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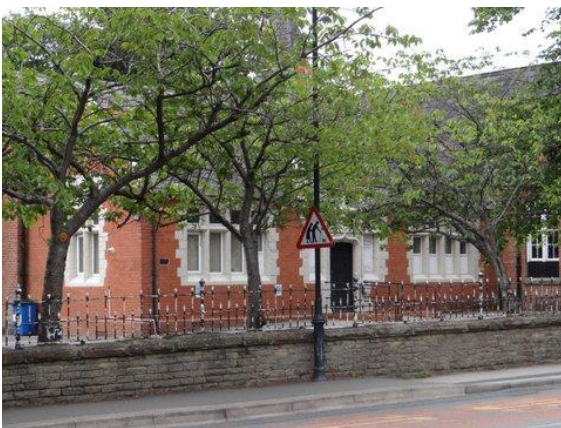
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The Changing Face of Poynton

Since the inauguration of Poynton U3A, which is now in its fifth year, the Village has been classified as a Town. We have retained the name Poynton, for which we should probably be grateful, as everything else that we have become accustomed to over the intervening years seems to have changed. This is nothing compared to the changes that we will have to endure if Cheshire East go ahead with the proposed building of 650 houses in the area.



Everyone seems to be unsure about the building plans for the next few years. There are not too many green spaces left in the town. If most, or all, of these schemes come to fruition, there are likely to be none.

Two or three of the larger sites proposed will have access onto Chester Road, which is fine, as most of you know there is very little traffic on that road at the moment. Or was that just on Saturday 5 March from 9.00am when that road was partially closed for six hours, and then totally closed until 12.30am on the Sunday? This was due to a full petrol tanker, having driven a couple of hundred yards from the fuel depot, turning out in front of a fire engine and the fireman noticing sparks and smoke coming from the rear axle of the tanker. Two police cars arrived, closed one carriage-way and diverted traffic. Later it was joined by another fire engine and a third police car.



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Committee News

Chairman's Comments

In our spring edition I offered some reflections on Poynton U3A's 5th anniversary and the origins of the U3A movement in the early 1980s. At the moment we in Poynton are one of the 996 local U3As in the UK and we have almost 450 of the U3A's total UK membership of 366,148 members.

The U3A movement differs from, for example, the WI and TWG. It is not a federation of branches under a central supervision. It is a confederation of local groups which are independent. Most of these, like Poynton, are charities in their own right. With regard to our financial matters we must follow Charity Commission guidance and report annually to the Charity Commission. We don't report to "Head Office" or "Headquarters". There is no such thing. The U3A Trust in the National Office in Kent consists of elected volunteer Trustees on the National Executive Committee and a small paid staff. It acts as a support and advisory body for all local U3As. We pay a small annual subscription to The U3A Trust for each of our members - £3.50 per member from your annual membership fee of £10. This covers insurance of our members when they are engaged in U3A activities and funds the small group of paid staff who maintain a central website, deal with national publicity etc.

Since local U3As are not funding large and expensive "Headquarters", U3A annual membership fees can be very much lower than many other organisations. Poynton's Committee are responsible as Charity Trustees for the setting and collection of these fees and we have managed to maintain these at £10 per annum since our inception 5 years ago. We have been able to do this because our organisational and financial operation is carried out wholly through volunteers. These volunteers are members of Poynton U3A. So we are a body operating for its members and wholly run by its members.

Of course if we fail to get volunteers from our members, we will no longer exist! A significant number of our members are not able, for a variety of reasons, to offer regular support to our U3A as Committee Members. But, following our appeal at the AGM, we now have a sizeable list of "Friends of Poynton U3A" who have agreed to help us out with various aspects of running our General Meetings in the Civic Hall from time to time. We have also managed to get important specialist back-up support for maintaining our website. We have already been

using some of this volunteer support and it has made a significant impact on the running of our General Meetings. Our thanks to all those who have come forward.

David Sewart

Gerry and Iris

Gerry and Iris have now resigned from the U3A committee after five years of hard work and expertise, having been founder committee members since the Poynton U3A Committee was formed in 2011. Gerry was Treasurer and Iris Assistant Treasurer. Starting a new group took time and dedication. There were guidelines to follow but these alone were not enough and Gerry's knowledge of the laws and rules of finance were invaluable. His good management and meticulous keeping of accounts has enabled our U3A to put down strong financial roots and to keep our membership subscription low.

