

FROM THE CHAIR

The new year for U3A is underway. There is plenty to look forward to

The Travel Group has arranged several interesting holidays and day trips. The Committee is planning social events including our first ever Murder Mystery evening. Group leaders are busy as ever. New groups are being planned and we have speakers organised for the monthly meetings. All this and more for just an annual fee of £6. It must be the best value in town!! I look forward to seeing you.

Sheila Harrop



Bluebells in Hazel Grove!

This year's Rode Hall Bluebell walks are taking place between 27 April and 8 May, 11am to 4pm. Bluebells can also be on the agenda in the Garden tours and Park walks at Dunham Massey.

GROUP NEWS

Paul has a list of names of people interested in the proposed Kurling group. There will be a practice for those people after the meeting on 9 May.

We have reviewed your suggestions for new groups which you indicated on your membership forms. Our Groups Coordinator Doreen Scotte will make contact with those interested. There was a wide variety of suggestions with several requests for board games and language groups. Of course, groups need leaders/coordinators so please be prepared to offer to help. Leading a group can be fun. It isn't an onerous task and can be shared by several members of the group. Please talk to Doreen if you need any further information.

HELP FOR GROUP LEADERS

National Office now lists close on 60 Subject advisors who you can contact for information or queries. <https://u3a.org.uk/resources/subjects>

Each advisor has information online and some produce a newsletter. They write in the Sources magazines which are also available online at <https://sources.u3a.org.uk/>.

As of Spring 2019, Sources are now being published as supplements within the Third Age Matters magazine. This costs £2.50 (shortly to be £3) for five issues delivered to your home address. Please contact the Membership Secretary if you would like to order the magazine.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Please send suggestions for content or articles of interest to U3A members to me at newslettereditor@highlaneu3a.org.uk

The next edition of the newsletter will be the July 2019 edition. Please can you get your contributions to the editor by 29 June?

MONTHLY MEETINGS

MARCH MEETING

At this meeting, George Lane, the Chaplain at Manchester airport, delivered an interesting and informative talk on his role at the airport. A substantial part of his role is helping the 25,000 people working there with problems of employment, stress and in-work poverty issues. 28 million passengers travel through the airport each year, mostly trouble-free, but in today's complicated world, the chaplain, aided by 11 part-time assistants representing all the main religions, is there to offer help, often to people in very distressed circumstances: fleeing from trafficking, forced marriages and even those duped by internet fraudsters. It was a surprise to learn that the airport is often a refuge for the homeless who feel safer there than on the streets of Manchester.

It's good to know that any of us will find a helping hand, should we be in need of aid, when travelling through the airport.

Marlene Brookes

APRIL MEETING

The guest speaker at our April meeting was Professor Bernard Loveday talking about Advances in Cardiac Surgery. Having studied at Kings College London and the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford he specialized in Cardiovascular surgery. During WW2 IBM designed the Heart Lung machine for the treatment of Poliomyelitis, then, in 1954 the first coronary bypass was successfully performed. Today heart bypass surgery is still performed but further surgical techniques using Stents are widely used, a less invasive procedure. He explained that up to 30 years ago heart disease was a male disease but today three females die of heart disease compared to one from breast cancer.

Professor Loveday praised the engineers who design the equipment to make surgical techniques easier. He said that surgery has only advanced because of the skillful engineers.

Everyone present was transfixed, listening to a most interesting and well-presented talk.

Sue Harlin

ANNUAL LUNCH

7 March 2019 Alma Lodge, Davenport.

That time of year again, and after last year's really good meal we returned to the Alma Lodge. As last year members the meal and service were very good and feedback from members was very positive. Numbers were down a little on previous years but the 54 members present enjoyed an excellent three course lunch, plus coffee, very efficiently served by cheerful staff.



We then had a raffle with the usual assortment of prizes. This year's quiz was a variety of picture to be identified: Places, Birds, Richards and more. Table 2 just pipped Table 1 to the Easter goodies prize.

Our thanks to Doreen for the very efficient organisation of this event.

