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At the Open Afternoon in September, there were lots of Interest Groups to investigate. Examples are to be found throughout this issue of the newsletter and particularly on the back page.

Chairman's Comments

This year of Poynton U3A's fifth anniversary has seen a continuation of our steady expansion - not just in terms of membership numbers but also in the range of Interest Groups in which members are engaged. Nowhere was this latter seen better than in our Open Day in September when the Civic Hall took on the appearance of a Fair as our Interest Groups set out their stalls, suitably and sometimes ingeniously decked out to advertise the range of their activities. A buffet area with continuous supplies of coffee, tea and biscuits provided some popular respite for those with tired feet. And the Open Day attracted through its doors almost twenty new members. Many thanks to all those who worked behind the scenes to arrange this biennial occasion.

The reorganisation and redecorating of the Main Hall last year brought with it a significant advantage for some of our General Meetings as the back wall of the stage can now be used as a huge screen, visible to an audience even at the back of the hall.

At our July meeting, Penny Dean offered us a fascinating story of her life with dwarfism.

She brought home to us the challenges she had faced in her early years at school, then in her married and family life. After years of tireless work, particularly campaigning to get more accessible sports, Penny and her husband were both recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours, with OBEs.

At the time of writing I am looking forward to the story of "Amazing Women Pilots" in October, "The Eddie Stobart Story" in November and a Christmas Meeting which includes, amongst other things, the appearance of a Ukulele Group. It seems likely that our 5th Anniversary year may well turn out to be our most interesting and vibrant to date.

Finally, it has been brought to my attention that we are at the start of the 60th Anniversary Year for St. George's Singers. There will be more about St. George's Singers in the next issue.

David Sewart

[The Christmas Meeting on Tuesday 20th December will be for Poynton U3A members only. The normal £1 admission charge will apply – Ed]

Committee News

Administrative Upgrade

It's over 5 years ago since the founding members of our Committee devised our structure of Interest Groups and monthly General Meetings as well as the systems for our Finances and Membership Records. At the Committee Meeting on 1st February 2011 the Membership Secretary reported that we had 176 members and the Group Co-ordinator reported that there were 22 Groups with leaders most of which had already had their first meeting. This year we have over 450 members and well over 30 Interest Groups are thriving. These volumes require us to upgrade our recording and administrative systems and we have been looking into the *Beacon* system which has recently been devised by a team of U3A volunteers and is now being taken up by an increasing number of U3As.

This is a computer system operated over the Internet specifically to support the operation of individual U3As, each controlling and accessing its own data. We are hoping to transfer our records to this system in the late spring or early summer and, as a start to this will be organising our membership files from the beginning of next year so that they can easily be transferred onto *Beacon*. The system also supports Gift Aid and can be used for organising Interest Groups but we won't be introducing Gift Aid until 2018 at the earliest. We don't want to run before we have learnt to walk properly so we will concentrate first of all on membership records and systems which allow us to contact you.

David Sewart

Membership Renewal

You can renew your membership for 2017 using the form below if you are unable to attend the January General Meeting. Please do not send postal renewals before January 1st 2017.

We'd be nothing without them

U3A committees are often undervalued, but not a lot would happen without them, wrote Helen Green, vice chairman of Cardigan U3A, in a recent newsletter. But what would happen if the committee wasn't there?

"There would be no monthly general meeting, as you wouldn't be able to enter the Church [Civic] Hall. Nobody would have booked or paid for it."

"If you could get in, no-one would welcome you, there would be no information boards and no-one would have booked or paid for a speaker. There would be no PA system, projector or laptop to enhance the presentation and no-one would have organised refreshments"

Helen added that there would be no-one to support and advise the leaders of study [interest] groups and help form new ones; no trips; no Christmas Party, in fact no social occasions at all.

No-one would manage finances, so no insurance at meetings, no Third Age Matters or Sources, no laptops, projectors, screens or display boards for interest groups, no forward planning, no links to other U3A's, no membership records.

