

## NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2017

The U3A Tree at St Bartholomew's Church Wilmslow December 2017



### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It's Christmas time again and the end of an eventful year for our U3A. I won't go into detail here so remember to come along to your AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> January to hear the Treasurer's and Chairman's statements and to vote in a new Committee. Please remember to bring your membership cards as proof of your rights to vote and to raise any questions.

I have raised previously the need for a volunteer to help set up our microphones and the URC Hall PA system for the monthly meetings. We have now been informed that the Church management are considering possible changes to the Hall PA equipment including installation of a hearing loop system. If you have any experience relevant to this and would like to help your U3A please contact one of Committee members.

And lastly, on behalf of your Committee, I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year participating in a multitude of U3A activities.

**NEXT MEETING 2.30 PM WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018  
At the United Reformed Church Hall**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Don't forget to off your mobile 'phones before the meeting commences**

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**OPERA**

At the November meeting Robert Farr [Opera Group convenor] reminded us about the live opera transmissions that could be seen at several cinemas ie Altrincham, The Curzon in Knutsford and Cineworld at East Didsbury. Details of all these had been listed in the July 2017 newsletter but if you need to check opera screening dates and location please contact Robert on 01625 526404 for further details.

**SCIENCE**

**CLIMATE CHANGE, BUILDINGS AND THE URBAN HEAT ISLAND**

**Geoff Levermore, Emeritus Professor of the Built Environment, Manchester University**

***Wilmslow Library, 7.30pm, Tuesday 16th January 2018***

Geoff is an Emeritus Professor of Manchester University, author of about 100 refereed journal papers, 44 invited papers and lectures and 25 book chapters and books. He was a Lead Author of the report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for which Al Gore received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. Geoff played a significant part in this report. He will outline recent developments, including the "smoking gun" evidence from gases trapped in deep-frozen sea ice bubbles.

Geoff will also describe the influence of the built environment in relation to climate change. He will conclude with his current work on the urban heat island theory.

**About Science & Technology Group talks:** Book well in advance by emailing Graham Beech at [gb.u3a@talktalk.net](mailto:gb.u3a@talktalk.net) or phone 01625 402946 quoting your Wilmslow U3A (or affiliated group) membership number. All talks take place in the Reference section of the library unless notified otherwise. There is plenty of free parking on the adjacent car park. Admission £2.00 per person payable at the door. Non-members of the U3A may attend one talk at the standard rate but thereafter are expected to have joined Wilmslow U3A (£12 annual subscription).

If you have not already booked, please do so by email to [gb.u3a@talktalk.net](mailto:gb.u3a@talktalk.net) or telephone Graham Beech, on 01625 402946.

Important Note:

Please tell us about the topics you would like to see on our 2018 programme. If you can also provide a contact name for a potential speaker so much the better. Just a quick email to Graham [[gb.u3a@talktalk.net](mailto:gb.u3a@talktalk.net)] is all that's needed.

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**NEW GROUPS ???**

**CHOIR**

The October Newsletter mentioned there might be interest in forming a choir. Is there anybody out there with some skill, knowledge and enthusiasm to lead a choir and, more to the point, how many members could be interested in having another hobby? Singing is supposed to be good for us, at least that is what we are being told! Please contact Maurice Palin [01625 535841] without delay to register your interest. Carol singing is almost over so to crib from 'Strictly' 'keep on singing'

**SPANISH CONVERSATION**

As previously announced Colin Harding has volunteered to lead a Spanish Conversation group for those who already have some knowledge of the language and would like to keep it going. Colin is thinking of fortnightly meetings with times and venue[s] to be decided depending on numbers etc. If you are interested please email Colin on [colinharding@btopenworld.com](mailto:colinharding@btopenworld.com) or telephone him on 07941 730027.

## WALKING GROUP DAY OUT IN MANCHESTER

Wilmslow U3A walking group usually walks in the Cheshire area but on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 20 of us caught the train into Manchester and were led by Mike Redfern on a fascinating walk along the Rochdale Canal. Mike has an exhaustive knowledge of all the interesting facts that took place in various locations along the canal including the first aeroplane being built there by A.V. Roe which was sold for £500 and guaranteed to fly for 5 miles!. Also steam engines were built there and of course, all the cotton work which went on in the buildings in the vicinity.

We also passed Alan Turing's statue in Sackville Park and heard all about his work at Bletchley Park and the sad ending of his life. We then walked along Canal Street where you can see the mark in the stonework where the rope from the barge horses had worn the stone away. We finished our walk with an enjoyable meal in a pub in the Castlefield area where the Rochdale and Bridgewater Canals join together.

*Anne Grace*

## 2018 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 16<sup>TH</sup> January - Science Meeting

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January - AGM followed by a quiz

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Theatre - details being circulated under separate email - watch for this !!

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Study Day in Bramhall

### *Pictures courtesy of John Cookson*



Sack Lane Arley  
November 2017



Tree of Imagination - Lower Peover  
November 2017

**Contributions both photographs and text always welcome for the Newsletter**

## STUDY DAY SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018

Caroline Mangnall will be circulating booking forms early in January 2018. There will be a limited number of places available so it might be a good idea to pencil this date in your diary in order that you can reserve your place immediately the forms are published.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE NETWORK



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# Study Day 2018

U3A North East Cheshire Network  
Presents

## *A Literary Exploration*

Bramhall URC, Robins Lane, Bramhall  
Saturday 28 April 2018  
10.00 to 4.00

### Programme

10.00 - 10.30	Registration and Coffee
10.30 - 12.00	Dr Creina Mansfield - <i>Graham Greene, Phuong and me</i>
12.00 - 1.15	Lunch