Diane Saxon

SILVER SWANS

Launched by the Royal Academy of Dance in 2017, this initiative organises ballet classes specifically for the over-55s and taught exclusively by Silver Swans Licensed Teachers in the UK and the USA. Silver Swans classes help improve mobility, posture, coordination and energy levels and give the sense of wellbeing that dance brings. There are now two classes available in our area, one in Disley and one in Cheadle Hulme. More details at <https://www.royalacademyofdance.org/learn-to-dance/silver-swans-1/become-a-silver-swan>

U3A MURDER MYSTERY EVENING
Village Hall 2 August 2019

This idea has been floating around for some time now; indeed it has been discussed at Committee several times so we are very pleased to have found a practicable way of presenting such an event. We hope you will support us.



The play is set in 1912. You are a passenger on the Celebration: a cruise ship returning to Southampton. The action takes place in three acts with a break between the acts; a buffet supper will be available between Acts 2 and 3. You will work in teams to solve the mystery and work out who is the murderer. There will be prizes for the winning team and for the winners of the related quiz. Due to room capacity the number of tickets will be limited to 80 so we advise you get your ticket without delay. Tickets will be on sale at the May, June and July (if there are any left) meetings.

Please contact me if you need more details.

Diane Saxon

WANT TO LEARN TO PLAY BETTER BRIDGE?

As reported in March's newsletter, following requests for a repeat of the beginner's sessions run last year by Steve and John, we have started a new list of members who wish to learn to play bridge.

We have also had suggestions that we should run some follow up sessions on specific topics with set hands and supervised play.

We need to have at least eight members to make either of these viable so if you are interested please get your name on the list as soon as you can.

Diane Saxon

TAKE PART IN A RESEARCH PROJECT: EXPLORING CINEMA EXPERIENCE

Would you consider taking part in a short online questionnaire about your memories for visits to the cinema from any point in your life?

Westminster University has contacted U3A to help in research on all aspects of what people remember and in the potential shifts in cinema culture across the generations.

Dr Alison Eardley said, "It doesn't matter if you are not a frequent cinema goer or if you can only remember a few snippets of information from vague memories. All responses would be gratefully received! "The questionnaire asks a few background questions, and then you would be asked to describe up to six memories of your experiences of cinema from any point across your life time. Find it here

https://westminsterpsych.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6AxKZt3UCmb2h8x

If you have any questions you can contact: a.eardley@westminster.ac.uk

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS: STOCKPORT OPEN EXHIBITION

This year visual artists, sculptors, photographers, textile artists and digital designers are invited to submit the best of their work. There is also the Children's Open Exhibition 2019 where we'll be displaying work from children in Key Stages 1 to 4.

The closing date is early July. See here for details and how to submit your work

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/stockport-open-exhibition-2019> or get details at the Art Gallery.

The Exhibition will be open from 21 July to 7 September 2019. There is always an amazing array of work on display.

Congratulations to Stockport County FC who sealed promotion to the top tier of the National League with a 3-0 win at Nuneaton – and their first title in 52 years.

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME (NGS)



This year the NGS once again offers a good range of gardens in our area open throughout the summer. There is a small cost for viewing but money goes to support charities. Founded in 1927 the NGS is now a large charitable funder of nursing charities. The charities this year are Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, MIND, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute.

Just some examples:

11/12 May. Brooke Cottage, Handforth.
 Rare chance to see this plant-filled garden in Spring: Shady woodland area of ferns, azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, magnolia, erythroniums, trilliums, arisaema and blue poppies. Patio with hostas, daylilies, small pond. Borders with grasses, perennials, euphorbia, alliums and tulips. Anthriscus, aquilegia, persicaria and astrantia create meadow effect popular with insects. Featured in RHS magazine. Cost £4

21 May. Thornbridge Hall gardens
 A stunning C19, 12 acre garden, set in the heart of the Peak District overlooking rolling Derbyshire countryside. Designed to create a vision of 1000 shades of green, the garden has many distinct areas. These incl koi lake and water garden, Italian garden with statuary, grottos and temples, 100ft herbaceous border, kitchen garden, scented terrace, hot border and refurbished glasshouses. Cost £7

25 May. Cheriton, Alderley Edge
 SW-facing, 1-acre garden with views on a fine day to the Clwydian Range. Garden of mature rhododendron, magnolias and wisteria with early clematis, hellebores and a range of unusual herbaceous plants and young specimen trees. The second year of the new and previously open garden with significant and exciting changes made. Cost £5

Lots more gardens, photographs and details at https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/?location=SK7%204HZ&from_date=&to_date=&date=next_28_days&by_arrangement=0

U3A IN THE MEDIA

The Third Age Trust has secured an article 'A positive approach to aging' in the [Co-op Retirement Magazine Evergreen](#) which is sent to members of their pension fund. You can find the article on page 31 of the magazine.