She concluded: "You would never have heard of Cardigan U3A in the first place as no-one would have publicised our activities in local newspapers, distributed leaflets, updated social media or put up displays in local venues"

Extracted with permission from TAM Summer 2016

Come and join us: Your U3A really needs help on your Committee or one of the numerous sub-groups which enable Poynton U3A to flourish. The tasks are not arduous, can be quite satisfying, and even fun. Why not attend one of the Committee meetings and see for yourself?

Poynton U3A Membership Renewal Form Subscription for 2017 is still £10.00

Memberships expire at the end of December and you cannot attend the AGM in March if you are not a current member. To continue to enjoy the activities run by Poynton U3A you need to renew your membership by January 31st 2017. You can do this at our General Meeting on Tuesday January 17th 2017 or by post using the following form.

Title _____ First name _____ Family name _____ Membership no. _____

Please list any changes to your contact details (including changes to your email address) :-

Please post this form with your old membership card, a stamped self-addressed envelope and a cheque for £10.00 (made payable to Poynton U3A) to Poynton U3A Membership Secretary, 98 Vernon Road, Poynton, Cheshire SK12 1YR.

Committee and Other News

Short Walks

These are gentle walks of about 2 miles, taking one to one and a half hours. Meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at **10.45 a.m. at the start of a walk** or, if you need a lift or can provide a lift to the start, at **10.30 a.m. outside the Civic Centre, Poynton.**

Date	Walk and Starting Place
8/11/16	Sugar Lane Round. Start at the car park on Holehouse Lane, past the Windmill Pub.
22/11/16	Lady's Incline. Start at Civic Centre.
13/12/16	Hagg Farm Circuit. Start at Nelson Pit Visitor Centre. Followed by lunch (optional) at the Boar's Head pub.
CHRISTMAS BREAK	
10/1/17	Miners' Arms and Poynton Coppice. Start at Coppice car park
24/1/17	Clarence Mill. Start at the public car park just past the Windmill Pub near the canal, on Holehouse Lane
14/2/17	Adlington Basin. Start at Nelson Pit Visitor Centre
28/2/17	Whiteley Green to Bollington. Start at car park on Holehouse Lane past Windmill Pub
14/3/17	Petre Bank. Start at Civic Centre
28/3/17	Jackson's Brickworks Nature Reserve. Start at Jackson's Brickworks car park, Pool House Lane
11/4/17	Edge of Lyme Park. Start at Nelson Pit Visitor Centre
25/4/17	Lyme Park. Start at lay-by near West Park Gate
9/5/17	Bluebell Walk & Styperson Pool. Start at car park on Holehouse Lane, past Windmill Pub
23/5/17	Hilltop Walk. Start at Nelson Pit Visitor Centre
13/6/17	Four Winds and Lyme Park, to include a 45mins stop in Lyme Park. Start at Nelson Pit Visitor Centre
27/6/17	Coppiceside Walk. Start Coppice car park
11/7/17	Wood Lane wild-flowers walk. Start at lay-by on Wood Lane West near the Miners' Arms pub
25/7/17	Lyme Park Picnic Walk. Start at the lay-by near West Park Gate.

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 November 23rd, January 25th and February 22nd. Note there is no Coffee Morning in December.

Anne Wynn

Diary Dates	
Monthly General Meetings	
3rd Tuesday in month at 2pm - Poynton Civic Hall	
December 20 th	Christmas Meeting
January 17 th	Peter Kirk – The History of the British Postage Stamp
February 21 st	Kevin Dransfield – The Stockport Viaduct
March 21 st	AGM

News from the Town Council

Men in Sheds

The group meet at the Community Centre in Poynton and recently have seen the arrival of a new Chairman, Carl Roscoe. The Men have been sprucing up their room in the Community Centre by painting the walls, making benches and adding shelving. They've been using their extensive wood-working skills to create bird boxes, garden trugs and wooden crates. They're taking orders as their home-made wares have proved to be very popular as Christmas presents, as the festive season approaches. They are currently looking at a range of Christmas 'presents' that they can sell, so either pop along to one of their sessions to see what they're up to or, from November, visit the reception at the Civic Hall which will have a selection of what's on offer!

