

The logo for Wilmslow, featuring the word "WILMSLOW" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

November 2024

Hello Everyone

I hope this finds you all as well as possible. As the nights draw in memories of the summer and holidays come to the fore.

Please share any personal adventures and happy memories, it is a lovely way to connect with the rest of the group.

On a personal note, I travelled solo (with assistance) to Copenhagen in August to spend a week with my son and granddaughters. Unfortunately, it was only as my daughter parked at Manchester airport I realised I had forgotten my walking stick! We immediately texted my son to ask him to buy me a replacement. That never happened of course.

Searching his garage for some sort of replacement I discovered a staff he had made for a school project to do with Vikings and hunting. As you can see from the photos this absolutely fitted the bill - as long as I was careful not to fall and impale myself of course. Luckily I was never arrested as I only used it for walking around the garden and terraces. I must also report I didn't do any hunting but definitely felt a link with Danish Vikings. As they say, 'When in Rome...

Christmas and the New Year are fast approaching and as we look forward to the U3A celebrations we must remember to say a big 'Thank you' to all the wonderful volunteers who are working so hard to ensure everything runs smoothly and we all have a good time. It doesn't happen by magic folks!

Best wishes, Angela (Chair)



90 years young – and still playing table tennis

After playing table tennis on Friday, 8 November, we all celebrated the 90th birthday of one of our players, Phyllis. Hannah had baked 2 cakes, Les had done a brilliant banner “Phyllis 90 years young”, and Mary had written a lovely poem. We sat in the Leisure Centre café and enjoyed coffee and cake, and it was great to see so many of our players there, and two people who used to play also came and joined us. The first picture is of us all, Phyllis is the one with the two red bats and she’s cutting her cake in the other.

If you would like to play table tennis, we play on Monday and Friday, 10.00 am to 11.00 am at Wilmslow Leisure Centre, usually in the main hall. A session costs £1.50, so if you would like to join us, please pop in to one day.

Chris Foreman



ON LINE BOOK GROUP 1- READING LIST FOR 2025

January	The Reading List	<i>Sara Nisha Adams</i>	Fiction
February	The Island of Missing Trees	Elif Shafak	Fiction
March	The Name of the Wind	Patrick Rothfuss	Sci Fiction
April	Why be Happy When you could be Normal	Jeanette Winterson	Autobiography
AND / OR	Eleanor Oliphant is completely Fine	Gail Honeyman	Fiction
May	Anna Karenina	Leo Tolstoy	Classic fiction
June	Mad Honey	Jennifer Finney Boylan and Jodi Picoult	Courtroom drama
July	The Seige	Helen Dunmore	History
August	Lessons in Chemistry	Bonnie Garmus	Fiction
AND / OR	The Old Curiosity Shop	Charles Dickens	Classic fiction
September	Bad Blood	Lorna Sage	Non-fiction
October	Dissolution	C J Sansom	History
November	Knots and Crosses	Ian Rankin	Crime
December	Cloud Atlas	David Mitchell	Blurred genre boundaries

The Book Group will read book of the month and write their views which will be anonymous when shared with the rest of the Group. No-one leaves home – it's all online. To join in contact Linda Bain on linda.bain@hotmail.co.uk

If you would like to be included, please contact Linda on linda.bain@hotmail.co.uk to say whether or not you would also like to be involved with the selection.

WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2024 - 2.30 PM

at The United Reformed Church Hall Chapel Lane Wilmslow

Michael Palmer talking about

“Lies, Damned Lies and the Uses and Abuses of Statistics”

Michael Palmer has a degree in mathematics, a Ph.D. in medicine from Manchester University, and he is a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society. His career included design and analysis of clinical trials of new treatments for cancer at the Christie Hospital, Manchester, and later he was principal statistician at AstraZeneca.

His talk will include some fascinating stories in the history of medicine, a tragic miscarriage of justice, and there will be a statistical exercise involving audience participation to illustrate a statistical phenomenon called “Wisdom of the Crowd”.

*At the start of the meeting PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF
OR SWITCH TO SILENT YOUR MOBILE PHONE*

A NOTE ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

ON WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025

at the United Reformed Church Hall Chapel Lane Wilmslow

The hall doors will not open until 2.30 pm that day to allow time for setting up the room for the last meeting of the year. There will be the usual festive pastries, cakes and musical entertainment !!!!

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From the Editor

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the newsletter this past year. Without articles from members it would be extremely dull – perhaps not even worth the time preparing it. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2025. If any member[s] would like to take on the role of putting the monthly newsletter together please have a word with our Chair, Angela Every.