



## Hoylake, West Kirby & District U3A



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### A message from the Chair ...



What a wonderful presentation Susie and Kevin gave us at the March meeting. We were all in awe of this charming, talented and highly skilled couple who looked far too young to have achieved so much. Thanks go to Jules for arranging everything and to Susie's mum, Audrey Ormrod who told us about them. You can see how from the picture below how engrossed we all were in this presentation.

We will be holding our AGM in August and sadly, some of our committee members have reached their maximum term of service and must step down from the Committee and we hope that some of you will consider joining the Committee at that time.

If you are reluctant to become a committee member just yet, we would greatly appreciate it if one or two of you would consider joining Helen and Jenny in the groups team. We have lots of lovely new members wanting to join interest groups and assistance is needed in contacting those people and arranging a set-up meeting in order to have them meet each other and start the group. If you are a new member, it would be a perfect way for you to meet other new members. You would have lots of assistance and help. Please let us know if you can spare a few hours each week to help out.

Your friend,  
Marjorie



### **Our Speakers by Jules Lee.**

Hello to you all, thank you to everyone who joined us for the March social meeting. It was a wonderful turnout for a really special event. I am so grateful to Susie and Kevin for creating a talk just for us. In all my time as your Speaker Secretary I think this is one of the most interesting talks that I have brought to you.

I am pleased to tell you that in May, in order to mark the King's Coronation, I have been able to add an extra event to our calendar and I am delighted to offer you a special talk from our local art historian, Ed Williams.

The title of Ed's talk will be: **Projecting Majesty, Royal Portraiture, through the Centuries'** and will be held at **The Hoylake Community Centre at 2.00pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Ed will explore and consider how the image of monarchs over the past 1000 years has changed, how portraiture was used as propaganda, projecting an image of the 'ideal monarch' and how an element of that remains even to this day. We are able to offer this as a free event for our members

Ed is currently being considered by the Arts Society to join their bank of freelance lecturers; the final stage involves him being observed giving a talk to a large audience. He has kindly offered to donate his time for free so that he can be assessed.

For Ed to meet the assessment criteria from the Arts Society, he needs in excess of 50 people to attend. We will therefore be asking members at the next social meetings to let us know if they intend to come along. This will also help us to estimate how many seats to put out etc. but also ensure that we provide the requisite 50 people to fulfil Ed's assessment criteria. There will be no refreshments available from the U3A but Popsy's café will be open.

**Almost all our speakers are booked for 2023 and I have listed them below. You can also check the list on our website: [www.u3asites.org.uk/hoylake](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/hoylake)**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** we welcome back Michael Corfe. Michael will be telling us about Lord Birkenhead (F.E. Smith). The talk will take us through his very humble beginnings in Birkenhead's back streets to his role as Lord Chancellor.



**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Golf Historian Joe Pinnington will tell us about '**the History of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club and the Open Championship**'.

Joe's talk will begin at 2pm.

It will be followed at approximately 3.30pm by a short presentation by Mark Camborne, Wirral Council's Lead Officer for the Open Championship and Sue Dawber, Lead for Traffic Management about all new **arrangements for the**

**Open Championship**. Preparations have begun already .. so do stay for this talk to find out exactly what is going to happen in our area and how it will affect us. A chance to ask them questions too.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Ed Williams talk about Royal Portraiture at the Hoylake Community Centre. Details above.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** Roger Devonside will tell us about **‘Wing-walking on the edge of the Clouds’**.



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July ‘All things Bee-Keeping’** Philip Brierley will tell us about his hobby of being an apiarist.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August: The AGM** will be followed by Karen Hughes who is going to give an introduction to maintaining flexibility in our bodies and minds by using simple techniques to help to relax and calm the mind and manage painful conditions.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – ‘The most influential women in Modern Art’**. Ed Williams is back with another fascinating subject.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** Coral Greenwood will tell us the **‘History of the Musical Theatre’**. Some of you will remember Coral’s previous talk when she helped us to ‘brush up our Shakespeare’ and had us all laughing.  
*(this talk was erroneously stated as 10<sup>th</sup> October in previous newsletter. Apologies from the Editor)*

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** Roger Brown will entertain us with **‘The Great American Songbook’** - The fascinating lives of Gershwin, Kern, Porter, Rodgers, Berlin, Carmichael, Fats Waller and beyond and their wonderful music.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – ‘History and Heritage of Jewish Festivals’** Eric Cohen of Princes Road Synagogue will give us a fun look at the Jewish Festivals.



I am working hard to continue to bring you a diverse range of interesting and informative speakers each month. Please keep giving me your feedback.

Your Speaker Secretary,  
**Jules**

### New Members

A very warm welcome to those who joined us during the last few months. They are: Catherine Ditchfield, Vera Hannah, Suzanne Hodgins, Pamela Jackson, Thomas Francis Jones, Ann Melville, Margaret Porter-Jones, Valerie Robinson, Sydney Rogers, David and Vanessa Royse, Judith Stevens, Margaret (Peggy) Stewart, Jean Taylor







## Social Events

Our social year got off to a good start at the February and March meetings. The Coronation afternoon tea and our trip to Trentham Gardens both sold out very quickly. So don't delay if you are considering joining any future events.