Men in Sheds welcomes new members to the group and are keen to get more involved with community based projects in the Poynton. They meet twice a week; Wednesdays 10am – 12 noon and Fridays 1pm-3pm. If you are interested in getting involved or would like a chat about Men in Sheds, please contact Carl.

Friday morning shoppers

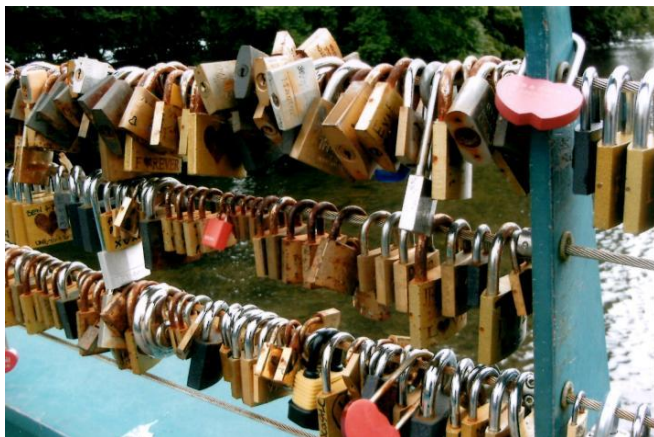
There are places available on the Friday Morning Shopping Bus. This is a volunteer-led service which brings our elderly residents from home to the village, so they can visit the shops and have a cup of tea in the Civic Hall before being taken back home. If you or someone whom you know would benefit, please contact Poynton Town Council for more information.

Views from the Groups

Bus Pass Explorer Trip to Bakewell & Buxton

Travelling on the P1 bus from Poynton Church on 1st August I paid a fare of £1.15 as a bus pass is not valid before 9.30am. Arriving at Argyll Street, Hazel Grove, I walked along to the bus stop on the A6 by Torkington Park, opposite the 'Rising Sun'. The Manchester to Derby bus, the TP (Transpeak) stops here at 10am on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year, and during July and August on Mondays to Fridays also. The bus ride from the Rising Sun to Bakewell takes 1hr 20mins.

The 'Park and Ride' at Hazel Grove is a very good way of starting any bus journey along the A6 in the Buxton direction. I chose to go on a Monday when the lively market has a large variety of stalls with an eclectic mix of items. There was a holiday atmosphere everywhere, particularly along the riverside, where the 'bridge of padlocks' is an unusual visitor attraction.



The locks on Bridge 8 in Bakewell

At 13.59 I caught the TP back to the Rising Sun (Beware, although there is an hourly service, the next bus to stop at the Rising Sun departs from Bakewell at 16.59 – the ones in between terminate at Buxton, where you can transfer to a 199). I decided to get off the bus at Buxton at 14.28, which gave me time to go and look at the Georgian 'Crescent Hotel'. This is currently covered with scaffolding as restoration work is finally underway and due to be completed in 2020, when it will reopen as a luxury hotel.

At 15.25 I caught the 58 bus from Buxton Market Place for the scenic ride to Macclesfield along the 'Cat and Fiddle' road, arriving at Macclesfield at 16.00. My circular trip ended on the 392 bus departing from Macclesfield at 16.20. This particular bus goes along the main road, not through Bollington and Pott Shrigley.

Vivienne Arnold

Art Group



The Art Group meets every Monday in Poynton Civic Centre, Council Chamber, between 1:45 and 3:45pm. We work in a range of media including watercolours, acrylics, pastels and charcoal. The Group is made up of like-minded individuals who enjoy not only the art but also the social contact. Members' skills range from 'raw beginner' to 'exceptional'. The group is not a formal class but everyone helps each other. We occasionally enjoy visits from professional artists.

