

## Skelmersdale u3a November 2023 Newsletter



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u3a is a UK wide, cooperative movement of people no longer in full time work who come together to continue their educational, social and creative interests. Our branch of the nationwide U3A is now in its twelfth successful year. If you are interested, you are most welcome to join us for **a free taster visit to one of our activities**. Details of our activity programme are given in this Newsletter or **Telephone Elaine 01695 526660** Joining us in Skelmersdale u3a is a great way to find and develop new interests and make great friends in a relaxed environment. Membership fee is only £12 a year.

Covid restrictions, enforceable by law, have been lifted and we now have ADVICE. However, when in the Ecumenical Centre we must comply with the Centre's requirements. These are that we sanitise, wear face masks and socially distance. These can be found on the redesigned Ecumenical Centre website <https://the-eccy.co.uk>

### **New Craft Group**

I will be hosting a small craft group at my house on the 30th October. It is going to run on the last Monday every month 11am-1pm, at £2 per session. Places will be limited due to space.

My husband has kindly said he will make us some lunch; tea & coffee will be available. The total cost will depend on the project and resources used.

We will be making Christmas decorations this month. Marji



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### **Book Club News**

At this Sunday's meeting, we discussed 'The Holiday' by T M Logan. Most of the group was not impressed with the story. Four friends and their family went on holiday to France. One of the women suspected her husband was having an affair with one of her friends, but when the secret came out it was more devastating.

This month's book is 'That Night' by Gillian McAlister  
Jenny

## Curry Club News

The last curry night was held on 28th September at Holdi in Rainford. The food was very nice and we all had a good time. Next curry night will be on Thursday 23rd November at Babar Elephantin Billinge, WN5 7DJ, and we will meet at 6.30. As usual contact me for a place at the table, thanks . Elaine

## Gardening and Sunday Lunch News

Just a few members visited Hartley's Garden Centre on Tuesday. The sun shined for us, and there was a good variety of winter plants and spring bulbs available. Lunch there was superb with plenty to choose off the menu and a good helping on the plate. It is a well worth visit.

Earlier this year I said that after the November meeting I would be giving up being leader of the Gardening group and the Sunday lunch Club. I do hope these groups continue. My suggestion is, if allowed to suggest, they be continued in the same way as the walking group, with pairs organising visits of their choice to different venues each month. I would like to say that I have enjoyed arranging these two groups and hope that they will continue to be as popular in the future. Thank you all. Sally

## Walking Group News



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Our walk this month was at Orrell Water Park. The weather was good to us, sunny and pleasant. We had a nice walk around the lakes and across the field avoiding a few muddy areas. We were lucky to see a Woodpecker a Yellowhammer, a robin and blue tit, with plenty of rats running around in the hide. A very nice meal was enjoyed at Greenslate Farm Café, just a short walk from the water park. All the produce is grown on the farm, even the meat. Jenny



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## **Committee News**

Previously, due to lack of membership interest, all secretarial responsibilities had been covered by the Committee as a whole.

Marji has agreed to undertake this onerous task.

It is to be hoped that the membership affords her all the necessary help and support.

## **Singing for Fun**

In lieu of the cancelled session on the 17<sup>th</sup> Oct., Neill would like to know if the Singing Group would be interested in a session on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## **Bowls Group**



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On Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, after an eight-week break owing to the refurbishment of the hall at the Ecumenical Centre, members of the group were absolutely overwhelmed by all the improvements made to the venue.

New aesthetically pleasing flooring and paintwork; more than adequate lighting and heating; and most importantly brand-new storage units for all our equipment.

Bowls takes place every Wednesday, 2-4pm, £2 per session.

There is adequate space for up to four mats with all equipment available, potentially for up to 24 members to attend.

Regular members of around 16-18 who attend are reminded to bring their own drinks to enjoy with a free Kit-Kat provided during the interval.

Ann and Brian, [with perhaps any members arriving early], put out all the equipment and chairs.

This is a mammoth task.

It is to be acknowledged that the Ec. Centre is very proud of all the improvements and wish these be maintained,

So, at the end of the session all members of the group are responsible for returning the equipment and chairs to the storage cupboards.

