Centre.
- 9th October – Wood Lane Walk; start at Wood Lane West lay-by, near Miners' Arms Pub.
- 23rd October – Sugar Lane Round; start at Holehouse Lane car park.
- 13th November – Lady's Incline; start at the Civic Centre.
- 27th November – Poynton Pool ; start at the Civic Centre.
- 11th December – Hagg Farm Circuit with lunch (optional) at Boar's Head; start at Nelson Pit Visitor Centre.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesdays.

Bob Stepto.

Groups in Focus

CONCERT VISITS

Members of any U3A in the NEC Network are welcome to join with the local Hallé group which is now in its 23rd year. Because we are a large group, we get nearly 30% discounts and can buy tickets from £11.20 to £25.20, depending on where you like to sit. We can book wherever you prefer. We shall be making monthly coach trips, from September 2012 to May 2013, to the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester, always on Wednesdays - but not the same one each month. We meet for the coaches at 6pm, starting from the Civic Hall car park in Poynton, and picking up at the Fiveways bus stop in Hazel Grove. We return to Poynton at approx 10.30pm. The coach costs only £6.00 return. You can get a programme diary from me at the Poynton U3A General Meetings, or from the Civic Hall information centre.

We have plenty of spare coach seats, so try us!

Wendy Vigurs

ANTIQUES

"A Stitch in Time!"

On September 25th at 2p.m. the Antiques Group is re-visiting St Edward's Church, Leek, to see more of the embroideries and listen to a talk about them by Mrs. Blanche Lovatt.

Judith Davis

ART APPRECIATION

Thursday September 13th a free 'drop in' session at Manchester Art Gallery from 2pm to 3pm. Meet in the atrium of the gallery at about 1.50pm. The Art Gallery is on Mosley Street and, if we catch the 12.30pm train from Poynton, we will have lots of time to get there. We will have a coffee afterwards and discuss what we would like to do next and maybe visit more of the gallery.

Carol Gatenby and Kath Bell

CAKE DECORATING

The Group is planning to meet again in September.

Ann Tofield

DINERS' CLUB

27th September - Ciao, Poynton 6pm for 6.30pm.

Please pay by 18th September at the General Meeting.

29th November - Il Pomodoro, Poynton.

Details available at October and November General Meetings.

Dorothy Hoadley and Maureen Ridley

GEOLOGY

The Geology Group meets on 4th Thursday of the month. On 27th September there is a visit to The Torrs at New Mills. There is no meeting in October. In November, we will have an indoor session reviewing the year and planning ahead for next year.

Peter Bennett

LAPTOP AND INTERNET BASICS

Meetings will restart on 25th and 27th September.

Details will be available at the September General Meeting.

Jack Taylor

WALKING

1st Thursday of each month.

4th October - Prestbury;

1st November - Disley & Marple;

6th December - Poynton with lunch at Boar's Head.

Joy Bradburn.

News in brief

INTEREST GROUPS

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

CHEADLE HULME U3A HISTORY STUDY DAY – 5TH OCTOBER

Cheadle Hulme U3A - one of our NEC Network partners - is organising a History Study Day on Friday 5th October. There are still some spaces available. Further details are on the Website or Notice Board.

U3A DIARIES AND CALENDARS

U3A diaries and calendars are available. Details are on the Website or Notice Board.

NW REGION COURSES

There is a Conference on 'Communications' with guest speaker Francis Beckett (editor of 'U3A Matters') on September 24th in Manchester. Free to U3A members.

Website <http://www.poyntonu3a.org.uk>

Members' Corner

CORONATION MEMORIES

The overriding memory from 60 years ago is getting together with family and friends to watch the Coronation on a tiny black and white television. Many people did not have a television so they got together to watch it on the only TV set in the area. Some people purchased or rented one especially for the day. Those who did not have a TV listened to it on the radio, but everyone could watch it later as it was on at the pictures!

Some of us can also remember street parties and lots of lovely food; a treat after the privation of post-war rationing. This is probably where the idea came from for this year's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Coronation gifts were also given out to school age children. These were often in the form of coronation mugs which can still be seen in antique shops and collectables stalls.

A few people were actually working or living in London and were able to see the Coronation Procession and the initial balcony appearance of the Queen, albeit in the rain. No changes there, then! However, one of our ex-forces members, having avoided being selected to line the route of the procession, ended up on parade in an airfield, also getting wet!

Everyone said what a wonderful occasion our Jubilee Celebration was; bringing back such happy memories!!



