

WILMSLOW



## NEWSLETTER - January 2019

### **FROM THE CHAIRMAN – David Simmons**

At the start of 2019 and I am very pleased to announce that as a result of our appeals for a volunteer to fill the Newsletter Editor post, Margaret Wotton has agreed to give it a go. She will be looking for input each month so if you have any information relating to our U3A events, including any photos, then please get in touch. Margaret's email address is: [mwotton1@gmail.com](mailto:mwotton1@gmail.com).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cherry Dolden for being the Newsletter Editor for the past 5 years and for all her hard work in carrying out this important role.

As our U3A continues to expand we are meeting challenges in finding volunteers to help out as well as new ones in ensuring that we comply with Charities Commission and legal requirements. This was highlighted over the holiday period when I found myself negotiating and the signing contracts for URC hall bookings. As this required evidence of safety and insurance compliance I was grateful for support provided by our national office which ensures the U3A Trustees can operate competently and legally.

And of course the national office offers lots of advice for groups as well as organising national events for all members.

Meanwhile 2019 looks like being an interesting year for our U3A (and I won't mention the dreaded B\*\*\*\*t word) and I hope you all find much to do and enjoy.

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***NEXT MEETING 2.30 pm WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
At the United Reformed Church Hall***

**Eddie Tarry on Styal Prison**

**Eddie is the Community Engagement Manager at Styal Prison. He will be talking about daily life in a female prison.**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF YOUR MOBILES  
WHEN ATTENDING THE MEETINGS**

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### **PARKING REMINDERS**

Please note that there is likely to be no parking available at the URC, and that the adjoining medical centre car park is now using NPR cameras to ensure only people who are visiting the medical centre are parking there.

For the benefit of any member or members proposing to arrange day trips please note M&S / Tesco are about to introduce a four hour parking restriction and any vehicle owner will be liable to an expensive fine if they exceed that time. The cameras will be watching you!!

### **NEW INTEREST GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS**

Mike Redfern and Beryl Pearce have taken over the Groups Co-ordinator role on a job share basis. Please contact them at:

Mike: [interestgroupscoordinator2@wilmslowu3a.org.uk](mailto:interestgroupscoordinator2@wilmslowu3a.org.uk)

Beryl: [interestgroupscoordinator1@wilmslowu3a.org.uk](mailto:interestgroupscoordinator1@wilmslowu3a.org.uk)

Tel no: 01625 533920

### **POTENTIAL NEW GROUP**

Ann Cook would like to hear from any member who might be interested in a few sessions with Ocarinas. These are small wind instruments, they are easy to learn and do not require music-reading skills.

No long-term commitment is necessary, maybe only four sessions. These will almost certainly be held at Ann's home on Bourne Street, Wilmslow.

Interested? Please contact Ann Cook (01625 474415), giving times that would suit you (not Monday or Wednesday mornings or Tuesday lunchtime).

*For information, here is a link with David Erick Ramos playing an Ocarina*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nad5AJalcBI>

### **HOLIDAY**

Anne Grace is organising a group holiday to Parkside, Arnside in November 2019 – an early Christmas and New Year celebration. The dates are Monday 25 November to Saturday 30 November. The cost is £290 p.p. with no single supplement. A deposit of £20 p.p. is required.

The full schedule is at the back of the newsletter. Contact Anne Grace at [annegrace@virginmedia.com](mailto:annegrace@virginmedia.com) for further details.

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### **IT GROUP**

The IT group will be resuming operation shortly with a course on use of PCs and Laptops. The course will assume no previous knowledge, so feel free to come along even if you know nothing about computers but are keen to learn. We will cover all the basics and go onto email, security, web browsing, preparing documents and handling pictures, etc.

All the software we will be using is free and you will be able to use it on your own computer. We have a number of computers, but bring your own laptop if you wish.

If you are interested please contact John Cookson at [johncookson@brooklane.net](mailto:johncookson@brooklane.net) or 01625 582132.

### **SCIENCE GROUP**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19 February where our speaker will be Dr Joaquin Carrasco Gomez who will be talking to us about Robotics. Dr Gomez is member of the University of Manchester Robotics Group which researches the use of robotic solutions in extreme environments.

