



**It was just one day after our last Speaker meeting that we heard the sad news that our Queen had passed away.**

The week that followed was a time of reflection for us all on a life which was dedicated to public service. Her integrity, strength, and belief in the unifying force of living and working together will be missed by us all.

We felt both sympathy and admiration for our new King and Queen Consort as they undertook the very necessary public roles required of them after her death and during the magnificent funeral. We welcome our new King and look forward to him continuing the tradition of a life devoted to serving this country.

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**On the 7<sup>th</sup> September** we were pleased to welcome 125 people to that meeting, bringing us back up to pre-pandemic meeting attendance. It seems that U3A life has now returned to normal. Many of you signed up for the meals on offer. With so few restaurants locally it is an opportunity for us to enjoy a traditional meal in the company of friends.

Jane Turner's enlightening talk about the high sand levels convinced most of us of the necessity of letting the marram grass grow. Jane answered many questions, but unfortunately, despite Barbara dashing around with a microphone we couldn't hear your questions!

If you wish to ask a question, please raise your hand, then stand up and hold the microphone close to your mouth. We regret the wireless interference during the talk; Jules explains this on the next page.

May I also remind you to turn off or mute your mobile phone before the talk starts?

Despite so much going on everything ran smoothly thanks to our wonderful helpers. We couldn't manage without them. U3As are entirely self-help organisations. We are all volunteers, no-one is paid, and Committee members put in a lot of their own time at home ensuring that our members can enjoy Speaker meetings and everything else U3As have to offer.

I am happy to say that some of our members are going to help with the new book table though they have asked that you don't bring any more books at present as storage space is running out. We will also be having a raffle table for the next few months, so watch out for both of those when you arrive.



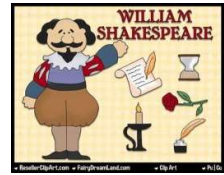
Your friend and Chairman,  
Marjorie



## Our Forthcoming Speakers by our Speaker Secretary Jules Lee .....

Hello everyone,

On **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October** we will welcome Coral Greenwood, who will deliver her much anticipated talk entitled "Brush up on your Shakespeare."



On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **7<sup>th</sup> 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.

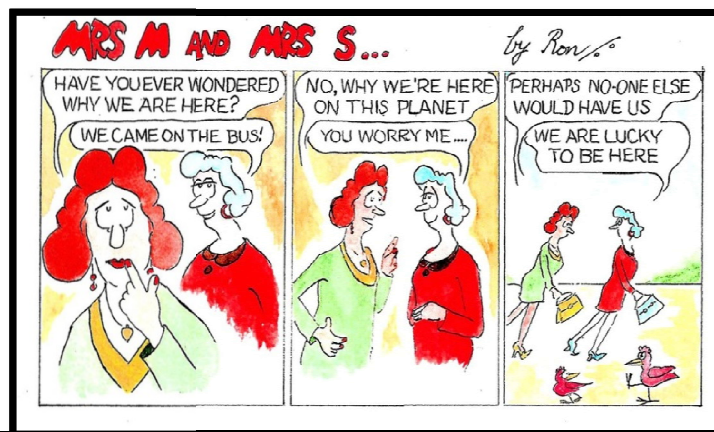
I will continue to work hard and deliver new and interesting talks. Your Committee is keen to ensure that the monthly meetings cater for everyone, so please continue to share your views with me and other committee members about what works well and things that can be improved.

We experienced some technical difficulties during the September meeting, these were caused primarily because the IT capabilities in the Church hall are unsuitable for supporting Zoom at the same time as a formal presentation.

The Committee gave a commitment some time ago to ensure that the experience of members attending meetings in person would be our priority, and that we would carefully monitor Zoom to ensure that it did not have an adverse impact on meetings. Given the problems this month, we will no longer provide Zoom access to monthly meetings and hope that those staying home will now join us at Hope Church and experience everything we offer.

Guidance is also being prepared for Speakers so that they understand and are able to use microphones etc. effectively ensuring that the speaker and the questions asked are heard by everyone.

With all good wishes,  
Jules



More profound thoughts from Mrs M and Mrs S. thanks to our brilliant cartoonist Ron Burke.



For the traditional **Sunday lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> October at The Grange** in Meols Drive the menu is as follows:

**To Start:** Vegetable soup or pate; **Main course:** Roast beef or salmon;  
**Desert:** Strawberry gateau or Fruit crumble  
Followed by a cheese selection and coffee/tea  
The price is £23 inclusive.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Places for the Christmas lunch at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club are selling quickly and despite being allowed 80 places there are just 15 places left. The menu is available at the meeting and the price is confirmed at £35 per person.

**Please remember** that you cannot 'put your name down' for either lunch or any other events. You must pay at time of booking to confirm your place. We accept cheques or exact cash. No change is given.

It's a good idea to bring your diary too as new events will occur throughout the coming year.

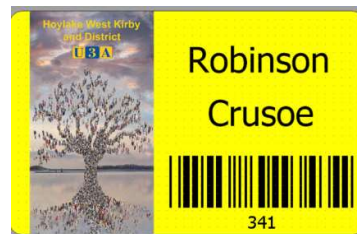


We would be grateful for any of your ideas or opinions too. A trip to the Salt museum, Trenham Gardens and a Coronation Street tour have been suggested. What do you think? Tell us on the Social table.

