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Chairman's message

Spring is here at last!! The clumps of daffodils heralding a time of new life as lambs prance in the fields and our feathered friends are busy nesting. Let's look forward to a long hot summer.

Your committee has agreed to keep the membership open and we have booked the scout hut for an alternative meeting if the main hall is full. We now have over 36 groups up and running and we hope you have all found something to join. If you haven't please let us know and we will see what we can do.

In order to comply with data protection and respect people's privacy, group co-ordinators have been instructed not to pass on personal details without permission. Can we ask all members to follow this rule, please? We have a lot of people living alone and we don't want them upset by unwanted phone calls or emails.

I've been asked by some people if besides enjoying ourselves we could do something for the community. One suggestion has been to adopt a charity for the year. Can I invite your suggestions? Is there some one who would be willing to organise a sales table where members could bring books they've finished with, cards, jars of jam etc and the money raised could go to the chosen charity. If you have any other ideas, please let one of the committee know.

CommuniCare are looking for more volunteer drivers to help provide transport for elderly people. Renee Emmott has more details – please see her if you are able to help.

If you have any suggestions for future developments, please let me know.

Dorothy M Chesterman
Chairman

Dates for your diary

May 20	All Cakes and Ale	Ann Metcalf & Don Roach
June 17	Normal Process of Ageing	Marian Hankey
July 15	Tales of the Unexpected	Anna & David Drackley
August 19	The Story of Jodrell Bank	Prof Ian Morrison
September 16	Superstitions	Raymond Rush
October 21	Library Services	Linda Huddart & Joy Guest

All meetings at St Michael's Church, Robins Lane Bramhall 2pm (doors open at 1.30pm). Please have your membership cards and £1 admission fee with you.

Your Committee

Chairman	Dorothy Chesterman
Vice-chairman/secretary	Joy Armstrong
Treasurer	Alistair Gardner
Groups co-ordinators	Sue Bosworth Joyce Street
Membership secretary	Kay Witham
Speakers secretary	Jane Hind

Other members: Sandra Millard, Gordon Jackson, Sid Davies, Renee Emmott, Judith Fell, Christine Hollingsworth, Diane Bright. Web designer: Rae Mulliner. Newsletter editor: Peter Levy

With such a large membership, new Interest Co-ordinators are needed and always welcome. Anyone whose special interest is not yet catered for should contact the Groups Co-ordinators to see if there is sufficient interest among the members to start a new group. Reports and photos of activities for inclusion in the newsletter should be emailed to newsletter@bramhallu3a.org.uk. Deadline for next edition is June 1.

The website is up and running so just type in bramhallu3a.org.uk to access all the latest news. It also has links to the National U3a website and the newsletter.

Bookings for the Harrogate Spring Flower Show on Friday April 23 closed before publication of this newsletter but here are the details for those fortunate enough to book a seat. The coach will leave Bramhall at 9.15am and return at 7.00pm

Theatre outing There is a trip to see Charley's Aunt at the Royal Exchange Theatre on July 14. The cost is £23.50 contact Judith Fell by June 7.

Dining Group The group has over 40 members and monthly events are arranged at various local restaurants.

To get the group up and running a questionnaire was distributed to new members to find out what they wanted to do and the majority favoured weekday evening events. We got off to a good start with 23 people having a very enjoyable evening at Ego's Restaurant in Bramhall in March, and a similar number was due to go to Wing's Chinese Restaurant in Cheadle Hulme this month.

Group members have contributed many suggestions for venues so we will not be short of ideas. Initially the aim is to support local restaurants, but in the summer we may venture further afield.

If you would like to enjoy a reasonably priced meal with a friendly group, please contact Janet McMurray or Joy Armstrong.

Our Walking Group are blazing the trail



The black and white reproduction of this photograph does scant justice to the weather on March 11 when 16 of our more intrepid members embarked on their first Long Walk. We started at the car park by the canal at Higher Poynton and proceeded into Lyme Park where we could enjoy the lovely but slightly misty views over the Cheshire Plain, writes Bob Dumbarton. We continued onto the Gritstone Trail for a short while, stopping to view the deer with their full antlers - such a beautiful sight. Onwards past the House, refreshment was taken at the Old Stables before we continued along the stream leading from the pond. Our route then took us back to the canal and the car park to complete the 6.5 miles in just under 4 hours.

The walking group has now has 103 members and its schedule for the next two months is listed below.

