



Chairman's Remarks

Hello Everybody,

It was great to see so many of you at the last few meetings when we were having such wonderful weather. I know it was hot in the hall but we did have some very diverse talks including a very interesting talk on Zambia and one on Vincent Van Gogh. The topics could not have been more different.

There is to be a Special General Meeting before our speaker in September where we hope many of you will be present to vote on a new constitution. The one we have been using has served us well but needs modifying. This means that, if the vote goes through, we will be a steering committee again, as we were for our first year. Then, at the next AGM in March 2014, all the positions will be up for re-election. Also, some of the committee have been doing the job for three years and feel it is time to hand over the reins to others who can have a look with fresh eyes and take us forward for another three years.

Information will be available about what a particular role entails, especially for the officer posts. However, each position can be tailored to suit an individual; everyone brings their own strengths and skills to a committee.

I urge you to think about getting involved. We will need people for the committee, but we also need volunteers for many other roles, either helping with a one-off function or on a more permanent basis.

Please think seriously about whether you could contribute to your U3A - it needs you.

Enjoy the next three months and run up to Christmas,

Jo Leach (Chairman)

Lindsay Kay's Retirement from Committee

Lindsay Kay, who has been our Secretary for two and a half years, has now stepped down. As one of the founding members of the committee she has been instrumental in helping to form our U3A. We take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and dedication throughout that time. She will be sorely missed but fortunately we are not losing her altogether as she will continue in her role as joint webmaster.

Carol Gatenby has agreed to handle the secretarial role for the time being.

Diary Dates Monthly General Meetings 3 rd Tuesday in month at 2pm, Poynton Civic Hall	
17 th September	Peter Hyde The Work of the Oldham Mountain Rescue Team Preceded by a Special General Meeting
15 th October	Peter Kirk Penguin Safari to the Falkland Islands
19 th November	George Beaumont Thomas Telford and the Road to Holyhead
17 th December	Christmas Party

News in Brief

The UK and UN International Older People's Day

Poynton U3A have been invited to send a representative to the UN Older People's Day Meeting on Tuesday 1st October, which is to be held at the Poynton British Legion from 10am – 5pm. See Jo Leach for further details.

The Third Age Trust

Diaries and Calendars for 2014 are now available from Head Office.

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.

NEW GROUPS LAUNCHED!

We are pleased to announce the launch of three new groups:

Piano for Beginners – organiser Wendy Vigurs

Strolling – walks for members with limited mobility - organisers Julia Shuttleworth & Bob Stepto

Science & Technology – organiser Jo Leach

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact groups@poyntonu3a.org.uk or Joan & Bob Stepto.

Creative Writing

The Creative Writing Group published 'Memories', an anthology of their work, in July. Copies are available through the Group Organisers (Veronica O'Connor & Ann Walker) or at General Meetings: cost £3.

Diners' Club

The next meal will be a lunch on 24th October organised by Olga Jones. More details will be available shortly.

Walks

Joy Bradburn is resigning as organiser of the Walking Group for personal reasons. We would like to thank Joy sincerely for all her hard work organising the group from when it was formed in 2011. Marilyn Westbrook is taking over the organisation of the group.

Day Trips

WEDNESDAY 30th OCTOBER

FISH & CHIP SUPPER AND BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS

Depart Bulkeley Road, Poynton at 4.00pm and going to St Annes for a Fish & Chip Supper. Then back on the coach to travel through the Illuminations and back to Poynton. We should arrive back approx 9.30pm.

Cost: £15.00 per person

SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER

TATTON PARK, WHITE CHRISTMAS MANSION & GIFT FAIR

Leaving Bulkeley Road, Poynton at 10.30pm, going to Tatton Park for the decorated Mansion (timed ticket entry), Gift Fair and Gardens. Arrive back in Poynton about 4.30/5.00pm.

Cost: £17.00 per person

We are taking bookings for these trips now.

Iris & 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.

Date	Walk & Starting Place
10 th September	Coppice Walk. Start at Coppice car park on Middlewood Way.
14 th September	Canal and Prince's Incline. Start at Nelson Pit Visitor Centre.
8 th October	Wood Lane Walk. Start at Wood Lane West lay-by, near Miners' Arms pub.
22 nd October	Sugar Lane Round. Start at the car park just past the Windmill Pub near the canal, on Holehouse Lane.
12 th November	Lady's Incline. Start at Civic Centre.
26 th November	Poynton Pool. Start at Civic Centre.
10 th December	Hagg Farm Circuit. Start at Nelson Pit Visitor Centre. Followed by lunch (optional) at the Boar's Head pub.
CHRISTMAS BREAK	

Bob Stepto

Family History

The group will have a tour of Southern Cemetery, Chorlton on 18th September.

Moyna Barrott

Birdwatching

The programme of outings for the rest of 2013 and the first half of 2014 is:

Date	Venue (Meeting Place & Time)
Wed 18 th Sep 2013	Lyme Park - from West Park Gate. (Civic Centre 9.45 am)
Fri 25 th Oct 2013	Martin Mere – full day. (Civic Centre 9.15 am)
Fri 22 nd Nov 2013	Tittesworth Reservoir. (Civic Centre 9.45 am)
Jan 2014	Poynton Pool.
Feb 2014	Pennington Flash.
March 2014	Marbury, Northwich.
April 2014	Sandbach Flashes.
May 2014	Woolston Eyes – full day.
May 2014	Lindow Common – dawn chorus.
May 2014	Conwy – full day.