We are currently seeking to increase the membership.

Anyone interested in joining us should contact **David Williams**.

Creative Writing Event

We have an exciting day for you. On Monday 14th November, we will be in the library from 2-4pm. Come and join us, have a cup of tea and begin a new hobby. Try out your writing skills. You will surprise yourself.

We will bring a box full of surprises to inspire you. You can just listen to our readings or, if you prefer, make comments and suggestions. We like a good discussion; to talk as well as write.

Bring some of your own work, we would love to read it. Writing is a most entertaining activity so we aim to show you why.

Please come and have a fun afternoon with us.

Veronica O'Connor

Views from the Groups

Birdwatching Group Trip to Witton Lime Beds, Northwich - 30 September 2016

It was the first trip of the Autumn after our Summer break and a new location for the thirteen of us in the group that day. This nature reserve is in the only area in Cheshire that is similar to a limestone or chalk area and has flora and fauna to match.

From the car park we followed a footpath overlooking reedbeds and saw four Swallows flying south on migration. Jays were to-ing and fro-ing between oak trees in search of acorns to store for the Winter. On the ground was a plentiful supply of acorns from Common Oak as well as some large, ripe, narrow egg-shaped acorns in mossy cups, from oaks with quite pointed leaves. Looking at the trees we later identified them as Turkey Oaks.

Turning a corner a brilliant Red Admiral butterfly was spotted on a signpost by a large clump of brambles where others were dotted about feeding on blackberries and sunning themselves before migrating to southern Europe and North Africa, though some overwinter in U.K.

It was the Buzzards which provided the drama of the day. Three of them wheeling, mewing and displaying aggressive behaviour overhead. From the hide with views of Neumann's Flash we watched two Buzzards swoop down into flocks of Lapwing and Wigeon unsettling them from resting on the sandbanks and water. They took off and flew around before descending again.



After an interesting Autumn walk we made for the 'George and Dragon' pub at Great Budworth for lunch. A small number of House Martins were circling round the church tower, feeding on insects before departing for Africa for the Winter, reminding us that this is a season when many species of birds and butterflies are on the move.

Our thanks to the two Peters and to the drivers whose patience was tested by confusing roundabout roadworks in Northwich town centre!

Vivienne Arnold

Which article does this picture belong to?



A heron pictured on the River Weaver

The Anderton Boat Lift

A number of members of the Science Group met in the cafe at the Anderton Boat Lift. Suitably refreshed we made our way by the side of the Lift, on a twisty path down to the River Weaver, also known as the Weaver Navigation where we boarded a glass-topped boat. We were taken along the river towards Northwich, piloted by a young woman, while enjoying an interesting commentary by another of the crew members. Shortly before we reached the town we turned and headed back towards the base of the lift.

Our boat entered the water filled left-hand caisson where we waited while listening to our pilot relate the story of the building of the Anderton Boat Lift in 1875, which gave 50' vertical access for canal boats between the River Weaver and the Trent and Mersey Canal. Originally it was operated hydraulically, but between 1906 and 1908 it was converted to use electric power. Finally, due to corrosion, it was closed in 1983. Over £7 million was needed for its restoration, which was duly carried out and the Lift reopened in 2002.

When the right-hand caisson, which was waiting at the top of the lift, was loaded with passengers it began its descent, and at the same time we began to rise, passing the other caisson at the halfway point, until finally arriving in the canal basin ready to disembark. It was a fascinating and memorable experience.

Another fine visit you arranged for us, Derek.