Apart from helping Gerry, Iris started the Book Group which from the beginning has had a strong membership. She also began the Day Trips which proved to be so popular that places are filled very quickly. Happily Iris will continue to run both the Book Group and the Day Trips.

They both attended most general meeting, often working on the door to welcome members, many of whom they knew by their first names. This helped people to feel that they belonged and were valued members of Poynton U3A.

The Committee will greatly miss Gerry's and Iris's presence. Iris's calming influence when matters became a little heated, their senses of humour, hard work and commitment will be missed. Together they made a good team.

Joan Stepto

Coffee Mornings

Members continue to enjoy the Coffee Mornings at Wetherspoons on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10.30 am. The next dates are September 28th, and October 26th. Note there are no Coffee Mornings in July and August.

Anne Wynn

Committee and Other News

Day Trips

Wednesday 28 September - Buxton Opera House & Masson Mill

We visit the Spa town of Buxton for tea/coffee biscuits and a talk at the beautiful Opera House, then some free time to explore Buxton before getting back on the coach to visit Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mill which is a working Textile Mill and Museum for a demonstration and tour. This is an extensive site which also has a variety of shops and a restaurant. Depart Masson Mill 3.30/4.00pm
£16.00 per person

Thursday 20 October – Whalley Abbey & National Trust Gawthorpe Hall

We will visit Whalley Abbey for Coffee/Tea and biscuits and a talk or tour by one of the Monks. Then we journey on to the National Trust Gawthorpe Hall, a superb Jacobean House with an impressive textile collection. Depart Gawthorpe Hall 4.00/4.30pm
£15.00 per person. Extra charge of £3.00 for Non NT Members – payable on the day.

Thursday 17 November - The Two Cathedrals in Liverpool & Lunch

For our final trip we go to Liverpool. First we visit Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral for a tour of this stunning building with access to the Crypt & Treasury. Then back on the coach to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral where lunch will be provided and then have a tour of the Cathedral. Depart Liverpool 3.30/4.00pm
£23.00 per person

All Depart Bulkeley Road 9.30am.

Bookings for these trips will be taken from July.

Iris and Gerry Neale

Diary Dates	
Monthly General Meetings	
3 rd Tuesday in month at 2pm - Poynton Civic Hall	
August 16 th	Peter Bloc – An Introduction to the Alexander Technique
September 20 th	Open Day – Presentations from the Interest Groups
October 18 th	Victor Crawford –Amazing Women Pilots
November 15 th	Sheila Dale – The Eddie Stobart Story

Your Committee	
David Sewart	Chairman
Clive Hill	Vice-Chairman
Kay Dacey	Treasurer
Beryl Simpson	Secretary
Kate Marsham	Membership Secretary
Carol Gatenby	Speaker Organiser
Joan Stepto	Group Co-ordinator
Liz Markham	Asst Group Co-ordinator
Lynda Green	Events Co-ordinator
Anne Wynn	Welcome Co-ordinator
Dorothy Scale	Refreshment Organiser
Joyce Tapper	Asst Refreshment Organiser

Classical to Jazz - a Study Day

This was organised by representatives from 4 local U3As, Poynton, Macclesfield, Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme. It was held at St Michaels Church, Bramhall and was open to members of all the above plus Wilmslow and Cheadle & Gatley U3As.

The morning session was lead by Dr Gareth Curtis and titled 'How we listen to Music'.

Gareth presented a thought provoking talk on the structure of classical music, using a Mozart symphony as an example.

There followed a lovely lunch and an opportunity to chat to members from various U3As.

The afternoon session was a complete contrast. Yvonne Pinder and Matt Chaffer presented 'Banjo and Beyond'. They are both very knowledgeable, enthusiastic and entertaining, Yvonne with background information about the songs Matt performs and Matt with the history behind the instruments he plays.

This was both an educational and an entertaining day. We have several ideas for a future Study Day and anybody wishing to become involved in the organisation of such days would be very welcome.

Carol Gatenby

Views from the Groups

Walking in the Goyt Valley

On a very warm and sunny day in early May the walking group met at the Street car park near the Errwood Dam in the Goyt Valley. We set off towards the ruins of Errwood Hall which meant a gentle uphill climb through woodlands alive with birdsong. On reaching the ruins we had a short rest for refreshments. The hall had been built by a wealthy Manchester business man, Samuel Grimshawe in 1840. The estate had its own greenhouses, game, fishing, chapel and burial ground. The nearby school, coal mine, farms, cottages, lodge and original packhorse bridge were submerged when the reservoir was created in the 1930's. In times of drought the old estate buildings can sometimes be seen above water level. This last happened in 1991. When the last family member died in 1930, the contents were sold and the hall was purchased by Stockport council who used the hall as a Youth Hostel for a short time after which the hall was demolished. Stone from the hall was used in the construction of the water treatment works below Fernilee Reservoir.