STILL WORKING?

According to new research, more than half a million women over 65 are now in work in the UK. This is twice as many employed in the workplace than a decade ago.

Britain is ageing: in 1997, around one in every six people was 65 or over. By 2017, that had increased to one in every five. By 2037, projections are that one in every four people will be 65 or over. But pensioner poverty is now rising, after falling steadily for nearly two decades, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation recently warned. They claim that one in six pensioners is living in poverty as a result of declining home ownership, soaring rents and the benefits freeze. George McNamara, director of policy at Independent Age, said his charity sees "more and more older women beyond retirement age needing to work to make ends meet".

Labour market expert Stephen Clarke, from the Resolution Foundation thinktank, says that the positive reasons for women working into their late 60s and beyond shouldn't be overlooked. "The rise in women aged 65 and over in the workplace is partly down to improvements in health and access to work," he said. "Today's 65-plus-year-olds are healthier and so more able and keen to work than before. Added to that, the strong labour market has got better at pulling in and making accommodations for those who previously found it hard to stay in the workplace, like workers past their pension age."

Amelia Hill, The Guardian, 22 March 2019
<https://www.theguardian.com/money/2019/mar/22/a-womans-work-is-never-done-twice-as-many-still-going-at-65>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OUR U3A ACTIVITIES

8 May	Life as a working actor: Jonathan Keeble
18 May	Art group exhibition. Village Hall
12 June	Writing crime fiction: Barbara Speake
10 July	Lasting power of attorney made simple: Jackie Lucas
2 August	Murder Mystery evening
14 August	'Tornado' steam locomotive for the 21st century: Graham Nicholas

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL U3A EVENTS

4 June	NW Region of U3As Conference and AGM. Preston.
5-8 Aug	Science Network. Aston Uni.
28-31 Aug	Summer School. Newton Rigg Agricultural College. Last few places available https://u3asites.org.uk/files/n/north-west/docs/ss19overviewv2.pdf
21 Sept	Family History conference. Buxton.

SUMMER CONCERT

St Ann's Hospice Festival Choir and Nigel Ogden from Radio 2's 'The Organist Entertains', will be performing a programme of light music including A Porgy and Bess Medley, Anything Goes, Fields of Gold and many others, at Stockport Town Hall on Sunday June 16th 2019.

Tickets £15 available from Stockport Town Hall and Choir members. All profits go the St Ann's Hospice. Please support your local hospice by coming along to listen.

Please come and support this worthy cause. Contact Carol Traffon for details.

TRAVEL GROUP ACTIVITIES

Contact: Margaret McDermott or Ruth Smith

23-27 May 2019	GLOUCESTER 4 nights Depart 9:30 from Alderdale Drive/A6
4 June	Day visit to Shackleton's Garden Centre and tour of BROWSHOLME HALL near Clitheroe. £22. 3 places left. Depart Village Hall at 9:30
6 July	BUXTON MILITARY TATTOO £19 2pm Public Transport. Fully Booked.
15-21 July	SOMERSET 5 nights Half board at Swan Hotel Wells. Depart 9am from Alderdale Drive/ Hartington Road
25-29 August	IRELAND. Ireland's Ancient East - Wicklow Mountains 4 nights HB at Arklow Bay Hotel. Depart Manchester Airport at 8am. Minibus from High Lane to the airport to be arranged. BALANCE AT MAY MEETING
14 September	Day visit to PENRHYN CASTLE and CONWAY. National Trust members £13 Non-members £25. PAYMENT AT JULY MEETING
3-10 Oct 2019	MEDIEVAL GERMANY River Cruise Mainz, Miltenberg, Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg. Flight from Manchester to Munich. Depart Manchester Airport at 10:45. Minibus from High Lane to the airport to be arranged BALANCE AT JUNE MEETING.

Note: Viking Cruises now offers 5% extra discount on all their cruises for U3A members, friends and family.

GROUP REPORTS



ART

Come and join us. The U3A Art group is presenting an Art Exhibition on Saturday 18 May in the large hall of High Lane Village Hall from 10am to 5pm.

Art for sale and cups of tea or coffee and cake. Win a prize. or have a go at painting.

