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Please bring your own cup to the monthly meeting and help save the planet!

Brunch Group co-convenor, Kate Irvine, has requested that Brunch Group members, who have email addresses, send them to her at kateirvine1@virginmedia.com please.

A **Second Literature Group** will be starting soon, once a venue, day and time have been decided. The Convenor will be Michael McIlroy:

Jazz Group convenors Pat Aldred and Jill Warwick are resigning with immediate effect. We thank them for their service and hope that others will come forward to take their place.

The **Glee Club** require a back-up pianist for those occasions when Eileen Hurley cannot attend. If interested, please contact Maureen Pimley

Belfast U3A website Please note that Liz Hunter, website administrator, will be in the entrance area from 10.15 a.m. at monthly meetings to answer any questions regarding the website.

The **U3A Summer School** will be held in Greenmount on 18th and 19th June 2019. If you have any ideas for speakers, workshops or seminars, please email them to: summerschool2019@gmail.com Please include your name, address, phone number and your U3A.

The **Inter-U3A Quiz** will be held on Friday 15th March in Fratelli, Gt Victoria Street, Belfast. Lunch at 12.30, quiz to follow. 4 members per table - £12.50 p.p. including lunch. Closing date Friday 1st March.

All-weather Walking Group
Thurs. a.m. - Short, flat walks with Amblers (Liz McArdle) or longer walks with Ramblers (Brenda McHugh). **1st Thurs. of month** Mourne walks with Scramblers (Rosemary Hunter) & Not the Munros (Jennifer Lemon)

Archaeology Group

Wed.20th Feb 2.00 p.m. A power point presentation by Dr. Andrew Galwey, entitled 'Historic Houses Association - a taster' in Tullycarnet Library. Cost: £2. Please sign sheet at meeting or contact convenors

Art Appreciation Group
Mon.18th Feb. 10.30 a.m. Guided tour of the Global Art Prize Exhibition at the MAC. £3 (TBC) Please sign sheet at meeting or contact convenors.

Art Club
Tues. 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. in **Belvoir Community Hub**, Belvoir Drive. Please note new day, time and venue. All media acceptable. Group at full capacity for now.

Badminton Group
Mon. & Fri. 9.30 - 11.00 a.m. Avoniel Leisure Centre. Racquets & shuttlecocks provided by the Centre.

Book Group 1
Mon. 4th Feb. 7.30 p.m. 'Go, Went, Gone' by Jenny Erpenbeck. Meet in Patricia Feeny's home. The group now has full capacity.

Book Group 2
Tues.19th Feb. 10.30 a.m. 'Brixton Beach' by Roma Tearne. Meet in Florence Davidson's home.

Book Group 3
Tues.5th Feb. 2.00 p.m. in Finaghy Library. 'The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul' by Deborah Rodriguez. The group is at full capacity for the moment.

Bowling Group
Tues. 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Musgrave Park Bowling Club. Playing indoor short mats until April 2019. Some bowls available to borrow. New members welcome - please contact Convenors

Bridge Group - Duplicate
Fridays 9.50 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. at St. Anne's Hall, Dunmurry. For more info, see website or contact convenors.

Bridge Group - Informal
Fridays at 10.00 a.m. & Mondays 2.00 p.m. in the Convenor's home. Both groups are now at full capacity.

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Bridge Lessons - Improvers

Tues. 12 noon - 2.00 p.m. St. Anne's Hall, Dunmurry. Group is now at full capacity.

Brunch Group

Alternate Saturdays at 12 noon

2nd Feb. Home restaurant, Wellington Pl., Belfast

16th Feb. Beechlawn Hotel, Dunmurry

The Brunch Group has currently reached capacity.

Canasta Group

1st & 3rd Tues. 2-4 p.m. & 1st & 3rd Wed. 2-4 p.m. Both groups meet in Convenor's home. Please contact Convenor for details.

Classical Music Appreciation

2nd Tues. of month 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church Hall. Feb. topic: Chamber Music.

Concert/theatre Group

Fri.8th Feb.1.30 p.m. "The Pillowman" by Martin McDonagh. Marble Productions. Strand Arts Theatre. Tickets: £10.

Fri.1st March, 5.30 p.m. 'Footloose - The Musical' in the Grand Opera House. £25 TBC

Sat. 2nd March, 2.30 p.m. 'I Shall Wear Purple' by Rosemary Jenkins, in G.O.H. £18 TBC

Wed.6th March 2.30 p.m. National Theatre's 'Macbeth' at G.O.H. £35 TBC

Fri.8th March 7.45 p.m. Ulster Orchestra: Beethoven Symphony No. 7 in Ulster Hall. £20 TBC

Sat. 23rd March 5.30 p.m. 'The Rocky Horror Show' at G.O.H £35 TBC.