## EVENTS

### **Thursday 28 March: Theatre Outing**

'Oliver' at Stockport Plaza  
Performed by the Romiley Operatic Society

### **Saturday 30 March: Bridgewater Hall Outing**

The Halle            A Russian Spectacular  
Conductor          Stephen Bell  
Piano                Danny Driver

An evening of Russia's extraordinary musical legacy, including the 1812 Overture and extracts from Romeo and Juliet

This concert was announced at the monthly meeting on Wednesday 23 January, details also e-mailed to all members as well as being posted on the website. The demand for tickets came thick and fast and, as a result, unfortunately booking is now closed.

However, Cherry is taking names for members who would like to on the waiting list, so please e-mail her at [cherrydolden5@gmail.com](mailto:cherrydolden5@gmail.com) if you would like a ticket in the event of a cancellation.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

It is not going to be possible to provide all details of forthcoming events in the monthly newsletters. However if you had advance notice of something that may appeal to you at least you could make a diary entry and then watch out for additional details as and when they became available.

We have not had a situation yet where there have been two outings on the same day and obviously it is something to avoid wherever possible. If any of you are thinking of arranging trips would you please check with Margaret Wotton first to establish the day is not on hold for another event. It goes without saying that outing dates are inevitably going to clash with interest group meetings but unfortunately that's life.

### **Wednesday 27 March 2019**

[Annual General Meeting](#)

### **Wednesday 24 April 2109**

[Monthly Meeting](#)

The speaker is Brian Greene on the subject of "The Magic of Irving Berlin"

### **Wednesday 15 May 2019**

[West Side Story at The Royal Exchange, Manchester](#)

The inclusive cost will be £45.00. Fuller details will be announced at the February meeting, e-mailed to all members and posted on the website.

### **Wednesday 22 May 2019**

[Monthly Meeting](#)

The speaker is Peter Ashburner on the subject of "Antiques"

### **Thursday 20 June 2019**

[Hobson's Choice at The Royal Exchange, Manchester](#)

Inclusive cost will be £38.00. Further details in due course.

### **Wednesday 26 June**

[Monthly Meeting](#)

The speaker is Hazel Griffiths on the subject "Motion on the Ocean"

### **Wednesday 7 August 2019**

[Visit to Roberts Bakery](#)

Further details in the New Year, watch the website

## NORTH WEST REGION OF U3AS SUMMER SCHOOLS

### North West Region of U3As



Registered Charity No: 1159091

invite applications for their

**Residential Summer School 27<sup>th</sup> August – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
At Newton Rigg College, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0AH**

*An opportunity to learn in the inspiring setting of the Lake District*



Newton Rigg College is located close to J40 of the M6 and less than ten minutes' drive from Penrith Railway Station. The campus has modern facilities, student en-suite rooms with Wi-Fi access. Food is locally sourced and prepared on the premises. A large room is available for meeting and socialising. There will be entertainment on the second evening and a "Gala Dinner" on the third and final evening.

The ten courses on offer are:-

**Archaeology:** "Bards, Bede and Boneless Ivar: Britain between the Romans and Vikings", **Art:** "Art Challenges" **Art Appreciation:** "Twenty Great Artists from the North West and the Lake District", "Etymology Appreciation", **Geology:** "When Continents Collide", **History:** "Mussolini and Hitler: a Comparison of Two Twentieth Century Dictatorships" **Music Appreciation:** "Around the World with Music", **Philosophy:** "Brothers in Arms: The work of Henry and William James", "Ukulele for Beginners" and **Science:** "Homo sapiens - How did we get to where we are now?"



**Full Board Residential Delegate; £300** We include a welcome reception, full board for three nights, including a gala dinner on 29<sup>th</sup> August and breakfast, morning coffee and lunch on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**Non-Residential Day Delegate: £160** includes lunches, teas and coffees, excludes breakfast (£8.25), a 2 course dinner (£16.00) and Thursdays' Gala Dinner £25.00. **If any of these meals are required they must be booked in advance and would be subject to an additional charge. Alternatively, accommodation is available at the Travelodge /local B&B's or Hotels.** Full details of the costs for the school are set out in the Booking Notes.

