

HIGH LANE U3A NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL HIGH LANE U3A MEMBERS

SPEAKERS for 2010

13 th January	Walter Mason	Ken Dodd and the Art of Humour
10 th February	Annual General Meeting	
10 th March	Bob MacGregor	The Magic of Toys
14 th April	Malcolm Macfarlane	Golden Oldies
12 th May	Penny Dean	Small in a Tall Person's World
9 th June	Barry Jackson	Vexillology – Flags of the World
14 th July	Hugh Beggs	A Journey Down the River Dee
11 th August	Janet Bradshaw	My Nine Lives
8 th September	Geoff Higginbotham	Folk Songs
13 th October	Delia Corrie	Readings
10 th November	Leslie Brown	Diving and Working Below Water
8 th December	CHRISTMAS	



Philately and Family History Open Afternoon

The afternoon of Tuesday 27th October saw our first open event which was held at High Lane Village Hall.

Both groups had prepared interesting displays of relevant material which were studied avidly by the steady stream of interested members.

The family history group had displays of family trees, photographic archives and research material. Sue and Noel were operating their laptop computers which are such a boon to modern research and were kept busy with a succession of enquiries.

Using the Ancestry program June Fielding went back three generations in half an hour, but others were less fortunate. However, there was plenty of other help to guide people in the right direction including information on both storage and display.

Don and Brian from the Philately Group were kept busy during the afternoon looking at some very interesting stamps, some of which went back to the visitors childhood, either collections of their own, or had been passed down from parents. At one stage Brian got very excited when he thought at first glance he'd come across a stamp that was catalogued at £1500. Unfortunately, it was the wrong type of perforations and watermark, but it still turned out to be worth a few pounds. Some members of the group brought examples of their own stamps in for display and were able to show visitors the different ways of laying out collections.

Jean and Rosemary did sterling work welcoming visitors to the group, while Dorothy took the opportunity of updating her own collection during any quiet period.

June Gibbs, ably supported by Louanne and Anne, dispensed countless welcoming cups of tea throughout the afternoon and there was a lively buzz in the room.

Both groups would like to thank members who came to talk to visitors about their hobby or brought items for the display.

It was a well thought out event and we are sure it will be repeated in the future.

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Travel Group and Heritage Group

These two groups are amalgamating. We are planning a programme of visits and holidays for 2010. We hope that members will continue to support us especially when we need to hire a coach. More information will be available at the next meeting.

THERE IS STILL AVAILABILITY ON THE RHINELAND HOLIDAY IN MAY AND THE CRUISE IN OCTOBER.

Contact Margaret McDermott . Final payment for the Rhineland will be required at the March meeting.

Walk report November 2009



With a forecast of blustery, possibly heavy showers, fifteen of us collected at the Little Mill Inn, Rowarth for David Lloyd's walk. A rough path led us to the village, with former post office marked with an attractive plaque, before we climbed the broad grassy ridge towards Coombes Edge.

After a rest or two, we completed the 700 foot ascent, found a coffee stop well sheltered from the strong wind, and then it was flat or downhill all the way. First we continued along the impressive westerly ridge, then returned along on the eastern side, now called Cown Edge, with extensive views all round – although punctuated by low cloud and distant misty showers, which all seemed to pass us by.

Mindful of our prebooked meals, our leader kept to minor roads and tracks for a speedy return, still with lovely views, and soon we were ensconced in a cosy room at the Little Mill, where David's wife met us, and all enjoyed a tasty and good quality "Golden Years" two-course meal. A hot warming soup followed by Steak and Ale Pie were among the popular choices. Many thanks to David for an excellent route and a good pub venue.

Walk Report December 2009

19 joined Alison and Brian for the last walk of 2009. And our poorish luck with the weather continued, as a light drizzle eventually came quite wetting. So we were very glad that the chosen pub, The Shady Oak on Long Hill, was warm, cosy, and turned out very well-presented and tasty meals. 5 others joined us at the pub, for this Christmas meeting, and the whole atmosphere was very pleasant.

Earlier we had walked just under 4 miles, skirting round Ladder Hill, past the farms of Folds, Eldor Lane, Thorny Lee (with parachuting Father Christmas!), and the intriguingly named Wythen Lach. We caught glimpses of the lovely scenery around, but thick mists blocked out most of the views. Brian's route held its challenges, as 2 or 3 large pools forced us to use initiative. But the walk was otherwise reasonably easy, and just right for the day. So, many thanks, Brian and Alison.

Also, thanks to all those who have walked with us during 2009, especially the walk leaders for the various months, who have recced routes and discovered nice pubs for us en route. And, another thank you for the appropriate present you kindly gave me.

2010 will soon be upon us, with interesting new walking routes to discover, the first by Louanne and Peter Collins on January 27th. Details to follow.

Walter Mason

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Your mind is like a parachute...it functions only when open.

Dining Group



The Dining Group enjoyed a delightful lunch at L'Ecole restaurant (part of Stockport College) during December, the students are always keen to make the dining experience there a pleasant one.

During February we shall be visiting The Pinewood Hotel, details at the January meeting.

On the 22nd April the Dome has been booked in Buxton, we know this will be a popular venue and would urge you to book as soon as possible at the meetings.



Imagine there is a bank account that credits your account each morning with £86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day.

Every evening the bank deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every penny, of course?

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds.

Every night it writes off as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to a good purpose.

It carries over no balance. It allows no over draft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day.

If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no drawing against "tomorrow."

You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success!

The clock is running!! Make the most of today.

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Please note the Annual General Meeting of the High Lane U3A will take place on Wednesday the 10th February, please come and vote for your committee.

As the editor will be on holiday for the next newsletter would you please send contributions to Richard Clark, as he has kindly offered to edit the March issue.