

MARPLE & DISTRICT

u3a

NEWSLETTER

November 24

Hello again,

Well, Halloween is now over and all the ghosts and ghouls have retired for another year and the fireworks have all stopped disturbing our sleep and the razz-a-ma-taz of the US election is over we can all settle down to wait for the main event of the year. No, not “sell as much as you can at a discount” week, but the long slow run up to Christmas.

To which end, we have a few relevant items in this month’s newsletter.

There’s the booking form for the annual Christmas meal. This proved very popular last year and there are still places available to book at the meeting on Monday.

Also, Mavis is organising the collection for the food bank in December. You can bring your donations to the meeting on Monday the 9th of **December**. Please give generously.

Meanwhile, Sandy Maclean is asking for donations of any coats of all sizes to be brought to the Monday’s meeting.

My crystal ball has clouded over, so I’ve given up predicting the situation with the library car park. All I can say is, be ready for anything (even the Spanish inquisition) and act accordingly.

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.

There is a crossword this month, but you may want to take your time completing it, as it’s likely to be the last one of the year. Plus, due to holiday commitments and pesky football dates, the next quiz night will be in January.

Finally, the trip to the National Mining Museum, Wakefield still has places available for those wishing to visit. Please check the booking form below if you are interested. Oh, and Colin Huges has provided all the pictures of the trip to Rochdale Town Hall, which are scattered throughout the edition.

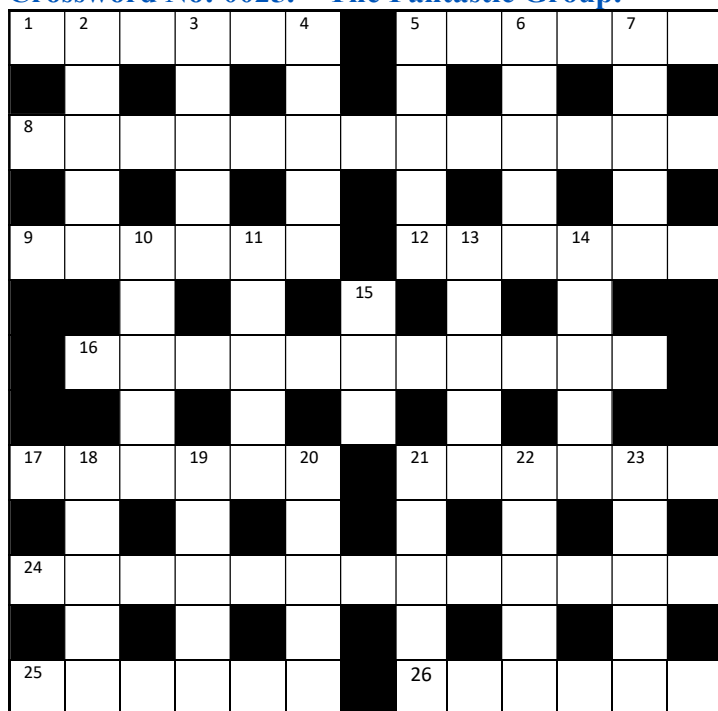
This month’s meeting is on Monday the 11th of November.

The talk is on Cave Rescue by Bill Whitehouse

Len



Crossword No: 0025. – The Fantastic Group.

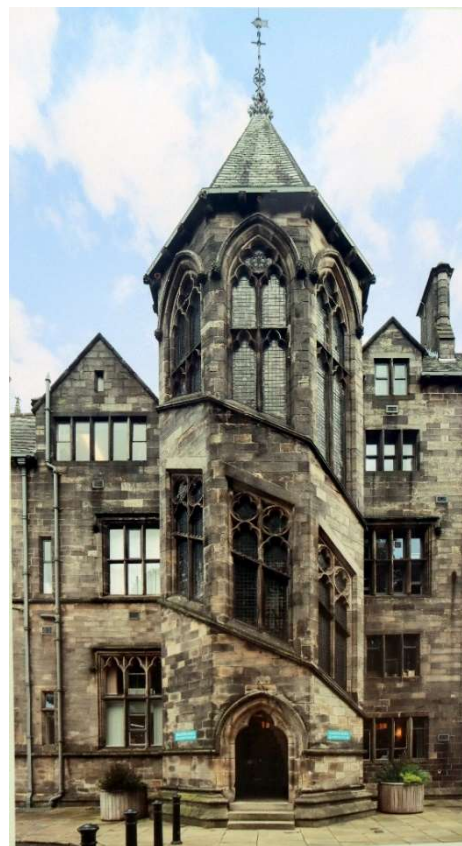


Across

- 1 Your pet might pinch some of his herb (6)
- 5 Bright as a fastener (6)
- 8 Enclose quaint muddle – it matters! (13)
- 9 A fabric of lies? (6)
- 12 What to wear on the Nagasaki Monorail (6)
- 16 Surrounded by the atmosphere Valerie experiences indecision (11)
- 17 Silent and serious leads initially to stony (6)
- 21 Inter both ways, making it difficult to see (6)
- 24 Deferred a ligament, no good Governmental mix up? (13)
- 25 In our times a heathen a goddess then (6)
- 26 Yorkshire for tracks? Street liar disturbed (6)