Helen J Stanley

[That Derek organises some very good trips – Ed]

Groups List

Group	Organiser	Meeting
Acoustic Folk/Rock Band	Geoff Brindle	Contact Organiser
Antiques	Judith Davis	Contact Organiser
Art	David Williams Tony Worthington	1.45-3.45pm 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	2.00pm 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	1.45-3.45pm 4 th Thursday in month at Patchfinders
Exercise Class	Irene Johnson	St Martin's Church Hall 11.00 - 12.00pm 1 st Wednesday in month. Last session in December.
Family History	Moyna Barrott	2.00pm 1 st Wednesday in month at the Civic Centre
Film Discussion Group	Maggie Eagland	2.00pm 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	2.00pm 4 th Tuesday in month
Laptop & Internet Basics	Jack Taylor	Information at General Meetings & on web site
Photography	Peter Bennett & Hilary Tivey John Jurics	Monthly. Contact Organisers.
Play Reading	Catherine Owen	2.15pm 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	2.00pm 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	2.00-4.00pm 1 st four Thursdays and 1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays in month, Poynton Sports Club
Walking	Marilyn Westbrook	1 st Thursday in month

Members' Corner

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 February 8th 2017.

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

Congratulations to all our group organisers for producing excellent displays. Once again it made for a successful Open Day and showcase for Poynton U3A.

Joan

Embroidery Group



The embroidery group hold their meetings on the fourth Thursday afternoon in the month at 'Patchfinders'. I went along to see them at work and had a chat with Barbara Davies, the organiser.

Barbara started the group in January 2013 with only three members. At first she was rather dubious as to whether it should continue but she persevered and slowly the numbers increased and now there are ten. The meetings were held in members' homes. When Patchfinders opened in 2015 and invited them to use a room in the shop, it solved all their problems. It provides a large table to work at in a bright and cheerful room surrounded by wools, fabrics and colourful patchwork designs.

The members all have their expertise in various skills in the craft. This is displayed in the beautiful hanging showing all the different groups in our U3A, which they are making to commemorate Poynton U3A five year anniversary. They have already contributed to a Bayeux type tapestry of Britain's plants and have also made a child's tactile book for Clear Vision Library.

I am sure anyone interested in joining them would be made very welcome as it is a social and friendly group offering help, advice and hints. You also catch up on all the local gossip.

Joan Stepto



Members' Corner

Bletchley Park, Hampton Court & Windsor Break

A group of 56 of us recently set out on a 3 day mini break. Our first stop was Bletchley Park, famous as the home of the World War II code breakers and a really fascinating place to visit. There is information about the war, audio visual displays, historical artefacts from the 1940's, the beautiful Mansion building with its wartime offices and an exhibition about the film 'The Imitation Game', authentically restored huts and interactive tasks to help you to understand how the code breakers worked. In the museum there is a working model of the Bombe, the machine that was used to crack the Enigma code. Volunteers demonstrate how the Bombe was built and used and you realise how incredibly complex it was and just how brilliant Alan Turing and Gordon Welchman were to conceive of such a machine. But perhaps the most amazing thing is not the machines but the incredible number of people (9,000 by the end of the war) who worked at Bletchley in total secrecy in very airless and cramped conditions. These unsung heroes are credited with shortening World War II by 2 years and saving countless lives.

We spent the whole of our second day at Hampton Court Palace. The Palace itself is a magnificent building with two distinct styles of architecture, the Tudor part dating from Henry VIII's time with its Gate House, Courtyard, Great Hall, Chapel and huge kitchens and the Baroque section with its splendid staterooms and private apartments built by Sir Christopher Wren for William and Mary. There was so much else to see: the Georgian rooms, the Young Henry exhibition, the beautifully restored gardens, the maze, the historic real tennis court, the Great Vine (the largest in the world) and the magnificent art collection. We were there for 6 hours and we didn't manage to see it all!

Our trip finished with a visit to Windsor on our last day and we chose to visit the castle with its lavishly decorated and impressive State Rooms. Highlights for me were Queen Mary's Dolls' house and a display case featuring two dolls given to the Queen and Princess Margaret when they were children. The dolls had an extensive wardrobe of designer clothes made by top couturiers of the day, jewellery by Cartier and perfect hats, gloves and other accessories. To mark the Queen's 90th birthday there was an exhibition of some of her clothes. It was wonderful to see the dresses up close and admire the beautiful fabrics and exquisite workmanship.

