



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The fifteenth Annual General Meeting of Hoylake, West Kirby & District U3A will be held at Hope Church, Hoylake on **Wednesday 2nd August 2023 at 2.00pm**. It will be followed by a presentation by Karen Hughes on relaxation and pain management techniques.

Nominations are invited for the position of Chairman, Treasurer, Vice Chairman, or Committee member and must be in the hands of the Secretary before mid-day on Friday 1st June 2023.

We hoping that as many members as possible will attend the meeting where they will be given the opportunity to ask questions of the Committee.

All nominations for the Committee must be duly proposed and seconded. A Nomination Form can be obtained from our Secretary Barbara Kirby by emailing beky2740@gmail.com or telephoning 0151 632 2901. Copies of the Agenda, Annual Report and Accounts will be distributed by email and post prior to the meeting.



From the Chair ...

May was a busy month for us. Jules arranged two speakers at the Open meeting; both on the subject of the Golf Open Championship but from very different aspects.

Joe Pinnington entertained us with the history of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club and Mark Cambourne, the lead Officer of Wirral Traffic Department gave us first-hand latest information of the traffic arrangements during the week of the Open Championship and answered all our questions.

Just a few days later we enjoyed our Coronation Afternoon Tea. Abba Cakes did us proud with the first-class generous catering. We are grateful to John Slope and Jenny Pender who allowed us to use the room and set it up so nicely for us. There are some pictures from this event at the end of this Newsletter.

In mid-May Art Historian, Ed Williams gave us a fascinating illustrated talk on Royal Portraiture at the Hoylake Community Centre. It was a testament to Ed's popularity as a speaker that over 90 members and 4 guests attended and enjoyed the talk. We look forward to Ed's next visit. My grateful thanks go to Jules and everyone else who was involved in preparations for these excellent speakers and events.

Your friend,
Marjorie



From our Speaker Secretary

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 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 2nd 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 6th September – 'The most influential women in Modern Art' Ed Williams is back with another fascinating subject.

Wednesday 4th 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.

Wednesday 1st 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 6th 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



Another great cartoon with a message from Ron Burke. A million thanks Ron.

You can see Ron enjoying his afternoon tea on page 8

Social Events

Our day-trip to Ludlow is now fully booked.

The next day trip is to **Southport Flower Show on Friday 18th August**. The cost for the coach and entry is £32.

To buy a single ticket on the day would cost £28, so we feel we are offering good value.

Please be aware that we do not make any profit of the trips, we try to cover the costs, if there is any surplus at the year-end, it is used to cover costs on underfunded trips or discount new ones.

This trip can be booked at next speakers meeting on 7th June. Cash or cheque is acceptable.

Please remember ...

- 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. There is plenty of parking on both Hoylake and Meols Parade.
- Please keep the front row of seats free for the trip organisers. They must liaise with the driver and each other.
- 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.
- Bring your diaries and cheque books to meetings if you wish to secure a place for trips or event.

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



New Members

A very warm welcome to those who joined us during April and May. They are: John Bebell, Douglas Eastman, Peter Hamer, Carolyn Hart, Brenda Lloyd, Susan Moss, Jean Orr, George Ryan, Barbara Smith, Karen Stewart, Sheena Stewart, Elizabeth Thorne.



Interest Group Info

The current Groups list is overleaf but we also have news of the new Archeaology Group starting up. Felicity Davies (not to be confused with Felicity David) tells us that they held their initial meeting and during the meeting agreed to

visit the Poulton Project near Chester, also the Great Orme copper mines at Llandudno and Bidston Hill.

Regular meetings should hopefully begin in September and if anyone is interested please contact Felicity by emailing:

neandermole00@gmail.com



ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES	JANE KENNEDY – 625 9969	SPACE - 1
ART APPRECIATION	FELICITY DAVID - 625 9181	FULL
ART APPRECIATION 2 * NEW*	MAVIS DEAN – 07855 978 118	SPACES
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	FULL
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	SPACES
HISTORY GENERAL	CAROL JOHNSTON – 678 1680	SPACE - 1
EVERYTHING ITALIAN	HELEN CRELLEY – 678 5714	FULL
LOCAL INTEREST 1	SUE KURTON – 632 5540	FULL
LOCAL INTEREST 2	CAROLINE KEIGHTLEY – 07412 542 515	FULL
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
QUIZZERS	BARBARA BEMROSE – 07746 575 772	FULL
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 FRANEY – 632 3076	SPACES
WALKING (EASY 1)	AUDREY BOTTLE – 677 6781	FULL
WALKING (EASY 2)	IAN BROWELL – 677 7403	FULL
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

