

## *Greetings from your Chairman*

It's July already and one wonders where the first half of 2023 has gone. Maybe it's an age thing. As we get older the years get shorter somehow.

Soon the schools will be breaking up for the summer holidays, and many of us will be charged with looking after grandchildren. A great pleasure for most, especially as you can give them back to their parents before the end of the day. Try not to spoil them too much, however.

In the meantime, there is a little quiz you can test them with on Page 3 of this Newsletter.

Take care and enjoy the summer.

**Alaister Macrae**

## **Mapping Bramhall Group**

Further to the article in the May edition of our Newsletter regarding the Mapping Bramhall Archive, further information about the Archive can be found at the following link:-

<https://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Archive-3-History/pdf>

Val Murray, the group's leader said, "We have walked, searched the records, talked to people, revisited our own memories, sat and observed . . . had cups of tea . . . to create this original research. A huge amount of work over the last year has been put in by the group and it's now ready for everyone to enjoy."

### Group Project on local Post boxes



Centre Point, Bramhall Lane South



Post Office, Maple Road

### Typical photos used for the Archive

From Series Wild Flowers in Bramhall Car Parks by C. Andrews

#### Meadway East



Foreground:  
Smooth Sow-thistle

## **Our next two meetings**

**Doors open 1.30pm    Venue — Bramhall URC**

**Join us - we love your company**

**17th Aug - Anecdotes of a Registrar - Carol Codd**

**21st Sep - There's More to Walls - Trevor Wragg**

**Members - £2**

**Please remember your u3a Bramhall membership card.**

## Committee Vacancies

Are you one of the many members who enjoyed our Outings or Xmas Parties in previous years? Do you realise that without the appropriate Committee Vacancies being filled, there will be no further Outings or Parties? It will be a great shame to lose these events in our annual schedule. Therefore why don't you plus a friend, volunteer for these vacancies. Full information will be provided and you will find your involvement both interesting and fun. If you are interested, please contact one of the Committee. THANK YOU.

## Canasta

Thanks go to Veronica Dean and Marion Driver who have taken over the running of the Canasta group from the previous hardworking coordinator, Margaret Ramsden. The group has now moved venue to Platform 5, Cheadle Hulme. They meet on the first Wednesday of the month, 2.00 - 4.00 pm. New members and beginners are always welcome.

Contact Veronica Dean on email [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk)

## Walks

<b>July 26</b>	<b>Around the River Goyt</b>
6 m	Easy Clare Forrest 07957 793642 (please text)
<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Stockport to Reddish Vale</b>
5 m	Easy Ray Atkinson 07860 730315
<b>Aug 23</b>	<b>Dean &amp; Bollin Valleys</b>
7 m	Easy David Pechey 0161 440 8938

### Definition of Grade:

<b>Easy</b>	A flat walk with no hills
<b>Mod</b>	generally a flat walk with some hills
<b>Tough</b>	A walk with some hills which may be severe



### Walking Group

The Walking group enjoyed a fabulous morning walk in the sunshine. Ably led by Viv Grimshaw, we strolled up and around Higher Poynton taking in the panoramic views and clambering over several stiles before returning via the Middlewood way. Our picnic lunch by Poynton Pool was a peaceful and pleasant end to a memorable May day.

### Strollers Group

The Strollers are a friendly group of people who like to walk at a leisurely pace. We stroll anything from 2 to 4 miles and often have a shorter or longer option within a walk, depending on where we are going. We like to include a refreshment stop, usually at the end of our stroll. We have room for more members.

Contact Gwendoline Shorrock or email [groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk)



## Holiday Group

Details of the U3A holiday in 2024 are now finalised.

In summary it's a 4 day break in Oxford between Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The trip includes coach travel, 3 nights bed, breakfast and evening meal at a four star hotel, outings to Blenheim Palace, Bletchley Park and a guided tour of Oxford. The cost is £530 per person if sharing, or £700 for a single room. We are also visiting Waddesdon Manor which is free to National Trust members.

A brochure, with full details of the holiday can be found on the Holiday Group page of the website:-

<https://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/events/holidays>

A further update will be posted when we are ready to take bookings.

Frank Tucker

### THE BIRDS

(In the following letter are hidden the names of several birds. I found 27 of them. How many can you find?)

Dear Ed,

Starting from Dover, we took it easy and lunched at the Bell Inn, Eton, where we picked up Jack Dawling and Ernest. One chatted on and on, so time passed swiftly, but rain on the motorway was a grave nuisance. I managed to steal an hour's sleep, though awkwardly curled up on the back seat of the car, before reaching Ullswater at midnight in gale force winds.

Our pub in Scotland is in as fine a glen as I have seen, with rushing stream at the bottom of a steep lovers' lane. It is all that is now left of an old mill, but it is now renovated, and very smart inside – no other one for miles around! Excellent food and whisky – which is, I fear, no good for taking off inches from the waist or keeping sober. Nothing is wanting, except perhaps regular kilts and pipers.

Love from all, Ardelle.

I'll give you the answers in the next 4 page newsletter. Till then, take care and enjoy the summer.