An Application form, from our Website, must be completed either online or sent by post with a deposit of £50, paid either by bank transfer or by post.

**Any member booking and paying their deposit of £50 no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 will attract a discount on the above figures of £30 (Full Board Residential Delegate) and £30 (Non-Residential Day Delegate).**

*Any queries should be directed to Alan Hough on 07544 359125 or*

*[alanhough1949@gmail.com](mailto:alanhough1949@gmail.com)*

## CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS – January 2019

This list is a summary of the groups offered by Wilmslow U3A. If you would like any further information, check the website, [www.wilmslowu3a.org.uk](http://www.wilmslowu3a.org.uk), or contact the Convenor. Alternatively you can contact Mike on [interestgroupscoordinator2@wilmslowu3a.org.uk](mailto:interestgroupscoordinator2@wilmslowu3a.org.uk), or Beryl on [interestgroupscoordinator1@wilmslowu3a.org.uk](mailto:interestgroupscoordinator1@wilmslowu3a.org.uk).

Meeting Day	Time	Place	Waiting List	Convenor	Contact Details
<b>Adventures in Digital Photography</b>					
1st Thur of the month	10.00 – 11.45	Rise Café, Water Lane, Wilmslow	Yes	Mike Redfern	<a href="mailto:m_redfern@iCloud.com">m_redfern@iCloud.com</a>
<b>Art</b>					
Tuesday	14.00	Oakmere, Spath Lane, Handforth	No	Geoff Hutchinson	<a href="mailto:2denandme@tiscali.co.uk">2denandme@tiscali.co.uk</a>
<b>Book Group 1</b>					
3rd Wed of the month	14.00	Member's homes	Yes	Denise Hutchinson	<a href="mailto:2denandme@tiscali.co.uk">2denandme@tiscali.co.uk</a>
<b>Book Group 2</b>					
2nd Wed of the month	pm	Member's homes	No	Sheila Cookson	<a href="mailto:sheilacookson@brooklane.net">sheilacookson@brooklane.net</a> 01625 582132
<b>Bowling</b>					
Apr-Sept, Fri	12.30-16.30	Ald Edge Park	Yes	Peter Scurfield	<a href="mailto:peterscurfield@tiscali.co.uk">peterscurfield@tiscali.co.uk</a> 01625 582673
Oct-Mar, Fri	12.30-15.30	Ald Edge Festival Hall	Yes	Anna Bainbrigge	<a href="mailto:b.a.bainbrigge@gmail.com">b.a.bainbrigge@gmail.com</a>
<b>Bridge – Beginners/Improvers</b>					
Monday	14.00	Oakmere, Spath Lane, Handforth	No	Caroline Mangnall	<a href="mailto:cmmangnall@gmail.com">cmmangnall@gmail.com</a> 01625 526010
<b>Bridge – Improvers</b>					
Friday	14.00-16.00	Oakmere, Spath Lane, Handforth	No	Lynne Rudd	<a href="mailto:lynnerrudd46@gmail.com">lynnerrudd46@gmail.com</a>
<b>Bridge - Players</b>					
Monday	19.30-21.30	Oakmere, Spath Lane, Handforth	No	Mavis Merryman Caroline Mangnall	01625 522991 <a href="mailto:cmmangnall@gmail.com">cmmangnall@gmail.com</a> 01625 526010
<b>Cycling Group</b>					
Tue, Wed or Thur	09.30 or 10.00	Depends on group	No	Kate Bryant	<a href="mailto:katedavebryant@aol.com">katedavebryant@aol.com</a>
<b>Discussion Group</b>					
1st Tue of the month	10.00 - 12.00	Member's homes	No	Maurice Palin	<a href="mailto:mgpalin@btinternet.com">mgpalin@btinternet.com</a> 01625 535841
<b>Easy Walking Group</b>					
4th Thur of the month	10.00 - usually	Close to the start of the walk	No	Sheila Cookson	<a href="mailto:sheilacookson@brooklane.net">sheilacookson@brooklane.net</a> 01625 582132
<b>English Country Dancing</b>					
2nd & 4th Mon of the month, not Aug	13.30-15.30	Oakmere, Spath Lane, Handforth	No	Shan Bristow	<a href="mailto:shan@shanbristow.co.uk">shan@shanbristow.co.uk</a> 01625 520193

