

High Lane U3A Newsletter

March 2008

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Thanks

On your behalf thanks are expressed to those retiring members of the committee, particularly Doreen Scotte who has performed the duties as Secretary over the last three years with diligence and a good humour. Ida Butler who has arranged the Christmas and our first Annual Lunch at Marple Golf Club together with other duties on the committee and Ken Bentley who has edited the Newsletter for the last five years.

John McCartney

Your New Committee

At the AGM in February the following people were elected to serve on your U3A committee.

Chairman	John McCartney
Secretary	June Gibbs
Treasurer	Steve Reynolds
Memb. Sec.	Margaret McDermott

Committee	Brian Burke, Marlene Brookes, Mike Snape John Speakman, Louanne Collins
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Remember it is YOUR U3a so let any member of the committee know if you have any problems or constructive suggestions that can improve the running of our U3A.

Put ICE in your Mobile Phone

No the Editor has not lost his marbles, read on:—

Mobile phones usually have lots of numbers in them, but if you are involved in an accident the paramedics do not know which one to contact IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (ICE)

A paramedic has come up with an wonderfully simple idea.

If everyone with a mobile phone puts the number of the person (s) to be contacted IN CASE OF EMERGENCY in their Mobile Phone under ICE the paramedics know exactly who to contact. If there is more than one person you just put them in as ICE1, ICE2 etc. If your mobile Phone allows you can also put the name or relationship e.g. ICE1 Tom—Son.

We hope you are not involved in an accident but it is better to be safe rather than sorry.

So put ICE in your mobile Phone NOW just in case.

On the subject of Mobile Phones, Did you know the following

1. The emergency number world wide for Mobile Phones is 112
If you find yourself out of the coverage area for your Mobile and there is an emergency dial 112 and your Mobile will search to find any existing network cover to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly the number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked.
2. There is hidden battery power available if you need it in an emergency,
In order to activate the spare battery power dial *3370#
Your mobile will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show 50% increase in in battery power. This reserve will be recharged when you charge your mobile phone.

To check your mobile phone's serial number key in the following digits *#06#

A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset.

Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your mobile phone is stolen you can contact your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset, so even if a thief changes the SIM card they will not be able to use your 'phone. You probably will not get your 'phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it cannot use it either. If everybody did this there would be no point in stealing mobile phones.

4. Have you locked your keys in the car?
If your car has remote keyless entry your mobile phone may come in handy one day.
Hold your mobile phone about 12" from the door lock. If you have someone at home with the spare key, they can hold it near the phone at their end, press the remote, unlock button and your car will unlock. This saves someone from having to drive out with the keys to you.
Distance is no problem you could be hundreds of miles away and providing someone has access to your car key the door can be opened easily. (or the boot)
mobile phones can come in handy and it may be useful in an emergency and it could actually be a life saver.

New Web Site for High Lane

Why not log in to the new Web Site for High Lane, it is quite interesting and has several sections of interest to High Lane residents. The web Site is

www.hIGHLANE.ORG

John McCartney

Walking Group Report January 2008

Bright sunshine brought 34 curious walkers for Walter's mystery walk. This led them from Wyevale garden centre up through the woods to the site of Marple Hall, home of the Bradshaw family from 1658, but demolished in 1960 to make way for Marple Hall School. Our party passed through the estate to the semi - mansions of Dale Road, and descended past the canoe centre to the wooded valley of the River Goyt.

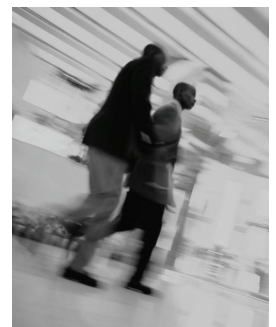
Several herons entertained us by Lower Dale farm, but we walked on to the weir and ford opposite Chadkirk. This is the spot where Sustrans want to build a cycle bridge, recently featured on TV. Good for the cyclists, perhaps less good for nature lovers, in that the cyclists would have to appropriate some public footpaths, and would make a currently peaceful area much less so. Recent storms had breached the weir, and left their mark with one or two fallen trees.

Finally our group climbed up through the woods and down again to Otter's Pool, and the pleasant surroundings of Wyevale conservatory restaurant, who just about coped with our numbers and our varied demands. It had been an easy walk with only the odd patch of mud, and although the large group held together well, on a route with stiles or sterner ground, we could have been straggling and scattered.

It was great to see a record turnout, but it did raise the possibility of logistical problems for the future, if we frequently have such numbers!

The following Walk Details have been agreed for 2008 (Dates for your Diary)

March 26th	John McCartney . Strines area.
April 30th	Ray/Rae Ogden
May 21st *	Richard/Susan Clark
June 25th	Brian/Alison Allerton
July 13th-15th Sun/Mon/Tues	Glenthorne, Easedale Road, Grasmere enquiries - Walter Mason
July 30th	Offers Please
August 27th	Don Heap
September 24th	Sam Chappell
October 29th	Louanne Collins
November 26th	Dave/Ruth Smith
December 17th	Steve Reynolds
* N. B. Walks not on last Wednesday.	
Visit- Alderley Edge Copper Mine- Paul Stubbs Derbyshire Caving Club	
<i>Walter Mason</i>	



Thanks

Ida Butler, Doreen Scotte and Ken Bentley would like to thank the Chairman and Committee for their kind gesture when leaving their various offices .

