Halewood u3a Newsletter February 2024

Hello Everyone.

One month of 2024 over already and what a month it has been weather wise Storms, snow,rain and even some sunny days.

161 members renewed their Membership at our January 26th Meeting and there were 14 new members plus 1 visitor.

There will be another opportunity to pay subs at the February Meeting if you missed the in January.

We enjoyed Sharon Brown 's talk on the "Liverpool Dock Horses" She donated her fee to "Liverpool Museums"

Our February Speaker is David Hearn and his talk is "The first Mersey Road Tunnel" David has given us some interesting talks in the past.

The Bring & Buy Book sale raised £10. 60p which I am donating to the tea and coffee fund as I hate to say this but the voluntary donations are not covering our costs for our refreshments. It is easy to forget to put a small amount in the box but it would be appreciated if <u>everyone</u> could do so.

Dates for your Diary February 2024

Chat Group.

The Chat Group met at the Coast Cafe in Woolton Village on Tuesday 30th January. This is becoming a very popular Group and the next meeting will be at Finchleys Coffee Shop Baileys Lane, Halewood. Contact is Margaret Hill 487 7075 or 07708590761

Family History.

The Group are meeting on Thursday Mornings 10:30 at Halewood Library and everyone seems very enthusiastic.

Contact is Sue Coldwell 07727 853 760

Ukulele Group.

We were sorry to hear that Bob who was the Tutor for the group has been unwell lately and is taking a break at present. Janet Davies has kindly offered to lead the Group The room is booked for 14th 21st and 28th February. New members would be most welcomed.

Contact Liz on 486 6547

Games Group.

The Canasta Group meet regularly on Wednesday mornings and they will be hosting members from Wallasey u3a on Wednesday 14th February at the Arncliffe Centre

Please contact Pam Langley on 07597 905188.

Bridge Group.

The Group continue to meet at the Bear & Staff pub, Gateacre every Tuesday afternoon. Contact Pat McLachlan 281 1687 for further details.

Craft Group.

2 dates In February are Tuesday 6th and 20thFebruary at the Arncliffe Centre, Contact Jackie on 07546 124852

Interesting Buildings Group.

The Group attended the Veolia Waste and Recycling Centre, Gillmoss on Wednesday 10th January 2024

We were met by an excellent Guide called Rachel who told us what you can and can't recycle and all about the journey from your recycling bin to it's final destination. We then had a tour of the Materials Recovery Facility where we observed the whole process.

Pat Potter and Mary Brown will be arranging further visits to more Interesting Buildings. Members will be informed

Discussion Group.

The next meeting will be 10am on Monday 5th February the usual venue 48 Woodland Road. If you would like to join us just come along. lan will as usual find some interesting topics to discuss.

Book Club.

<u>The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th February 1:30pm at 48 Woodland Road as the room in the Arncliffe as been pre booked. The book for this month is "To kill a Mocking Bird" by Harper Lee, A classic which many have read in the past but certainly worth reading again.</u>

Lunch Group.

The Group will meet at the Casa Rima restaurant Baileys Lane, Halewood on Friday 16th February at 1pm 35 pre orders have now been sent in.

Theatre Group

14 members enjoyed the Scouse Panto at the Royal Court Theatre having enjoyed a pre theatre meal at the Courtyard Restaurant.

Pam is now collecting names for the Verdi's Requiem at the Anglican Cathedral on Saturday 27th April. Contact Pam on 07597 905 188

Coffee Break

Coffee Break Continues to be popular. The next meeting will be 10:30 am at Strawberry Field

Come along for a coffee and chat and maybe stay for lunch.

Garden Interest Group

Sue is now taking names for the visit to Erddig Hall and Gardens a National Trust property near Wrexham on Wednesday 22nd May. The coach is booked so if you want to go please contact

Sue on 07727 853 760

Gift Aid.

If any of our new members would like a Gift Aid form please ask at our next meeting.

MARCH MEETING

THE LAST FRIDAY IN MARCH IS GOOD FRIDAY SO THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY 22nd March

August Day Out

This will be arranged later in the year.

At the last Committee it was decided we would have we a meeting in August (last Friday) for the first time ever.

It will be different format from our usual meetings and it will depend on availability of the room in the Arncliffe. More details later.

<u>Free Health Screening</u> - N.West Region u3a s I am still trying to negotiate time and place for this to happen, It is not easy !!!

Other Items.

I have been asked to draw your attention to the following by Alison Shacklady

The Bentley Operatic Society present "Ruddigore" or "The Witch's Curse" Friday 9th February at St Mary's Church Halewood also Saturday 10th February and Sunday 11th All Hallows Church Hall corner Greenhill / Allerton Rd L18 6JJ Tickets £12 ticketsource.co.uk/ bentley-operatic-society

Also At St Nicholas Centre Church Rd Halewood every Thursday morning 10 to 12 there is a "WARM HUB" free hot drinks and toast.

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