

MARPLE & DISTRICT



NEWSLETTER

October 24

Hello again,

Apologies for the delay in getting the newsletter out this month. The problem is that the staff here at u3a headquarters are all suffering from a horrendous outbreak of man flu. I've managed to coerce one guy to drag himself in to finalise the edition and hopefully we will manage to get those presses rolling in time for you all to read this before the meeting on Monday.

Oh wait, the fact you're reading this means we must have succeeded.

Seriously though, I've been plagued by a cough cold and man flu for the last ten days, which has put a hole in my editorial output.

The apologies don't end there. Last month's bold claim that the library carpark would be closed obviously turned out to 'fake' news. That isn't to say the closure won't be going ahead: it's just that the start date is a little flexible and I haven't managed to find anyone that can tell me when it will happen. All I can say is that it would be wise to presume the carpark will be unavailable on Monday and that you should allow extra time in case you do need to use alternatives. In particular, if you're travelling by horse driven carriage, you'll need to find suitable stabling even further afield than if you use your car.

Should the car park be closed on Monday, could the fitter amongst use the carpark near the Carver Theatre in consideration of members of the public, plus the issue of overstaying the two-hour limit still exists.

I must prepare you and apologise in advance for the possibility of my not being at the meeting on Monday. I'm hoping to attend, but if there is the slightest smidgeon of a half chance that I'm still coughing and spluttering I think it would be wise for me to say away rather than risk infecting anyone/everyone.

And finally, I must apologise for the scrappy last minute hodge podge of a newsletter this month. I hope you all understand the reasons. No doubt there will be references to September events and other out of date items I will have failed to remove – If so, please forgive.

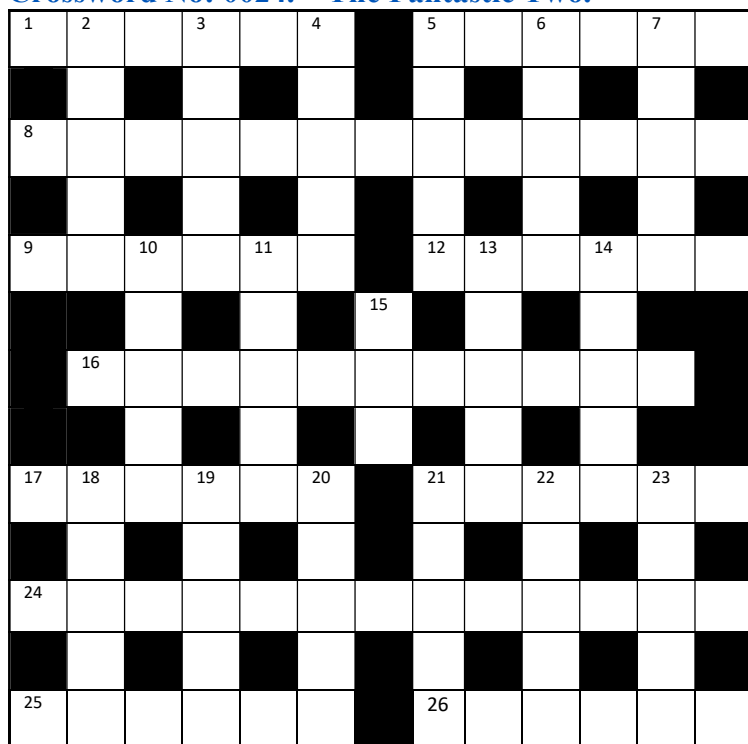
For those unfamiliar with the meeting times and dates, they are normally held on the second Monday of the month and start at 10:00 am and are usually over by 12:00.

This month's meeting is on Monday the 14th of October

The talk is on Complementary Medicine - Marian Hankey.

Oh, and check out the Christmas meal booking form for the festive celebrations.

Crossword No: 0024. – The Fantastic Two.



