



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.







## WILMSLOW U3A THEATRE OUTING

## **EVITA** at Stockport Plaza

Presented by Romiley Operatic Society

An amateur production by arrangement with the Really Useful Group

Lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Award winning company ROS. (Seven Brides for Seven Brothers/Kipps/Priscilla) are proud to bring EVITA to the Plaza Theatre.

From a life of poverty to spiritual leader of the nation, Eva Peron was loved, hated, derided and venerated. Dividing the Argentinian people with her patriotic speeches, her ambition, glamour and magnetism established 'Evita' as the world's first major political celebrity.

With a chart-topping score including Don't Cry For Me Argentina, Oh What A Circus, Another Suitcase in Another Hall, and You Must Love Me.

## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.15 pm

Ticket, travel and driver's tip £32.00

\*\*\*\*\*ALL Payments must be received no later than Saturday 1st March 2025\*\*\*\*\*

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**BACS** Payments: Wilmslow U3A

Sort Code: 40 52 40

Account No:

00032217

in the reference box state your membership no eg 2023 followed by EVITA

OR cheque[s] payable "Wilmslow U3A" to Anne Grace at 18 Edgeway Wilmslow SK9 1NH

If paying for several people please include names of all persons

### NB A note about bookings and payment

When costing a theatre trip several elements are taken into account ie price per ticket based on any theatre discount for numbers, coach fare and driver's tip. Once payment has been received we are not able to give refunds in the event of a cancellation. If there is 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.

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 is 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 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

