

u3a Bramhall
*Education by members,
for members*



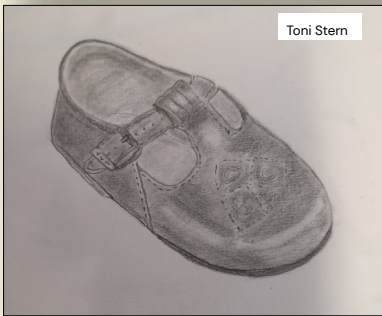
Caroline Redmond



Karen Llewellyn-Cram



Pauline Mullarkey



Toni Stern

This year the Art Group has covered a variety of projects, recently working with acrylic on wood, using acrylic with foil, painting on music sheets, marbling and leaf printing. These are some examples of our work.

A Happy New Year from your Chairman

I hope you all had a good time over Christmas and the New Year. I know I did and I'll have to go on a diet in 2024. Let's hope it's an excellent year for us all and that we continue to enjoy coming to the U3A.

Helen Webster has prepared a very full programme for us so I'm looking forward to our monthly meetings every third Thursday of the month, except December, when it's the second Thursday, as there's so much on at that time of year.

By the way, did you hear about the thief who stole a calendar? He got 12 months!

Isn't it amazing what you find in a Christmas cracker.

Cheers,

Alaister Macrae

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal forms are being distributed throughout January in a variety of ways. This year we are trying to minimise the use of stamps and hope to save about £500. For reasons associated with notification of the AGM, it is not possible to use e-mail.

This year we have been greatly assisted by members of the Walking Group, Committee members and other volunteers, though some may dispute the term 'volunteer'. We have also had help from Group Co-ordinators who have distributed forms within their groups and we will have others available at the January meeting.

Next year we will try to use the Groups even more, and to find other ways to avoid using stamps.

A very big thank you to everyone who has helped.

Kay Witham

Knitting Group A

This year, apart from projects for personal use, we have supported various charities with knitted items, many made using donated wool, and money raised at sales.

£75 went to the Poppy Appeal and £380 to St Ann's Hospice.

We have supplied 'bonding squares' and tiny hats to St Mary's Neonatal Unit.

Stepping Hill dementia patients and Wellspring in Stockport have also been given items.

Some of us also made Forget-me-Nots for St Ann's to display in a world record attempt!

We have 9 members who meet on the third Tuesday of each month at each other's home. We knit and natter while exchanging ideas and patterns and help each other develop skills.

Sheila Porter



Discussion Group 2

We are a newly formed group based on the existing, currently full, discussion group.

We have 8 initial members with an equal number of ladies and gentlemen.

Meetings will be hosted at members' houses with the host choosing the topic.

We have room for a few more members. If you are interested:

email: groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

The Walking Group's Christmas Reward

After a muddyish but otherwise dry (hurrah) 5.43 mile walk around Poynton, the walking group celebrated with an excellent Christmas lunch at Brookside Garden Centre.

We meet twice a month for a variety of walks ranging from 4 - 7 miles around the area. If you like walking then why not join us?



History For Fun

We are setting up this new group for 8 members. Initially we will have one meeting a month, on the second Tuesday morning.

The format will be to choose your own historical person, place or event, within a given time frame, to research and then feedback to the group in a relaxed, friendly environment. Further details can be found on the website:

email: groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

Cafe Book Group 1

We have room for another group member. We meet on the second Monday of the month, 10.30-12 noon in Centrepont cafe. If you are interested in joining our friendly group:

email: groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk

2024 Walks

Wed 24 January

6m EASY

Bridgewater Canal

Viv Grimshaw

Thurs 8 February

6m MOD

Lyme Park (N/T card)

Keith Mant

Wed 28 February

6m EASY

6 Parks Gatley & Cheadle

Clare Forrest

Thurs 14 March

5m EASY

Chadkirk to Marple

Ray Atkinson

Wed 27 March

5m EASY+

Higher Poynton

Anthea Slater

Definition of Grade:

Easy A flat walk with no hills

Mod Generally a flat walk with some hills

Tough A walk with some hills which may be severe

Meetings & Speakers in 2024

Join us, we love your company.

