



## A message from the Chair ...

Many thanks to everyone who supported us by attending the AGM and welcoming our new Committee members. I am delighted that Jenny Pender, Wendy and Terry McKeown and Carol Bradstreet have joined us; I know that they will work alongside the rest of the committee to ensure that our U3A runs smoothly and continues to be enjoyable.

As many of you know I am a 'recycled' Chairman, having served in this role from 2015 to 2017 which should teach me to never say 'never' again! I am lucky enough to be working with a great team, including our new **Vice Chairman Linda Trim**. Linda has organised some enjoyable and memorable social events including a very cool trip on the hottest day ever. This year Linda will be handing over the Social table to **Wendy McKeown** and **Carol Bradstreet**.



**Treasurer Ruth Lacy** is hoping that the next 12 months will be easier than the last. Ruth had a severe dose of covid at the end of March then shortly afterwards an accident put her back to bed for another 6 weeks. A tough time for anyone but made worse when it is your first year as Treasurer.

Our **Secretary Barbara Kirby** is no stranger to U3A secretarial work having undertaken the role previously. Barbara makes our committee meetings more enjoyable by giving prizes to anyone who spots a mistake in the previous month's minutes. It encourages us to read the minutes carefully.

I am so pleased that our super talented speaker secretary **Julie Lee** will be staying in the role this year. Jules finds such interesting; varied and topical speakers and her contributions at Committee meetings are invaluable. This year she is going to be helped by **Terry McKeown**.

Data manager **Mike Waring** has managed to bring our U3A bang up to date by installing and managing the Beacon system and electronic check-in and now has more exciting ideas on the way. Mike is going to be assisted by **Helen Crelley** this year and she will be handing over the Interest Groups to **Jenny Pender**.

It will be nice to see **Jean Graham** returning to her old job on the membership desk. She will welcome new members with her charming smile and friendly manner.

I am so pleased to say that **Jonathan Thornton** will remain as Webmaster and publicity Secretary. He has done such a great job of keeping our website updated and informing potential new members about out U3A.

We are all delighted to welcome our new committee members and hope they enjoy it as much as we do ....why else would we do it?

Your friend,  
Marjorie



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

**Our speaker on September 7th** will be Jane Turner. Jane is a local resident who has agreed to talk to us about the sand levels on Hoylake Beach. I know that the management of the beach draws contrasting opinions. However, I am sure that we will all give Jane a warm and receptive welcome. Booking speakers who provide content on subjects that attract strong opposing opinions is a bit of a departure for us but as the U3A's ethos is to promote lifelong learning I am sure you will be interested to learn more about this subject and I will endeavour to identify a speaker who will provide a contrasting view of the argument in due course. For those of you viewing at home the zoom link to the talk is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88014730429>

Our speaker on **Wednesday 5th October** will be Coral Greenwood, her talk is entitled 'Brush Up On Your Shakespeare'. We look forward to welcoming Coral after she was unable to join us earlier this year.

On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** the very talented Ed Montanna-Williams 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.

Thank you for your ongoing feedback and recommendations for speakers, this is an enormous help. I have more new and interesting talks confirmed for 2023.

With all good wishes,  
Jules



### Newsletters for non-emailers

Be sure to make a note of Speakers for the coming months as I regret that we no longer have the resources to deliver newsletters to those of you without email addresses. We must now ask you to collect your paper copy from the check-in desk at the monthly meetings. If you are unable to attend please ask a friend to collect a copy for you or, if you wish, provide us with stamped and self-addressed envelopes of a similar size to the one you have received and we will post it. All members are welcome to pick up a copy.



We can't keep any secrets from our brilliant cartoonist Ron Burke!

## Members Update

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the following people who joined us recently.

They are: Kath Bowden, Joyce Brittain, Angela Crockatt, Alexandra Furness, Anne Gunnel, Jane Hide, Kaye Kelly, Valerie Large, Elizabeth Wood.

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



**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September.** Attingham Hall  
This National Trust Mansion was built in 1735 and owned by the same family for 160 years. During this trip you will be able to visit the servant's rooms in the mansion basement



which have not been available until now. Departing from the Hoylake Community Centre at 9am. £15 for the coach. Non National Trust members to pay their £15 entrance fee on arrival.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - A traditional Sunday lunch at The Grange, Meols Drive. The Grange was formerly a Conservative Club but is nowadays a social club with membership open to all and run by volunteers. I am sure that you, like us would like to support them in their efforts to maintain retain this formerly grand old house. Lunch will be a starter, main course, dessert followed by cheese and coffee. It will be reasonably priced in the region of £23. The menu will be available at the September meeting. Numbers are limited due to space so let us know as soon as possible if you wish to be assured of a place.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - We are delighted to tell you that we are going to hold our annual Christmas lunch at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club again. It will again be the classic Christmas lunch (further details next month) and will cost in the region of £35 per person. Many thanks to Judith Healey who most kindly made the request on our behalf.



Please remember that all events must be paid for at the time of booking. We only accept cheques or exact cash, no change is given. It's a good idea to bring your diary to the monthly meeting as new events will occur throughout the coming year.

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



**Book Table:** We now have some storage space at Hope Church and would very much like to have paperback books available at the monthly speaker meeting again. We are asking for a small team of volunteers to put the books out at 1.30 and others to return or re-home unsold books at the end of the meeting.

**Meeters and Greeters:** We would appreciate help with greeting new members, showing them the social/groups table etc. and generally making them feel welcome. It's daunting to enter a busy venue where everyone seems to know each other and be chatting away especially if you are on your own. We don't want anyone to feel unwelcome, and we know that many of you would do it beautifully. Please let any Committee member know if you can help with either.



### Interest Group Info.

There are still many interest groups with spaces for new members. A full list will be available in the next newsletter and details available at the speaker meetings

A new friendly social group meets at 10.30 am every 4th Monday of the month at Carr Farm Café. We take it in turns to think of interesting topics to promote lively discussions in a light hearted way. Our first meeting last month was extremely enjoyable and the next meetings will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. If you are interested please come and join us.  
Helen Crelley Tel: 678 5714 and Carol Johnston Tel: 678 1680



Another small and friendly group is the Backgammon group who would very much like to welcome some new members.

The members have varying experience of playing Backgammon, from those who are just beginning to those who have played for several years. They meet upstairs in the Monte Carlo Restaurant on the first Friday afternoon of each month, from 2pm to 4pm, and Backgammon sets are provided. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rosemary Tate on 625 6259.

We are willing to assist the start-up of a new local interest group. In these groups all the members play an active part by sharing the booking and arrangements to visit local places of interest. If you are interested in helping to start one of these very sociable groups speak to a member of the Groups Team.

*Right: Local Interest Group 1 visiting the Knife Angel in Birkenhead Park*

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 are unable to attend a meeting.



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