



Hoylake, West Kirby & District U3A



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Here we are at the end of October already with winter just around the corner. Now is the time to start thinking about how we will spend our winter days. I hope you have joined some interest groups.. if not, why not? It's such an enjoyable way to share a common interest and make new friends.



I host a reading group and our monthly meetings are a very pleasant way to spend a winter afternoon. None of us knew each other before joining the group, now we have become friends. That's the way Interest Group work!

Do make sure you visit the Groups table at the next meeting and get yourself signed up for a group. Backgammon, Poetry, Italian, Needlecraft and World Classic literature are all good examples of sociable groups where you will be made most welcome.

Those of you who attended the October meeting enjoyed Coral Greenwoods talk on Shakespeare and the hilarious impromptu acting from some of our members. Well done Terry, Jules, Ruth and visitor Mavis who joined in the fun too. New committee member Terry is helping Jules by introducing the Speaker for us. He made such a good job of it that he's permanent now!

Please note that our speakers will begin at approximately **2.15pm** in future and social, groups and membership stay open for 15 minutes after the talk.

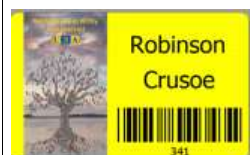
Our new book and raffle tables are becoming popular. We will have a library trolley at the next meeting so we can take more books. Please don't empty your bookcases though!

If you haven't yet collected your new yellow membership card .. don't forget about it.

Your friend and Chairman,
Marjorie



We never thought of that Mrs S - well said! And thanks to our brilliant cartoonist Ron Burke.



Our Forthcoming Speakers by our Speaker Secretary Jules Lee



Hello everyone,
On **Wednesday 2nd November** the very talented Ed Montanna-Williams from the Tate Gallery will return by popular demand. Ed's talk is called 'What makes Art Modern?' It is a good follow up from his talk on the Impressionists last year.



The title for the **7th December** meeting is "Julian's Christmas Cracker" We will be delighted to welcome Julian and Jackie Davies, owners of Julian's fabulous restaurant in Hoylake. You will hear some of Julian and Jackie's favourite anecdotes of working in the restaurant profession over many festive seasons.

Wednesday 4th January 2023 will be our membership renewal meeting. There will be refreshments, social and group information available and something or someone extra to entertain, amuse or inform you. Further details of that in next month's newsletter.

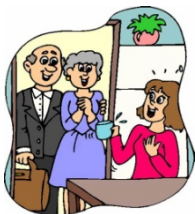
With all good wishes,
Jules

Our Visitor Policy

Did you know that visitors can attend one monthly meeting free of charge? They are welcome to enjoy refreshments and listen to the speaker, but they can't join an interest group or sign up for a social event until they join us. It's a good way for them to 'try before they buy'. They are given a temporary card on a yellow lanyard so you can identify and assist them if necessary. Joanne, a member of our check-in team is busy compiling a small pack to give to visitors explaining this. The pack will contain a membership form of course!



If there are empty seats on coaches we can allow non-members to attend **social outings** occasionally, but only U3A members may attend **interest group meetings**.



Sometimes our members like to attend one of the Interest group as a visitor, this is entirely at the discretion of the group leader, but they must be prepared to show proof of membership.

Group leaders may allow members of **other U3As** to join their group provided there are free spaces. If one of our own members wishes to join the group and there is no availability then the visiting member must be asked to join our U3A or leave the group.

This is the policy agreed by our Committee and approved by the Third Age Trust and our Insurers. The Trust swap and change insurers so it is as well to keep you updated on this.

This and other updates will be discussed at a coffee morning for Interest Group leaders which the Groups team have arranged for Tuesday 22nd November at The Grange Meols Drive.

Mary Rowlands



It is with great sadness that I must inform you that one of our most loyal members, Mary Rowlands died recently.

Many of you will remember Mary from the Coffee bar. When I was organising a rota for the teas, Mary volunteered to take it over permanently and has for some years, together with her good friends Pat Lynch, Jenni Lee and Pam Symes organised all our refreshments. After becoming ill she still insisted on helping out and was recently giving out new membership cards or selling raffle tickets. She was an active member of Local Interest group 1, Play reading 2 and a member of the Online garden group for many years. She went on every trip and always sat at the back of the coach with her friends. Her funeral will be held at Landican on Tuesday 15th November, followed by a memorial service at St. Hildeburg's Church Hoylake.

Mary was a lovely woman who was always laughing and would help anyone. A very sad loss to all of us who knew her.

Rest peacefully now dear Mary.

Marjorie



Our TV Stars.

Sue Southgate was watching 'Villages on the Coast' an excellent series of programs recently being broadcast on BBC2. This one featured Parkgate.

