

Halewood u3a Newsletter April 2023

Hello Everyone.

**First of all I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter
Let's hope that the weather is good**

Before I forget did anyone leave a woolly scarf in the Arncliffe last Friday It is navy blue and pink. I have it here.

MEMBERSHIP

Seven new members joined last Friday making our total 148

THE ARNCLIFFE Refurbishment

The latest news about the closure of the Arncliffe Centre received from Dave Murphy, Halewood Council's Development & Operations Manager is as follows.

Halewood Town Council should know by the end of April about the status of the refurbishment as this is when they will know the outcome of a major funding bid for the project.

If the bid is successful it is anticipated that the last date for hiring will be 31st July. Therefore we should get our July 28th Meeting in.

Building work will begin in September.

I will have a meeting with Dave Murphy at the end of this month together with a couple of other Committee Members

I WILL KEEP YOU ALL POSTED BUT WHATEVER HAPPENS

HALEWOOD u3a WILL CARRY ON.

Gift Aid

A Message to any new members who are taxpayers please could you fill in a Gift Aid form. This means that the u3a can claim 25p of Gift Aid from every £1 you donate We had 7 more members joining at our March Meeting please ask Ian Thomson or myself for a form at the next meeting

Ukulele/ Sing-song afternoon

5 Members attended this event on Thursday 30th March together with 70 members from various u3as

I must say that this was a brilliant afternoon

Speakers

We thank Arthur Aldcroft for his very interesting talk at our March meeting Wow, he has met so many interesting people,
While I am on the subject of Speakers
I am letting you know that the cost varies. In 2022 the cheapest was £40 and dearest was Ken Pye at £95.

Arthur is a member so we could not pay him a fee but we could pay him expenses but he refused to accept this. Many thanks Arthur

Interesting Buildings

The next visit will be to the Nordic Church Park Lane 11am on Friday 21st April.

The list for this was taken at our February Meeting (25max.) There is a waiting list and another visit can be arranged later in the year. The tour will take about 1 hour (approx) over 3 floors with no lifts

Parking is limited but the church is very close to the bus station
After the tour coffee and cake will be provided. Cost will be £8pp
Pay on the day CASH OR CARD NO CHEQUES PLEASE

Lunch Group

The original date had to be cancelled because of the bad weather so the Group met at Browns Restaurant on the 17th March. Everyone enjoyed the food and we had an amazing waiter called Gary who couldn't do enough for us all

The next lunch will be at the Eagle & Child, Halewood on Friday 12th May. Menus have been distributed Mal will ask for your orders plus the cost with a £1 extra for a tip at our April Meeting

Coffee Break

Our last Coffee Break was very busy as many members attended
There was a Scrabble game on the go and a lot stayed for lunch
We can meet again on Wednesday 19th April at Strawberry Field at 10.45. If you have not been before please come along. The Scrabble Boards will be present if you fancy having a go.

Craft Group

Jackie is in the process of arranging a visit to a Creative Craft Fair for the Group in Birmingham in June.
More details later

Discussion Group

The next meeting will be 10 am on Monday 17th April at 48 Woodland Road.

Book Club

Next Meeting will be 1:30 pm at the Arncliffe on Thursday 20th April

The April Book is "The Salt Path" by Raynor Winn

A true story of a couple walking the South West Coast Path during the time the husband was terminally ill.

We have room for two more readers.

Garden Interest Group

Members who are going to the Bridgewater Garden on Wednesday 24th

May please can you put £13 coach fare in an envelope with your name and contact number and hand it in to Sue at our April Meeting

Theatre Visits

The next visit is see the Commitments Show at the Empire to meet at 6.45pm

Any one interested will have probably been in touch with Pam Langley by now.

August 18th Day Out to the Embsay Steam Railway and Skipton.

We have 57 names on the list plus 10 on the Reserve list

Contact Mal for further information.

Games Group

If you are interested in playing Bridge. Please come along to the Arncliffe Centre 2pm on Friday 21st April

Paul Marshall from Ainsdale u3a is coming along to help.

If you are going to the Nordic Church in the morning still come along even if you are late but I THINK YOU WILL HAVE TIME TO COME TO BOTH.

Bridgewater Garden Glow Nov to Dec 2023.

This is an illuminated Glow trail which lights up the gardens. Sue's idea is to have a meal and then follow the glow trail around the gardens. If there is enough interest she will organise a trip.

THE BIG SING

An event organised by the North West u3a Network on Wednesday 10th May at the Quaker Meeting House, School Lane, Liverpool

The cost will be £15 pp including refreshments

This Event will be led by Fredrick Holm, Music Specialist and Members of the NW Regional Team

As this is a Learning Event maybe this event could be subsidised from our funds

I WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL .

However if any one is interested please let me know and I can give you more details.

I am ending this Newsletter on a very sad note. I heard today that

Bill McNeil had peacefully passed away. He was one of the founder members of the u3a in Halewood and was Secretary for many years. We send our deepest sympathies to his daughter Pauline and all the family.

If you need to get in touch with me regarding anything in this Newsletter please ring 486 6547

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As always could you please pass this newsletter on to any member you may know who is not on email

Best Wishes

Liz