High Lane Gardening Group (Provisional Programme)

March 17th	Discussion on Spring Gardening At The Allerton's Home (Whaley Bridge)
April	Visit to Astbury to see the Daffodils
May	Visit to Lea Gardens
June 18th	Visit to Mount Pleasant and Lodge Lane Nursery
July 21st	House Meeting (T.B.A.)
August	Bradwell Open Gardens
September 15th	House Meeting at Walter Mason's Home (Hazel Grove)
October	Autumn Colours
November 17th	House Meeting at Lottie Minchin's Home (High Lane)



Alison Allerton

Table Tennis

The Table Tennis Group meet in the Woodside Tennis Club on alternate Tuesday mornings 10am to Noon and the next March meeting will be the 18th. The subscription per head at each meeting is at present £1.50 to cover the cost of Woodside's clubhouse and table.

We are a very mixed ability group, most of us not having played since our youth. Our main objectives are exercise and enjoyment. *New members will be most welcome.*



Mike Snape

Singing Group

The group has outgrown its In House venue and has now moved to the Village Hall where there is more room, so we can accommodate more singers.

If you like singing but cannot read music, you are most welcome to come and join us, help will be given. Our intention is to sing modern classics e.g. Gershwin Hoagy Carmichael and Jerome Kern plus show music and traditional songs. If you wish to join please phone

Margaret & Tony Glynn

Dancing- finishes at the end of March until September

Marple Bridge & Mellor 'Open Gardening Group'

April 9th Bill Finlay Hay Baskets

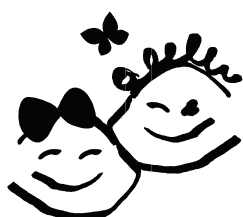
May 15th(Thursday) Visit to Dunge Valley Hidden Gardens

June 11th Ann Picot Garden Design

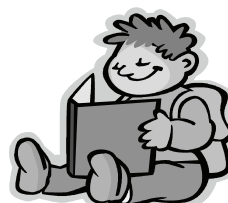
July 9th t.b.a.

August 13th Guided Tour of Lyme Hall Gardens

All meetings are held on Wednesdays 10.00 till Noon at Marple Methodist Church (Church lane)



SMILING



Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the 'flu
When someone smiles at me today
I started smiling too

I passed around the corner
And someone saw me grin
And when he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him

I thought about the smile a lot
And realised it's worth
A single smile like mine, or yours
Could travel round the Earth

So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick
And get the world infected

Thanks to Amy Rogers

German Group Report

We continue to meet most Fridays at 9.30 and now have 11 members. Our next special event is a 6 day trip to Munich from 23-29th April. We plan to visit many of the tourist attractions in this very interesting capital of Bavaria and also go into the Alps and possibly Salzburg, taking advantage of the very cheap group railway tickets. We have also had two invitations to visit the homes of two friends and former colleagues and we would have opportunities to practise our German.
Marlene Brookes



Note Closing Date for copy for the May Newsletter is 25th April

Reading Group

Last month we read "Aberystwyth Mon Amour", a story of a private eye in Aberystwyth.

A series of murders and people disappearing (not to be taken seriously) a kind of who done it. The detective rather reminded me of Humphrey Bogart playing one of his detective rolls but somehow gone wrong. It was an easy read but not one I would read again.

This month we are reading a book by Ian McEwan the title is "On Chesil Beach". A very moving and emotional story about a honeymoon couple, innocent, and struggling with their fears of the wedding night to come. Well worth reading beautifully written.

June Gibbs

Travel Group

Our first venture is a 3 night holiday in Prague

From December 1st to the 4th 2008 to visit the Christmas Market.

With flight from Manchester.

Approximate cost £300.

If you are interested please contact Margaret McDermott, June Gibbs or Marlene Brookes.



Needlework Group

The needlework group meets about twice a month on a Thursday morning. 9 of us plus 2 outside the group. We visited the Stitchcraft exhibition at G-Mex on February 1st. We were able to pick up ideas and buy materials for future projects. We are planning to have a sale of cards and small gifts at the May general meeting.

Marlene Brookes

Matinee

The next production is at the Library Theatre. "Lipservice" are doing a take off of James Bond called "Jane Bond" very funny and recommended

Tickets £13.00 Coach £6.00 if required

June Gibbs

Music Appreciation

Over the next few weeks we will be discussing Choral music, Smetana, French music, lesser known English music and Percy Grainger.

Allan Leach

New Newsletter Editor

The Editorial Pen passes to Jean Drinkwater

All communications for future Newsletters should be addressed to Jean

Submissions should reach Jean by 25th APRIL 2008