Doors open 1.30pm

Meeting starts and doors close at 2pm

- February 15** **The Bentley Boys**
Presented by David Skillen
- March 21** **Tango in Madeira**
Presented by Jim Williams
- April 18** **Bringing Law to Life with Laughter**
Presented by Sue Holden
- May 16** **Lies, Damn Lies and Statistics**
Presented by Neil Sheldon
- June 20** **Air Born**
Presented by John Wallace

Members £2

Remember your membership card.

More details on our website:

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

Art Appreciation

The next Art Appreciation talk will be starting at 2pm on Wednesday February 14 when the subject will be Albrecht Durer. Talks are held at the Village Club at 2pm and everyone is welcome.

Transport Group

New co-ordinator needed

Trains, Planes, Automobiles, and all things mechanical.

Interested? Then you are the person needed to lead this active group

Email Chris Stubbs:

groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk



Don't Break that Piggy Bank

Membership renewal forms are dropping through our members' letter boxes this month. The Committee is trialling direct payments to our bank account.

If you would like to do this, please email: treasurer@bramhallu3a.org.uk for the bank details. It's quick, easy to do and saves rooting for that cheque book or busting that piggy.



u3a Bramhall Committee Vacancies

Outings

Events

Business Secretary

Did you enjoy the outings and Christmas parties?

You do realise that without these Vacancies being filled, there will be NO FURTHER outings or parties. We have lost these popular events from our annual schedule.

Help the members, by volunteering, with a friend, to fill these vacancies.

Full information will be provided. You will find your involvement both interesting, great fun and very rewarding.

Interested in helping? Of course you are, so please contact one of the Committee.

THEATRE – Events open for booking		
Date	Theatre contacts: Frances Bell & Kay Witham	Price
March 11 – 14	A View from the Bridge by Arthur Miller – Players Theatre	£12
March 12 & 16	Romiley Operatic Soc Priscilla Queen of the Desert – Plaza Theatre	£18
May 13 – 16	Wife After Death by Eric Chappell – Players Theatre	£12
Aug 10	HMS Pinafore and Trial by Jury Saturday Matinee with coach – Buxton	£50

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.

Follow these golden rules and remember: contact out of the blue . . . it's not for you!

Never use methods of payment that you don't understand

Never give any banking or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust.

Your bank or the police will never ask you for your passwords or your PIN.

All information from 'Ten golden rules to prevent fraud' on the Greater Manchester Police website

Groups

Art
Art Appreciation
 Badminton
 Bird Watching

 Books
 Bowling – Crown Green
 Bridge – Beginners
 Bridge – Duplicate
 Café book club 1
 2
 3

 Canasta
 Card making
 Creative writing
 Cribbage
 Cycling
 Dining 1
 Discussion 2
 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
VACANCY
 Phil Kay
 Robert Mantle
 Paul Carter
 Dudley Newell
 Gordon & Ruth Kempster
 Angela Harding
 Ray Lee
 Olga Hampson
 Kay Witham
 Sharon Turner
 Veronica Dean
 Jill Rickman
 Pat George
 Val Barker
 Ian Pennie
 Vera Moore
 Dina Levy
 Brian Dougal
 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
 Liz Pennington
VACANCY
 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
 Wednesday – 2pm
 Wednesdays – 10am to 12
 Monthly. Monday – 10.30am
 Monthly. Tuesday – PM
 Monthly. 3rd Wednesday – PM
 1st + 3rd 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
 3rd Thursday – 2pm
 Monthly – Wednesday 2pm
 Second 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
 Alt. Thursdays – 2pm
 Tuesdays – 10am to 11.30
 1st Tuesday pm – 3rd Wed . am
 1st/2nd/3rd Wednesday – 10 to 12
 4th Wednesday – 10.30 to 12
Group coordinator needed
 2nd and 4th Tuesday – 2pm
 Monthly – Contact for details
 See schedule on website
 Bi-monthly – contact for details