

MARPLE & DISTRICT

u3a

NEWSLETTER

July 24

Hello again,

This month has seen a bumper response to my request for items. There is of course, the regular submission from our hero's 'The Fantastic Five' crossword composers who do sterling work slaving away in the Bulls Head for your brain teasing enjoyment – Feel free to join them.

See the trips group section for news about going to Blackpool. Sadly, the Llandudno trip is fully booked.

The Mid-day concerts groups have two new events. One of them is **FREE** and there's news about jazz concerts at High Lane Conservative Club. The first two dates are buy-one-get-one free events. (you need your membership card).

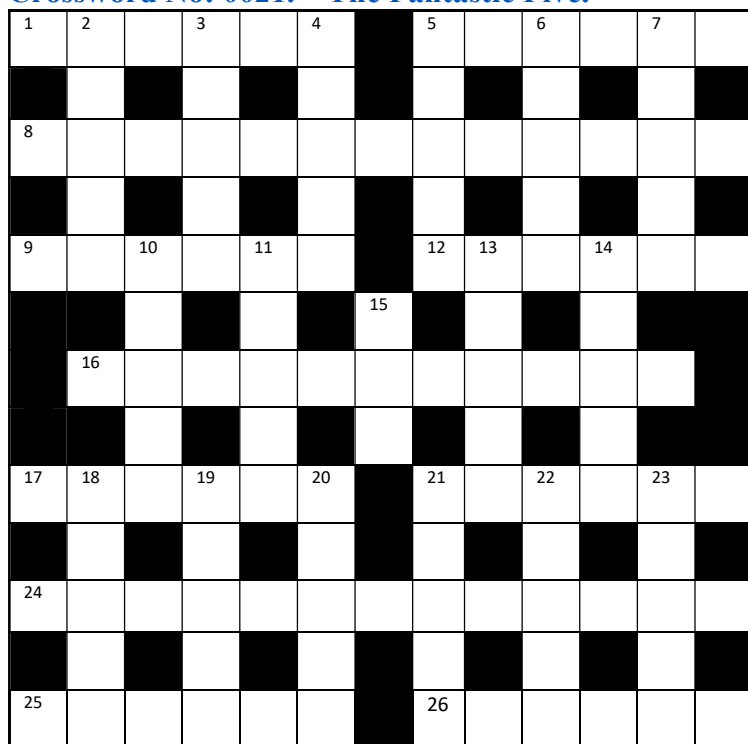
The Rummikub group has relocated and it will come as no surprise that the quiz group's timetable has been disrupted by some goings on in Europe involving a spherical object.

By the time of the next meeting, it will all be over and we will know our fate for the next five years. Whatever happens– I hope all those that want to, will cast their ballot.

Many congratulations to Mrs June Gould, a long-time member of our U3A, who was 100 years old on June 23rd. The photo is of June enjoying her birthday party.



Crossword No: 0021. – The Fantastic Five.



Across

- 1. An insect let loose produces another (6)
- 5 A group of carollers is in attendance (6)
- 8 Confuse a thin Swiss today, losing nothing for a July festival (2, 8,3)
- 9 Hello you! Take ship unless(6)
- 12 Antelope, I'm a pal panicking (6)
- 16 Doris Cohen a multifaceted figure (11)
- 17 Sounds like grass today, losing to a whoopee (6)
- 21 – see 15 down
- 24 Sounds like you have to support Simon Armitage to get a qualification (13)
- 25 As an afterthought give to the poor and get religious songs of praise (6)
- 26 Sensory organ follows the finish to charm (6)

Down

- 2 Old sales call of newsboys brings additional material (5)
- 3 Often thrown in, this is useful on the beach (5)
- 4 Regular payer for accommodation loses head to come inside (5)
- 5 Initially Len is blessed in having corroboration of being elsewhere (5)
- 6 Pose a confusion and he'll tell you a tale (5)
- 7 No hesitation in deep sea fishing (5)
- 10 Travelling feet it's heaven to scratch (5)
- 11 Afloat or occupying the shore (2,3)
- 13 Dressed a la mode like a poser (5)
- 14 Keep moving with far to go (5)
- 15 and 21 across Twisted Telegraph loses a letter becomes risk – pestilence! (3, 6)
- 18 Oriental Christmas is confusedly included in 24 (5)
- 19 Confused Claud was of a Dukedom (5)
- 20 Shrieks when you eats large plums slowly (5)
- 21 It helps you 'go' when you do this to a tree (5)
- 22 Extra men do change (5)
- 23 Latin pop group loses its voice in extreme (5)

Committee membership.