Shortly after leaving the ruined hall we met a couple of birdwatchers who had been watching a Buzzard and a Red Kite circling above us.

We continued onwards and downwards eventually crossing the road and descending once more through very pleasant woodlands alongside the River Goyt. The path ascended back to the road and after a short distance the stone packhorse bridge came into view. Again we stopped to admire the wonderful scenery, listen to the constant sound of water running downhill into the river and to take a few photographs. After crossing the bridge we made our way back along the opposite side of the valley eventually crossing a narrow ravine and regaining the bank of the reservoir. The views from this side of the valley were quite different looking back across to the green wooded

hillside from a much wetter path with patches of peaty bog and short scrubby grass. Pheasants were seen and heard on this side. After crossing back over the dam the car park was soon reached. A few folk stayed and picnicked nearby. The distance covered was approx. 7 miles.

Kate Marsham

Bus Explorer and the Wonder of the Wayfarer

The Bus Explorer group continues to meet at regular intervals in Wetherspoons. Members share information and discuss places that they have visited and found interesting. A topic which was discussed at the April meeting was taking the bus to visit the Well Dressings in places such as Hayfield, Buxton and Bollington, to name a few.

The Wayfarer is a one day ticket, without the inconvenience of buying separate tickets that allows you to travel in Greater Manchester and parts of Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Staffordshire and the Peak District. A concessionary ticket costs £6.00 and enables you to travel by train, tram and bus. Two members had travelled from Poynton station to Piccadilly by train and then by tram to Exchange Quays in Salford from where they walked to Ordsall Hall. Ordsall Hall is an historic Tudor mansion house which is open to the public at certain times. Before returning home they walked around Salford Quays which is becoming a thriving area, partly due to Media City and the Lowry Theatre being located there.

Anne Wynn

Creative Writing Group

The group continues to produce interesting work which they have taken out into the community on several occasions. Last autumn we read our stories and poems to an appreciative audience in Poynton Library. Several people asked when we were going to do it again and we hope that it will not be too long before we will have a good collection of new work to read. We have also read to residents at three care homes and have received requests for return visits. It's good to be welcomed and appreciated outside the limits of our own group.

We meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 2pm at Davenport Golf Club, Middlewood Road. If you enjoy writing, we would love to meet you.

Now you know a bit about what the Creative Writing Group does, we would enjoy hearing about what your groups get up to.

Ann Pae

Views from the Groups

Science and Technology Visits

If a picture paints a thousand words then.....

Lion Salt Works, Northwich



Anderton Boat Lift, Northwich



Groups List

Group	Organiser	Meeting
Acoustic Folk/Rock Band	Geoff Brindle	Contact Organiser
Antiques	Judith Davis	Contact Organiser
Art	David Williams Tony Worthington	1.30-3.30pm Mondays Civic Hall
Art Appreciation	Kath Bell Carol Gatenby	Monthly. Contact Organiser
Ballet Appreciation	Meg Humphries	1 st Thursday or 4 th Wednesday each month
Bird Watching	Peter Owen	Monthly. Contact Organiser. (Programme on web site)
Bridge	Dorothy Rowland	2.00 alternate Mondays Civic Hall
Bus Pass Explorer	Vivienne Arnold Evelyn Shepherd	Contact Organiser.
Cake Decorating	Ann Tofield	Contact Organiser
Creative Writing	Veronica O'Connor Ann Walker	2.00pm 2 nd & 4 th Mondays in month Davenport Golf Club
Crosswords	Ed Milius	By arrangement with the organiser
Day Trips	Iris & Gerry Neale	Information at General Meetings & on website
Diners' Club	Gerard Miller	
D.I.Y.	Sue Badger	Contact Organiser.
Embroidery	Barbara Davies	2.30 4 th Thursday in month at Patchfinders
Exercise Class	Irene Johnson	St Martin's Church Hall 11.00 - 12.00 1 st Wednesday in month. Restarts 2 nd March
Family History	Moyna Barrott	Twice monthly. Contact Organiser.
Film Discussion Group	Maggie Eagland	2.00 3 rd Wednesday in month
French Conversation	Sandra & Keith Batchelor	Monthly. Contact Organiser.
Geology	Peter Bennett	Monthly. Contact Organiser.
German Conversation	Peter Owen	Monthly
History	Wendy Fermor Dorothy Bayman	2.00 4 th Tuesday in month
Laptop & Internet Basics	Jack Taylor	Information at General Meetings & on web site
Men's Reading Group	Les Simpson	Contact Organiser
Photography	Jan Slinn John Jurics	Monthly. Contact Organisers.
Play Reading	Catherine Owen	2.15 1 st Tuesday in month
Reading Group 1	Iris Neale	2 nd Tuesday in month
Reading Group 2	Glenys Parry-Jones	Last Monday of the month 10.30am at Wetherspoons
Science & Technology	Carol & Derek Gatenby	Contact Organisers.
Scrabble	Dorothy Bayman	2.00 2 nd Monday in month
Short Walks	Joan Stepto	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays in month
Spanish	Paul Freeborn	Mondays 10-11.30
Table Tennis	Janet Gill	2.00-4.00 1 st four Thursdays and 1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays in month, Poynton Sports Club
Walking	Marilyn Westbrook	1 st Thursday in month

