



June 2012

Bramhall



Jubilee Tea Party Special

We raised £1,380 for our charities:
St. Annes Hospice and The Wellspring

Notes from the chair...

What a Jubilee!! The icing on the cake, literally on a piece of Union Jack cake, was our Diamond Jubilee Tea Party.

On behalf of you all, I must thank Bob Dumbarton and his team for all the hard work they put in to making it such a splendid event. It was great to see the work the groups had put into their displays. The singalong at the end gave us a chance to be really patriotic and wish her Majesty all the best for the coming years.

We are always looking at ways we can showcase the groups we run and this format was really successful. Your committee suggested we could make this an annual event - what do you think? Would you lend a hand organising it? Let me know.

It has been suggested that we have a U3A archivist who could organise the collection of information about all our activities before it gets lost. Is there anyone who feels this is something they could do - either on their own or with a small team? If so, please contact me.

To all our new members, we have a variety of activity groups you may wish to join. If so simply telephone the group contact for details of when and where they meet. If you have any problems, or there is not a group for your special interest, speak to David Armstrong and he will see what we can do to get a group going.

Dorothy M Chesterman, Chairman

August meeting update

The proposed renewal of windows in St Michael's Church Hall that was scheduled for August this year has been postponed and rescheduled for 2013. In view of the Church's change of plans, it has been decided that our meeting in August this year will revert back to St Michael's Church Hall from Bramhall Village Hall.

Alistair Gardner

Supporting our supporters

We thank the following local businesses who generously gave prizes for the Jubilee tombola:

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| Barard | Bramhall Flowers |
| Bramhall Hair Studio | Beards |
| Beauty by Barnett | Bramhall Bakery |
| Beluga | Corry's |
| Cuthbert's | Cheshire Fish |
| Country Fayre | D'Amici |
| Ego | Greetings |
| Hallmark | Indulgence |
| Jim Hall Sports | Loved |
| Napa | Nigel Mark |
| Piccolino | Plumcake |
| Pets + Paws + Claws | Pound Shop |
| Ryan Jake | Simply Books |
| Toni and Guy | What Lyes Beneath |
| Yogberries | |

Please support these local businesses whenever you can.

The Bramhall U3A Jubilee Tea Party

It was post-Christmas when Helen Webster & I first discussed how we could raise money for our two charities during 2012. It being the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, the idea developed of having a U3A Tea Party, the objectives of which would be threefold. Firstly, we would raise money for both St Annes Hospice and The Wellspring; secondly we could use it to showcase many of the Groups' activities and thirdly it would be an ideal social event for our members. A sub-committee of David Armstrong, Sue Bosworth, Kate Gardner, Helen & Peter Webster and Bob & Brenda Dumbarton was formed and the work commenced.

Over the next four months, the original idea grew and, with the help of Group Leaders, we only had three outstanding questions a week before the event – could we raise the marquee, would the weather be kind to us and would the Queen attend? Unfortunately we failed on all counts but, in the event, it didn't make any difference to the overall result.

The Hall was duly decorated with bunting, banners, balloons and pictures of the Queen, tables were laid out for the Groups who wished to promote their activities and for some to sell their wares. The cake, gardening, book and tombola stalls were over-flowing with kind donations from members and Bramhall Traders, and the tea and scrumptious cakes were prepared for the members' refreshments. The result was a total success – almost all the donations were sold or won, the Scottish Dancing was most enjoyable, the cakes were eaten and the singalong of 'Land of Hope and Glory' and 'Rule Britannia' could be heard in Bramhall Village!

Most importantly, the total raised for our two charities was £1,380 – a magnificent amount and my thanks go to the Committee and to all members who contributed in one form or another.

Bob Dumbarton







Chairman	Dorothy Chesterman
Vice-chairman/secretary	Joy Armstrong
Treasurer	Alistair Gardner
Groups co-ordinator	David Armstrong
Membership secretary	Kay Witham
Speakers secretary	Jane Hind
External Relations secretary	Mike Hollingsworth

A more detailed group news section will appear in August

Group news

Science for All - There is a Geology field trip in the Peak District, to be led by Jane Asterley, on

June 26. See website or contact Mike Hollingsworth for further information

Community news

Stockport College Summer School, which is run particularly for U3A members, still has places on the one day workshops being held in the week beginning 9 July. There are places for Forensic Science (Wednesday only), Flash Fiction (writing very short stories), You can do it DIY (help with repairs around the home) plus Anglo-Saxon England and Norseman. Workshops on Wonders of the Universe and Forensic Science (Monday) are full.

Researchers at Manchester University are investigating the factors that determine the vulnerability and resilience of older people to developing depression. They need volunteers who are currently healthy who may or may not have had depression in the past.

Further information can be found on the Community Information page of the Bramhall U3A website (<http://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/other/community.html>) or contact Mike Hollingsworth, External Relations secretary.

Theatre, Visits and Outings

Our visit to Liverpool in April was a huge success. We visited the new Museum of Liverpool, the Port Building, lunched at the Adelphi, went onto St. George's Hall and the Walker Art Gallery. We had a brilliant guide and a wonderful day.

