

WILMSLOW



NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2018

FROM THE CHAIRMAN – David Simmons

I am pleased to report that our membership continues to grow and if current trends continue we are likely to have reached the figure of 500 by the end of the year. Our membership also extends beyond Wilmslow with members from areas including Macclesfield, Stockport and Timperley so it seems we are popular beyond our home patch. Success does bring its own problems however and that includes capacity for our meetings, a problem faced by other neighbour U3As such as Bramhall.

As many of you will be aware our October meeting speaker will be Edwina Currie as detailed below. It is anticipated that this will be a popular event and so we have been fortunate that the URC has agreed that we can use the Church itself for this meeting so as to provide extra seating capacity. We will still need more members to volunteer to help run events in future and to take on key roles so if you think you can help in any way from helping with the teas at monthly meetings to joining the committee please let me know.

VACANCY - NEWSLETTER EDITOR



After many years of dedicated work Cherry Dolden has decided her quill has to soar away on the wind while there are still some feathers to help it get airborne. The newsletter is an important means of providing information on forthcoming events such as theatre, outings, interest groups and also details about some national events eg summer schools.

The job does involve a commitment to attend the monthly meetings to record announcements for the newsletter. If several members were able to join forces and produce the "letter" between them there would always be cover for holidays, illness etc.

If you would like to know more about what is involved please contact me, either at the monthly meeting, or by email to david.simmons@btinternet.com and I will put you in touch with Cherry who can give you more details.

Unfortunately if we do not get any volunteers to help out we will have to stop producing the newsletter and rely on just emails and our Web site for notifications.

David Simmons

NEXT MEETING 2.30 PM WEDNESDAY 24th OCTOBER 2018
At the United Reformed Church

EDWINA CURRIE ON "GROWING OLD DISGRACEFULLY"

Tea and coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the talk

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF YOUR MOBILES
WHEN ATTENDING THE MEETINGS

The Thursday walking group enjoying the autumn sunshine



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 Cherry Dolden 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 5th December

U3A Christmas party with entertainment [note this takes the place of the usual monthly meeting].

Monday 10th December

Day trip to Chester - see page 4

Wednesday 12th December Christmas lunch

See page 6 for all details

Thursday 24th January 2019

Theatre trip to Royal Exchange Manchester - 'The Producers' - see page 7

And yes

Wednesday 7th August 2019

Visit to Roberts Bakery - further details in the New Year

IT GROUP

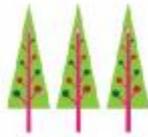
The IT group will be resuming operation shortly with a course on use of PCs and Laptops. This time it will be very much Windows orientated and suitable for those with some computer experience as well as absolute beginners. If you are interested please contact John Cookson at jrcookson@gmail.com or 01625 582132

PLAYREADING GROUP

Please note there is a vacancy in the playreading group.

U3A POCKET DIARES FOR 2019

We have been advised that the U3A diary is now available from head office at a price of £3.00. If five or more people order the price comes down to £2.50 each. If you are interested in this offer please contact Pauline Bushnell on pauline6633@talktalk.net



DAY TRIP - CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TO CHESTER

Fancy a day in Chester without the hassle of driving and parking. This trip will take place on Monday 10TH December 2018.

The shopping in Chester is always fabulous but there is the additional attraction of a Christmas market with 70 stalls in the town hall square. For those who do not wish to shop all day there is also a Christmas tree festival taking place in the cathedral cloisters. Leave to return to Wilmslow by at 3.00 pm.

Departure from Coach and Four at 9.15 am and Handforth Dean at 9.30 am

Leave to return to Wilmslow at 3.00 pm

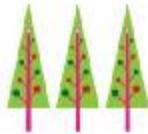
The cost of the trip will be £10 and bookings will be made on a first come first served basis and may be made in the following ways:

By email to chesterouting@wilmslowu3a.org.uk or at the October meeting

Payment should be made within 7 days of the initial request.

Payment can be made by: Bank transfer, cheque or cash.

When paying please make sure that you include your name and membership number.



