

Bramhall



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Chairman's message

Dear All

On behalf of the committee, can I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The cold snap seems to have started early this year, so we may not have to dream of a White Christmas but will actually have one!

My thanks to Joy Armstrong and Kate Gardner and the team of ladies who have organised our Christmas Party and to all those who are providing the entertainment.

Christmas is a time for giving so let's not forget our charities. Helen was able to announce at the last meeting that we'd raised over £150 from the sales table for St Ann's Hospice and taken several packs of food to Well Spring. Both these charities do need our help – Well Spring in particular is desperate for money to pay the small team of fulltime workers. So please continue to support Helen and Diane next year as they run our sales table.

At the last meeting I was able to announce that our membership had passed the 500 mark which is excellent after just one year. You will shortly be getting reminders for your 2011 subscriptions. We have kept the amount at £10 for this coming year and we are exploring whether this can be gift aided.

We received a grant from the Greater Manchester Confederation of Local Authorities and we have now purchased a laptop, a projector and screen and a keyboard. Groups wishing to use the equipment should contact Alistair Gardner for the laptop and projector and Chris Hollingsworth for the keyboard.

Looking to the New Year, we are holding a Celebration lunch at the Hallmark Hotel (the Belfry) on Thursday 3rd February – full details on the website or from Joy Armstrong. The hotel can accommodate over 450 people so there will be room for everyone who wants to come.

Over the last few weeks I've been involved in meetings to set up U3As in Wilmslow and Poynton. Both launch meetings were very well supported and the groups are now up and running. Wilmslow will meet at the URC in Wilmslow on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm and Poynton will meet at the Civic Centre on the third Tuesday of the month. I so hope, as they become established, we will be able to form a link group with them and Cheadle Hulme. The NW Region is now looking at further groups in Stockport which should ease the pressure on us.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year

Dorothy M Chesterman
Chairman

Theatre and Outings

Details of our 2011 Spring programme will be available soon. Booking forms for York and Ironbridge will be on the website (www.bramhallu3a.org.uk) in mid-December and will be available to book at the U3A meetings from January.

Event date	Event	Price
Wednesday 16th February	Guided tour of Bridgewater Hall, Manchester (own transport)	£4.00
Friday 4th March	Martin Mere Wetland Centre	£18 (t.b.c.)
Thursday 24th March	York Including Jorvik Viking Museum Excluding Jorvik Viking Museum	£15 £9.50
Monday 18th April	Ironbridge (includes museum entrance fees)	£22

Anyone interested in organising Theatre trips should contact Christine Hollingsworth and Judith Fell (Theatre and Outings co-ordinators).

MONTHLY MEETINGS The following talks have been arranged: 20th Jan - Mrs Rosemarie Sumira "I was an Alien". 17th Mar - Kevin Fitzpatrick "The Life of a BBC Reporter". 21st Apr - Kevin Dranfield (Stockport Heritage) "Bonnie Prince Charlie". 19th May - Andy Kelly "Friendship Force." The meeting on 17th Feb is the AGM. All meetings at St Michael's Church, Robins Lane 2pm (doors open at 1.30pm). Please have your membership card and £1 admission fee with you.

HOLIDAYS A provisional booking has been made for a five-day holiday by coach to Ryde on the Isle of Wight from 27th June to 1st July 2011. Accommodation: Royal Esplanade Hotel, Ryde. Four nights' dinner, room and breakfast. Price: £294 per person. Full and half-day excursions included. To reserve your place a deposit of £60 per person is required by 15th December 2010, cheques made payable to Bramhall U3A. Please send deposit to: Peter Rhodes 16 Mountfield Rd Bramhall SK7 1LZ. Please note: Rooms available are double or twin-bedded. All single rooms available have already been reserved.

WALKING GROUP The Schedule for 2011 is now being compiled but I am desperately short of Walk Leaders. The task is not onerous and I will provide any details and help as required. The walks should be between three and six miles and can be flat or with a small number of moderate hills. Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss. Thanks, Bob Dumbarton

Date	Leader	Venue	Description
Thursday Jan 13	Bob Dumbarton	Lyme Park	Easy/mod 3-4 miles
Wednesday Feb 23	Bob Dumbarton	Middlewood Way	Easy 3-4miles

BOOK HERE The existing Book and Discussion groups are full so anyone interested in co-ordinating new groups for these activities should contact Sue Bosworth.