Shrewsbury and Attingham Park were both interesting. Shrewsbury has many historic churches and other buildings. It is a charming town with a lovely walk down by the River Severn. Attingham Hall and Park were quite grand and all the staff were dressed in Georgian costume. We had an informative and amusing talk from one of the staff and we then explored the house.

Event date	Event	Price
Friday 20 July	Llandudno & Marble Church	£13
Tuesday 21 August	Castle Howard	£19.50
Friday 14 September	Saltaire	£13.50
Saturday 29 + Sunday 30 September	2 days sightseeing in London*	From £170
Wed 24 October	'42 nd Street', Palace Theatre	£39 (matinee)
Thurs 10 January 2013	'One Man, Two Guvnors', Lowry Theatre	£33 (matinee)

Our September outing, which goes on sale this month, takes us to Saltaire village near Bradford. Sir Titus Salt built this amazing village 1851-76 for his workers at Salts Mill. A talk and guided tour is included.

Events marked * are full but you can apply to go on the waiting list. The cost of each event includes transport, driver's tip and tickets.

All events can be booked at monthly meetings and online via the U3A website (<http://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/>).

Dates for Your Dairy

19th July
Fr. Michael Burgess
Faith, Fun
and Fellowship

16th August
Barbara Brooks
Snapshots of History

20th September
Sean Swallow
Garden Design

18th October
Eric Newton
Life and Times of a
Busker

15th November
Keith Warrender
Underground
Manchester

Walking Group

Wed. June 27
Rainow
5miles: easy
Liz Pennington

Thurs. July 12
Disley
6 miles: easy/mod
Peter Rhodes

Wed. July 25
Redesmere
5 miles: easy
Bob Dumbarton

Thurs. Aug. 9
Bob Preece

*Wed. Aug. 22 (tba)

Thurs. Sept. 13
Lyme Park
Jane Asterley

*Wed Sept. 26 (tba)

Bramhall U3A Interest groups

Interest	Co-ordinator	Meeting dates
Archaeology	Peter Levy	Outings usually on Fridays
Art	Peter Richardson	Alt Mondays 1-3pm
Beginners Bridge	Rodney Inglesfield	Wednesdays 10am-noon
Bridge improvers	Rodney Inglesfield	Wednesdays 10am-noon
Bird Watching	Diana Oldfield	Monthly; to be arranged
Book group	Dudley Newell	4th Thursday
Card making	Dorothy Chesterman	Alt Mondays
Choir	Chris Hollingsworth	2nd and 4th Tues 10am-noon
Church history	Dorothy Chesterman	Alt Weds 10am-noon
Computers	Charlie Barker	Tuesdays Jan 10-31 4-5.45pm
Creative writing	Keith Wright	Wednesdays
Crown green bowling	Ann Smith	Mondays 10am
Cycling	Ann Green	Tuesdays
Digital Photography	Harry Bosworth	Mondays 2 - 4pm
Dining	Janet McMurray	Monthly - Tuesday or
Dining	Joy Armstrong	Wednesday evenings
Discussion group A	Dina Levy	4th Monday 2pm
Discussion group B	Pat Wright	3rd Friday 2pm
Embroidery	Dorothy Chesterman	2nd Thursday 10am -12noon
Family History A	Diane Bright	Tuesdays 2pm
Family History B	Mary Hambleton	Wednesdays 2 - 4pm
Family History C	Brian Turner	First Thursday 1-3pm
Film & discussion	Pamela Roth	4th Wednesday 10.30am
French	Kay Witham	Alternate Mondays 2pm
Gardening	Ron Butler	Thursdays 2pm
German beginners	Alison Davids	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
History	Tom Fanning	Alt Thurs 10 -12
Italian	Helen Webster	Alt Thursdays 10am
Knitting	Mary Flynn	1st Tuesday 2pm
Mapping Bramhall	Val Murray	3rd Monday 2pm
Music (for leisure)	Joanne Haigh	3rd Friday 10.30am
Norwegian	Joan Mobbs	Tuesdays 10.30am
Personal Image	Catherine Jones	Thursdays 10am-noon
Pilates	Sue Bosworth	Mon 11.30-12.30 + Thurs 10-11
Poetry	Jean Budd	2nd Monday 2pm
Pub Quiz	Sheila Porter	Sunday evenings
Scottish country dance	Sheila Bruce-Smith	Alt Fridays 1.30-3.
Science for All	Mike Hollingsworth	4th Tuesday 2-4
Scrabble	Val Barker	2nd Monday
Spanish	Gaye Huddart	Tuesdays 10-11.30am
Spanish (beginners)	Diana Blaney	Thursdays 2-4pm
Swimming	Jo Critchley	Mon 7pm; Thur 9.30am at Hazel Grove pool
Table Tennis	Liz Pennington	1st + 2nd Wed and 4th Friday 10.30 -11.30
Walking	Bob Dumbarton	See newsletters and website
Theatre/outings	Judith Fell Chris Hollingsworth Val Graham	See newsletters and website
Holidays	Peter Rhodes	See newsletters and website