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A message from the Chair ...

We were so pleased to see so many of you at our membership renewal meeting and to welcome fifteen new members and many visitors, some of whom have since joined.

It was a busy meeting and there was an unavoidable delay at the door during a particularly busy spell. This was mainly due to visitor's signing in rather than being able to scan. This problem will be remedied in future. Do remember to have your membership cards ready to scan and if you have not yet collected your new yellow card then check in with your old one and collect your yellow card from the books table at the side of the refreshment area.

Meanwhile please remember that we are all volunteers. As well as Committee members the ladies taking membership renewals, helping on groups or books, checking you in, serving your teas or running the raffles are all much valued volunteers. No-one is paid for their time during the meetings or at home. We are all doing our best within a limited budget to make your U3A experience as good as possible. So do be patient and give us your support.



The membership team had a good start to the year with over two thirds of our members renewing. I sincerely thank you. It's heartening to know that so many of you are looking forward to taking part in our Interest group and Social activities in the year ahead.

The Social team are grateful to everyone who completed their suggestion form and offered ideas of places to visit. Trentham Gardens was a popular choice so that will be the March trip and details are on page 3.

Your friend,

Marjorie



It's good to see that our very own cartoonist, Ron Burke is back on form.

Incidentally - how old are you Ron?





Our Speakers

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

Wednesday 1st February. With plenty of fascinating pictures, Victoria Doran will tell us about *'The Old Ways and New in Rural and Coastal Morocco'*. Victoria lived as part of a large Arab family in Rabat through the pandemic and beyond.

Wednesday 1st March - *'A World in Miniature'* We are fortunate (thanks to Audrey Ormrod) to have Art Historians & Miniaturists Kevin Mulvany & Susie Rogers to give us an insight into their work and practice. From The Rover's Return to Chateau Versailles Kevin and Susie will take us on a whistle-stop tour of thirty five years of creating the world in miniature.

For more information google: www.mulvanyandrogers.com



Wednesday 5th April Michael Corfe will return to tell us more about F.E Smith, a.k.a. Lord Birkenhead. A truly local giant in English History. F.E Smith was born in a back street in Birkenhead and rose to massive heights. A close friend of Lloyd-George and ultimately Lord Chancellor. But who remembers him now?



Wednesday 3rd 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 and will be followed at 3pm by a short presentation about new arrangements for the Open Championship by Mark Camborne, Wirral Council's lead officer for the Open Championship and Sue Dawber Lead for Traffic Management.

Wednesday 7th June Roger Devonside will tell us about *'Wing-walking on the edge of the Clouds'*.

Wednesday 5th July *'All things Bee-Keeping'* Philip Brierley will tell us about his hobby of being an apiarist.

Wednesday 6th September - *'The most influential women in Modern Art'*. Ed Williams is back by popular demand, this will be his third visit.

Wednesday 10th October Coral Greenwood will tell us the *'History of the Musical Theatre'*.

Wednesday 1st December - 'History and Heritage of Jewish Festivals' Eric Cohen of Princes Road Synagogue will give us a fun look at the Jewish Festivals.

**Your Speaker Secretary,
Jules Lee**



Coach trip to Trentham Shopping Village and Gardens on Thursday 30th March.



A shopping village, a Blue Diamond Garden Centre, plenty of cafes and restaurants as well as Award-winning gardens. There is something to do whatever the weather at Trentham.

The coach will depart from **Hoyle Community Centre at 9.30am** and return approx. 6.00pm

The cost for the coach is at the bargain price of **£15**. If you want to visit the gardens you will need to pay £9 entry fee on the day. We will be taking payment for the coach at the February or March Speaker meeting. Payment by cheque or exact cash please. Sorry no change given.



As some of us are unlikely to experience another Coronation we really want to mark that special long Bank holiday weekend. Therefore we are hosting a **Coronation Afternoon tea on Friday 5th May**. It will be held at the Grange on Meols Drive and 'Abba Cakes' in Hoyle which is owned and run by Sam's lovely wife Laura will be providing a very special selection of savoury and sweet treats. More details and a sign-up sheet for tickets will be available at the next meeting with tickets for sale at the March and April meetings. You may be able to invite a non-U3A friend or family member. Check



out Laura's website: www.abbacakes.co.uk

Some of the other outings planned are:

- A trip to Ludlow on 4th July.
- Southport Flower Show on 18th August.
- Portmeiron on 7th September
- Harewood House in October. More details nearer the time.