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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 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), THEMED READING GROUP, WALKING (4)

SECOND GROUPS OF A GROUP THAT IS FULL: ART APPRECIATION 2, HISTORY GENERAL 2, SCRABBLE 2, THEATRE 2, SUNDAY LUNCHES 2, LOCAL INTEREST 5

Any queries contact: Helen Crelley – 678 5714 - hcrelley@gmail.com



Remembering June Tebay

Many of you will remember June Tebay who I regret to tell you, recently passed away. June was a very special lady; charming, friendly, beautiful and elegant even into her ninties. Many of you will remember her wizzing around in her little mustard-coloured sports car. She had been a member for

many years and until health problems set in last year. She had been a member from the beginning in 2008 and was a regular attendee at Speaker meetings and also a valued member of Reading group 1 for more than 12 years. June found something interesting or amusing in even the worst of the books. A few years ago she mentioned to us the recording she had just made on Radio 4's Today Programme, and we tuned in to hear June describing her 'best time of the day' which was her 5.30pm ritual of pouring herself a large gin and tonic. The short recording was so popular that it was mentioned in The Times, Saga Magazine and others. It was pure co-incidence that very shortly after June died Radio 4 contacted June for permission to re-broadcast it. Melinda, June's daughter gave them the sad news and agreed to the broadcast. She was interviewed about June after the recording. If you are reading this online you can enjoy June's recording by double-clicking on the audio link the link in the message this newsletter was attached to. Enjoy June again.



June's funeral will be held at St Bridgets Church on Wednesday 31st May at 2pm.

Committee News



Our AGM will be held in August and some of the members of the Committee have completed their term of service and are stepping down. We will be sad to lose our excellent Treasurer Ruth but very much appreciate all her hard work Ruth has done despite being dogged with health issues almost from the beginning.

It is now most important that we find a new Treasurer. Can you help? If you have had any accounts/book-keeping experience we would be delighted to have you. The system is very straightforward you would receive help from previous Treasurers, and/or Mike is happy to train you on using Beacon for the accounts. Please contact any committee member if you think you can help.

You would be joining a very nice Committee. We all get along well and enjoy our Committee meetings. We all work well together and speaker meetings run smoothly without any complaints.

One improvement we feel we can make at the meeting is to introduce card readers which would allow you to pay for your membership renewal and social outings by credit or debit card.



Until now the cost of buying the card readers and the amount of commission taken on each transaction has deterred us from introducing them. However, as cheque books are rare and many don't carry cash .. we

can't not do it.

We will need some additional income in order to fund this. It has been suggested that we increase our 2024 membership fee by a small amount. Possibly as little as £1 per member would suffice. How do you feel about that? Please contact any member of the committee and let us know.

I will be stepping down as Chairman at the August AGM but will be seeking election as a member of the Committee. I enjoy the meetings and seeing how popular the monthly meetings have become is a testament to the hard-working Committee and helpers who make the whole thing run smoothly.



We have had some fabulous speakers, a speedy check-in and a great welcome to new members from the membership desk; Groups, Social and Book table have all been working well thanks to our wonderful Committee members and regular helpers. What a great team we have....most especially our Refreshment team. Pat Lynch, Jenny Lee, Pam Symes (pictured here) with assistance at times from Steve Symes, John Lynch and Judith

Bonner. What would we do without them? They never fail to make everyone feel welcome and serve our drinks so pleasantly. They really are a very special group of people. I know you will all agree.

Marjorie

What have we all been doing? These pictures show a small part of it



Walking Group 3 - enjoying a well-earned lunch at the Irby Mill before completing the last mile of their walk and below, resting after walking over to Hilbre.



The online Garden Group enjoyed an outing to Plantagogo Nurseries where they received a warm welcome and a huge slice of cake. Everyone enjoyed the visit and came home laden with plants.



The Coronation Afternoon Tea - Abba cakes provided some fabulous food



Our brilliant cartoonist Ron is on the right. His wife Sue is opposite. Also pictured are Graham Thwaite, and partner Eirwen Thomas. It was a perfect start to the Coronation weekend. We're trying to think of an excuse to hold another - do you blame us?

