

June, 2019

Well, here it is- what you've all been waiting for- the June Edition of The Newsletter!

The time has come to thank thank the 2018 committee members, who resigned in March, for all the valued work they have done throughout their time on the U3A committee.

We now have a new committee, but with not too many changes. Please consult the page at the end of the Newsletter, if you wish to know who is doing the various jobs. There is an open invitation to members to attend committee meetings, so if you would like to know what we do, or are interested in joining the committee, simply contact a committee member to find out when the next meeting takes place.

General Meeting- Speakers

10 June 19	Kathy Lewis	High 'C' on the High Seas
8 July 19	Maureen Sawyer	Perfect Pots
12 Aug 19	Janice O'Neill	Volunteering in Guyana and Ghana
9 Sept 19	David Seddon	Romanticism
14 Oct 19	Angie Clark	Gertrude Powicke
11 Nov 19	Lucy Simister	Charles Babbage
9 Dec 19	TBC	
13 Jan 20	Blood Bikers	
10 Feb 20	Jim Williams	Great Forgers
9 March 20	No speaker, AGM	
13 April 20	Easter Monday, bank holiday	
11 May 20	Edwina Currie	Growing old disgracefully

At April's meeting, Mr Peter Braun addressed the group. His talk was titled "Monarchy and Dunham, the Grey Area." His talk was very entertaining and members were shown a slide presentation on how the rooms of the house used to be.

On May 13th, Mr John Taylor gave us a talk on "Medical Herbalism". His talk was very interesting and beneficial to those of us who have aches and pains- that is probably all of us! All I can say is start drinking nettle tea, because it is greatly beneficial to your immune system! Pick your nettles now!

Our Members' Charity - 2019/2020:



At Beechwood, support is offered to those living with cancer and other life limiting illness, as well as to their relatives and carers. They first began offering cancer care back in 1990 and since then the Centre has helped many people.

They understand just how cancer and illness can affect someone's life, and also know how helpful it can be to talk with other patients and carers.

Brian Marshall

We are very sad to announce the passing away of our dear member, Brian Marshall on April 8th, the day of our monthly meeting. Brian did so much for our organisation: he was instrumental in setting up the web site, he gave monthly powerpoint presentations of our groups and was in charge of the projector, all of which are very time consuming tasks. Being a lover of plants, he also ran Gardening Club 2

Brian will be greatly missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with Jean and his family.

Kath Gillanders

We were also very sorry to hear about the passing away of our oldest member, Kath Gillanders, who was 104 years old. She had been a member of our U3A for many years and, latterly, even though she was no longer able to attend the monthly meetings, wanted to maintain contact.

New Groups

We are always looking for members to start new groups, as this is a large part of what the U3A is all about. If you are interested in setting up a group – maybe you have a new idea- please contact **Hazel Meakin**, our Group Coordinator.

Please note, you do not have to have been a U3A member for years before running a group; new members have often started new groups.

If you are worried about committing yourself on a long-term basis, would you consider running an interest group for ten weeks only? Some hobbies lend themselves to this idea; cake decorating or flower arranging are prime examples. One or two members have expressed an interest in Italian and also Spanish. A course in any of these skills would certainly suit some of our members! Could anyone teach the ukulele?

New yoga class at Hawk Green reading rooms and alternate Fridays after. Class starts at 10.00 prompt please be there 9.45 to set up mats, pay etc. I will be there at 9.30. If you have a yoga mat please bring it but I will have a few spares. Payment depends on how many people attend to cover the room costs of £17.

"I trained with the British Wheel of Yoga, which is the governing body for yoga in the UK and teach Hatha Yoga. The first class may be quite gentle but please let me know of any health problems that might affect you. If you have any queries please ring me on 01613550965.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Jacky Fantom"

Discussion

A friendly group where you can put forward or listen to points of view on topics chosen by the group: ranging from current affairs, arts, media to any questions you want to explore or have your say on.

Summer Bowling

Summer bowling is under way and takes place on Wednesday mornings in the Memorial Park. Beginners are welcome as are experienced players!

Those intending to bowl for the season are expected to purchase bowling green passes at a special price of £24.45 from the bowling secretary (which allow the holder to bowl on any SMBC bowling green for 1 year - less than 50p per week!).

Any persons wishing to bowl this summer or seeking more information should contact the bowling secretary, Brian Bircher on 0161 427 5472.

Marple & District U3A Trips Group

Outing details will, when confirmed be available on our Web site www.marpleu3a.org.uk at our General Meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month and in future Newsletters.

Contacts: Jane Rainford 427 3059, Val Clapp 427 4252, Mavis Alsop 427 3818.

Cheques payable to "Marple U3A Social Account"

Proposed Trips & Provisional Dates for 2019

Thursday June 13th, British Ironworks Centre & Sculpture Park, Shropshire

Monday 15th July, A Day in Southport, Lancashire.

August N/A

Wed Sept 25th, The World of Wedgwood, Stoke-on-Trent

Nov/Dec ?? Boundary Mill, Colne.

TBA

The Trip Group is researching a visit to the Land Rover Factory at Halewood.

The tour is 3hrs and encompasses the manufacturing process from a flat sheet of steel to the finished vehicle. The visit would be in either October or November and cost £50pp.

Due to the special nature of this visit and its high cost we do need to know the level of members interest before proceeding. Please contact Mavis Alsop.

Bridgewater Hall – Midday Concerts

All concerts begin at 1:10 and last about 1 hour.

You may join us there or take the train and have lunch in Manchester.

Contact Sandy Maclean 0161 483 3743

Rummikub

Dates 2019, Marple Library 2 - 4pm £1.00 per member.

May 17th

June 14th

July 12th

Aug 16th

Sept 13th

Oct 18th

Nov 15th

Dec 6th.

Dining Group

The Dining Group is open to any member and usually meets at a local restaurant for a luncheon one month and an evening meal the following month. Restaurants chosen can be hotels, pub restaurants or training establishments at local universities or colleges. Recommendations for venues are always welcomed.

Enquiries to Beryl Kent, 0161 427 5591

Almoner

Please do remember that Beryl Kent, is our U3A Almoner. So, if you know of any member who is ill, has been bereaved, or if you think Beryl could help in any way, please let her know and she will contact them, send a card, a plant or flowers, as appropriate, funded by your kind, voluntary donation from those of you who chose to contribute when you have renewed your membership. It is important that members know we care about them and miss them, but Beryl does need your help by keeping her informed. Telephone number: 427 5591.

Marple and District U3A Group Activities

As the Group Activities Page takes up quite a lot of space in the Newsletter, and not everyone needs one, it has been decided that this will be printed separately and will be available along with the Newsletter, if required. Please ask, if you need a copy!

MARPLE LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Staffed opening hours are now confirmed as:

Monday 10am - 6pm

Tuesday 10am - 6pm

Thursday 10am - 6pm

Friday 10am - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 4pm

This will make **Wednesday** the only **unstaffed** day.

Should you wish to access the library on Wednesday, prior registration is required.

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