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Other Poynton Groups open to our U3A Members

Group	Organiser	Meeting
Hallé Concert Visits	Yvonne Sharma	Information at General Meetings & on web site
PHS-PTA Theatre Trips	Elaine Roe	Information at General Meetings & on web site
PHS-PTA Minibreaks	Elaine Roe	Information at General Meetings & on web site

NEC Network U3A Open Groups

Group	Organiser	Meeting
Art (Bramhall)	Peter Richardson	1.00-3.00 alternate Mondays
Badminton (Bramhall)	Douglas Moore	2.00-4.00 Tuesdays
Church History (Bramhall)	Dorothy Chesterman	10.00 alternate Wednesdays
Creative Writing (Bramhall)	Pat George	2.00 2 nd Wednesday in month
Cycling (Wilmslow)	Richard Thomas	Weekly – Contact Organiser
Embroidery (Bramhall)	Dorothy Chesterman	10.00 alternate Wednesdays
Line Dancing (Bramhall)	Chris Chapman	1.30 -3.30 Wednesdays
Personal Image (Bramhall)	Catherine Jones	6-week courses, Thursdays 10.00-12.00
Scottish country Dancing (Bramhall)	Sheila Bruce-Smith	1.30-3.00 Fortnightly, Fridays
Wine Tasting (Bramhall)	Jenny Richmond	Bi-monthly

Please be sure to let us have any news items and photographs from your group's activities for our Website and Notice Board, via your Group Organiser.

If you are interested in joining any groups, contact the group organiser, or if you are interested in forming a new group, speak to Joan at General Meetings or email groups@poyntonu3a.org.uk.

Thanks to everybody who has contributed to the current newsletter. If you would like to submit articles or photographs for a future newsletter, please email your contribution to newsletter@poyntonu3a.org.uk or give it to a member of the Newsletter Group. The next copy date for the Poynton U3A Newsletter is October 8th 2016.

Message to all Group Organisers: *When you email your group members about arrangements, please send a copy to webmaster@poyntonu3a.org.uk so that we can keep the website up to date. Thank you.*

Open Day

Just a reminder that our Open Day will be on September 20th. It is an opportunity for all our Groups to show members and non-members what we do in Poynton U3A.

The last Open Day was in 2014 and a great success. I am sure the next one will be too.

Joan

Other News

The Changing Face of Poynton (Continued from Page 1)

As though that wasn't enough they were all joined by another tanker, a breakdown van, and a large recovery vehicle. Before the tanker could be moved thousands of litres of petrol and diesel had to be pumped from one to the other, after the nearest available pump finally arrived from Carlisle.

Another site is off Dickens Lane, which is a road that has over the years often provided its own traffic problems. All this at a time when Woodford is going to expand by 950 houses, which would mean over two and a half thousand people living on our boundary in an area that has no facilities of its own. Our doctors' and dentists' practices will have to take some of the extra patients, and our schools will have to receive extra children.