Members' Corner

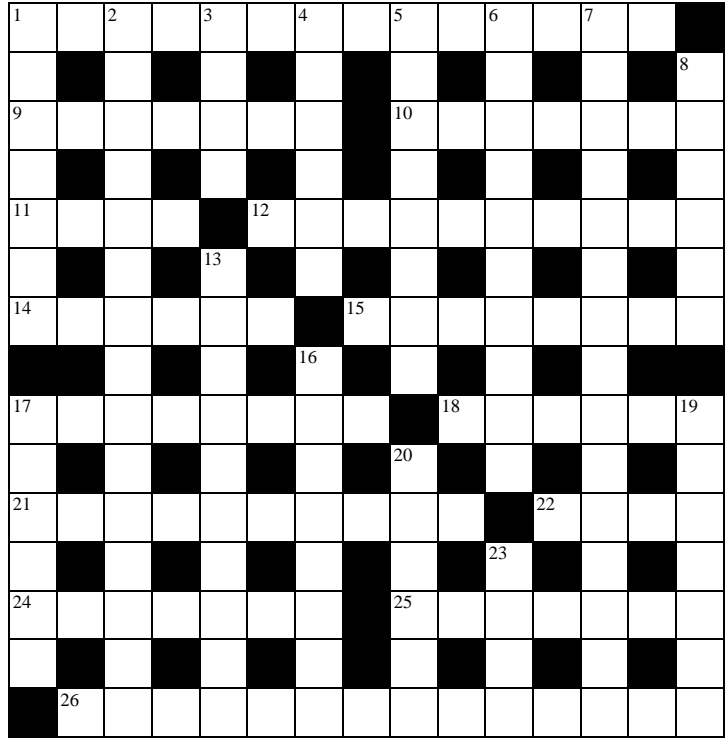
U3A CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 3

Across

- 1 Muddled liar to win, say at journeys end maybe. (7,7)
 9 A puritan might leave from 1 across. (7)
 10 Sounds like quite a short distance to show the current being used. (7)
 11 Five and one mixed with French. (4)
 12 Leave blokes time to form a section. (10)
 14 A company in Scottish mountain gives a danger signal. (6)
 15 Troubled heart in arable land giving an impression of animal skin. (8)
 17 Gaseous element which unusually offers a ring tone. (8)
 18 Debtors to the Madam cutting grass. (6)
 21 Op.on hen? Men can sort out this sensation. (10)
 22 Involved regularly in nut roast. (4)
 24 One full of coxcombry.(7)
 25 Cut the joint in a vessel for neckwear (7)
 26 Old car owner holds the flag too! (8,6)

Down

- 1 Respected Harlequins unusually beaten at Rugby, but openings could be forced. (7)
 2 Desperate to reach the end. At Blackpool maybe! (2,3,4,6)
 3 Put on a north-eastern flower. (4)
 4 Unknown happening with the German over there. (6)
 5 A thousand see cat chewed and eaten. Toasted perhaps! (8)
 6 Part timer replaces head of station on impulse. (10)
 7 Even the Vernon would hesitate before offering these terms. (2,3,5,5)
 8 A big head from hot fry. (6)
 13 Movement occurs from liquid surrounding lake. (10)
 16 Can't remember to meet daughter in a disorderly state. (8)
 17 Relative shows up when PE is performed. (6)
 19 Ship on River Po flounders, back up needed. (7)
 20 Soured about being disturbed. (6)
 23 Scottish bank collapses, ends up with nothing. (4)



POYNTON U3A CROSSWORD No. 2 Solution

Across: 1 wolverine (9); 8 audio cassette (5,8); 11 colt (4); 12 doors (5); 13 orca (4); 16 awfully (7); 17 evening (7); 18 cuckold (7); 20 plunger (7); 21 eats (4); 22 about (5); 23 wren (4); 26 mounting block (8,5); 27 differing (9)

Down: 2 Ohio (4); 3 victory (7); 4 reserve (7); 5 need (4); 6 qualification (13); 7 starting price (8,5); 9 scratched (9); 10 margarine (9); 14 elbow (5); 15 genus (5); 19 debrief (7); 20 plunger (7); 24 RNLI (1,1,1,1); 25 elan (4)

Compiled by the Poynton U3A Crossword Group. If you want to exercise your grey matter, why not join us! Simply contact Ed Milius on 01625 875225.

I can't wait to hear from you all for the next publication. Entries will need to be received by 16th November.
<mailto:newsletter@poyntonu3a.org.uk> or see me at meetings. Joyce

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