**We are now taking payments for the trip to Ludlow on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.** The coach will depart from Hoylake Community Centre at 9 am arriving in Ludlow approximately 11am. Departure from Ludlow will be 4pm. The cost is £18.00.

Some of the other Social outings planned are:

- Southport Flower Show on 18<sup>th</sup> August.
- Portmeiron on 7<sup>th</sup> September and
- Harewood House in October. More details nearer the time.

## Two important Reminders ...

All our coach trips will be departing from the Hoylake Community Centre in Hoyle Road, and the Centre's staff have asked us not to park our cars in their car park. We are grateful to be able to use their facilities, so let's not cause them any problems. There is plenty of parking on both Hoylake and Meols Parade.

Carvers have reminded us that if you wish to bring a mobility scooter on a trip you must be prepared to lift it into the coach as the drivers are not insured to do so. Also, check ahead that the terrain at the venue is suitable.

For any enquiries you can email : [cabradstreet6@gmail.com](mailto:cabradstreet6@gmail.com) or contact Carol on 0151 364 4554 or Wendy at 0151 632 5112.



.....or was it Ron Burke? He's always saying funny things like that!



## Interest Group Update

We have 39 Interest Groups at present. Some are full but it is worth putting your name down as places do become available and we are starting second groups of some of these – ask at the Interest Group table. 23 groups have spaces – see list below or ask at the Groups table.

We have recently started **SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS**. This is being run by a lady who speaks Spanish fluently and whose hobby is teaching Spanish. They will meet every Wednesday (except for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month) at 2.00 p.m. at the Sail Loft, West Kirby.

Please contact Dot Webster on 07933 397 465 or E-mail: [dorothywebster1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dorothywebster1@hotmail.co.uk)

We are holding a start-up meeting for a new **LOCAL INTEREST GROUP** on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Sail Loft, West Kirby at 2.30, so this should be up and running by the time you read this newsletter. If you are interested in this one, contact me (0151 678 5714 / E-mail: [hcrelley@gmail.com](mailto:hcrelley@gmail.com)) when I should be able to give you the day that this group has chosen to meet.

A second **SUNDAY LUNCHES** group is ready to be set up and I will let those on the waiting list know when this will be. Contact me if you want to put your name down.

A second **THEATRE** group is also ready to be set up and we have a contact person for that. Please contact me if you wish to put your name down.

A member has requested a group for **RUMMIKUB** and we have waiting lists for other new groups – ask at the Interest table.

### GROUPS AVAILABILITY UPDATE (Full list) – MARCH/APRIL 2023

NAME OF GROUP	CONTACT PERSON	AVAILABILITY
ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES	JANE KENNEDY – 625 9969	FULL
ART APPRECIATION	FELICITY DAVID - 625 9181	FULL
BACKGAMMON	ROSEMARY TATE – 625 6259	SPACES - 2
BIRD WATCHING	JONATHAN THORNTON - 625 6791	SPACES
BRIDGE INTERMEDIATE	CHRIS VAN BERGEN – 07884 345 601	SPACES - 2
CAFÉ & CONVERSATION	HELEN CRELLEY & CAROL JOHNSTON	SPACES
CITY STUDIES	KEITH BLACKWELL – 625 4987	FULL
CREATIVE WRITING	HELEN CRELLEY – 678 5714	SPACES - 2
CYCLING	JOHN GOODCHILD – 632 4904	FULL can take visitors
FRENCH INTERMEDIATE	JEAN NILE – 625 1563	SPACES Zoom
FRENCH BEGINNER	JEAN NILE – 625 1563	SPACES Zoom
GARDEN INTEREST	SANDRA MEALOR – 632 2568	SPACES
(ONLINE) GARDEN GROUP	MARJORIE HARGREAVES – 632 1188	SPACES
GK QUIZ	LIS THORNTON – 625 6791	FULL
HISTORY GENERAL	CAROL JOHNSTON – 678 1680	SPACE - 1
EVERYTHING ITALIAN	HELEN CRELLEY – 678 5714	SPACES
LOCAL INTEREST 1	SUE KURTON – 632 5540	FULL
LOCAL INTEREST 2* NEW	Being set up - contact Helen Crelley	SPACES
LOCAL INTEREST 3	ANDY MEADOWS – 606 0894	FULL
LOCAL INTEREST 4	BARBARA LOWRY – 07984941775	FULL

