

June 2025

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT !!

Dear Members

I am writing to you on behalf of the committee to let you know that without some fairly instant input from **you** the Wilmslow U3A will have to close down before the end of the year.

For many years now we have been limping along with an aging committee and no younger members prepared to volunteer.

Now, all due to various health concerns, our chair, Angela Every has had to resign, I had already resigned as Business Secretary at the last meeting, but will stay on until July. Also, our new Speaker secretary has resigned, again due to health issues. Cherry Dolden has kindly taken this over, but that means we will need another member to take on the Newsletter. Anne Grace, who has managed the social side of the committee i.e. teas and coffees at the monthly meeting, and catering for other events also wishes to resign at the end of the year

Moreover, if Peter Highfield, as Vice, were to take on the Chair's role, we will need a new Vice Chair and a new Vice Treasurer.

I will list the roles below and we hope that if you really want our U3A to continue, please contact me as soon as possible to find out more information and to volunteer.

WE HAVE A COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY 14TH JULY WHEN WE SHALL HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS AND MAKE A DECISION, SO WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU BY FRIDAY JULY 11TH AT THE LATEST.

Please note that all these positions can be shared, with a friend, as shown by our new, joint membership secretaries.

Business Secretary
Vice Chairman
Newsletter Editor
ViceTreasurer
Social Secretary
Someone with IT knowledge who can back-up John Cookson with
The website and also the Beacon system

Regards

Caroline Mangnall - Business Secretary
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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHAIR, PETER HIGHFIELD

Following Angela's appeal in the last newsletter for new committee members and then Caroline's email setting out the positions that we need to fill, I just want to reinforce what they have already said and encourage everyone to consider whether they can help.

It is reasonable to assume that the members of the various interest groups enjoy their participation and get several benefits, be it exercise, social interaction, intellectual stimulation or friendship. All the groups operate under the umbrella of Wilmslow U3A which, through membership of the Third Age Trust, provides important support such as liability insurance to cover the activities of the interest groups. In addition Wilmslow U3A has banking arrangements that facilitate the collection and disbursement of monies related to group activities.

So it is in everyone's interest that Wilmslow U3A can continue; it may not be that simple for the interest groups to 'just carry on' if we have to dissolve. In order to continue we need to have sufficient people on the committee to cover all the different functions that are needed so that no one has to spend an excessive time on committee matters.

Taking the positive view that we will be able to continue, I would encourage members to join the committee even without an assigned role. I joined the committee 'without portfolio' in 2019 which enabled me to see what went on and so, when asked to take a role, was much better able to contribute later.

I look forward to seeing and working with some of you at future committee meetings

Intermediate group members at the summit of Eccles Pike near Whaley Bridge



Picture courtesy of Graham Buttle

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025

ALL Payments must be received no later than Friday 11th July 2025

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If paying for several people please include names of all persons

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

**NB TICKETS FOR HI DI HI ARE LIMITED SO IT IS FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVED BASIS**

Members at the canasta and whist group



Croquet on a sunny day in May this year



pictures courtesy of Stella Martin – Interest group coordinator

***JUST BEFORE YOU GET TO FIND OUT ABOUT
THE DETAILS OF THE TALK NEXT WEEK.....***

The next committee meeting is on Monday 14th July 2025 at 10.30 am in the vestibule of the United Reformed Church – this will be an important meeting, it may even be the last. Some members have shown interest in several of the vacancies but a Chairperson and Business Secretary are required for the continuation of the u3a, along with a deputy treasurer.

The committee meetings are every two months, they are informal but are conducted in a business manner – we have been known to laugh !!

If you are able to help keep Wilmslow going please come along and find out more about the roles. A corporate working background is not a requirement and neither do you need a CV – enthusiasm is key

There will be a few committee members at the talk on Wednesday, if you want to know more ask at the front desk to be directed to Caroline, Peter or Cherry

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WEDNESDAY 23rd JUNE 2025 at 2.30 pm

at The United Reformed Church Hall Chapel Lane Wilmslow

Paul Barwick

Talking about WPC Yvonne Fletcher and the Libyan Embassy Siege

**[Some of you will remember his most interesting presentation
on**

**‘The Body in the Bag’
Some 12 months or so ago**

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