She was quite amazed to see her own U3A walking group on the screen. They are pleased to have found fame .. albeit from the back! Stephanie Hunter and Sue run this group, and Sue and Steph are both in the picture.

Interest Group Info.



Come join us

We have 5 walking groups in total. Some are unable to take new members at present, but the 'famous' Easy walking group 3 who walk on the Wirral for about 5 miles, are happy to welcome new

members. They are quite flexible with their walking dates.

Contact Stephanie on 604 0974.

Tuesday Strollers also welcome new members. Their walks are very short at a gentle pace with a longer refreshment stop and only in good weather. Again, contact their leader if you are interested. Contact Jean on 632 3076.

John Goodchild's intermediate walking group is full but are happy to welcome visitors.

Just contact John beforehand on 632 4904.



We really would like to start up a new walking group, perhaps one which would like to walk locally for 2 to 3 miles. Possibly something in-between easy walkers and Tuesday strollers? .. but of course this will be up to the members of the group to decide.

There will be a sign up sheet for this at the next few meetings or contact a member of the groups team to register your interest.



If you would like to join with others to learn **Spanish** together or to find out more about **Archaeology**, then the sign-up sheets will also be on the Groups table at the November and December meetings.



Café and Conversation is a group which is open to all members and they particularly like to welcome new members. Please note that they have rearranged their meeting venue to **The Grange** (next door to the Royal Liverpool Golf Club and formerly the Conservative Club) on Meols Drive, which is a convenient location for parking and public transport. Their next meeting at The Grange will be held on Monday 28th February at 10.30am and every 4th Monday of the month.

If you would like us to start up any other type of group please let us know and we will do our best to find other members who are interested in the same subject and to help you to get that group up and running.

Helen Crelley Tel: 678 5714 hcrelley@gmail.com Carol Johnston Tel: 678 1680 ciejohnston@gmail.com or Jenny Pender – 632 4300 jj.pender@yahoo.co.uk



Some members of the Online Garden Group enjoying the Autumn sunshine at Penrhyn Castle gardens. The fuchsia arch was still in bloom and we loved the huge tropical bog garden



Social Events

At this time Linda, Wendy and Carol are finalising the last minute arrangements for our Christmas lunch at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club.

They are also planning events for 2023. Response to outings and events has been disappointing lately. Therefore there will be will printed suggestions lists for to complete or collect at the next two meetings. Please let us know which you would like us to book for next year, and return the list to the social table as soon as possible. For your information, the list follows.

The printed copies will be available on the Check-in desk, where you can also collect a paper copy of the Newsletter if you like one.

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Hoylake, West Kirby & District U3A - Social Events for 2023

Social events have not been well supported during the latter end of 2022. therefore to avoid booking a venue and/or coach and having to later cancel we request your assistance by completing the following in order to give us an idea of outings you would be like in 2023. We cannot give prices at present but in some cases we can give the estimated cost. Please tick the events you are interested in and return this sheet to the social table or any member of the Committee. Any other suggestions will be gratefully received. **Many thanks, Linda Trim, Carol Bradstreet, Wendy McKeown.**

1. Portmeiron - March or April £28 coach and entry.
2. York Minster or Railway Museum – Coach approx. £17 (museum or Minster free)
3. Trentham Gardens – approx. £26 coach and entry ticket
4. The National Arboretum Staffordshire - approx. £18 (plus donation to the arboretum)
5. Arley Hall Flower show, Gardens and Hall. (June. Approx. £23 including coach and entry)
6. Blists Hill Victorian Town Ironbridge – approx. £35 coach and entry fee
7. Empire Theatre 'The King & I' mid-rear stalls seats wed. matinee in June. approx.£43
8. Warwick Castle – approx. £39 coach and entry fee
9. Day trip to Ludlow – approx. £18 coach
10. The Royal Cheshire County Show – 20th or 21st June approx. £31 coach and entry
11. Royal Welsh Show Bulith Wells – July approx. £38
12. Coronation Street or Emmerdale Tour. – approx. £50
13. Bickerton Poacher. Cheshire Country Inn lunch
14. Harewood House Harrogate – approx. £34 coach and entry to house and gardens.
15. National Trust Erdigg – approx. £15 coach plus entry fee non-NT members
16. National Trust Beaumaris – approx. - £17 coach plus entry fee non-NT members
17. National Trust Plas Newydd approx. - £17 coach plus entry fee non-NT members
18. National Trust Powis Castle approx.- £17 coach plus entry fee non-NT members
19. National Trust Bodnant Gardens (winter Gardens February)– approx. £17 coach plus entry fee non-NT members