



## Hoylake, West Kirby & District U3A



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A message from the Chair ...

A belated Happy New Year to everyone! And what a New Year it has been. We had a record turnout for the talk about the Beatles Liverpool; 160 of you checked in and it was enjoyed by everyone. There was a real buzz in the Hall. I do hope we get to hear this excellent speaker again.



Our Group leader's lunch last week was also a most enjoyable event. What a great start to our U3A year.

Just a gentle reminder about our monthly speaker meetings that we need to have everyone seated by 2:15 so that the speaker can start on time in a quiet hall.

We have been delighted and pleased that so many people used the online link to pay their 2024 subscriptions. And in addition to that, we accepted more payments at the speaker meeting. As of January 17, we had collected over 80% of dues, which is a great number. Congratulations and thanks to all those who paid and the teams that collected the money on the day. Everything went very smoothly.

Linda

### UPCOMING EVENTS - A VISIT TO YORK



We have booked a coach to take us to the historic and beautiful City of York on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

The coach will depart from Hoylake Community Centre at 9.15am and will cost £25.

The coach can drop you off (and pick you up) outside the Minster or the National Railway Museum.



Apart from shopping there is much to see in York, including the Shambles the Castle Museum and the Jorvik Centre. The Railway Museum is free to enter, the Jorvik Centre about £7.50 and there is now an entry charge for the Minster.

**For any enquiries you can email : [social@hwkdu3a.org.uk](mailto:social@hwkdu3a.org.uk) or contact Carol on 0151 364 4554 or Wendy at 0151 632 5112.**



## Our Speakers

Dear members,

I would like to give you an update about a few things including a brief introduction to our next speaker.

### Roundup:

**January's 'Beatles talk'** - Mike Haskins, who joined us last month, provided an excellent talk about the Beatles and links with some very local landmarks. Such was the demand for his book that he totally sold out at the meeting! A number of you have contacted me asking if you could purchase a copy. Mike has agreed to bring some copies to our next meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> February. Mike will join us at 2.00 for sales and signings before our speaker commences at 2.15. His book costs £6.99.

**Next Month- On the 7<sup>th</sup> February, we welcome Mervyn Saunders.** Mervyn has enjoyed a life-long interest in Entertainment in its many forms. He has been a compère and MC of carnivals and charity dinners and was also a founder member of his local u3a. His talk will be "A Brief History of Entertainment." It will be a broad-based and informative introduction to several aspects of the subject including tales about the centuries-old Theatre Royal in Drury Lane, London and the present-day links it shares in many of the expressions we use in our speech today. From the Beer Gardens of the 17<sup>th</sup> century via Music Hall, Variety, Pierrots, Circus, Film, Radio and then Television, it is a fascinating journey to the modern day and the internet.

**Jackson's Animal Rescue - Our speaker on the 6<sup>th</sup> March,** Greer Lacey is a Trustee at this local rescue. She will explain how the charity has grown from its inception to the current operation. Additionally, Greer will tell us about Hedgehog care. Jackson's Animal Rescue is a charity that relies on donations from the public. If anyone would like to donate the following items are in short supply: puppy, cat, dog, recovery food plus small bite biscuits. At the moment they also are short of washing up liquid and washing powder. Greer will also bring a donation box for a collection on the 6<sup>th</sup> if anyone would like to support this charity.

**November speaker slot now filled!** I hope that you all have a copy of our yellow speaker card detailing our speakers each month until the end of the year. But you will be pleased to know that Mike Haskins has agreed to return in November and tell us about the extraordinary escapades of Griff Rhys Jones, the Welsh comedian, writer, actor and television presenter.

See you all on the 7<sup>th</sup> February,

Your Speaker Secretary,  
Jules

## New Members Update



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the following people who joined us recently. They are: Madge Aitken, John Cain, Christine Chesham, Sally Cooper, Kenneth Hunt, Julie Jones, Annie Lewis, David Murrell, Julie O'Neill, Geoffrey Price, Jennifer Tips, Graham Raymond Ward.

We welcome to all of the 63 people who have joined us since February last year. We hope you are now enjoying the friendship and fun that our U3A has to offer.



### A Gift Aid reminder from Mike Waring.

Each year your U3A can reclaim Gift Aid on your membership fee for the running of our activities. Currently 217 of our 352 members have indicated that we can claim Gift Aid on their membership fee.

We recovered £1,356.25 last year from the Government because they did!