Elaine Roe

Poynton in Bloom

Pictures to cheer on a cold winter's day.



Pictures provided by Kate Marsham

Members' Corner

Christmas Crimes

To his most illustrious and magnanimous majesty, King Herod, Lord of Judea.

Greetings! O renowned king, live forever!

May it please your Majesty to condescend to peruse this, the report of your humble servant Ishmael Witness.

As you requested, I have made investigation and inquiries into the recent violations and infringements of laws and ordinances, perpetrated in and around the district of Bethlehem.

The first disturbance can be declared an Act of God, over which no control can be exercised; I refer to the great star which has recently appeared in the sky and has come to a stop over the town.

However, the second occurrence gives much cause for concern. An angel appeared in the sky some distance outside the settlement, and, in direct contravention of Article 3, Subsection 1, (Jericho provision) proceeded to blow a trumpet between the hours of 11 pm and 6.30 am. Noise abatement authorities have been alerted.

This apparition was then aided and abetted by others of its ilk singing; records reveal that no music licence had been applied for.

Further, no flight plans had been recorded for these persons. Every effort is being made to trace them with a view to prosecution.

A number of shepherds travelled to the village of Bethlehem, but did not request permission of the authorities to hold such a procession. The same persons were reported as returning to their place of employment "rejoicing", which disorder constituted a Disturbance of the Peace. This case is being pursued, and I humbly recommend a caution and a heavy fine.

It has been reported that three persons of differing ethnic origin were seen entering the country on the back of camels; the said camels were not equipped with white lights at the front nor red rear lights, thus violating traffic regulations. On examination, it was found that the individuals were carrying boxes of unidentifiable material, some of which we suspect may be illegal substances. These persons, who claim to be simple astrologers, are possible illegal immigrants, and our investigations are on-going. For the time being, these culprits have been permitted to proceed with their intentions to seek out a King of the Jews; they will be closely monitored. The suspects have been directed to present themselves before your gracious Majesty to inform you of their findings.

Our enquiries then led us to an Inn. The innkeeper has permitted persons to inhabit premises with no facilities, to wit, a stable. Health and Safety Authorities have been alerted; the building was designated and used as an animal shelter. The heaps of animal fodder constituted a health risk, and no fire exit was available to the occupants; fire-fighting equipment was not provided. Sanitary facilities consisted of a bucket. A child was born there the previous evening, to a young woman, and no qualified midwife was in attendance. Social Services will be called in, as there was reason to believe the child was not, in reality, the son of the man Joseph, who some claimed to be his father.

In mitigation, the man Joseph declared that he had come to this, the place of his birth, solely to register for tax purposes, as decreed by our most august Roman overlord the great Caesar. Hail, Caesar!

The man Joseph was informed that the gifts given to the child must be declared as unearned income.

My recommendation is that these cases be investigated further and prosecuted with the full rigor of the Law, if such be your will and pleasure.

Your humble and obedient servant.

I. Witness

Ruth Howard

Invitation from Stockport U3A Music Making Group

Can you read music?

Do you play any musical instrument?

Have you played an instrument in the past that is now gathering dust?

Would you like to join a small ensemble playing music just for fun?

I am a member of the Stockport U3A music making group, which is open to members of other local U3As and is currently actively looking for more players of any ability on any instrument. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons of each month in Hazel Grove, and would be very pleased to welcome any Poynton members who might like to join us. I have really enjoyed playing with the group.

Please contact me for more information.