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<b>Exploring The Moral Maze</b>					
2nd Tue of the month	10.00 – 11.45	Rise Café, Water Lane, Wilmslow	Yes	Beryl Pearce	<a href="mailto:beryl.pearce@waitrose.com">beryl.pearce@waitrose.com</a>
<b>French Conversation</b>					
1st and 3rd Wed		At convenor's home	No	Ann Thompson	<a href="mailto:athompson@email.com">athompson@email.com</a> 01625 520138
<b>Friendly Bridge</b>					
Every Mon	19.30-21.30	Oakmere, Spath Lane, Handforth	No	Mavis Merryman Caroline Mangnall	01625 522991 <a href="mailto:cmmangnall@gmail.com">cmmangnall@gmail.com</a> 01625 526010
<b>Gardening Group</b>					
Various days at various venues during the growing season			Yes	Judy Van Langenberg Tress Attwell	<a href="mailto:judyvan9@hotmail.com">judyvan9@hotmail.com</a> 01625 528485
<b>Handicrafts</b>					
2nd Wed of the month	14.00-16.00	Morley Tea Room, Alt Road	No	Cherry Dolden	<a href="mailto:cherrydolden5@gmail.com">cherrydolden5@gmail.com</a> 07531 670522
<b>Intermediate Walking Group</b>					
2nd Fri of the month	Start of the walk, transport pick-ups are arranged		No	John Cookson	<a href="mailto:johncookson@brooklane.net">johncookson@brooklane.net</a> 01625 582132
<b>IT</b>					
No specific day or time		Not yet specified	Yes – for next course	John Cookson	<a href="mailto:johncookson@brooklane.net">johncookson@brooklane.net</a> 01625 582132
<b>Mah Jong</b>					
Tue, 10.00-12.00, but not regularly at present		At convenor's home	No	Kate Forster	<a href="mailto:catherinelforster@gmail.com">catherinelforster@gmail.com</a>
<b>Occasional Outings</b>					
As and when, usually at the Coach and Four, Alderley Road			Open membership	Carolynne Powell	<a href="mailto:carolynnepowell@btinternet.com">carolynnepowell@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Opera Appreciation Group</b>					
Wed pm, determined by transmission schedules		At convenor's home	No	Robert J Farr	<a href="mailto:rjfarr2@icloud.com">rjfarr2@icloud.com</a> 01625 526404
<b>Play Reading</b>					
1st Tues of the month		At convenor's home	Yes	Pauline Bushnell	<a href="mailto:pauline6633@talktalk.net">pauline6633@talktalk.net</a> 01625 531753
<b>Real Ale Appreciation</b>					
Monthly	Lunchtime at real-ale pubs, accessible by public transport		No	Mike Redfern	<a href="mailto:m_redfern@iCloud.com">m_redfern@iCloud.com</a>
<b>Science Group</b>					
3rd Tue of the month	19.00 for 19.30	Wilmslow Library, 1st floor meeting room	No	David Simmons Chris Foreman John Palfrey	<a href="mailto:david.simmons1@btinternet.com">david.simmons1@btinternet.com</a> 01625 536847
<b>Scrabble Group</b>					
2nd and 4th Thur of month	14.00-16.00	Oakmere, Spath Lane, Handforth	No	Jennie Palin	<a href="mailto:jennie.palin@btinternet.com">jennie.palin@btinternet.com</a> 01625 535841
<b>Sunday Lunch Group</b>					
1st Sun of the month		The Coach and Four, Ald. Road Wilmslow	No	Anna Corrigan	<a href="mailto:annacorrigan@live.com">annacorrigan@live.com</a> 01625 527751