Across

- 1 Initially snow dogs even dodge green elves when going downhill on this (6)
- 5 Perks lose points as is suitable (6)
- 8 The raven becomes entangled in the web of this sphere in a futuristic novel (5,3,5)
- 9 These become great trees (6)
- 12 Rascals appear when tent is raised in ship (6)
- 16 Welcoming to guests when a European country is joined by his pot! (11)
- 17 You get this after an overnight flight (3,3)
- 21 This is seen when drinks are seen not iced (6)
- 24 A woolly garment is one of these (7,6)
- 25 Give help, was sister there? (6)
- 26 Artist confuses his leases, finds they hold his paintings (6)

Down

- 2 Endless harp in charge – is it poetry or theatre (5)
- 3 Bird lands right on port (5)
- 4 Man cut off by flock of eagles (5)
- 5 We hear the baby cry for playthings (5)
- 6 The goddess spreads flowers (5)
- 7 Fifty one rammed in a bulb (5)
- 10 Roman poet ate nothing but an egg (5)
- 11 Baby's initially is not a pleasant person yet until changed (5)
- 13 In the cell one prisoner played his instrument (5)
- 14 The fenugreek met his palate in the dish (5)
- 15 Did you consume a tea (3)
- 18 Those confused creates the moral compass (5)
- 19 It's boring in France (5)
- 20 This happening is balanced to a T (5)
- 21 Big guy in town makes a racket (5)
- 22 Fell over stile with roof coverings (5)
- 23 Can Alan negotiate the inland waterway (5)

Committee membership.

For those interested, we are still desperate for members to join the committee. It's likely the role newsletter editor will become available next year. Although not technically an executive role, my experience of being a member of the committee is has proved beneficial in gaining knowledge of items to be passed to the membership.

Group News

Also, members are reminded 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.

Jazz Appreciation Group.

Members of the group may be particularly interested in the item on page 5 below about the jazz concerts at the High Lane Conservative Club.

The offer is open to all members of Marple and District u3a.

Quiz Group – Graeme.

No quiz in November, decided to enjoy some sun in Spain instead.

After over 5 years of thinking hard, I have decided to 'close my quiz book'. Therefore, the January quiz will be my last. I have thoroughly enjoyed compiling the quizzes and hopefully they have been appreciated (typos apart).

Therefore, if the quiz is to continue, someone needs to take on the question master role. Time, date and place are not fixed, although the Conservative Club is a welcoming (and free) venue.

Graeme

Rummikub Group - Christine Traynor

Due to health conditions I am unable to continue as a co-leader with Joan Booth.

I would like to ask for volunteers to help Joan, it is a very successful group with eighteen members coming along at the last meeting.

It would be very disappointing if the group had to finish because of the lack of volunteers

U3A Creative Writing Group - Janet Graves

This very friendly group has two spaces for anyone who likes the challenge of a blank page. We meet every month at each other's houses and share a short piece (usually a page) of creative writing to a theme.

We've written the opening to a murder mystery, conversations in a lift, and a piece set in William Shakespeare's time. If you'd like to join us, please contact

j.graves52@icloud.com

Trips Group

Just to remind those that have booked the trip to Portland Basin and Rochdale Town Hall – is tomorrow contact Ruth Wilbey: 449 0534 or Sue Palmer: 427 5487

National Mining Museum, Wakefield
Friday 22nd November 2024
£25

The National Coal Mining Museum for England may be the closest you can come to experience the heritage of Britain. It tells an interesting story about the local mining history with an **optional** guided underground tour by ex-miners down a real coal mine and a vast collection of mining machinery and tools. Above ground, the museum sits on a 45-acre semi-rural site, with over a dozen galleries documenting the social and industrial history of the mines. There are numerous other original features on site, including the pit-head baths, steam winding house, boiler house, and coal screening plant. There is a new Pony Discovery Centre and an interpretive nature trail connecting the wooded valley area of the site.

Most important, there is a cafe which serves hot and cold food and drinks.

Plenty to do even if you don't go underground

The trip will depart from Marple at 1000 and Rose Hill at 1010 with a view to arrive at the Museum at 1115. You will then be free to wander round the Museum and its grounds until 15:00 There will be an optional trip underground at 13:30 which will take about an hour and a half.

It is planned to depart from the museum at approx.1500 to get us home to Marple at about 1630

You can pay by cash or cheque

Please make Cheques payable to "**Marple U3A**"

Contact details: John Pollock, 10 Flaggwood Ave, Marple, SK6 6HP
john.ha.pollock@btconnect.com

No refunds can be given unless a replacement from the waiting list can be found.