Now for the serious stuff.

It's difficult not to sound like Peter Sellers in the film "I'm all right Jack" when raising this matter in the sense that – We on the Committee – are very worried about the lack of people coming forward to ensure that Marple and District u3a will continue after our tenure.

Although as a committee member, there are some responsibilities none of them will put members at risk – All members of the committee are covered under the U3A policies against loss and all approved out-of-pocket expenses are refundable.

As a committee member, you are only allowed to serve in one post for a maximum of three years, and even that isn't compulsory. If you found that the tasks were overburdensome, you can always resign and walk away. Having said that, there's very little that needs to be done. You may have to phone a speaker to check they know where the meetings are held, check on their arrival time or maybe nip out and buy a parking ticket (refundable) for them. The point is, if you join the committee now, you will have the opportunity to stick your toe in the water and find out how little we have to do. However, when we're all gone next year, members forming the new committee will find themselves on a steep learning curve. That, of course, assumes that we haven't had to disband the group because to do otherwise would leave it without leadership and in limbo.

I suppose it's possible some faceless none-local head office official will come in and take the reins and wind it up if we don't.

So come on "Comrades". Surely there are some spritely people in the full flush of retirement that are fed up with just staring out of the window and would enjoy the challenge of joining us in the joys of running Marple and District u3a.

You can contact us via the website or even collar us by the scruff of the neck at a meeting to indicate you are interested. You can even come along to a committee meeting as a try out if you wish to see how little we do and how lazy we are. So why not come and join us for tea or coffee as well.

Contact me at secretarymarple@gmail.com
Or Tom at chairmanmarple@gmail.com

Len

Group News

General.

I've been asked to remind members that they are supposed to bring their membership cards when they first take part in group activities and that group organisers are required to make a note of who attends.

This is mainly for insurance purposes, but it has been brought to our attention that there may be people attending activities that are not actually members of any u3a.

Gini will be contacting group organisers to request a photo of the registers in due course.

Quiz Group – Graeme

Quiz dates

Apparently, England may be playing a football match on 10th July, so we'll have to change our date to 17th July. August quiz will be on the 14th. Both occasions will be in the Con Club, starting at 20:00.

Rummikub Group – Chris Traynor

The Railway pub at Rose Hill Marple has agreed that we can hold our Rummikub meetings there. We are unable to use the library anymore because of the building work that is taking place.

Our next meeting is on the 12/07/24 at The Railway Pub, Rose Hill, Marple - 2pm until 4pm. Because of the change of venue and it being a public house, you will be expected to buy a drink an alcoholic drink or tea, coffee, or a soft drink.

There will be no charge for the room, which also means the cost will go down to 50 pence instead of £1

Looking forward to seeing everyone there

Telephone	Christine	07857641003
	Joan.	07392708003

Family History Group – Graeme

Unfortunately, due to other commitments, I will not be able to continue leading the Family History group.

I have lots of information from the u3a Trust's on the subject which I will happily pass on to anyone who wishes to step in and lead the group.

If no-one steps forward to lead the group it will not continue.

Classical Music Group - Mike Connelly

The group has been suspended due to unforeseen circumstances.

Trips Group - Ruth Wilbey

Trip To Blackpool - Kath Fraser.

Kath is organising a trip to Blackpool on 14th August 2024. The cost is £18 and will be leaving Marple Regent at 9am and Rosehill (railway road) at 9.10. More details will be given at the July U3A meeting.

Any questions ask Kath Fraser 427 7658 and Janet Healey 427 7338 Kath Fraser.

Llandudno trip - John Pollock

Thursday 25th July 2024. The day trip is now fully booked. There is a waiting list in place, but contact John via the website in case there are any late cancellations.

Mid-Day Concert Group. -

Bridgewater Hall

FREE Concert

Friday 30th August - 12.45 - 1.30 **Jazzette** with Carol Jason.
Performed all over the world. Interpretations of jazz standards.
Cafe bar open 11 - 2.30: soup, sandwiches & hot meals.

