

www.u3asites.org.uk/hoylake **October/November 2023** **Reg.Charity no.1164889**



Hello to everyone from your new chair.

Thanks very much for allowing me to serve. I know some of you have met me and know me a little, but to many of you I am a mystery, so I'd like to tell you a bit about myself.

I was born in Somerset and moved around quite a bit as a child and young woman, but ended up in Bury St Edmunds and met and married an American serviceman stationed at RAF Lakenheath. I moved to America as a 20-year-old, and did not move back to England until I was 62, having married and divorced twice. If you speak to me, you will notice that I have a bit of an accent, which people think might be a Somerset one, or a Canadian one, or perhaps even American one! In any event, my being English is not noticed right away! I moved to the Wirral in 2012 as I have family in Chester and live in West Kirby.

Some of you may remember me manning the urn at the tea bar when we used to hold our meetings at Hoylake Community Centre. I joined the Committee two years ago and was social co-ordinator for one year, before accepting the post of Vice Chairman the next. It's hard for me following two excellent chairs, but I shall endeavour to do a good job for you going forward, and do not expect to make any major changes.

Before too long we will be able to accept credit and debit cards for both membership renewals and also for trips booked with the social team.

Going forward we will have milk and an assortment of biscuits for you to choose from. The individual biscuits and milks were ideal for us coming out of Covid, but now it's time for a change, and I hope this will please many.

Your friend,
Linda

New Members

A very warm welcome to the following new members who joined us recently.

They are: Alison Hunter, Helen Merritt, Hilary Cooper, Jan Minchin, Lilian Carney, Lorely Hutson, Paula Goodwin, Pauline Mottram, Susan Ann Smith Lilian Carney
Susan Ann Smith, Barbara Ann Lewis.



We hope they go on to enjoy everything our U3A has to offer

Our Speakers

Wednesday 4th October - Coral Greenwood will tell us the '**History of the Musical Theatre**'.

We feel sure that Coral will again entertain us as much as she did on a previous visit when she helped us to 'brush up our Shakespeare'.

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 will return to give us a fun look at the Jewish Festivals.



I have just completed booking all our 2024 speakers and they will shortly be available on our website www.u3asites.org.uk/hoylake and also be given to you on a handy card when you renew your U3A membership.

Your Speaker Secretary,
Jules

Social Events



Despite Portmerion and Southport Flower Show being the second and third most requested trips after Ludlow from our questionnaire back in January, they were both poorly attended by our own members. Nevertheless, those who went agreed that they were wonderful days out. We have therefore decided to postpone our intended trip to Harewood House until 2024 and start arranging our annual Christmas lunch.

The lunch will be held on Monday 4th December and we were again fortunate enough to be sponsored to again hold it at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club.

As yet we have no price or menu, but hope to have further details at the October Speaker meeting. If you want to be sure of a place, please bring your payment to that meeting as already 60 people have registered their intention to attend ... so don't delay.

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



Thanks to Ron Burke for another wonderful original cartoon.

Meet our New Committee Members



We are very pleased to welcome our new Treasurer, Liz Webster. Liz is a qualified accountant and we are very fortunate to have such an experienced and very nice person join our team.



We also welcome Hilary Alcock and Ann Thorne.

Hilary (right) is working with the Groups team and arranging some start-up meetings for new groups. Hilary has been a member of our U3A for many years, and I am sure that Hilary, assisted by Margaret Gascoigne will soon have lots of new groups up and running..



If you are a new member you may have already met Ann (left) as she is already welcoming new members at the membership table at our speaker meetings. She works alongside Jean Graham and Helen Crelley and has slotted into her new role very quickly.

A very warm welcome to all three ladies who have already become very popular Committee members.
We are delighted you have joined us

"Security and safety at Hope Church



Many thanks to all of you who come to the Speaker meetings ready to present your membership card to the scanner to record your entry. It is important that we have a fast flow through the entry area as it gets very congested and when the colder days arrive it will help you get away from the entrance and quickly to your seats.

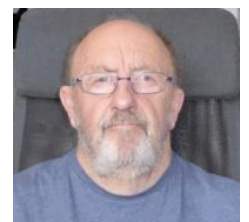
We have the scanner system for security and safety so it's important firstly, that you bring your card and secondly have it ready to present when you arrive.



Please assist the volunteers who kindly assist on the check-in by taking a moment at home before the meeting to find your card and have it ready for when you arrive at Hope Church.

Many thanks

Mike Waring
Data Manager"





Interest Group Update

We recently started a new History Group (History 2) and they are now up and running.

Local Interest Group number 5 is holding a start-up meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 10.30 a.m. in the West Kirby Room at The Parade in the Hoylake Community Centre.

Members have requested that we try to start up the following groups: Crafts, Themed Reading, Art (both painting and drawing), Rummikub, Local History, A second Scrabble group and a new Sunday lunch Group. You may register your interest in joining any of those groups at the Speaker meeting. Not all come to fruition, but we try!

We have a leader for a new **Local Interest Group (number 6)** and if you wish to join that mention it to the ladies manning the Interest group table at the meetings.

For any other queries contact: **Helen Crelley – 678 5714 - hcrelley@gmail.com**

Some of our Interest Groups out enjoying themselves this summer

Some of Local Interest Group 1 enjoy afternoon tea aboard Liverpool's 'Floating Grace' on a very hot day.



Left and above right .. the Online Garden Group are getting very wet at Bodrhyddan Hall Gardens but still having a good time.