Please return this lower portion with your remittance. Retain top portion for your information.

Mining Museum Wakefield Friday 22nd November 2024

Name: _____ Phone No _____

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Boarding at Marple Navigation Hotel (1000) _____
Rose Hill Station (1010) _____

Payment (£25.00 pp) Cash Cheque

Please tick/circle

Marple and District U3A Christmas Lunch 2024

Monday 2nd December 1230 for 1300 at Disley Golf Club

Our Christmas lunch is to be held again at Disley Golf Club, Stanley Hall Lane, SK12 2JX. A 3-course Luncheon is on offer for £34 which will include Tea or Coffee after the meal, a mince pie and a gratuity. There will be the usual quiz on the table.

Cheques payable to Marple and District U3A

Contacts Kath Fraser 0161 427 7658 Janet Healey 0161 427 7338
John Pollock 07885 294960

The Festive menu will be

Starters

- A Farmhouse pate with chutney
- B Spiced sweet potato, carrot & lentil soup (Vegetarian)
- C Traditional prawn cocktail

Mains

- D Roast turkey with all the trimmings
- E Pulled braised lamb, champ & petit pois with mint gravy
- F Cod fillet with chorizo crumb tomato sauce & crushed new potato
- G Moroccan chickpea, squash stew (Vegetarian)

Desserts

- H Christmas pudding with brandy Sauce
- I Chocolate mousse pots (Vegetarian)
- J Cheese and biscuits

Mince pie, coffee/tea included.

----- Detach Here -----

Please Ring your food choices										
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Names to be Seated with										

Mid-Day Concert Group. – Sandy

For Information Only

Bridgwater Hall Stalls Foyer FREE 12.45 Friday August 30th JAZZETTE (emotional interpretations of jazz standards)

Mid-day Bridgwater Hall concerts 1.10pm £8.50.

Cafe bar open 11 - 2.30: soup, sandwiches & hot meals.

Thursday 31st October: Scott Brothers Duo - piano and organ

Book at the speaker meeting.

Sandy Maclean

Last Month's Speaker

Art and AI by Mishka Henner.

Mishka talked to us last month on a particularly interesting and thought-provoking topic - art and the use of AI. Indeed, after the meeting, a number of us continued to discuss this topic and copyright issues.

Mishka first showed us examples of one of his first projects - Bliss, where he took stills of newsreaders blinking. These images gave the onlooker a different sense of reality to the one normally presented. What Mishka found out from studying Google maps was truly mind blowing as well as really concerning.

Another fascinating project (of many!) was the use of “parent” photos and how you could generate many and varied “children”

A further interesting use of the image was to bring photos to life - according to Mishka, a very positive technological development to use in his art.

Thank you again, Mishka, for an excellent talk that kept us thinking, way after the talk had ended.

Hilary

Future speakers.

14th October Complementary Medicine - Marian Hankey

Please check the web page for later events/dates

Wild Geese
by Mary Wilson

You do not have to go good
You do not have to walk miles in your knees
For a hundred miles through the desert repenting
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine
Meanwhile world goes on
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
Are moving across landscapes
Over prairies sand the deep trees
the mountains and the rivers
Meanwhile the wild geese high in the clean blue air
Are heading home again
No matter where you are, no matter how lonely
The world offers itself to your imagination
Calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting
And over and over again announcing your place
In the family of things

& District u3a Policies.

Tom has asked me to make members aware that the Web page now has a list of various policies available for members viewing pleasure. Please take time to examine these as they form the basis of how your local u3a is run.

You will also find a list of the groups that are available in the High Lane u3a.

Local events/News

Jazz Nights at the High Lane Conservative club.

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

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.

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: 0024

Answers

Across 1 Sledge 5 Befits 8 Brave New World 9 Acorns 12 Scamps 16 Hospitality 17 Red Eye 21 Notice 24 Channel Island 25 Assist 26 Easels

Down 2 Lyric 3 Dover 4 Ernes 5 Bawls 6 Flora 7 Tulip 10 Ovoid 11 Nappy 13 Cello 14 Methi 15 Ate 18 Ethos 19 Ennui 20 Event 21 Noise 22 Tiles 23 Canal

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 Martin using the form on the website.

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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