

NEWS BULLETIN - Week Beginning 22nd June 2026

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A Message from the Editor

I depend on you telling me about all the interesting things that your groups are doing or planning, even during the summer break. Please send items to the [usual email address](#) by early Friday morning, at the latest.

New Groups

There are still places in two of the new Congleton u3a Groups, planned for 26/27 - to start September, but these groups can only run if we have sufficient interest :

1 Absolute Beginners Ballroom

Ever wanted to learn ballroom steps, but worried you may have two left feet, or are too embarrassed or shy to give it a go? This group is for anyone that hasn't danced ballroom or knows very little. No glitterball trophy, but a fun and supportive group to learn basic steps and build your confidence to take to the floor...why not give it a go?

Venue: Mossley Old School Day: Monday Time: 11.00am to 12.00 noon. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact [Joy Masterson](#) by Friday 26th June:

2 Lipreading

The ability to recognise lip shapes, gestures and facial movements to gain a better understanding of what a person is saying can be a vital skill if you are experiencing hearing difficulties. This friendly and supportive group has the benefit of an experienced and qualified, retired Lipreading practitioner to support group learning and practice.

Venue: Congleton Library Day: Wednesday Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Term 1 is 8 sessions, starting 30th September; term 2 is 6 sessions, start date in Jan/Feb to be confirmed; term 3 is 6 sessions starting 14th April

The cost per session will be a maximum of £3.50. Payment is paid per term on the first week of term. Please email: [Groups Coordinator](#) by Friday 19th June, if you wish to join this group.

Would You Like to Play the Recorder?

Many people tried to play the recorder at school, but perhaps haven't tried playing with other adults for enjoyment. The main U3A Recorder Group, with descant, treble, tenor and bass recorder players, meets twice a month on Wednesday afternoon 2.30-4.30 pm at Cross Street Church, in the town centre. The music is chosen by members, thereby varying week to week. We welcome new members; although some playing experience and a basic ability to read music is needed.

For those concerned about their ability, there is a small and informal Beginners Group, which meets on alternate Monday afternoons 2.00-3.00pm. This is currently at my house, which is in the town centre. If anyone would like to join next term, they would be very welcome; this year, we've had treble, descant and tenor recorder learners in the group, focusing on a mixture of progressive learning and playing together to develop skills. If numbers warrant it, the group could be split into a New Beginners Group for those with little or no previous experience and an Intermediate Group for those making progress but not yet confident enough for the main group. Please contact [Ruth Benson](#) for further information.

Glad You Are Here

Sandie has been planning the first three sessions of 'Glad You Are Here' and will be sending details of same to previous 'Wish You Were Here' Group members very shortly. We do hope you will still enjoy attending and we welcome new members to this Registration Group. It will take place at Trinity Church on Wagg Street as before, on the last Thursday of the month. Look out for details of this very sociable group.

Dates for your diary

AGM - Tuesday 8th September Save the date

Autumn Term: Monday 14th September 2026 to Friday 11th December 2026

Next social U3A Quiz: Tuesday 20th October 7pm - New Life Church

LOCAL EVENTS AND SOCIETIES

The Kingsfield Singers

The Kingsfield Singers would like to welcome you to their Summer Concert on Saturday 20th June, at 7.30 pm. The event takes place at St Stephen's Church, Brook Street, Congleton. Tickets: £7 including refreshments. These are available from choir members or from the church. Alternatively, phone 07802416761 or pay at the door.

Art Exhibition: St James Church

One of our parishioners is a religious artist and has had exhibitions of his work all over the country. He has offered to put on an exhibition of his work in St James Church (corner of Astbury St. and West St.)

The exhibition is entitled 'The Gentler Saints' and runs throughout June. The church opening times to view it are: Sundays and Wednesday's 11.15 until 1.00pm, Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.00 noon and every Friday evening from 7.00pm until 9.00pm. Entry is free.

Family History: St Peter's Registers

St. Peter's registers will be available for family history researchers in St. Peter's on Chapel Street, Tuesday June 23rd and Tuesday July 21st, 10am - 1pm. There will be an experienced researcher available to help.

Wilmslow Wells for Africa Garden Day

Visit all 19 beautiful local gardens (Wilmslow and Alderley Edge). Refreshments and Plants for sale at some gardens. No dogs allowed. Money raised will go to the charity Wilmslow Wells for Africa. Saturday 27th June 2026, 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. Tickets are £12 if purchased before the day or £15 on the day from any garden. Telephone 07821 459593 or 01625 520193

Audley, Biddulph and Macclesfield Male Voice Choirs

Experience an unforgettable night of powerful live music from Audley, Biddulph and Macclesfield Male Voice Choirs. Event takes place at Congleton Town Hall, Saturday 27 June 2026, 7:30pm. Cost is £12 per ticket, under 12s free.

Seats are on sale now at: www.ticketsource.com/biddulphmvc

Supporting Dougie Mac Hospice

The Congleton Youth Orchestra

The Congleton Youth Orchestra will be performing their last concert of the season on Sunday 12th July in the Town Hall at 4pm. Tickets available at Congleton Tourist Information Centre - Adults £14.00 and children under 18 £5.00. This concert is sponsored by Congleton Inclosure Trust and will include the presentation of the David Daniel Award which is an annual award given to musicians from both the senior and intermediate orchestras who have shown significant improvement and dedication to CYO over the past 12 months.

The concert is entitled "A Carnival of Animals" and has a circus / carnival theme to it with lots of recognisable music, the highlight being "Carnival of the Animals" by Saint-Saens and children are invited to dress as animals or wear face paint depicting an animal. Do come along and join in with the fun!

Congleton Choral Society

Congleton Choral Society's Summer Concert is 'A Night at The Musicals', at the Town Hall on July 25th. The choir will perform music from West Side Story, Into the Woods, Oklahoma, Beauty and The Beast, in four part harmony with professional soloists, to provide an evening of delightful song. Tickets are on sale now from any choir member, The Information Centre, and online at congletonchoralsociety.org.uk at £15 for all adults and £5 for students.

St Luke's Hospice Fundraising Music Night featuring The Blue Yellows Band, Dayve Dean & Musician Friends

Friday 7th August, 7.30pm. Tickets: £10 each.

Masonic Hall, Mill Street, Congleton (Please note no parking at venue, drop off only, car parks nearby). Please contact Louise Mather 07899838869 for tickets/details or follow the link below.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/louisemather/2224145> .

Beartown Rickshaw seeks volunteer outriders!

This Summer do you want a reason to get out and about for a few hours? We've got just the job. Join a Rickshaw crew and spend your time making someone's day. Have a bike? Enjoy being outdoors? You don't need to ride a rickshaw to change someone's day. We're looking for volunteer outriders to support our crews. No specialist training required - If you can ride a bike, we'll help with the rest. Come and try a ride with us. Please contact us on 07927 969196 or by admin@btrickshaw.uk.

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