**You can contact the social team by email: [social@hwkdu3a.org](mailto:social@hwkdu3a.org)**

### Our New 5-year cards

Members attending the speaker meetings are now able to collect their new 5-year membership cards. Look for the table to the left of the Coffee Bar and please sign for any cards you collect.



During the pandemic we were obliged to record the names of members attending the speaker meetings. We therefore introduced membership cards produced from our Beacon database that could be scanned as members enter Hope Church. It then proved to be a massive task for your committee to produce and distribute new cards for all our members at renewal times.

We have therefore invested in a printing machine for cards that should last *at least* 5 years. You will still have to renew your membership each year, but you will not get a new card when you do!

We hope you like the cards; they are vivid yellow so not easily misplaced and with your name clearly printed. Also on the card is the Tree of Knowledge, a unique design for Hoyslake West Kirby and District U3A designed for us by Barbara Singleton.

We have borne the cost of producing the cards but should you lose your card there will be a £5 charge for a replacement.

Mike Waring.

## Interest Group Info.



**Café and Conversation** is an ideal group for new members to get to know others. We meet at 10.30 am every 4th Monday of the month at Carr Farm Café. There are reserved tables near the front of the Café. If you are interested please contact us. We need to know numbers for booking the tables.



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**ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS** is a fairly new group for complete beginners who want to learn to speak some of this language ... though we are lucky enough to have one lady who speaks beautiful Italian who can tell us how to pronounce the words correctly! We are starting from scratch and would like a few more people to join us - if you fancy giving it a go contact:

Helen Crelley - 678 5714 - [hcrelley@gmail.com](mailto:hcrelley@gmail.com).

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 2 p.m. in each other's houses

### Two new groups in the pipeline.

Jean Hodgson and Jenny Pender will be starting **Spanish Group** for beginners; learning together with some CDs and other aids.

Dr Felicity Davies whose career background was archaeology has offered to start an Archaeology interest group. This will be an informal group for those of you who would like to learn more in a relaxed atmosphere. There will be sign-up sheets for these two groups at the monthly meeting and more news about both new groups soon.

If you have recently joined an interest group – please be sure to let your group leader know if you wish to continue .. don't just 'drop out' and always let them know if you are unable to attend a meeting.

**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 – 678 5714, CAROL JOHNSTON – 678 1680, JENNY PENDER - 632 4300**

## Members Update

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Hilary Cullen, Judith Foster, Jane Stewart and Dorothy Quayle who joined us in September.



We will be arranging a coffee morning to get to know you shortly, so watch out for your email or telephone invitation.

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INTEREST GROUPS WITH SPACES –SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022				
All monthly meetings unless otherwise specified				
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING DAY	VENUE
BACKGAMMON	Rosemary Tate	625 6259	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday2.00	Monte Carlo, Hoylake
BIRD WATCHING	Jonathan Thornton	625 6791	2 <sup>nd</sup> TuesdayVaries	Burton Mere Wetlands
BOULES	Cynthia Fry	625 2156	Weekly Monday2.00	Ashton Park, West Kirby
INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE	Jenny Crowley	792 7287	Weekly Monday1.30	Monte Carlo.
CAFÉ & CONVERSATION	Helen Crelley	678 5714	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday10.30	Carr Farm Café.
CYCLING	John Goodchild	632 4904	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon. & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri.	Full but can take visitors
FRENCH ADVANCED	Jean Nile	625 1563	Weekly Friday10.30	OnZoom
FRENCH INTERMEDIATE	Jean Nile	625 1563	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday2.00	On Zoom
QUIZ	Elisabeth Thornton	625 6791	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday2.00	Monte Carlo, Hoylake
HISTORY GENERAL	Carol Johnston	678 1680	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday10.00	Greasby – 1 space
ITALIAN	Helen Crelley	678 5714	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday2.00	Members' homes
MAHJONG	Martin Peacock Pat Marr	632 5343 648 9766	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 2.00	Monte Carlo, Hoylake
NEEDLECRAFTS	Barbara Kirby	632 2901	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday2.00	Hoylake Centre
ONLINE GARDEN GROUP	Marjorie Hargreaves	632 1188	Last Wednesday	visits to public gardens
PLAY READING 2	Jennifer Lee	903 2207	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday10.00	Meols – 2 spaces
POETRY	Ann Johnson	678 1260	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday2.30	Monte Carlo, Hoylake
READING 1	Marjorie Hargreaves	632 1188	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday2.00	Home in Meols
READING 2	Carol Johnston	678 1680	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday10.00	Greasby – 1 space
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	Mike Waring	678 5907	Varies	Various venues & Zoom
SUNDAY LUNCHESES	Jo Marshall-Clarke	632 3840	Sunday1.15	Various venues
THEATRE	Carol Bradstreet	364 4554	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday2.00	Monte Carlo,
TUESDAY STROLLERS	Jean Franey	632 3076	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3rd Tues. 10.30	Short walks good weather
WALKING EASY 3	Stephanie Hunter	604 0974	Varies	Various Wirral areas
WALKING INTERMEDIATE	John Goodchild	632 4904	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday10.30	Full but can take visitors
WINE APPRECIATION	Carol Johnston	678 1680	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7.30	Members' Homes
WORLD CLASSICS (Tutored)	Barbara Kirby	632 2901	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	literature WestKirby
TO REQUEST A NEW GROUP START-UP OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE GROUPS TEAM:				