CONTACT Chairman Dorothy Chesterman. Vice-chairman/secretary Joy Armstrong Treasurer Alistair Gardner. Group co-ordinator Sue Bosworth. Membership secretary Kay Witham. Speakers Secretary Jane Hind. Theatre/outings Judith Fell; Christine Hollingsworth. External relations secretary Michael Hollingsworth. Newsletter editor Peter Levy. Website manager Charlie Barker. *See paper copy of newsletter for telephone nos.*

The newsletter and updates are printed alternate months. Log on to the website www.bramhallu3a.org.uk for all the latest information.

Mayor hails a success story (and other pictures)



Bramhall U3A members met the Mayor of Stockport (Councillor Hazel Lees) recently. They were on a tour of Stockport Town Hall organised for the Mayor's Charities. The Mayor, on being told that the Bramhall U3A now had over 500 members after being in existence for just a year, said "A real success story". She is pictured (left) with U3A members. Other pictures (clockwise from top left) show members with their hard hats ready for the day's labours at the World of Glass in St. Helens in November. The weather was better (remember those balmy autumn days) when the cyclists were out and about, members of the Norwegian group take time out from their session, while card making activities are in full swing for Christmas



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Interest	Co-ordinator	Meeting dates
Archaeology	Peter Levy	To be arranged
Art	Peter Richardson	Alt Mondays 1-3pm
Beginners Bridge	Rodney Inglesfield	Fridays 10-noon
Bridge (experienced)	Pat Wright	By arrangement
Book group A	Dudley Newell	4 th Thursday
Book group B	Rachel Mulliner	Monday
Card making	Dorothy Chesterman	Alt Mondays
Choir	Chris Hollingsworth	Tues 10am-noon
Church history	Dorothy Chesterman	Alt Weds 10am-noon
Computer/software	Gordon Jackson	Alt Tuesdays 2pm
Cycling	Ann Green	Tuesdays
Digital Photography	Harry Bosworth	Mondays 2-4pm
Dining	Janet McMurray/ Joy Armstrong	Monthly, Tuesdays or Wednesdays
Discussion group A	Dina Levy	4 th Monday 2pm
Discussion group B	Pat Wright	3 rd Friday 2pm
Family History A	Diane Bright	Tuesdays 2pm
Family History B	Mary Hambleton	Wednesdays 2-4pm
Family History C	Brian Turner	Tuesday 10am-noon
Family History D	Brian Turner	Thursday 1-3pm
Film & discussion	Pamela Roth	4 th Wednesday 10.30am
French	Kay Witham	2 nd Monday 2pm
Gardening	Ron Butler	Thursdays 2pm
German beginners	Alison Davids	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays
German advanced	Evelyn Ingram	
History	Tom Fanning	Alt Thurs 10am-12noon
Italian	Helen Webster	Alt Tuesdays 10am
Knitting	Mary Flynn	1 st Tuesday 2pm
Life Coaching	Janet Owens	To be arranged
Mapping Bramhall	Val Murray	3 rd Monday 2pm
Classical music	Ken Mulliner	1 st Wednesday
Music (for leisure)	Joanne Haigh	3 rd Friday 10.30am
Norwegian	Joan Mobbs	Tuesdays 10.30am
Personal Image	Catherine Jones	Tuesdays 10am-noon
Pilates	Sue Bosworth	Monday 11.30am-12.30pm, Thursday 10-11am
Poetry	Jean Budd	3 rd Monday 2pm
Pub Quiz	Sheila Porter	Sunday evenings
Recorder	Mabel James	Mon; 2pm beginners, 3pm advanced
Scottish country dance	Sheila Bruce-Smith	1.30-3pm. Dec 17; Jan 14, 28, Feb 11. 25; Mar 11. 25, April 8
Spanish	Gaye Huddart	Tuesdays 10-11.30am
Swimming	Jo Critchley	Mon 7pm; Thur 9.30am Hazel Grove pool
Table Tennis	Liz Pennington	2 nd Wed and 4 th Friday 10.30- 11.30am
Theatre/outings	Judith Fell Chris Hollingsworth	See details in newsletter
Walking	Bob Dumbarton	See details in newsletter
Writing for publication	Roy Westall	To be arranged