### There is a choice for the afternoon session

1.15 - 2.50	Dr Alan Sennett - <i>The Films of Graham Greene</i>
	<i>or</i>
	Jackie Starkey - <i>A Pot Pourri of Poetry</i>
3.00 - 3.45	Plenary
3.45	Tea and Cake

## CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS – DECEMBER 2017

SUBJECT	VACANCIES	DAY	TIME	CONVENOR[S]
Art & Watercolour Painting	YES	Tuesdays	2.00 pm	Geoff Hutchinson Richard Murray
Book Group 1 Book Group 2	YES NO	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	2.00 pm 2.30 pm	Denise Hutchinson Sheila Cookson
Bridge Beginners Bridge Players Bridge Players	YES YES YES	Mondays Mondays Fridays	2.00 pm 7.30 pm 2.00 – 4.00 pm	Caroline Mangnall Mavis Merryman Lynne Rudd and Trish Helsby
Bowling	YES	Fridays [Winter]	12.30 – 3.30 pm	Peter Scurfield Anna Bainbrige
Coffee Morning	YES	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	10.00 am	Heather Coward
Cycling Long & Medium Cycling Short & Easy	YES YES	See Programme See Programme	10.00 am Mornings	Various
Canasta	YES	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Contact Maurice Palin
Choral and Organ	YES	As arranged	See website	Desmond Williams
Discussion Group	YES	1st Tuesday	10.00 am – 12.00 noon	Maurice Palin
English Country Dancing	YES	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays	1.30 pm	Shan Bristow
French Conversation	YES	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays	2.15 pm	Ann Thompson
Gardening	FULL	As arranged	As advised	Judy van Langenberg Tress Atwell Jean McGregor
Genealogy	YES	Check with convenor	Varies	Michael Stonehewer
Handicraft Threads	YES	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	2.00 pm – 4.15 pm	Cherry Dolden
Historical Outings	Payment when booking	As arranged	As advised	Awaiting convenors
History	YES	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	2.00 pm	Gwynneth Littleton Sheila Cookson
IT	DETAILS	AS	ADVISED	John Cookson
Mahjong	YES	variable	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Kate Forster

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Opera Appreciation	YES	As arranged	As advised	Robert Farr
Photography – Adventures into Digital	Check with Convenor	1 <sup>ST</sup> Thursday	10.00 am until 11.45	Mike Redfern
Play Reading	YES	1 <sup>ST</sup> Tuesday	2.00 pm	Pauline Bushnell
Science	YES	See Programme	7.30 pm Unless a visit	Graham Beech
Scrabble	YES	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	2.00 pm	Jennie Palin
Second Tuesday Tea	YES	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Pauline Scurfield
Spanish Intermediate	YES	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays	10.00 am – 11.00 am	Mary Easingwood
Sunday Lunch	YES	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	12.00 noon	Anna Corrigan
Table Tennis	YES YES	Monday Friday	10.50 am – 11.30 am 10.50 am – 11.30 am	Phyllis Barber Mike Garvin
Theatre Outings	Payment when booking	As arranged	As advised	Anne Grace / Cherry Dolden Kate Forster
Walking Easy Walking Intermediate	YES YES	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	10.00 am As advised	Sheila Cookson John Cookson

If you would like more information about any of these groups, go to [www.wilmslowu3a.org.uk](http://www.wilmslowu3a.org.uk)  
or contact Maurice on [interestgroupscoordinator@wilmslowu3a.org.uk](mailto:interestgroupscoordinator@wilmslowu3a.org.uk) [01625 535841]

## NE CHESHIRE NETWORK OPEN GROUPS

Group	Organiser	Telephone / email	Meeting
Badminton [Bramhall]	Douglas Moore	Contact Bramhall U3A	Tuesdays 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Cake Decorating [Poynton]	Ann Tofield	01625 858239	Contact organiser
Bridge [Wilmslow]	Mavis Merryman	<a href="mailto:tonyandmavis2@btinternet.com">tonyandmavis2@btinternet.com</a>	Mondays 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm Oakmere Spath Lane Handforth
Choir	Barbara Wugard	<a href="mailto:candqu3a@hotmail.com">candqu3a@hotmail.com</a>	
Creative Writing [Bramhall]	Pat George	Contact Bramhall U3A	2.00 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month
Creative Writing [Poynton]	Veronica O'Connor and Ann Walker	01625 873226 01625 263745	2.00 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays at Davenport Golf Club
Embroidery [Bramhall]	Dorothy Chesterman	0161 439 7926	10.00 am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month
English Country Dancing [Wilmslow]	Shan Bristow	01625 520193	1.30 pm– 3.30 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays Oakmere Centre Spath Lane Handforth
German	Lee Fairlie	<a href="mailto:candqu3a@hotmail.com">candqu3a@hotmail.com</a>	
Halle Concert Visits [Poynton]	Yvonne Sharma	01625 877825	Contact Organiser
Line Dancing [Bramhall]	Chris Chapman	Contact Bramhall U3A	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Wednesdays
Personal Image [Bramhall]	Catherine Jones	Contact Bramhall U3A	6 week courses Thursdays 10.00 am – 12 noon
Science [Wilmslow]	Graham Beech	<a href="mailto:gb.u3a@talktalk.net">gb.u3a@talktalk.net</a>	As announced – see wilmslowu3a.org.uk under Interest Groups – Science
Scottish Country Dancing [Bramhall]	Sheila Bruce-Smith	Contact Bramhall U3A	1.30 pm – 3.00 pm Fortnightly Fridays
Wine Tasting [Bramhall]	Jenny Richmond	Contact Bramhall U3A	Bimonthly