REPORT ON VISIT TO THE WHITWORTH ART GALLERY 4TH OCTOBER 2018

The National Office in association with the Whitworth Art Gallery arranged a study day for U3A members to look at the collections of fabrics and wallpapers and to learn something about them. Six members of Wilmslow U3A were present among about 60 members from U3As around the area.

We started with a cup of coffee and a talk by one of the Curators giving a general overview of the gallery and its collections. Three study sessions had been arranged and we were divided into three groups to allow for manageable numbers at each study session.

All the Wilmslow ladies were in Group 3 and we started with a look at the fabrics and wallpapers currently on display. We saw three of the current displays, the first was called "Four Corners of One Cloth" and the Museum displayed a number of items of clothing and other fabric objects from the Islamic world. We then moved on to "Thread bearing Witness" which was a display of very large embroideries made by hand and machine on the theme of cultural heritage, refugee displacement and movement. We were amazed at the size of these works, three being large pieces presumably intended to be wall-hangings.

There were also objects presumably sculptures in fabric, which looked like very large odd-shaped cushions and a large painted fabric globe that appeared to float over the rest of the exhibition. The final piece was huge and took up the whole of one wall. This consisted of a patchwork of small squares each embroidered with a tree, some showing great skill and some quite simple. These had been made by many different people and new squares were constantly being added. With the addition of many more squares it will need a very large wall to display it, somewhere like Tate Modern, I should think.

The final part of this session was devoted to wallpaper and we viewed a display called "Bodies of Colour" which was intended to break stereotypes in wallpaper design. We saw some old papers which consisted of the usual narrow strips all pasted together to make large pictures to cover a whole wall. There was a magnificent Indian hunting scene and some very attractive Chinese ones. There were also a number of modern wallpapers, some quite attractive and some it would be very hard to live with I imagine.

We then stopped for lunch (delicious!) and continued with two more sessions in the afternoon.

The first was given by the Museum's expert on prints and he showed us how prints are made. The Museum is currently showing a large collection of prints by Goya and Hogarth. He demonstrated print making and then set us to make a simple print for ourselves, copying from prints he supplied by drawing them onto paper and then transferring them to a silver card, covering the card with ink, cleaning off the surplus ink and then putting them through a press. Most of us preferred to let him deal with the messy inky side of the job and confined ourselves to turning the handle of the press rollers. Some of the prints produced were very good indeed (not mine!).

Our last session was taken up with looking at precious fabrics in the collection. Our guide commenced by showing us a child's coat made in England in the 17th century, knitted in very fine silk with magnificent lace and embroidery. We were amazed at how well-preserved it was. We were then shown a variety of other fabrics and garments dating from the 17th to the 19th century all of which were very beautiful and showed wonderful workmanship by hand and by machine.

Finally we all went back to the Grand Hall for another cup of tea or coffee and a short talk to bring the whole thing to an end. It proved to be a very interesting and enjoyable day out, the only remaining problem being getting out of Manchester in the rush hour, but I think we all got home safely.

Pauline Bushnell

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday 12th December (12.00 noon for 12.30 pm)
at Victory Hall Town Lane Mobberley WA16 7JQ



We have been able to reserve up to 80 places at the Mobberley Victory Hall for this year's Christmas lunch, at a cost of £27.50 per person, including a drink on arrival to take to your table and a gratuity.

Drink – *select one from:*

Red wine
White wine
Orange juice

Starters – *select one from:*

Farmhouse vegetable soup, with bread roll & butter
Half crown of melon, filled with seasonal fresh fruits
Duck liver mousse pate, with orange & cognac liqueur, with granary bread & chutney

Mains – *select one from:*

Roast turkey, with apple & herb stuffing, bacon & sausage rolls, & cranberry sauce
Salmon, in a lemon, tarragon & white wine sauce
Roasted Mediterranean vegetable strudel, with red pepper coulis (v)
(All served with roasted & minted potatoes, & choice of fresh seasonal vegetables)

Desserts – *select one from:*

Traditional Christmas pudding, with warm brandy sauce
Sherry trifle
Lemon meringue roulade
Cheese & biscuits

....followed by:

Warm mince pies
Freshly brewed tea or coffee

Bookings to be made by payment of £27.50 per person, by cheque, payable to Wilmslow U3A, with

- your name(s) & membership number(s) on the back, together with
- a note of your choice(s) of drink, starter, main course & dessert

posted to: *Pauline Scurfield, 35 Chesham Road, Wilmslow SK9 6EZ*

Places will be allocated on a first come basis. A waiting list will be established once all the places are taken.