Some of the beneficial changes are the new roundels, that replaced the old traffic lights, and the altered approaches, making some people's attitudes appear to be more friendly and polite. The Civic Hall and Library have had an upgrade, even decorated: the former is a great improvement, not quite so sure of the latter. The Centre is again up and running. These are positive things, but I feel that the changes which will be inflicted on us, if some or all this proposed building takes place, will alter the character of the Town completely.

I have lived through multiple upheavals in Poynton since I was born in the village. During that time there have been over thirty developments of various sizes, some quite substantial, and a number of smaller ones. Farms have disappeared under bricks and Tarmac. We have had properties demolished and replaced with extra houses or flats; nursing homes have been built and of course supermarkets.

It would be good, if over optimistic, to think that Cheshire East will take notice of the flooding in early June which caused various roads, and railway line, in Poynton to be closed. The Council may even be moved to consider future regular maintenance work on the streams and rivers to allow a clear flow of water, without natural dams forming. As a consequence of their inactivity the roads that weekend looked more like rivers and houses became inundated with foul water.

In the past, all the top-water went into the streams and rivers, or into the combined sewage system, which had been installed in the 1930's, for a population of maybe 1500 people. Because of the drainage systems

which builders install, hard surfaces put the rainwater into waterways within hours, whereas the same amount of water would take days to percolate off agricultural land. A top-water drainage system should have been installed in Poynton prior to most of the large developments being permitted. This could well be on the cards before the next batch of building takes place: one wonders which part of the town will be dug up for the propose.



One of the major losses to the town would be if building was permitted on the Sports Ground. This green space so close to the shops, Civic Hall, Library and medical facilities could surely be more useful to the community for recreation, events, and even part of it as an extension to the Civic Hall car park, which is so often full. The only people to benefit from this development would be the developers and the site owners, whoever they are, working on an easy flat site, all amenities readily available, and premium prices for the houses. They will be laughing all the way to the bank, but it won't be Natwest apparently.

Two groups have been formed over the years to hopefully guide the local authority regarding the wishes of the Poynton residents. The first of these was the Stakeholders Panel, the second the Neighbourhood Plan. Both of these seem merely to have been sops to the populace. The latest so-called initiative is a new Neighbourhood Plan Group comprising residents aged between twenty and forty five, with or without children, to influence the way Poynton develops in the future. I hope they have more effect than the first two groups!

Clive B Hill

Members' Corner

Day Trip to Shugborough

A full coach visited Shugborough on a beautifully clear day and we were treated to loads of home-made cakes on arrival with tea and coffee. On a sunny wall of the house was perhaps the best large Wisteria display I have ever seen, gorgeous colour, demonstrating a very high level of pruning expertise.



For us the best feature of the house was the ceilings and views from the rooms were also super.

We visited the laundry where one of the exhibits was a sheet press. We were told that this needed at least 3 people to work it, two to lift it as it was full of rocks, and another to feed the sheets into it. We have visited very many NT and other stately houses over the years and never seen anything like it.

Another exhibit was an iron stand that looked like a dalek (picture).



Then to the farm where we were treated to Eccles cakes straight out of the brick oven. Then a demonstration of cheese making where we were told that because they have so few cows they make none for sale and can't even give it to the animals because of restrictions after BSE.

The walled garden included beds of black and redcurrant bushes, raspberries and a variety of flowers and vegetable crops. There was a pond once filled from a local stream to provide water for the crops and three scarecrows for children to dress in for photos.

And so home after a great day out. Bernard our driver took us on one of his alternative routes to the M6 as it was slowing to a halt, through very pleasant parts of Cheshire that we had not seen before.

Beryl Simpson

U3A Outing to Boundary Mill - 6th April 2016.

Last year our U3A had a trip to Boundary Mill at Colne where I was able to get some excellent bargains in their Art and Craft Department. I was dying to go again to see if they stocked the latest products. I hoped to get fitted up with new shoes too. When we got there I found the shoe department where they had thousands of shoes but no fitting service so I decided not to risk buying any. I then discovered that they no longer have an Art and Craft Department. I needed a brew which was very nice. I had my own little teapot which contained almost two cups of tea for 99p.

Right on the last minute before we were due to meet for lunch I did get some bargains though. I found an offer of two 500 gram packets of beautiful dried apricots for £6 and room temperature thermometers, which I had not been able to find in Poynton, and lastly, I bought large white cotton dishcloths at 50p each. We all enjoyed delicious lunches at Banny's Restaurant across the car park. Really I would need to spend a week or two in Boundary Mill to see everything. The staff were very courteous and helpful. I do hope that we will be going again – perhaps before Christmas?