Brian Chadwick

BALLET APPRECIATION

23rd Jan / 7th March.

We saw a performance of Sleeping Beauty by the Royal Ballet. This was recorded in 2017 and starred Vadim Muntaghirov and Marianela Nuñez.

The ballet owes its popularity to Tchaikovsky's wonderful music – and some very demanding dance sequences.

27th March / 4th April.

We watched a documentary first shown on TV in 2015, where Darcey Bussell gives an account of famous ballerinas from the past. This was followed by the last act of Sleeping Beauty featuring Margot Fonteyn and David Blair.

Compared with the 2017 performance, the dancers were not quite so athletic, but the style and precision were every bit as good.

At our next meetings we will take a look at English National Ballet rehearsing Swan Lake.

Meg Humphries

BALLROOM DANCING

The spring session ended with Sam refreshing three waltz step sequences in the penultimate dance meeting, while at the last spring dance Walter recapped cha cha, tango, and foxtrot steps. In the summer we revert to monthly dances for a period.

Walter Mason

CHURCHES AND PUBS

The Parish Church of St Edward the Confessor Cheddleton. April 3rd.

'All things bright and beautiful', the opening lines of a well known hymn, written within a stained glass window in the porch greeted us as we arrived at St Edwards. It was a sign of things to come. After a reviving cup of coffee and a slice of delicious home-made cake we were treated to an interesting talk from Mike, a member of the church.



St Edwards dates back to the 12th century and has had many additions and restorations, the main part being constructed in the 14th century. There are several Elizabethan features, including the top of the tower and the chancel. Box pews were replaced in 1860 with Victorian pews. Prior to 1850 part of the church was open to the elements and the 'grazing of sheep and cattle'. It is possible to see in the stonework where new parts have been added over the years.

Sir Thomas Wardle, a church warden and owner of a dye works in Leek was instrumental in making many of the wonderful additions to the church. He worked with William Morris who was responsible for some of the designs and beautiful colours in the elaborate stained glass windows, which are certainly marvellous features of the church. It is thought that the window in the North Aisle depicting Ruth and Boaz is a self portrait of Morris and his wife. The Cecilia window (patron saint of music) was installed to commemorate Phoebe Wardle, church organist and daughter of Sir Thomas.

The Triptych, the centrepiece of the altar and thought to be Flemish was brought by the architect and restored to its original colours, again designed by William Morris. The chancel ceiling was re painted in 1954, a striking blue colour with symbols depicting local connections with the church. For example, a boat signifying the canal industry bringing flints to the area for the pottery industry; the Wild Madder plant which was used in the making of dyes; the plough for the farming industry and a crown which represents the current monarch.

A hushed silence descended when Mike told the story of three lead coffins discovered under the altar in 1972 during restorations. It is said that they hold the bodies of three monks and that members of the church working on floral displays in the chancel have heard ghostly chanting....!

The church is a jewel in the Staffordshire country side and has much to offer in 'beauty and brightness'; the windows and tapestries alone are worth a visit.

We adjourned to the Jervis Arms in Onecote and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Thanks to Paul and Barbara for another excellent visit.

Lynn Arnold

CURRENT AFFAIRS

March meeting

We discussed the declining trust by the public in politicians which has been exacerbated by Brexit. We thought it may have begun a few years ago with the expenses scandal when some thought nothing of expecting the taxpayer to fund a duck house, new toilet seats, second homes etc. But it probably started much earlier. Perhaps there are some who are only interested in politics to gain power and influence.

Should Primary Schools be promoting equality for LGBT? Some parents have withdrawn their children from these lessons and protested outside the schools because they felt they were too young for this. The group had divided opinions on this topic but thought parents should be consulted.

We asked the question as to whether a terrorist should be publicly named. The New Zealand Prime Minister said that she would not give the name of the person who killed so many people in the mosques in Christchurch. However it was felt that as his name was constantly broadcast in the media everyone knew who he was and it could not be kept secret.

Are we becoming a cashless society? Certainly the banks would like to make us so as evidenced by the huge number of bank closures. The huge increase in the use of credit cards and online banking has reduced the amount of cash in circulation. Apparently Sweden is aiming to become the world's first cashless society in

2023. As members of the older generation we could not imagine being without cash in purse or pocket and what would children do for pocket money. Would they have credit cards?