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<b>Theatre Outings</b>					
Theatre trips are organised on the basis of what is most likely to appeal.			No	Anne Grace Cherry Dolden Kate Forster	<a href="mailto:annegrace@virginmedia.com">annegrace@virginmedia.com</a> <a href="mailto:cherrydolden5@gmail.com">cherrydolden5@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:catherinelforster@gmail.com">catherinelforster@gmail.com</a>
<b>Table Tennis</b>					
Friday	10.15-11.15	Wilmslow Leisure Centre	Not at present	Chris Foreman Pat Bell	01625 530007
Monday	10.15-11.15	Wilmslow Leisure Centre		Diann Simmonds	
<b>Tuesday Coffee Morning</b>					
3rd Tue of the month	10.00-12.00	Hoopers rest, Wilmslow	No	Heather Coward	<a href="mailto:heathervcoward@gmail.com">heathervcoward@gmail.com</a> 01625 348092
<b>Tuesday Tea Group</b>					
2nd Tues of the month (not Dec)	14.30-16.00	Morley Tea Room, Alt Road	No	Pauline Scurfield	<a href="mailto:pscurfield@tiscali.co.uk">pscurfield@tiscali.co.uk</a> 01625 582673

## EAST CHESHIRE NETWORK OPEN GROUPS

Members of U3As affiliated with the NE Cheshire Network may participate in other U3As' Interest Groups to a limited extent - that is, where the group is declared 'open' by the convenor and relevant Interest Group Coordinator. A list of current open groups is provided below - please get in touch with your own U3A Interest Group Coordinator for further contact details.

### **BRAMHALL**

Creative Writing  
Embroidery  
Line Dancing  
Scottish Dancing  
Video and film making

All details, venues and time, of these groups can be found on the website. Any enquiries from prospective members should be sent to [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk)

<b>CHEADLE AND GATLEY</b>	<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Archaeology	Lois Evans	0161 428 4373
Bridge	Linda Ewing	0161 312 5072
Environment	Peter Briggs	0161 485 6871
German	Lee Fairlie	0161 428 4791
MOOCs [Massive Open on Line Courses]	Batsheva Samely	0161 428 6030

### **CHEADLE HULME**

Art Appreciation  
Computers  
Tai Chi  
Photography

Contact Cheadle Hulme U3A for further details.

### **POYNTON**

Art  
Bridge  
Creative Writing  
Film And Discussion  
Geology  
German Conversation  
Halle Concert Visits  
Needlecrafts  
Spanish

For further information contact: [groups@poyntonu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@poyntonu3a.org.uk)

<b>WILMSLOW</b>	<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Bridge	Mavis Merryman	tonyandmavis2@btinternet.com
Cycling	Kate Bryant	katedavebryant@aol.com
English Country Dancing	Shan Bristow	01625 520193
French	Ann Thompson	athompson@email.com
Science	Christine Foreman	scienceconvenor@wilmslowu3a.org.uk

**GREY COURT HOLIDAYS  
TURKEY AND TINSEL  
25 November to Saturday 30 November (5 nights)**

**Monday 25 November – Christmas Eve**

Arrival at Parkside – tea/coffee and biscuit

- 18.00 Evening meal
- 19.30 Evening entertainment and supper with mince pies

**Tuesday 26 November – Christmas Day**

- 09.00 Breakfast
- 10.30 A short walk leaving from the car park
- 12.30 Drinks reception
- 13.00 **Christmas Dinner – Santa visits Parkside!**
- 18.00 Light evening meal
- 19.30 Evening entertainment and supper

**Wednesday 27 November – Boxing Day**

- 09.00 Breakfast
- 10.30 A walk leaving from the car park (packed lunch needed)
- 13.00 Lunch at Parkside or packed lunch
- 18.00 Evening meal
- 20.00 Entertainment with “Harlequin” – an acoustic trio

**Thursday 28 November – New Year’s Eve**

- 09.00 Breakfast
- 10.30 A walk leaving from the car park (packed lunch needed)
- 13.00 Lunch at Parkside or packed lunch
- 18.00 **Buffet Dinner**
- 19.30 Evening entertainment, supper and bringing in the New Year

**Friday 29 November**

- 09.00 Breakfast
- 13.00 Lunch
- 17.30 Drinks reception
- 18.00 Dinner
- 19.30 Evening entertainment and supper

**Saturday 30 November**

- 09.00 Breakfast and leave for home

Please use this as a guide to your holiday. Times and activities may vary depending on the judgement of your hosts and the wishes of the group.

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