The specific dates and times for outings in 2014 will be confirmed nearer the time.

Peter Owen

Members' Corner

Coffee Mornings

The Coffee mornings for all our new (and not so new) members are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Wetherspoons (Kingfisher) from 10.30am, so the next one will be 25th September (then Oct 23rd and Nov 27th). Buy yourself a coffee on the way in and come for a chat. Please note there will not be a coffee morning in December.

Anne Wynn

POYNTON U3A CROSSWORD No. 7

Across

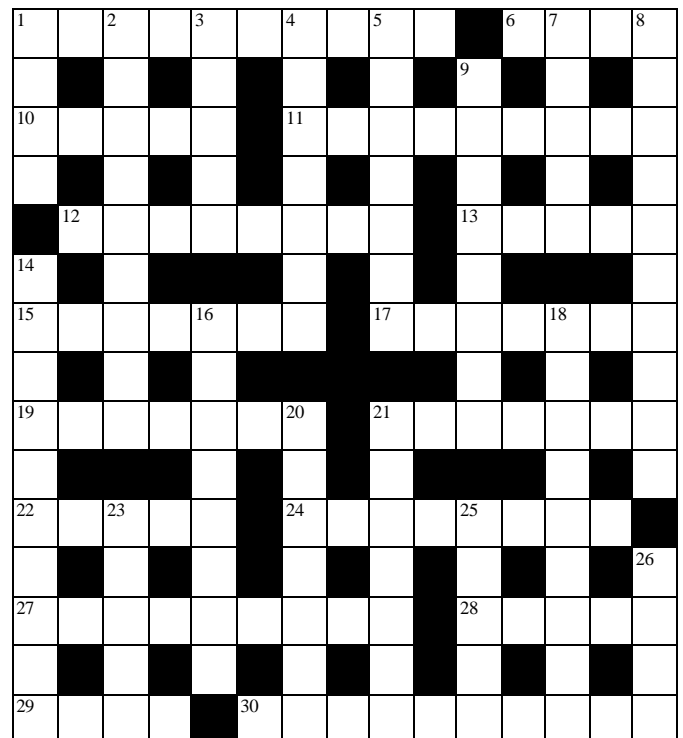
- 1 10-sided card had the French (and English) befuddled. (10)
- 6 Why, an impoverished father leads to an urchin. (4)
- 10 Last two bites taken from banana - left it stale. (5)
- 11 Twisted iron blade for a soldier's belt. (9)
- 12 Starter with fried chicken. (8)
- 13 Hunting dog has head bitten off - by a bird of prey. (5)
- 15 Old boys' remedy is not very clear. (7)
- 17 I knit drapes without hope. (7)
- 19 Hear a fuelled ruse causing stomach pain. (7)
- 21 Muddled magnate becomes a guard. (7)
- 22 Gets relief regularly from red abscesses. (5)
- 24 He may set about in an obvious manner. (8)
- 27 Religious festival held on Yorkshire river? That'll be a thrill. (9)
- 28 Fish I turn to for a fool. (5)
- 29 Itchy skin can get you down. (4)
- 30 Ladies nightwear found outside North Carolina? That's a piece of carelessness. (10)

Down

- 1 Scottish pools created from scattered buds. (4)
- 2 Permission almost given to America in general agreement. (9)
- 3 An old slave from the Lothian region. (5)
- 4 Could lead be about to cause a disaster. (7)
- 5 Anodyne cocktail might make you cross. (7)
- 7 Getting on, with a drink gulped first. (5)
- 8 With patience offering a wild animal a sly trap. (10)
- 9 Rose stem found in the West Country. (8)
- 14 Canine treats from the restaurant? (6,4)
- 16 Double increase will lead to mutiny. (8)
- 18 Publicity girl takes one on - maybe to gain entry. (9)
- 20 Travel and almost arrive silently. (7)
- 21 Man and fish refined. (7)
- 23 Odd - yet strangely, evens! (5)
- 25 Knees up maybe - after I leave office work. (5)
- 26 Nasty eye is partly inflamed. (4)

Newsletter Copy date

Anybody wishing to contribute to our newsletter should email information to newsletter@poyntonu3a.org.uk or speak to a committee member at the General Meetings. All items should be original and submitted with the author's name and contact details. Entries will need to be received by 20th November for our next newsletter.



Compiled by the Poynton U3a Crossword Group. If you would like to join us then please contact Ed Milius.

Crossword Puzzle No. 6 Solution

H	A	R	D	D	I	S	K	A	C	C	E	P	T
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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 Organisers.
Ballet Appreciation	Meg Humphries	1 st or 4 th Wednesday each month
Bird Watching	Peter Owen	Monthly (next meeting 18 th September)
Bridge	Dorothy Rowland	2.00 alternate Mondays Civic Hall
Cake Decorating	Ann Tofield	To be advised
Card Making	Catherine Owen	To be advised
Creative Writing	Veronica O'Connor Ann Walker	Davenport Golf Club 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	Olga Jones	Lunch 24 th October. Details available soon
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 10.45-11.45am 2 nd Wednesday in month (Additional classes see below.)
Family History	Moyna Barrott	Twice monthly
Film & Discussion Group	Maggie Eagland	To be advised
French Conversation	Bob & Joan Stepto	Monthly (Next meeting 27 th September)
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
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	Marilyn Westbrook	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 10.45am-11.45am every Wednesday
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

The Open Groups in our North East Cheshire Network remain the same. Please look at our notice board or on the website for more details.

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