Many Conservative MPs are urging Teresa May to resign. We thought we would compile a list of likely successors. They were Jeremy Hunt, Philip Hammond, Sajid Javid and David Gauke. The ones we would definitely not like to see as leaders of our country were Boris Johnson, Jacob Rees-Mogg, Michael Gove or Andrea Leadsom.

Margaret McDermott

April meeting

In our April meeting, for a change Brexit did not dominate the discussion for which we were all very grateful. The cases of two very different individuals were discussed: Shemima Begum and Julian Assange. It was felt, with reluctance that Ms Begum should be allowed legal aid but should be made to atone for her behaviour with community service until she is completely rehabilitated. Julian Assange, we felt should be extradited to Sweden to face the charges against him there, rather than to the USA.

MPs came under scrutiny with the suggestion that they should work normal business hours. So often we see a lot of empty seats during sessions in Parliament. They only seem to turn up for the great showcase debates. It was pointed out that much of their work takes place outside the chamber, attending committees and doing constituency work. Although there are a few shirkers, the majority are conscientious, in contrast with many members of the House of Lords, who just have to sign in to get their daily allowance.

Other topics discussed included: the proposal to establish 13 new faith schools which would admit 100% of their pupils from the one religion, which we all opposed, as this would add further divisions in our already fractured society; the Labour Party's pledge to abolish SATs in primary schools which we all approved of; dangerous dogs and their dangerous owners – who should be trained first? - the dogs or the owners?

On a lighter note – the world seems to be divided into those who love Marmite and those who hate it. Despite its apparently health-giving properties, half of the group loved it and half hated it, so we are representative of society at large!

Marlene Brookes

We have room for a few more members in the group as three people can no longer attend because of ill-health. We meet in the afternoon on the second Wednesday. Anyone interested please contact Margaret McDermott

DINING

On a lovely sunny day, 22 of us walked past a topiary of three bears into the restaurant of the same name in Hazel Grove. Owned by the former owner of the Red Lion in High Lane, the Three Bears was voted Stockport's best pub by Manchester Evening News readers and has also gained the Stockport 'perfect pub' accolade.

The majority of us had the carvery which was excellent but there were other choices available. The staff were pleasant and helpful and brought our pre-ordered sweets to our tables in the light and airy conservatory. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the meal certainly was good value for money.

Dorothy Neillands
Dorothy Gerrard

GARDENING



The garden group's visit to Astbury combined the impressive swathes of daffodils on the village green and a tour round the well-stocked garden centre.



Later in the month warm sunshine greeted us in two contrasting local gardens, each with interest in spite of it being very early in the garden season.

Walter Mason

GERMAN

The group has recently acquired two new members, both men, so the numbers of men and women are now even. We continue to discuss a variety of topics, including home made cures for sore throats which include mashed potato poultices and even one from the medieval nun, Hildegard of Bingen which involved onions and honey. Another topic of interest was housing, where square meters are more important than numbers of bedrooms when buying a house in Germany. Again we have been able to sample goodies brought back from holidays and hear about life outside of Europe.

Marlene Brookes

HISTORY

March meeting

Peterloo - All members of the group participated in the presentation of this topic, with each member looking at a specific aspect. We covered the background to the demonstration and the impact that it had and also looked at the background of some of the participants, such as Samuel Bamford and Henry Hunt. One member of the group researched the journalists that attended the meeting and how they had managed to get the report published in many newspapers before the authorities could produce their version of events, which differed somewhat.

April meeting

British Constitution - Shirley Bore

The United Kingdom does not have a written constitution. Parliament operates from Acts of Parliament which can be changed at any time by passing a new act. The nearest to a constitution is the Magna Carta which gave supremacy to parliament over the crown. Many of the world's constitutions are based on our conventions, such as the United States, but we operate on our conventions which are unofficial rules to which we adhere.

William Hogarth - Sheila Harrop

Hogarth seems to have been a very moral person, very popular and well liked. He tried to change society by exposing immorality in his paintings, often quite bawdy and sexual, a good example of which was 'The South Sea Bubble', 'The Harlot's Progress' and 'The Rake's Progress'. His artwork became very popular and we owe the initiation of copyright to Hogarth as a result of him taking people to court for copying his paintings and making a lot of money. He also started a Foundling Hospital for abandoned children, which subsequently by the first art gallery.

