Halewood u3a Newsletter October 2023

Hello Everyone.

Hope you enjoyed the surprisingly good weather over the last weekend. I am sorry to hear that several of our members are unwell at present and have been in hospital. Our thoughts are with them and wish them a speedy recovery.

MEMBERSHIP

The present membership is now 166 as recorded on 29th September 2023

Walking Group

In my September Newsletter I gave some examples of walks undertaken by the group but Margaret tells me no one was tempted to join them on their recent walks.

The Walkers would welcome new members to join them on their Monday walks. The contact for the group is Margaret Carter on 427 2117.

Games Group

The Canasta Group are now meeting regularly every 2 weeks at Pam Langley's house. The next dates are as follows:-

Wednesday 25th October at 10am, and Wed 8th and 22nd November.

If you would like to try Canasta you are invited to go along.

Please ring Pam on 07597 905 188

<u>Bridge</u> This Group is meeting once a week on Tuesdays, 2pm at the "Bear & Staff." Pub Gateacre.

Garden Interest Group

The next visit will be to Bents Garden Centre on 22nd November.

Coach departing 10am from Roseheath Drive If you have not already paid please pay at our October meeting.

There will be a reminder about this event later on. For more information ring Sue on 07727 853 760

Interesting Buildings Group

25 members visited the Greek Orthodox Church in Toxteth on Wednesday 20th September. This is a magnificent Grade 2 listed building of Neo- Byzantine architecture The priest the Rev Stavros Kasinos made us very welcome. He gave us so much information about the church and answered numerous questions from the members in great detail.

Thanks to Pat Potter for arranging this visit

Mal will be arranging a visit to the Veolia Recycling Centre in Knowsley early in 2024. Anyone who would be interested, please give names to Mal at October Meeting. Arrangements for travelling there will be made later.

Coffee Break

Meet for a coffee and maybe stay for lunch, 10.30am at Strawberry Field on Wednesday 18th October.

Discussion Group

The next meeting will be 10am 16th October at the usual venue 48 Woodland Road. If you would like to join us just come along.

lan Thomson finds interesting topics to discuss at each session.

Lately we discussed "The role of fathers in their children's education" and the value of passports in these days.

Book Club

The next meeting will be at 1:30pm on Thursday 19th October at the Arncliffe when we will discuss "The Shipping News" by Annie Proulx the book we have been reading this month, this is a story set in Newfoundland.

We still have room for 2 more readers.

Craft Group

This is a very talented and industrious group who produce some lovely items. The group will be finishing present tasks and then beginning to think about Christmas at the next meeting on 17th October. Jackie comes up with some great ideas so does Pauline Jones the facilitator for the group.

Don't forget the exhibition and sale of items at our November meeting We are sorry that Rita. one of the group members had a nasty accident a few weeks ago. We hope she can return soon as she is missed.

LUNCH GROUP

There is so much going on between now and Christmas so Mal has decided that the next Lunch will be in January and he will announce the venue at our November meeting.

<u>Theatre Group</u>

By the time you read this, members will have enjoyed "Calender Girls" Future Visits:-

"Welsh Choral Festival Fanfare" on 16th December at the TUNG Auditorium, and Scouse Panto "Dick Whittington" at the Royal Court in January. Date and price to be confirmed for the Panto at our October Meeting when Pam will take names.

Speakers

Our Speaker for September was Fatma (Denise Darnyshire) who entertained us with her dancing and the history of her specialised dance and there was great audience participation. A very enjoyable afternoon

Future Dates for your Diary

Christmas Party Friday 8th December.

For this event <u>ONLY</u> we will be using Hollies Hall on Hollies Road Halewood L26 OTH

Last year we enjoyed the Ukulele Band so they have been booked again also "Lillybets" will supply the Buffet and there will be a grand Raffle. Please give names to Mal at October Meeting.

Gift Aid

If any members who have recently joined and are Tax payers would you please consider filling in a Gift Aid form. This will help our funds If you agree to this please see me at the meeting and I will direct you to lan Thomson who will explain in greater detail.

A,G,M

This will be held on Friday 27th October.

Followed by the Speaker who is the "The Huyton Poet"

I HAVE HAD 2 NOMINATIONS FOR THE VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE

The Committee have decided that all the AGM documents will be sent digitally this year as it will save on paper and printing ink.

There will be hard copies for members not on the internet.

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