Down

- 2 An inoffensive or lefty issue begins to make a saucy thing (5)
- 3 Investigates Inuit – they rub em! (5)
- 4 Mathematical constant, queer, causes a sulk (5)
- 5 Carol’s midwinter is also a less familiar fish (5)
- 6 I rise below small child to give symbolic object (5)
- 7 old farm wagon is prepared for medieval Welsh leader (5)
- 10 Graduate American Uncle leads us a dance (5)
- 11 The idealistic student at Uni tells us we must all join together (5)
- 13 One softwood is perfect (5)
- 14 The leading general and his dog happen (5)
- 15 A book lovers paradise when placed on a vocal exclamation (3)
- 18 Red hops oven is often eaten on a Sunday (5)
- 19 What we all seek when shopping (5)
- 20 S American animal is discovered when a shopping centre goes up (5)
- 21 Sheep can be heard when one confuses a table (5)
- 22 In the extreme when unusually limited time really affects the football fans (5)
- 23 The lower Urals can be found in the country (5)



There won't be a crossword compiling meeting in November, therefore it is unlikely there will be a crossword in the December newsletter.

Group News

Quiz Group – Graeme.

As advised last month there won't be a quiz in November due to me being in, hopefully dry Spain.

Unfortunately, due to football I can't find an available Wednesday in December. Therefore, the next quiz will be in January – date to be advised.

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

Classical Music Group - Mike Connolly

The Classical Music Group has space for new members. They meet on the last Monday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00, if you are interested call Mike Connolly on 0161 430 5576.

Board Games Group - Lesley

Is there any interest in a Board Games Group?

It is proposed to run it at Marple Con Club on the first Tuesday of the month, from 7:00/9:00 starting in February. If you think you may come to some of the meetings, let Lesley know on 0785 609 6540.

Group Admin

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.

Trips Group

**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 importantly, 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 10:00 and Rose Hill at 10:10 with a view to arrive at the Museum at 11:15. 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.15:00 to get us home to Marple at about 16:30

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 the 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 12:30 for 13:00 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 Maple 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			
Name	Starter	Main	Dessert
	A B C	D E F G	H I J
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Phone Number			
Email			
Payment	Cash	Cheque	
Any Food Allergies			
Names to be Seated with			

Mid-Day Concert Group. – Sandy Maclean

Concert goers recently enjoyed excellent guitar and organ and piano playing at the Bridgewater Hall and young students from Chetham's School who shared their organ playing talents at Alderley Edge.

Recitals at Alderley Edge Methodist Church (SK9 7DU) require us to make our own way or share transport. The recitals are well worth a visit with the option to enjoy delicious sandwiches and cake before the performance of stars of the future from Chetham's or The Royal Northern College of Music.

FUTURE CONCERTS

Alderley Edge Wednesday Nov. 20th.
1pm (or 12 for lunch) £8 on the day.

The Bridgewater Hall Tuesday Dec.3rd.

The Easy Rollers (Jazz Age 1920-1933, Swing Era 1933-1947)
£8.50. Book at November's speaker meeting.



Last Month's Speaker

Complementary Therapies by Marian Hankey

Marian started the talk with a fascinating demonstration using a plastic bag on someone's head - on top of, that is!!

She was demonstrating that plastic affects our bodies negatively. Marian's talks are always interesting, not least because she asks for willing volunteers to try things out. Our members were up for the challenge!

Marian went on to describe the main therapies- acupuncture, reflex therapy and aromatherapy. All these therapies involve touch, and this brought up the question of the place of AI in medicine.

Thank you again, Marian, for an informative talk. We hope to see you again soon!

Hilary

This Month's speaker
December's speaker

Cave Rescue - Bill Whitehouse
About the New Book - Simon Michel.

Food Bank Collection – Mavis Lewis

Again, this Christmas, we will be collecting donations at the December meeting for the food bank. I know these are difficult times for most of us, but the people who use the food banks are often in a desperate situation. In the past, our U3A members have been so very generous and we would be so grateful if you could donate again this year.

Coat Collection – Sandy Maclean

I am collecting coats, children to adult sizes, for Wrap Up Manchester. If anyone would like to donate, I can collect at the Nov speaker's meeting.

Thank you.

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 2nd of December is the last date in the series of jazz concerts at the High Lane Conservative Club, 23 Buxton Rd, High Lane, Stockport SK6 8DR.

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 - jacairey@hotmail.co.uk

Marple & 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.

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.

Answers to Crossword No: 0025

Across

1 Catnip 5 Button 8 Consequential 9 Tissue 12 Kimono 16 Ambivalence 17 Gravel 21 Blurry
24 Parliamentary 25 Athena 26 Trails

Down

2 Aioli 3 Noses 4 Pique 5 Bleak 6 Totem 7 Owain 10 Samba 11 Unite 13 Ideal 14 Occur 15 Hay
18 Roast 19 Value 20 Llama 21 Bleat 22 Ultra 23 Rural

Committee membership.

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

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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