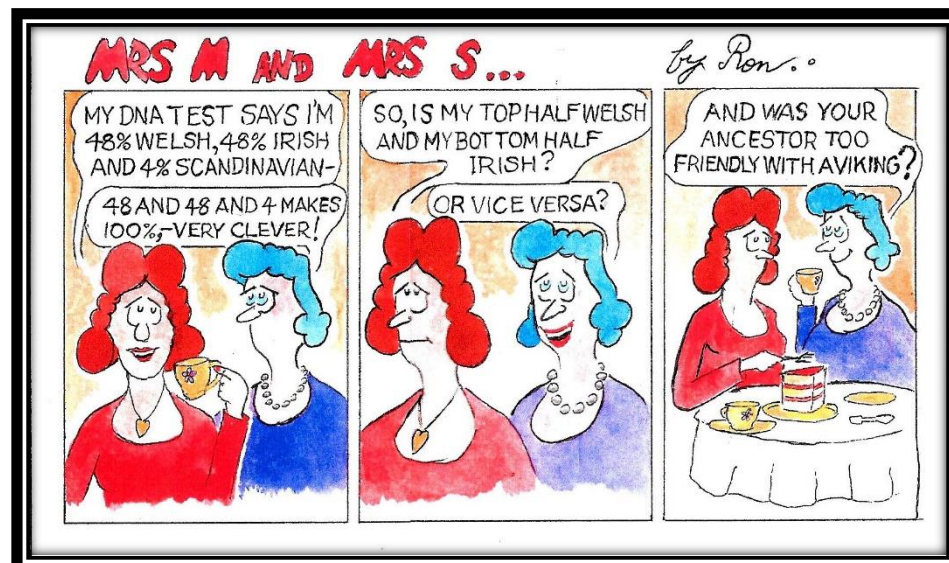
You must only be a UK taxpayer to be able to claim for Gift Aid to benefit the running of your U3A.

Just let me know by emailing [membership@hwkdu3a.org](mailto:membership@hwkdu3a.org) and I will add your name to claim Gift Aid for your U3A. It costs you nothing!

Mike



**Pauline Tarleton** - We are sad to report the recent death of this well-known former member. Pauline resigned from the U3A after moving into a Nursing Home. Formerly Pauline had run a raffle and tombola at the Speaker meetings for many years. She was a member of Reading Group 1 and also ran a Bridge tuition group in her home. Her funeral will be held at St Catherine's Church, Meols at 11.30am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February followed by cremation at 1.00pm at Landican.



Sincere thanks to Ron Burke for another original cartoon.  
- How does he think of them!!

## NEWS FROM THE INTEREST GROUPS – FEBRUARY 2024



Firstly, many thanks to all the wonderful Group 'Leaders' (Contact persons), who attended the Thank You lunch on Tuesday 23rd January. It was so good to see so many of you, especially as the weather was awful.

After 5 years of being unable to hold one of these lunches, it was good to catch up with each other and for us to show our appreciation for you all for taking on this role.

Many thanks too, to members of the committee who bought the food and helped to set up and put away tables and chairs.

Thanks also go to:

- Margaret Gascoigne and Hilary Alcock for taking on the backlog of new groups that needed starting up. They have done a sterling job and we have several new groups!
- Stephanie Hunter & Sue Southgate who 'man' the Interest Group Table every month at the Speaker meeting. They can advise you as to how to join a group and will have a list of groups that have waiting lists where you can put your names down.



**The new THEATRE 2 group** is already full, but this type of group is easy to get going, so get your names down at the Interest Group table and we get another one going. Consider if you could be one of the Contact Persons. (You are not 'in charge', all groups plan together).



**LOCAL INTEREST 5** is hoping to start up as soon as she has a few more members. Contact Marjorie Hargreaves – [marbroom@gmail.com](mailto:marbroom@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Local Interest Groups are very popular. The members arrange visits, usually by public transport to various places of interest on the Wirral, Liverpool and Chester.



**HISTORY LOCAL** is just starting – contact David Royse – 458 1485. Research and learn about the history of our locality in the company of others, sometimes visiting places of local historical interest.



**HISTORY 2** is a new group started a few months ago. Contact Ruth Simmons – 07748 631 730. Explore the history of anything, anywhere.

**FRENCH INTERMEDIATE** and **EVERYTHING ITALIAN** groups are looking for more members.

Finally all the best for 2024 and enjoy our U3A.

Helen Crelley

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**If you have not renewed your membership by the end of February (March speaker meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March latest) You will no longer be a U3A member and unable to attend any meetings.**

**A reminder of our Christmas lunch at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club.**

How welcome they make us, and how very much we enjoy this wonderful annual event.



Below: Reading Group 1 enjoying a festive afternoon tea