Wednesday 4th. 1.10pm. £8.50 – Johnathan Scott.

'Old and New'

Verdi: Overture to The Force of Destiny
Bach, Dupré, Beethoven, Mozart
Dvorak: Finale (New World Symphony Op 9. 95)

Book at the July and August speaker meetings.

Last Month's speaker The History of the Jazz Piano by River Browne.

Roger was raised in Salford where there were plenty of parks and band stands, so from an early age he loved to go to hear the music in the park and pretend to conduct the musicians.

During his talk, he entertained us by playing a wide variety of pieces of music, starting with the Black and White Rag. He also told us stories, including the fact that the late queen's favourite song was Roll out the Barrel.

Thanks again go to Roger Browne for a fun, entertaining and highly enjoyable talk.

Hilary Ashall

Future speakers.

8th July - Magic of the Musicals - Marilyn Shalks.
12th August Atonements in Monuments-Berlin - Alan Gent.
9th September Art and AI - Mishka Henner

Jazz Appreciation Group.

Members of the group may be particularly interested in the following item below.

Although, the offer is open to all members of Marple and District u3a.

Local events/News

SPECIAL OFFER TO MARPLE U3A MEMBERS FOR JULY 1ST AND AUGUST 5TH

Jazz Nights at the High Lane Conservative club

Bring a guest for free. You will need to prove your membership of the Marple u3a. (bring your Membership card), The two for one offer is open to everyone. The price of entry is £8.00.

Internationally renowned Manchester Jazz – Tradition to the core.

Fabulous British Trad Jazz, great music, fabulous company, an evening of fun and music. The evenings will be held on the first Monday of the month with the two for one deal available on the 1st of July and the 5th of August.

The jazz nights will be held on the first Mondays of the month up to and including the Dec date.

July 1st - Special Offer

August 5th - Special Offer

September 2nd

October 7th.

November 4th.

December 2nd.

High Lane Conservative Club is unaffiliated to any political party and can be found at. 23 Buxton Rd, High Lane, Stockport SK6 8DR. there is plenty of off-road parking.

Give it a try – Have some fun – Just turn up or call 07590 641 386.

Making Marple Mink Free

I've been contacted by several members about the potentially controversial topic of Mink, which is an invasive species.

Apparently, in recent years, they have been slowly moving into the Marple area and have been steadily wiping out much of our native wildlife. As a result, Marple locks and Etherow country Park have seen a drastic (if not complete) decline in the traditional "Tale of the Riverbank" animals from ducklings, Moorhens and even water voles.

The Waterlife Recovery Trust is attempting to re-adjust the balance. If members are interested or concerned and want to see what the trust is doing, they should visit: -

<https://www.waterliferecoverytrust.org.uk/wrt-in-the-news/>

To read about the problem and how they can help.

For those that wish to, there is a way of supporting the aims of the WRT at: -

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/marple-waterlife-recovery>

Almoner

Our almoner is Jacqui Airey. If you know of anyone who is ill or has been bereaved, please let Jacqui know and she'll send a card, flower or plant as appropriate. It is important that members know we care about them and miss them, but Jacqui does need your help by keeping her informed.

Contact Jacqui - jacairy@hotmail.co.uk

Answers to Crossword No: 0021 – The Fantastic Five.

Across

1 Beetle 5 Awaits 8 St Swithins Day 9 Sailor 12 Impala 16 Icosahedron 17 Heyday 21 Plague
24 Baccalaureate 25 Psalms 26 Endear

Down

2 Extra 3 Towel 4 Enter 5 Alibi 6 Aesop 7 Trawl 10 Itchy 11 On Sea 13 Model 14 Along 15 The
18 Extra 19 Ducal 20 Yelps 21 Prune 23 Ultra

Marple and District u3a groups chart.

A few copies of the latest version of the chart will be available at the monthly meetings. If you want an up-to-date copy, please contact Gini using the form on the website.

https://marple.u3asite.uk/u3a-contact-form/?contact_id=3531

U3a central - On line talks and information.

There is a plethora of talks and information being provided by the u3a. It can all be found at www.u3a.org.uk

Contributions to the newsletter

If you would like to send something for inclusion in the newsletter, please forward any anecdotes, stories, articles or photographs you feel the members may be interested in to

newslettermarple@gmail.com – Len

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