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

Members Update

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the following people who joined us recently. They are: Sue Amyes, Barbara Bemrose, Susan Margaret Boardman, Yvonne Cullen, Sue Dare, Jim Drake, Mavis Dean, Catherine and Ian Deegan-Munro, Michael Spencer Gittoes, Alison Griffiths, Barry & Lois Holland, Elizabeth Joyce, Caroline Keightley, Janet Longman, Lorna Noonan, Margaret Rawsthorne, Janet Reid, Sheila Ross, Janet Marian Sewter, Marianne Thornton, Stephen Wynn.



We hope you go on to enjoy the friendship and fun that our U3A has to offer. You will receive Newsletters and other U3A communications by email. Paper copies of the newsletter will also be available on the check-in desk at the monthly meetings.

Jean will be contacting you shortly to invite you to our first new member's coffee morning of 2023. This will be held at The Grange, Meols Drive on Tuesday 21st February at 10.30am.

We are sad to inform you of the death of former member Rosemary Kelly Wiseman.

INTEREST GROUP UPDATE



After being a Groups Co-ordinator for 6 years Carol Johnson has completed her term of service. We will miss Carol and are grateful for the wonderful job she has done of setting up and supporting so many Interest Groups. Thank you Carol.

Helping out with Interest Groups is a good way to get to know people and it is very satisfying to get a new Interest Group up and running. We would love to hear from anyone who is interested in becoming involved in Groups or who is willing to help us through this busy time.

Many of our I.Gs are full at present but most are happy to accept visitors. If you visit and enjoy a Group then let that Group contact person know so that they can inform you when a place in the group becomes available. If you join a Group and find it's not quite for you, please let the Group leader or Helen know as we really do need to have an accurate record of Group places.

We are hoping to get a new **Local Interest Group** started. These are very sociable Groups and entail the group travelling together by public transport to local places of Interest. Existing groups have toured the the Police Stables, A Recycling Centre, An Organ Making factory and many, many more. We can explain how they work and suggest some trips.

You will be able to register your interest for the following Groups at the February meeting:

There will be sign-up sheets for:

- The new Local Interest Group - venues and frequency of visits decided by the members
- A New Walking Group - the distance and pace to be decided by the members.
- A Sunday Lunch Group - usually monthly lunches at various locations.
- A Beginners Spanish Group - to be led by a teacher
- An Archaeology Group - this may well be a tutored short course rather than a group.

When 8-10 names are on a sign-up sheet we will contact you to invite you to a 'start-up' meeting for that Group. The sign up sheets for the groups are on the Interest Groups table at the monthly meeting, but you can also contact Helen if you wish her to add or remove your name on the list.

Helen Crelley hcrelley@gmail.com or **0151 678 5714**

Treasurers Update January 2023

Happy New Year everyone!

The renewal meeting was certainly very busy. Thank you to those manning the desks and for completing the forms with details and matching forms with cash/cheques. Made it much easier for me!

And to members new and re-joining for completing their cheques correctly only one or two date errors!

Please note that for those re-joining by paying subscriptions through online banking and emailing me of such that they will receive an acknowledgement when details go on to Beacon.

You may remember from the last AGM that unfortunately due to various health issues I had been unable to complete the 20/21 annual accounts.

However, whilst not yet audited I have now completed them and if anyone would like a copy, please email me at treasurer@hwkdu3a.org

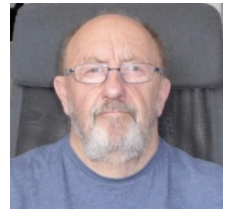
I hope to be able to present these and the 22/23 accounts at this year's AGM.

Ruth Lacy



An Appeal

From Mike Waring, Beacon Manager.



Each year your U3A can reclaim Gift Aid on your membership fee for the running of our activities. Currently 161 of our 335 members have ticked the box on their membership or renewal form and we recovered £888.05 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 and I will add your name to claim Gift Aid for your U3A