Corn Laws - Julia Curtis

Until the end of the Napoleonic wars, there had been a trade blockade which had led to a huge expansion of agriculture in Britain, when landowners had annexed land as enclosures, which was very beneficial for them. After 1815, trade tariffs were introduced to prevent cheap grain from being imported so that the workers would be able to keep their jobs. However, the land owners kept the grain price high and consequently the workers could not afford to buy it and bread became unaffordable. The land owners had also encouraged the Irish to grow grain and they had become totally dependent on agriculture rather than have any industrial development. The situation was exacerbated by the potato famine and eventually the corn laws were repealed, but not until 1846, against a lot of opposition.

Moravian Church - Barbara Farmer

This was a short presentation relating to the Moravian Church which had been founded in 1457 in Bohemia. In 1742 the Moravians established a headquarters at Lightcliffe near Halifax in Yorkshire. In 1751 a settlement had also been established in Dukinfield and by 1755 there was another settlement in Droylsden, Manchester. There have been further settlements developed and it is still a very active church.

Pam Curley

MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP - REPRISE



This group, which was run by Sue Dintinger, has not met since she moved away from High Lane late in 2018. But we have missed our monthly get-togethers to hear the music we enjoy! So the group is being re-started and will meet on Tuesday afternoons – the third Tuesday of the month – at 2 pm. Margaret McDermott has kindly offered to host the meetings, so they will be at Cromley Road, High Lane.

Our first meeting was on Tuesday, 16th April and we listened to a mixture of short pieces ranging from JS Bach to Vaughan Williams. This gave us an opportunity to compare the interpretations and playing styles of various musicians.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 21st May at 2 pm. If you are interested in classical music and would like to extend your listening, we have space for one or two more members, so do get in touch and join us.

Irene Merson

MUSIC IN THE GROVE

Hazel Grove Orchestra - next concert 29 June 2019. 7:30 pm. Hazel Grove Methodist Church.

Programme

Schubert Overture in the Italian Style (C Major). Mozart Violin concerto No.3 in G.

Beethoven Symphony No.8 in F

OPERA APPRECIATION

5th / 11th March.

We saw the Glyndebourne production of Handel's Rinaldo, recorded in 2011.

This account of the hero Rinaldo fighting in the Crusades was seen through the eyes of a modern schoolboy. It had many amusing features.

3rd / 8th April.

We watched the Royal Opera's production of Verdi's Falstaff. The opera is based on Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor. It was a very colourful performance and Bryn Terfel was outstanding as Sir John Falstaff.

Next is Mozart's La Clemenza di Tito.

Meg Humphries

PHILOSOPHY

Through the rationalists (all human knowledge lay in the mind) and the empiricists (all knowledge proceeded from the senses), we got to Immanuel Kant who believed in both - though sometimes he did not! The idea that the mind leaves its imprint on the world was full of possibilities, like water adapting to the shape of a jug. Perhaps I can think myself into an hourglass body? Kant's moral philosophy created lengthy debate: according to Kant, what matters about any action is the INTENTION, while the outcome is IRRELEVANT.

The examples Kant put forward were often dubious to say the least. Criticisms made of Kant are that he was too adamant there were to be NO exceptions to his moral rules; made no provision for conflicting duties; and thought feelings were irrelevant. A hard man. Apparently you could set your clock by his unrelenting routine. "There are many (who) find an inner satisfaction in spreading joy and rejoice in the contentment of others. But I say, however dutiful it may be, that kind of action has no moral worth." Well, that's that then!

Next Hegel and Marx who, apparently, wasn't a Marxist!

Julia Curtis

PHOTOGRAPHY

A group of seven (now augmented with Chris and Bryan) met for the March meeting on “Pubs”.

Bryan’s photo of the Dandy Cock, Disley (not pictured) was 1st, with Diane’s Flying Pig, Bowness 2nd, and Walter’s Crown, Hawk Green 3rd.



In May we will have a photoshoot in Stockport, combined with a competition “Mountains”. Later in the year, in October the group will have a display at the October monthly meeting, where we can each show our favourite pictures.

Walter Mason

Currently showing at Stockport Art Gallery is the annual Stockport Photographic Society Exhibition. This runs until 18 May 2019

READING

The group meets at various locations on the first Monday in the month at 2pm. In March we discussed KOLYMSKY HEIGHTS by Lionel Davidson which went down really well with the majority of the group, especially the exciting ending, which made ploughing through all the Russian names worthwhile.