Note: There is ample parking around the back of the Hall

THEATRE ANNOUNCEMENT**Thursday 24th January 2019****THE PRODUCERS at The Royal Exchange Manchester****REPRODUCED FROM THE ROYAL EXCHANGE WEBSITE**

"YOU KNOW WHO I USED TO BE? MAX BIALYSTOCK! THE KING OF BROADWAY. SIX SHOWS RUNNING AT ONCE. LUNCH AT DELMONICO'S, TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR SUITS. LOOK AT ME. LOOK AT ME NOW! I'M WEARING A CARDBOARD BELT!"

Theatre Producer Max Bialystock has a string of failures in his wake. But his downtrodden accountant Leo Bloom thinks that could be a good thing, a producer could make more money with a dud than a hit. They set out to find the worst script, the worst director and the worst actors in the industry, produce the biggest flop in Broadway history, and make a heap of cash in the process. What could possibly go wrong? This award-winning musical is fit to burst with unruly characters and show-stopping songs such as Springtime for Hitler, I Wanna be a Producer and When You Got It Flaunt It.

A Mel Brooks musical advertised as an hilarious night out."

TICKET, TRAVEL AND DRIVER'S TIP - £44.00**CHEQUE PAYMENT [WILMSLOW U3A] NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2018****TO KATE FORSTER****at 15 HALL ROAD WILMSLOW SK9 5BN**

Your booking will be confirmed by email after the closing date for payment.
Tickets are handed out on the coach prior to the performance.

PS

Just a reminder about theatre funds for the benefit of new members....

When costing a theatre visit three elements are taken into account, tickets, coach fare and driver's tip. Once a U3A member has booked their place we are not able to apply a refund should a person eventually have to cancel.

In the event of a waiting list then naturally there would be every possibility that someone else could use the ticket and then the non-participating member would receive their money back from the person taking their place.

NATIONAL EVENTS



U3A AUTUMN SERIES OF EVENTS

'We the Curious' – Bristol Science Centre

Thursday 20th September

On a journey through the biology, chemistry and psychology of our amazing brains. Workshops, a show and welcome refreshments with admission to the two floors of exhibits. 10.30 am - 5.15 pm £20.00 (Bookings open in June)

Unravelling the Whitworth- Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester

Thursday 4th October

A day of hands on discovery to unravel the secrets of the gallery's textile and wallpaper collection. Talks from curators, a tour and a hands on session facilitated by an artist with welcome refreshments. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm £27.50 (Bookings open in July)

Music & Art Afternoon – National Museum, Cardiff

Tuesday 9th October

Talks on the Davies' Sisters art collection and a talk on Margaret Haig Thomas. A special performance by Welsh National Opera singers. 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm. £15.00 (Bookings open in July)

The Royal Institution – London

Monday 15th October

Explore an afternoon of science talks at the Royal Institution London 1.45 pm – 4.45 pm. £21.50 (Bookings open in July)

'Makers not Muses' The National Gallery – London

Thursday 1st November

A day of talks by the National Gallery experts exploring the status of female artists their paintings and obstacles to success. 11.00 am to 3.45 pm. £25.00 (Bookings open in August)

From Page to Stage – Ambassador Theatre – Lyceum Theatre, London

Monday 12th November

Under the watchful eyes of three directors, Harry Burton, Lisa Spirling and Jane Moriarty your chance to direct a scene putting into practice valuable lessons learnt through the day. Welcome refreshments. 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. £37.50 (Bookings open in August)

Guildhall Art Gallery – London

Wednesday 28th November or Thursday 29th November

(two separate dates)