MAHJONG	PAT MARR – 648 9766	FULL
NEEDLECRAFTS	BARBARA KIRBY – 632 2901	FULL
PLAY READING 1	JEAN BISHOP – 632 5145	SPACES – 2
PLAY READING 2	JENNI LEE – 903 2207	SPACES
POETRY	ANN JOHNSON – 678 1260	SPACES
READING 1	MARJORIE HARGREAVES – 632 1188	FULL
READING 2	CAROL JOHNSTON – 678 1680	SPACE - 1
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	MIKE WARING - 07792578414	SPACES
SCRABBLE	FELICITY GRIFFITHS - 07811404580	FULL
SPANISH BEGINNERS* NEW	DOT WEBSTER - 07933 397 465	SPACES
SUNDAY LUNCHES	JO MARSHALL-CLARKE – 632 3840	FULL
THEATRE	CAROL BRADSTREET – 364 4554	FULL
TUESDAY STROLLERS	JEAN FRANNEY – 632 3076	SPACES
WALKING (EASY 1)	AUDREY BOTTLE – 677 6781	FULL
WALKING (EASY 2)	IAN BROWELL – 677 7403	SPACES
WALKING (EASY 3)	STEPHANIE HUNTER – 604 0974	FULL
WALKING - INTERMEDIATE	JONATHAN GOODCHILD – 632 4904	SPACES - 2
WHAT THE PAPERS SAY	ANNE HUTCHINSON – 625 1177	FULL
WINE APPRECIATION	KEITH BLACKWELL – 625 4987	SPACE - 1
WORLD CLASSICS	BARBARA KIRBY – 632 2901	SPACES

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN A GROUP THAT IS **FULL**, PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES DOWN ON THE FORMS AT THE INTEREST GROUP TABLE (STATING WHICH GROUP YOU WISH TO JOIN). WHEN THESE FORMS HAVE 6-8 NAMES DOWN FOR A PARTICULAR GROUP, WE WILL SET UP A MEETING TO GET THE GROUP GOING.

**PENDING NEW GROUPS** : ARCHAEOLOGY, ART (PRACTICAL), FRENCH BEGINNERS (not on Zoom), LOCAL INTEREST 2, THEMED READING GROUP, WALKING EASY

**SECOND GROUPS OF A GROUP THAT IS FULL**: ART APPRECIATION 2, HISTORY GENERAL 2, GK QUIZ 2, SCRABBLE 2, THEATRE 2, SUNDAY LUNCHES 2

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**Walking Group 3**  
enjoy a winter walk on  
Hoylake Parade



Our sincere thanks go to everyone who have renewed their membership promptly it makes management of our u3a so much easier.

Our 2023 - 2024 renewal period has now ended. Renewal tables are no longer in situ at monthly meetings and anyone who has not already let us know their intention to renew in April will be unable to scan their membership cards to gain entry to the monthly meetings, nor will they be able to attend an Interest Group meeting.

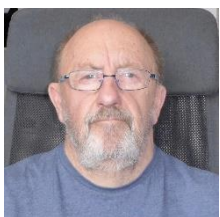
You may wonder why it is so important for us to have renewals in by the beginning of March. One reason is the general data protection regulation which does not allow us to retain contact details of non-members; the other is that we are obliged to pay a £3.50 capitation fee to the Third Age Trust (TAT) for every member listed on our Beacon database on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

In previous years we have discovered that we have paid that capitation fee for members who ultimately did not renew. We cannot afford to continue that practice.

A notice of our January renewal meeting is circulated at the end of November and reminders continue until March, but even so, at present, despite the reminders and other attempts to contact them, we have some 15 members who have not let us know whether they intend to renew or not.

We often find that after deleting non-payers from our database they attend a meeting later in the year and announce their intention to renew. This causes holdups for potential new members and extra work for the membership team having to repeat the membership process all over again. We are all volunteers and feel that this is unnecessary work for us.

The Committee has therefore decided that next year, unless there has been an unavoidable reason, we will be charging a 'late renewal fee' to anyone who has not renewed their membership by the beginning of March. I am sure most of you will agree with this decision. Please let us know what you think.



Mike Waring and the membership team.







## THE MAN WHO SOLD HOT DOGS

There was once a man who lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs. He was hard of hearing so he had no radio. He had trouble with his eyes, so he read no newspapers and of course, he didn't look at television.

But he sold good hot dogs. He put up signs telling how good they were. He stood on the side of the road and cried out, "Buy a hot dog, mister?"

And people bought. He increased his meat and bun orders. He bought a bigger stove to take care of the trade. He finally got his son home from college to help him out.

But then something happened. His son said, "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio or reading the newspapers or watching television? There's a big depression. The world situation is terrible. In this country we have problems with inflation, strikes, riots, pollution, minorities, majorities, the rich, the poor, drugs. Capitalists and Communists.

Whereupon his father thought, "Well my son's been to college, he reads the papers and listens to the radio and watches television and he ought to know."

So his father cut down on his meat and bun orders, and took down his advertising signs and no longer bothered to stand out on the highway to sell his hot dogs.

And his hot dog sales fell almost overnight.

"You are right son," the father said to his son. "We certainly are in the middle of a depression!"

The moral is clear!

**So let's get going again with confidence and don't believe all you read or see.**

*Many thanks to Ron and Sue Burke for this, and also to Ron for another great cartoon.*

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