In April we had our first Poetry session which was extremely successful and which we will repeat in the future. The members of the group selected poems which meant a lot to them and there was not a daffodil or skylark in sight! We had poems ranging from Kipling to Joyce Grenfell, Rossetti to Masfield and favourite poems by Hardy, Housman and Browning.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 6th when we will be discussing PERSUASION by Jane Austen.

Marlene Brookes

QUIZ GROUP

The Quiz group continues to find interesting and challenging ways of tormenting members' brains! In March Mavis set us questions on a range of different categories. In April, Irene set the questions and we puzzled over English counties and wonders of the ancient world with our coffee.

Here are a few of Irene's recent questions for you to try:

- What are NTSC, PAL and SECAM?
- What does the word Vespa (as in scooters) mean?
- What property makes up the set with Fleet St and the Strand?
- What is measured by a hygrometer?
- Which is the only letter in Scrabble to score 5 points?

Note for the future: Greater Manchester Network of U3As, of which High Lane U3A is a member, is planning a repeat event of the inter-U3A quiz later this year. Please contact me if you are interested.

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month. We currently have a couple of spaces for new members so please contact me for details.

Diane Saxon

WALKING

Wednesday walk 27th Feb. 2019 Lyme Park, Bowstones, Gritstone Trail, Sponds Hill, Bakestonedale Moor

A beautiful day and an excellent turnout of 25 people. We started the walk from the car park in Lyme park and made our way up to Bowstones cottage where we paused to get our breath back and look at the Bowstones. We then carried on along Gritstone Trail past the trig point on Sponds Hill to the view point where we stopped for coffee. We then retraced our steps back to follow the park boundary downhill and cut across to Bakestonedale Moor. On route we passed by the capped off entrances to two disused coal mines.



A short climb took us to an obelisk depicting the information of the coal mines in the area. We stopped for lunch in glorious sunshine. We then made our way down to Keepers Cottage and on to the West gate of Lyme and from here back through the park to the car park.

An excellent day covering seven miles.

Jeff Robinson

**Walk Wednesday 27th March 2019
Foolow and Eyam, Derbyshire.**

Mike and Sandra Moran led a group of 22 on a 6 mile amble in Derbyshire on a pleasant bright dry day. We parked on the green by the duck pond in the lovely Derbyshire village of Foolow and followed field paths to the famous plague village of Eyam, where we enjoyed a coffee stop on the village green by the old stocks, everyone was on good behaviour so we had no use for them!



Our onward route followed a bridle path and field paths which eventually circled round back to Foolow village. Some of the group enjoyed a remarkably good quality/value lunch in the welcoming Bull's Head pub, well worth another visit.

David Burke

Walk on Tuesday 9th April 2019 Marple, Compstall, Werneth Low, Etherlow Country Park

Nine of us set out on a beautiful sunny but deceptively cold, spring morning from Brabyns Park in Marple.

From the canal side we descended under the aqueduct and viaduct and then followed the River Etherow and some very, very muddy paths through the wood into Compstall. After a short coffee break we began the steady climb to the top of Werneth Low where we admired the views over Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire. Following a civilised lunch break at picnic tables we descended through fields and woods to Etherow Country Park where the weir and mandarin ducks offered ideal photography opportunities. The final stage of the walk was back through the centre of Brabyns Park to complete the circle.



Shelagh Stokes

**Walk Wednesday 24th April 2019
Sett Valley, Hayfield**

19 folk met in Birch Vale for the 5 mile Mystery Walk. The group walked down the Sett Valley Trail via Bluebell Wood (with strong perfume from the blue bells) towards Hayfield where a coffee break was agreed; picnic benches available. Crossing the bypass into Hayfield behind the church over the river and diverting off road down the calico trail to School Field. A little road walking, passing stone cottages (chatting to a lady in her garden with large black dog) and then upward until reaching the lower slope of Lantern Pike, with views of Little Hayfield and Kinder Scout. Despite breathlessness everyone made the ascents.



The group then veered off left away from the path leading to Rowarth for yet another ascent, on reaching the top with magnificent views, we sat down for lunch in a slight breeze and hazy sunshine. Of course, downward was our next challenge with track, road (named Stitch Lane) and path - a steep decent to the Sycamore Pub and our parked cars.

Ruth Smith