Alaister Macrae

Date	THEATRE – Events open for booking <i>Theatre contacts: Frances Bell (439.8654) &amp; Kay Witham (439.6898)</i>	Price
	<b>Forthcoming Events 2023</b>	
July 30	<b>The Mikado</b> Sunday trip to Buxton <i>Fully Booked</i> – By coach	£45
w/c Oct 2nd	<b>Neil Simon The Odd Couple</b> — Players Theatre We can arrange season tickets for 4 plays for the price of 3	£11
Oct 24 & 28	<b>The Music Man</b> Stockport Operatic Society — Plaza Sat. Matinee	£20.
Dec 13	<b>G4</b> at Gorton Monastery—almost full	£55

#### Cancellation, Refund and Guest Policies for Outings and Theatre Trips

A **full refund** will be made if a booking with payment is cancelled by telephone **within 7 days of the booking being made**. In other circumstances, a **full or partial refund** will only be made if there is a sufficient number of members on the trip to cover the costs. A refund of ticket costs can only be made where either the ticket has not yet been purchased or the ticket is sold to another member. **Refunds** - All refunds will be made after the theatre event/outing has taken place. **Guest policy** - Non-members can come on a theatre event/outing as a guest of a member on **one occasion only**.

#### Other Aspects

The costs for all theatre events, outings and holidays will include transport, driver's tip and where appropriate, tickets. The dates for future outings, for which bookings are not yet being taken, are posted on the website under *Dates for your Diary*.

## Bramhall

## u3a

## Committee

Alaister Macrae Chairman  
Alistair Gardner Treasurer  
Kay Witham Membership  
Bob Dumbarton Newsletter  
Frances Bell Theatre  
Jill Rickman Almoner  
Barrie Roberts Website Manager  
Clare Forrest External Relations

Peter Webster Vice-Chair/Newsletter  
Meg Rowell Meetings  
Helen Webster Speaker Secretary  
Chris Stubbs Groups  
Vera Moore Dining Group  
Graham Porter Accommodation  
Frank Tucker Holidays

### VACANCIES

### Outings

### Business Secretary

### Events

## Groups

Art  
Art Appreciation  
Badminton  
Bird Watching  
  
Books  
Bowling – Crown Green  
Bridge – Improvers  
Bridge – Beginners  
Café book club 1  
2  
3  
  
Canasta  
Card making  
Creative writing  
Cribbage  
Cycling  
Dining  
Discussion  
Family History 1  
2  
  
Fitness & flexibility  
French  
Gardening A  
Gardening B  
German Intermediate  
History  
Italian Beginners  
Italian Improvers  
Knitting A  
Knitting B  
Mapping Bramhall  
Music for Pleasure  
Pickleball  
Pilates A  
Poetry  
Pub Quiz  
Science for All  
Scrabble  
Singing For Fun  
Spanish – Intermediate  
Spanish – Upper Intermediate  
Strollers  
Table Tennis: Fun for All  
Competitive Singles  
Transports of Delight  
Ukulele  
Video & Film Making  
Walking  
Wine Tasting

## Co-ordinators

Mel Edge  
**VACANT**  
Phil Kay  
Robert Mantle  
Paul Carter  
Dudley Newell  
Gordon & Ruth Kempster  
Ray Lee  
Angela Harding  
Kay Witham  
Olga Hampson  
Sharon Turner  
Veronica Dean  
Jill Rickman  
Pat George  
Val Barker  
Ian Pennie  
Vera Moore  
Dina Levy  
Mary Hambleton  
Brian Turner  
Vikki Radford  
Kay Witham  
Carol Wilson  
Nancy Comerford  
Jean Cox  
Angela Devaney  
Steve Goodall  
Helen Webster  
Sheila Porter  
Shelagh Lord  
Val Murray  
Jackie Harmer  
Julie Suckling  
Vikki Radford  
Valerie Greenwood  
Cathie Kay  
Mike Hollingsworth  
Val Barker  
Vera McWhirter  
Diana Blaney  
Janet Smith  
Gwendoline Shorrock  
Liz Pennington  
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Peter Webster  
Jackie Harmer  
Alaister Macrae  
Viv Grimshaw  
Judy Godsell

## Days/Times

2nd + 4th Wednesday – 10am to 12  
2nd Wednesday – 2pm  
Tuesday – 1.45pm to 3.45  
Usually 4th Wednesday –  
at 9.15am  
4th Thursday  
Contact for details  
Wednesdays – 10am to 12  
Wednesday – 2pm  
Monthly. Tuesday – PM  
Monthly. Monday – 10.30am  
Monthly. 3rd Wednesday – PM  
1st Wednesday – 2pm  
Alt. Mondays 2pm – 4  
2nd Wednesday – 2pm  
1st Thursday – 7.30pm  
Every other Tuesday – 10am  
Tues. or Wed. evening – 4th week  
4th Monday – 2.30pm  
Monthly – Wednesday 2pm  
First Thursday – 1pm to 3.00  
Mondays 09.30 – 10.15  
Alternate Mondays – 2pm  
2nd Monday – 2pm  
2nd Monday – 2pm  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays – 10.30am  
Alt Thurs – 10am to 12  
2nd + 4th Tuesday – 10am  
Alt Wed – 10am to 11  
3rd Tuesday – 2pm  
1st Thursday – 2pm  
3rd Monday – 2pm  
3rd Friday – 10.30am  
Every weekday – 10am to 12  
Monday – 10.30am + 11.40am  
2nd Monday – 1.30pm  
1st Thursday – 8.30 for 9pm  
1st Wednesday – 2pm to 4  
2nd Monday – 2pm to 4.30  
1st + 3rd Monday – 10am  
Thursdays – 2pm to 4  
Tuesdays – 10am to 11.30  
1st Tuesday pm – 3rd Wed . am  
1st/2nd/3rd Wednesday – 10 to 12  
4th Wednesday – 10.30 to 12  
Contact for details  
2nd and 4th Tuesday – 2pm  
Alternate Fridays – 2pm  
See schedule on website  
Bi-monthly – contact for details