



February 2025

WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2025 at 2.30 pm
at The United Reformed Church Hall Chapel Lane Wilmslow

FRANCES JONES

Who will be giving an illustrated talk about her travels and experiences with her
Alphorn,
from mountain tops to The Lord Mayor's Show



*Please remember to turn off, or switch to silent, your mobile telephone
during the presentation*

FORTHCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 26th March 2025

Hopefully you will all have read the email circulated by Caroline Mangnall earlier this month?

In order to survive, Wilmslow u3a is in urgent need of some members to step forward and serve on the Committee as some of the existing team will be resigning or stepping down from their roles in the very near future. Some of the officers have been willing to 'do' a second term in order to keep the ship afloat BUT it is now time for them to take a well earned break.

There are six committee meetings a year, held in the vestibule of the Church at 10.30 am and normally finished by midday. The roles are not labour intensive and business is conducted in a friendly manner.

Wilmslow has its own interest groups and the chance to participate in the North East Cheshire Network groups too. The monthly meetings, with a variety of speakers provide an opportunity to meet up with other folk over the welcome light refreshments post talk. Anne and Cherry do their best to find out what's on in the theatre world and arrange trips. There are plans in the pipeline to arrange some day-outings this year but they are all at infancy stage at present.

PLEASE CONTACT CAROLINE ON THE LINKS PROVIDED IN HER NOTICE OR SPEAK TO HER AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING IF YOU FEEL ABLE TO HELP KEEP THE U3A AFLOAT.

After consultation with the Trust regarding insurance, we regret to say that only paid up members of the u3a may join outings such as theatre trips etc. Guests are not allowed on these trips.

If an individual wants the benefit(s) of a u3a activity, even just a particular outing, they need to become a permanent member.

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A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER

Some of you may have heard of the charity Emmaus which has a base in Wythenshawe.

One of our members, Ian Lloyd Jones is a trustee of this organisation and they urgently need a treasurer / finance director. Ian is wondering if there is anyone in Wilmslow u3a with an accountancy / bookkeeping background who would be able to help them.

Emmaus South Manchester is a charity working to relieve poverty and social exclusion, with a particular focus on homelessness. We operate an Emporium that resells donated goods enabling local people to access a wide range of goods (furniture, household appliances, clothing, toys, books, records etc) at extremely competitive prices. We are growing steadily and now have an immediate need for a treasurer working on a voluntary basis alongside the charity's trustees.

Please contact Ian on this number if you may be able to help **+44 7931 390044**

CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

One of our members has suggested a concert being performed by the ORA singers that may appeal to some of you. At this stage it is uncertain if either Anne or Cherry will be arranging a trip for this but if there is interest please let one of them know and they can help with arranging coach travel and tickets if required.

The performance is at The Stoller Hall in Manchester on Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 7.00 pm and the tickets are £27.50.

The following details are extracted from The Stoller Hall website which will give you more details. Naturally more information about the ORA singers can be obtained from their web page.

“The ORA singers present a concert themed around ‘the passing of the Year’, centred around Jonathan Dove’s song-cycle of the same name for double choir and piano, alongside Renaissance songs celebrating sacred feast days, poetry for each season and new work from Manchester-based composer Emily Pedersen, and BBC Philharmonic composer-in-residence Tom Coult.

This concert is generously supported by The Cuthbert Family

FULL PROGRAMME

Epiphany

Reading 1

Plainchant *Magi Videntes Stellam*

Orlando de Lassus *Omnes de Saba*
Emily Pedersen *Reflection on Lassus, Omnes De Saba***

Lent & Passiontide

Pablo Casals *O Vos Omnes* Peter Philips *Ecce vicit Leo*

Easter

Plainchant *Victimae Paschali Laudes* Gregorio Allegri *Christus Resurgens*

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Reading 2

Jonathan Dove *The Passing of the Year*

i Invocation

ii The Narrow Bud Opens Her Beauties to the Sun

iii Answer July

iv Hot Sun, Cool Fire

v Ah, Sun-Flower!

vi Adieu! Farewell Earth's Bliss!

vii Ring Out, Wild Bells

Interval

Annabel Baxter *Spring**

Trinity

Reading 3

John Shepherd *Libera Nos*

Ryan Wigglesworth *Libera Nos*

All Saints and All Souls

William Byrd *Justorum Animae*

Tom Coult *Reflection on Byrd, Justorum Animae***

Advent & Christmas

Adrian Peacock *Venite Gaudete!*

Reading 4

Plainchant *Hodie Christus Est* David Norland *Visitation**

Steven Sametz *Gaudete*

* ORA Singers commission

** World premiere performance

We are delighted to announce that BBC Proms and Radio 3 presenter Katie Derham will be reading poems at this concert.