We moved on to The Haworth Art Gallery near to Accrington and enjoyed a talk on the history of the building. There was a collection of the most beautiful Tiffany Glass and works of other artists too, some of which were for sale. The Gallery runs regular art workshops, musical events and you can even hold a wedding there. It was a really great day out.

Marjorie Harrop



Members' Corner

Bridgewater Hall Tour and Tea

A group of 35 of us recently had a guided tour of the Bridgewater Hall followed by Afternoon Tea. The tour was extremely good; our guide Andrew was excellent, very knowledgeable, interesting and entertaining. We learned a lot about the history of the building and its design and the intricacies of the amazing acoustics which have earned the Bridgewater Hall a place on the list of the top 10 concert halls in the world, the only British venue to feature. The planners and the builders have gone to great lengths to make the sound you hear as perfect as possible even down to cutting grooves in the undersides of the seats so that the sound doesn't bounce back off any empty seats. We visited the Undercroft and were able to see some of the 280 springs on which the Hall sits. This innovative technology of rows of steel springs between concrete pillars insulates the building from noise and vibration from its surrounding roads, tram and train lines. The Hall is so well isolated that construction workers inside the auditorium did not hear the explosion caused by the IRA bomb that in June 1996 broke virtually every window in the city centre.

Andrew had some amusing anecdotes to tell us including the time he was asked to present a bouquet of flowers to a well-known diva. He was chosen as he was an older man, on no account could the flowers be presented by a young woman and he had to make sure to stand out of the spotlight! Have you ever given a thought as to where these flowers come from at the end of a concert? Perhaps like me you have assumed that they are presented by the venue. Well no, apparently the artists have to provide them themselves. On this occasion after Andrew had presented them to the suitably gracious and grateful lady they were put in a bucket of water and transported to her next concert venue!

Unfortunately our interesting and enjoyable experience was somewhat spoiled by the poor Afternoon Tea we were offered. We felt that we had been significantly overcharged for the food that we had had and after some complaint and several emails later they rather grudgingly did give us a small refund.

So my advice would be: Take the Tour, it's really interesting but go elsewhere for your Afternoon Tea!

Elaine Roe

Financial Tip

A recent change to the tax system may allow you to benefit financially as has been the case for at least one member of Poynton U3A. Marriage Allowance lets you

transfer £1,100 of your Personal Allowance to your husband, wife or civil partner - if they earn more than you. This reduces their tax by up to £220 in the tax year (6 April to 5 April the next year). To benefit as a couple, the lower earner must have an income of £11,000 or less.

If you or your partner were born before 6 April 1935, you might benefit more as a couple by applying for Married Couple's Allowance instead.

For more information have a look at the Marriage Allowance section of the Gov.UK website.

Official apology regarding article in the Spring Issue of the Newsletter

In my very enthusiastic article about the Avro Museum I referred to the wonderful crowd of men, ex pilots and workers from British Aerospace who have so much information about the history of the place, and the planes which were made there. This was after my first visit. I have been several times since and met women who volunteer there, with similar experience, huge knowledge and who, of course, were not really offended by my faux pas but smiled about it and to whom I dedicate my apology.

Helen J Stanley

Family History Group

On Saturday 18th June we had an inspiring tour of Chethams Music College. The guide led us through a crumbling gateway that took us back to the 14th Century. Built from golden sandstone, all the original walls, although showing signs of erosion, are still warm and welcoming.

Inside the history unfolds as we followed the path of numerous families and visitors. The rooms, with their beams and fireplaces spoke of comfort and wealth. Chippendale chairs and oak tables, thick with patina, display a life of luxury and power.

The next floor opens to dark straight corridors of shelves filled with leather-backed dusty books. Here are first editions and the reading room with its round table and windows has welcomed many famous visitors. Engles sat and contemplated for many years in his preferred window seat whilst the Brontë sisters enjoyed the ambiance of this wonderful library.

It was indeed a day to remember.