Date	Description	Contact	Venue
Wed April 28	Short, 4 miles easy	Peter Rhodes	Tatton Park
Thur May 6	Short, 4 miles easy	Shirley Tomkinson	High Lane
Thur May 13	Long, 8 miles moderate	Peter Jacques	Taxal Edge
Wed May 26	Short, 4 miles; easy/mod	Bob Dumbarton	Alderley Edge/ Hare Hill
Thur June 3	Short, 4 miles easy	Ray Lee	Lymm
Thur June 10	Long, 6 miles moderate	Tony Sharples	Wilmslow/Gt Warford
Wed June 23	Short, 5 miles; moderate	Anna Drackley	Disley

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Sitting pretty – the Personal Imaging course put on the style under the guidance of Catherine Jones. There will be another course in July

Interest	Co-ordinator	Meeting dates
Archaeology	Berry Tomlinson	To be arranged with members
Art	Peter Richardson	Alt Mondays 1-4pm
Bridge	Chris Kiernan	2 nd and 4 th Thurs 2pm
Book group A	Rachael Mulliner	2 nd Mondays 2pm
Book group B	Dudley Newell	4 th Thursdays
Church history	Dorothy Chesterman	Alt Weds 10am-noon
Computer/software	Gordon Jackson	Alt Tuesdays 2pm
Cycling	Ann Green	To be arranged with members
Digital Photography	Harry Bosworth	Mondays 2-4pm
Dining	Janet McMurray/ Joy Armstrong	Monthly, Tuesdays or Wednesdays
Discussion group A	Dina Levy	4 th Mondays 2pm
Discussion group B	Pat Wright	Fridays
Family History A	Diane Bright	Tuesdays 2pm
Family History B	Mary Hambleton	Wednesdays 2-4pm
Family History C	Brian Turner	Tuesdays
Film & discussion	Pamela Roth	4th Wednesday 10.30am
French	Geoff Hunt	
Gardening	Ron Butler	Thursdays 2pm
German beginners	Jean Cox	
German advanced	Evelyn Ingram	

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A brush with talent The art class hard at work at the Scout Hut in Firs Road with Peter Richardson drawing up the course

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History	Tom Fanning	
Italian	Helen Webster	Tuesdays 10.30am
Knitting	Mary Flynn	1 st Tuesdays 2pm
Mapping Bramhall	Val Murray	3 rd Mondays 2pm
Classical music Gp 1	Ken Mulliner	1st Wednesday
Classical music Gp 2	Ken Mulliner	2nd Wednesday
Classical music Gp 3	Paul Stewart	1 st Mondays 10am
Music (for leisure)	Joanne Hague	Fridays 10.30am
Personal Imaging	Cathy Jones	Tuesdays am 10-12
Poetry	Jean Budd	3 rd Mondays 2pm
Pub Quiz	Sheila Porter	Evenings
Recorder	Mabel James	Mon; 2pm beginners, 3pm advanced
Scottish country dance	Sheila Bruce-Smith	
Swimming	Jo Crichley	
Theatre/outings	Renee Remmott	
Walking	Bob Dumbarton	See details P3
Yoga	Katy Bhogal	Fridays 10-11am

Events in the area

Stockport College Town Centre Campus Summer School 2010

Course	Date	Time	Duration	Cost
Afghanistan	Monday July 12	10am-4pm	One day	£15
Creative Writing	Tuesday July 13	10am-4pm	One day	£15
Energy from waste/recycling	Wednesday July 14	10am-4pm	One day	£15
Islam and Muslim awareness workshop	Friday July 16	10am-4pm (lunch for all courses 1-2pm)	One day	£15

Walking Group stop press

Cheadle Hulme U3A are planning a walking weekend in North Wales from August 13-16 using the services of Clwyd Walking Holidays and invites Bramhall U3A walkers to join them. The company will provide walk leaders for guests of different abilities with short or longer walks available.

The party will stay at the Springfield Hotel in Pentre Halkyn Holywell for the three nights with breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner included. Transport to the start of the walks is provided from the hotel. The cost will be £187.50 per person with a single supplement of £27.

Further details from Joan and Ken Clifford.

U3A North-West Regional News

Seminar on aspects of running U3As

Our idea (for the Autumn) is to have a day session (probably at Preston) with a substantial number of short (typically 1 hour) sessions on various aspects such as Internal communications, External relations with other bodies, Building a website, Newsletter/diary production, Sources of funding, Registering as a charity (when and how), Committee tasks and their allocation, Getting and supporting subject group coordinators/leaders, Types of group – maximising contributions from members, Optimising your human resources and getting enough volunteers, Avoiding stagnation, and Succession planning.

We plan to optimise the distribution between parallel sessions so that as many people as possible would be able to attend 4 or 5 different sessions of their choice during the day. More information in a future NW U3A News.

Study Day on Energy

St Cuthbert's Church Centre, Lytham Road, Fulwood, Preston, July 7 (12.30-17.30pm; buffet lunch) Cheques for £10 per person payable to NW Region of U3As should be sent to Mrs J. Anderson, 113 Brook Lane, Timperley, Altrincham, WA15 6RT Full details and application from NW U3A News Issue 6.