



Social Meeting: 10 a.m., Friday 17th March, Elm Bank Conference Centre M30 9BA
Speaker: Diane Duffy: *Important women in Salford's history*

Last month's meeting

Frank Vigon brought back many memories of the Sixties – the music, the fashion and the huge change in social attitudes. We have lived through some amazing, ground-breaking times.

If you have any photographic (or other) memories you'd like to share, they would be very welcome.



Annual Lunch

More than 60 of our members enjoyed an excellent lunch, in good company, at Monton Sports Club earlier this month, followed by musical entertainment by the very talented Katie Couriel, granddaughter of Daphne and Mark Child. Many thanks to Janet Ball for putting together another great event that was appreciated by all.

Check out the photo gallery [here](#) – thanks to Trish Hall for these.

Getting the word out

Is *On Our Doorstep* delivered to your address?

It reaches 20,000 households around the borough and the latest edition has a half page spread on Salford u3a (see page 8). You can also view the publication [online](#).

We're always looking for ways to reach as many potential members as possible so if you have any ideas, please let us know. Andy Scutt will have a stock of flyers at this month's meeting, so if you know of anywhere they can be displayed, please see Andy.

Meeters and Greeters wanted. Our team of friendly faces, welcoming newcomers to the Friday Social morning, is looking to expand. Please speak to Judith Gibson.

u3a national and regional news and events



An event for the curious mind

u3a members from all over the UK will descend on Hadrian's Wall on 10th May to celebrate the building of the wall and the influence that the wall has had on our creative lives. If you're up in the beautiful north east on that date, here's what's happening

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/off-the-wall>

As a u3a member, you can make big savings on household and electrical goods, groceries, travel, entertainment and fashion with u3a [Click and Save](#)



North West Region u3a Residential Summer School, 15th – 18th August, Carlisle.

Courses include architecture, literature, knitting and Japanese art and culture.

Further information and booking [here](#).

Groups update

www.salfordu3a.com/groups

On Tuesday, 28th February, the [Garden group](#) visited Parsonage Garden and Fletcher Moss Park at Didsbury.



Our intention was to see some early Spring flowers and we were especially impressed by the variety of hellebores. The volunteers in the Parsonage Garden were most welcoming and knowledgeable - a bonus for us.

Eleven of our members travelled by tram and four others arrived by car. Around lunchtime, we also made a visit to a local hostelry, which conveniently stands between the garden and the park.

These gardens are well worth a visit at any time of the year and, as we found, can be reached by public transport.

Next month our meeting will be indoors at the Eccles Gateway/Library when we will discuss, "The Kitchen Garden".

Thanks to Sheila Thomas for the update

[Theatre Group 2](#) has been running for a year and members have seen many shows and plays in a variety of venues – some glitzy, some more homely – like Farnworth Little Theatre where they're seeing *Taking Sides* this week. Other options this year are *Titanic*, *Everybody's talking about Jamie* and *Wagatha Christie*.



They are looking to recruit **new members** as numbers make a difference in whether or not they can obtain a discount.

If you fancy some shows and dramas in good company, come along to the **next planning meeting 10:00, Monday, 27th March** at RHS Bridgewater café or contact Stephen Sowden.

SPRING by *Bill Newham*

When spirits dip in winter's grip
Of darkness cold and rain,
The solstice turns pervading gloom
To thoughts of spring again.

Creeping light curtails the night
Drawing days out longer,
And warmth invades the icy chill
As the sun gets stronger.

Delicate snowdrops fight for life
Each like a pearly tear,
Before bright golden daffodils
Announce that spring is here.

As dormant trees and plants that please
Wake up with buds in bloom,
Their fragrant freshness fills the air
And beauty lifts all gloom.

Returning birds from foreign fields
Just sing and flit and fly,
Whilst building nests in busy haste
For young ones by and by.

New life that's bursting all around
Brings hope for things to come,
Of lazy ways on sunny days
Enjoying summers hum.



Your views wanted

[Transport for Greater Manchester](#) are seeking the views of older people on using public transport. Since the pandemic, fewer people are using public transport in GM with the reduction being greatest amongst older people. Have your say in the survey [here](#).

NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care

Board want to hear people's views of waiting for hospital appointments or treatment. This survey will take 5-10 minutes and can be accessed [here](#).

Other news



Voter ID and local elections

The UK Government has introduced a requirement to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections.

This applies for the first time in Salford at local council elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

This lists the accepted forms of ID

[Accepted forms of photo ID | Electoral Commission](#)

If you don't have any of those documents, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate [here](#) at no charge.

The deadline for application is 25th April at 5pm.



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