Veronica O'Connor

Members' Corner

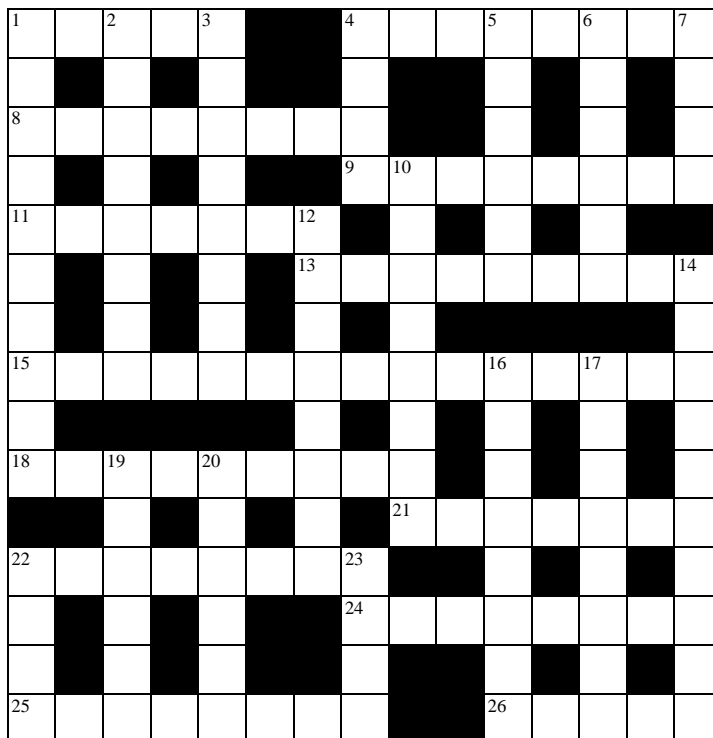
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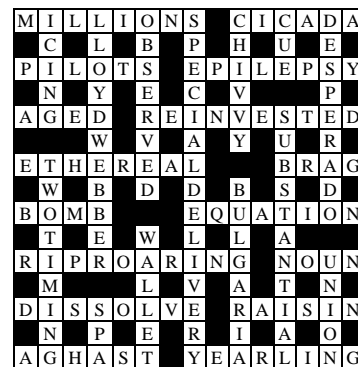
- 1 Famous singer puts on show number fifty one. (5)
- 4 U3A's pry with gossipy start in South America. (8)
- 8 Ran a week to stir again. (8)
- 9 Hidden, though shown at the cinema. (8)
- 11 Fly Boy! Seemingly navigating by way of a hill. (7)
- 13 Island mostly taken up with U3A's in Spain. (9)
- 15 Make sure delivery man has the answer to all our problems. (9,6)
- 18 A notation wrongly presented? I haven't the foggiest! (3,2,4)
- 21 When drunk u locals can be stony hearted. (7)
- 22 Reading about Head of Mafia gives cause for extravagant ideas. (8)
- 24 A suitable clue? Of course. (8)
- 25 Dominate the top horse in the field. (8)
- 26 Plump stomach is full of bulges! (5)

DOWN

- 1 Governor General involved with U3A's, National Trust and Royal Navy merging into something really big. (10)
- 2 The Italian canine with cropped tail – found in the garden. (8)
- 3 Find yourself in poor health in Florida for example. (2,1,5)
- 4 Spin off associated with needles. (4)
- 5 Download fermented ale and seek alms. (6)
- 6 Sounds like you are a rising sun, but no – just a planet (6)
- 7 Cart returns to ground. (4)
- 10 Scoundrel of mixed colour running a luxury vehicle! (8)
- 12 Rare snail evolving from a male sheep's protuberance (8)
- 14 Old radio quiz show whose name I've forgotten – can you help? (3,7)
- 16 Large bird has each leg broken by another nocturnal bird. (5,3)
- 17 Referee with award involved in retail therapy. (8)
- 19 Ancient Egyptian city is part of the best landmark in the world. (6)
- 20 Hesitate after losing all sense of feeling – is it up! (6)
- 22 Dreary poet returns. (4)
- 24 Very strong wind encountered after breaking a leg. (4)



Crossword Puzzle No.16 Solution



Compiled by the Poynton U3A Crossword Group.
If you would like to join us, contact Ed Milius

Photography Group Project



At the beginning of 2015 John Jurics set us a project to work on in our own time. This was to be a 'photo essay', so called because the intention was to tell a story in photos. The photos were to be taken over the course of the year and submitted to the group meeting at the end of the year. We were all given a piece of black board on which to mount our work which should contain 6-16 prints with a title and text if needed. The results were varied and interesting and reflected our individual interests and hobbies. There will be a display of all the photo essays at the Open Day in September in the Civic Hall.

Kate Marsham