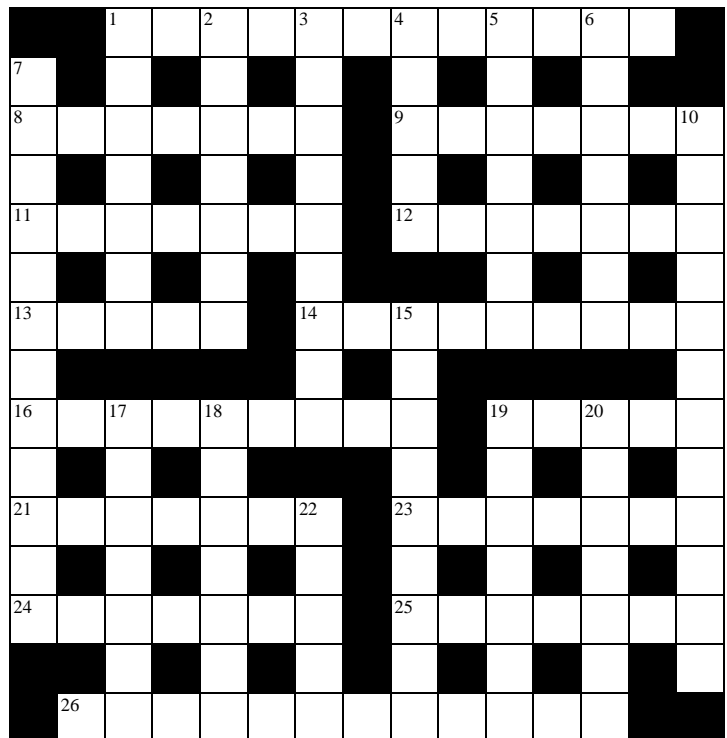
Peter Owen

Members' Corner

POYNTON U3A CROSSWORD PUZZLE No.18

ACROSS

- 1 Hollywood idols with bullion are standard. (5,3,4)
- 8 Hag drunk with beer has scented plant. (7)
- 9 Pounds of seed mixed and consecrated. (7)
- 11 Braille employed in a generous way. (7)
- 12 An opening for Her Majesty? No, it's an army of worker ants. (7)
- 13 Seraglio found in the Kandahar Embassy. (5)
- 14 Band leader emerging from a brood in a small house. (5,4)
- 16 I abandon the Titanic and take a car to where it never gets warm. (9)
- 19 Personal assistant needs 50 street maps to locate shopping area. (5)
- 21 Outcome of fiddling with locks! (7)
- 23 Looks like a clown brings decay to a seaside structure. (7)
- 24 I see cod swimming around in the parish. (7)
- 25 Part aristocrat and part giant returns to a Scottish village on the road to the isles. (7)
- 26 Involving the majority of not long ago - only yesterday maybe! (4,8)



DOWN

- 1 Writer right for a marking tool. (7)
- 2 What hose is to shoe, or polo to pool. (7)
- 3 Lets alarm out suspiciously. (5,1,3)
- 4 Rocky Marciano bled to contain this man of rank. (5)
- 5 Rapid firing weapon manufactured in parts of Brno, Enfield and Gunzburg. (4,3)
- 6 Spanish dish made from mashed rosti with tossed olives for starters. (7)
- 7 The full complement listen to the man with enthusiasm. (12)
- 10 The Underworld has the upper hand though ending at a loss. (12)
- 15 Place bet on big race - you'll get some support! (9)
- 17 Attach to a mint for an Italian painter. (7)
- 18 Show some regard for recent Bond with a twist in it. (7)
- 19 Cried out during physical training - "Eureka! I can foresee". (7)
- 20 Yard of ale drunk here now. (7)
- 22 American serviceman wandering in holy place whilst under attack. (5)

Crossword Puzzle No.17 Solution

G	I	G	L	I		P	A	R	A	G	U	A	Y			
A	L	N				I		P	R	A						
R	E	A	W	A	K	E	N		P	A	R					
G	D	S				S	C	R	E	E	N	E	D			
A	V	I	A	T	O	R		A	A	U						
N	O	A				A	N	D	A	L	U	S	I	A		
T	L	T	M			I										
U	N	I	V	E	R	S	A	L	R	E	M	E	D	Y		
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