Delve into the Roman archaeological world buried beneath the City of London. A day of workshops and talks with welcome refreshments. 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. £22.00 (Bookings open in August)

Christmas Concerts – The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, London

Monday 3rd December – Performances at 2.00 pm or 5.30 pm & Tuesday 18th December at 2.00 pm only

The Brandenburg Singers will perform a balanced programme of familiar repertoire alongside traditional carols. £19.50 (Bookings open late September)

Online Booking is available www.u3a.org.uk/events or call the National Office 0208 466 6139

There is still time to book for some of these events

CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS – OCTOBER 2018

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	3rd Wednesday 2nd 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	NO	Fridays [summer]	12.30 – 4.00 pm	Peter Scurfield Anna Bainbrigg
Coffee Morning	YES	3rd 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	2nd and 4th Thursdays	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Contact Maurice Palin
Discussion Group	YES	1st Tuesday	10.00 am – 12.00 noon	Maurice Palin
English Country Dancing	YES	2nd & 4th Mondays	1.30 pm	Shan Bristow
Exploring the Moral Maze	Check with Convenor	2nd Tuesday of the month	10.00 am – 11.45	Beryl Pearce
French Conversation	YES	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	2.15 pm	Ann Thompson
Gardening	FULL	As arranged	As advised	Judy van Langenberg Tress Atwell Jean McGregor
Handicraft Threads	YES	2nd Wednesday	2.00 pm – 4.15 pm	Cherry Dolden
IT	DETAILS	AS	ADVISED	John Cookson
Mahjong	YES	variable	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Kate Forster
Opera Appreciation	YES	As arranged	As advised	Robert Farr

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Photography Adventures into Digital	Check with Convenor	1ST Thursday	10.00 am until 11.45	Mike Redfern
Play Reading	YES	1ST Tuesday	2.00 pm	Pauline Bushnell
Real Ale Appreciation	Check with Convenor	As arranged	As advised	Mike Redfern
Science	YES	See Programme	7.30 pm Unless a visit	David Simmons & Chris Foreman
Scrabble	YES	2nd & 4th Thursday	2.00 pm	Jennie Palin
Second Tuesday Tea	YES	2nd Tuesday	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Pauline Scurfield
Singing for Fun	WAITING	FURTHER	DETAILS	Ann Cook
Spanish Intermediate	YES	1st and 3rd Fridays	10.00 am – 11.00 am	Mary Easingwood
Sunday Lunch	YES	1st Sunday	12.00 noon	Anna Corrigan
Tai Chi	NONE	Tuesdays	9.00 am – 10.00 am	Phyllis Barber
Table Tennis	NO	Monday	10.15 am – 11.15 am	Dian Simmonds & Pat Bell
	YES	Friday	10.15 am – 11.15 am	Chris Foreman
Theatre Outings	Payment when booking	As arranged	As advised	Anne Grace / Cherry Dolden Kate Forster
Walking Easy Walking Intermediate	NO YES	VACANCIES AT Thursday 2nd Friday	THE MOMENT As advised	Sheila Cookson John Cookson

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

NE 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 contact your own U3A Interest Group Coordinator for further contact details.

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	tonyandmavis2@btinternet.com	Mondays 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm Oakmere Spath Lane Handforth
Choir	Barbara Wugard	candgu3a@hotmail.com	
Creative Writing [Bramhall]	Pat George	Contact Bramhall U3A	2.00 pm 2 nd Wednesday of the month
Creative Writing [Poynton]	Veronica O'Connor and Ann Walker	01625 873226 01625 263745	2.00 pm 2 nd and 4 th Mondays at Davenport Golf Club
Embroidery [Bramhall]	Dorothy Chesterman	0161 439 7926	10.00 am 2 nd Thursday in the month
English Country Dancing [Wilmslow]	Shan Bristow	01625 520193	1.30 pm– 3.30 pm 2 nd and 4 th Mondays Oakmere Centre Spath Lane Handforth
German	Lee Fairlie	candgu3a@hotmail.com	
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]			As announced – see wilmslowu3a.org.uk – Science Group
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	Bi-monthly