Please sign sheets at meeting or contact Maureen

Wed.3rd April 2.00 p.m. 'The Country Girls' by Edna O'Brien at Abbey Theatre, Dublin. Tickets: £17 (100 seats reserved). Train from Lanyon Place Station **10.35 a.m.**, returning **7.00 p.m.**

Please sign sheet at meeting or contact Richard

Craft Group

Wed. 10.30a.m. - noon at Tesco's Newtownbreda Community Room - for needlework, knitting and nattering!

Creative Writing

Mon. 2-4 p.m. Ormeau Library. Newcomers please contact convenor.

Cycling Group Meets **2nd & 4th Wed. mornings.** Please contact convenor for details

Exercises for the Body and Brain

1st and 3rd Tues. each month 2 - 3 p.m. in Belvoir Players Theatre. Resuming 5th Feb

Film Group

Usually meets for cinema visits, and optional post-film coffee, on **alternate Mondays.** If the convenors have your email address, they will keep you informed of the Group's outings.

French Conversation

Fri. Finaghy Library. Beginners Conversation group 10.00 -11.30 a.m. / Intermediate/Advanced Conversation group 11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Fundrama

Drama group meets **Thurs 11.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.** at Finaghy Methodist Church (at cross roads) except on last Thursdays (monthly meeting) when time is 2.00 - 4.00p.m.. No previous experience necessary - only an interest in drama. All welcome - especially a few men!

Garden Group

Sun.1st-Wed.4th Sept. Escorted Ulsterbus Tour to Houses & Gardens of Co. Laois. £339 p.p. sharing (£60 single supp.). £50 deposit to secure a place - cheque payable to Belfast U3A please. NB Some walking on uneven ground and up steps. Please sign sheet at meeting or contact Roberta Ludlow (on this occasion)

Genealogy Group

1st Mon. each month 10.30 a.m. in the Public Record Office of N.I. (PRONI), Titanic Quarter.

Glee Club

2nd & 4th Tues. each month **2.00 - 3.30 p.m.** in Belvoir Players Theatre. *Enthusiasm is more important than perfect pitch, so do come and join in!*

Golf Group

Please watch the website for further information. Please contact convenor if you would like to be part of the Golf group.

Intermediate Irish Class

Thurs. 1.30-3.30 p.m. Ormeau Library. New members with a little knowledge of the language will be very welcome.

Jazz Group - please see notice on first page

Let's Go Group

Tues.26th Feb. Visit to Drogheda: Millmount Museum, Martello Tower, Boyne history, etc. Cost: £15 for bus & entrances. 3-course meal in Pheasant Restaurant - 15 euros, payable on the day. Meet Glengall Street at **9.30 a.m.** Please sign sheet at meeting or contact convenors.

Literature Group

Wed.10.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m., Finaghy Library. At present group at full capacity - notice 1st page.

Military History Group

11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Fri. of month in the Cairns Room, Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church hall.

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Photography Group

Next meeting is **Wed. 13th Feb. 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.** in Tesco Knocknagoney's Community Room. Anyone wishing to join the group, please contact the convenor.

Pilates Group

Mon. and Wed. 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. at Belvoir Players. Monday group now at full capacity. Newcomers please contact relevant convenor.

Plato's Parlour

A Ramble through Philosophy.
1st, 2nd & 3rd Thurs. of month, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Tesco Newtownbreda's Community Room.

Play Reading Group

Tuesdays 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. at Tesco Newtownbreda's Community Room. New members and new ideas always welcome.

Poetry Reading Group

2nd & 4th Tues. of month 1.45 - 3.15p.m. Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church Hall. New members should contact one of the convenors.

Rambling with a Sketch Book

Meet up at venue **2nd Sun. monthly** and do your own art thing. Reconvene 1½-2 hours later in an agreed cafe/pub for show-and-tell and coffee/lunch. Please contact Convenor for details

Scrabble Group

Thurs. 1.30 - 3.30 p.m. Tesco Newtownbreda's Community Room.

Sunday Lunch group

2nd Sun. of month at 1.30 p.m. in Malone Lodge Hotel. Please contact Convenor.

Tai Chi

Wed. 11.00 a.m. in Divis Community Centre. £2.
Fri. 11.15 a.m. Grove Well Being Centre. £2.20.
Newcomers please tel. convenor

The Last Word

Our discussion group meets **Fridays 1.30.-3.00 p.m.** at Belvoir Players.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11.00 a.m. Thursday 28th February

VENUE: Belvoir Players Theatre, Belvoir Estate

Speaker: Ivan little on 'My life in journalism and the theatre'

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Editor's note: Fond memories of Margaret Campbell , first Newsletter Editor in Belfast U3A, who died on 17th January 2019.
