



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT - Kathleen Smith

The email went out on-line to every member. To remind you, Susan Cox has included it in her report which follows. We badly need your help to keep Wyre u3a alive. The two Committee members who have had to resign are really upset at having to take this decision, but other things have become all-consuming in their lives.

At this present time, we have had three members come forward to help. A huge thanks to Ted Armitage, and Kath and Peter Rawcliffe. Ted is taking on the Treasurer's role. Kath and Peter are to share the Secretarial role, but they are only doing this on a temporary basis. Like many other members from our beginnings in 2011, they have already done more than their share of work for Wyre u3a. But, we need still more members to volunteer for us to become a fully functioning, working Committee. You will not be asked to make a commitment to take on a specific role but to support the current members. If you have any experience of committee membership, we need your help.

Please!

I must stress that, according to our constitution, there should be up to twelve working committee members. The remaining Committee can co-opt willing members onto the Committee but, we will then have to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting to fully

vote them on. That would happen at the February meeting.

I can only ask you all to decide if you are able to comply with the ethos of the u3a. That is, to share knowledge, and to learn from others. We are all different and can make progress AND make mistakes, so, please, think about giving it a go.

In other news, we have received the following correspondence from Wyre Council.

Older People's Fayre, 7th December at Poulton

Hello colleague,

Wyre Council is organising a fayre aimed at older residents. It is at Vicarage Park Community Centre in Poulton on Wednesday 7th December between 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The event will be a mix of:

- support agencies.
- information stalls.
- arts and crafts and hobby stuff.
- live performances.
- free light refreshments.

Is it possible we may have some presence from Wyre u3a? Particularly around promoting your services.

What do you think? I believe you could talk to people of your age and let them know what you do.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards,

Chris

Arts and Events Development Officer

I could fill the whole newsletter with all the stuff going on, but your attention has been drawn to what is urgent and important..

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY -

Susan Cox

This is a reminder of the message from your Chair and other Committee Members sent to every member of Wyre u3a.

A couple of months ago, I asked you all to think about "Not what the u3a does for you, but what you can do for Wyre u3a"?

I said that the idea was for members to spend time with each Committee member at the main meetings and, perhaps, at some Committee meetings, to get to grips with what each role entails. Well! It seems that no one was prepared to do so. Now we are in an emergency position. We all have other lives outside of the u3a and, in these times we never know what problems can turn up. So, I am sending this out to tell you that we need a Secretary and Treasurer immediately. Both these position holders must step back, because of other more important issues and, whilst feeling sad about the decision, must do the right thing. Without a Secretary and a Treasurer, we will not be able to continue to function as Wyre u3a. It is over to you. If there is any way you feel that you alone, or with another person, could take on one of these roles, please let us know as soon as possible.

u3a Membership

Thank you to all group leaders who have sent a list of their meeting attendees. If you have not yet done so, please forward your group list so that membership can be checked.

Membership cards can be collected at the monthly meetings unless you prefer someone to collect yours.

A limited number of printed newsletters are available at the monthly meetings. If you would like one reserved for you each month, please let us know at the meeting.

GROUPS' CO-ORDINATOR -

Diane M. Whitworth

Thank you to each and every one of our Group Leaders for their continual dedication and enthusiasm with their respective groups. The Amblers Group still requires a willing volunteer to take on the responsibility of Group Leader. Any members wishing to assume the role please contact Diane for further information

The Wyre u3a Facebook Page is a Private Group for Wyre u3a members only. It provides a forum where our members are invited to express their views, share information, photographs, and funny stories.

Please send contributions to u3aNewsletterWyre@gmail.com
When finished with this issue, please forward it to a friend.

THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

Please note that, as is customary, we do not produce a Newsletter during December for issue in January. All contributions relevant to January must be submitted for inclusion in the December issue. This year, because the last Thursday in the month is the 24th, the deadline will be Monday, 28th November.



Monthly Meetings are held at 2.00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Thornton Little Theatre.

Thursday, 10th November.

Speaker: Brian Yates.

Subject: Travelling through the history of American Country Music.

Thursday, 8th December.

Wyre u3a Live Music Group Christmas Concert.

Christmas is coming. Get in the mood !

Join us for an afternoon of Music & Songs.

Thursday, 8th January 2023.

Speaker: Philip Caine, Author, Speaker, Raconteur.

Philip Caine is the author of the Jack Castle and Shackleton Blister series of adventure novels. He was born in 1950, in Barrow-in-Furness. His working life began in the hotel business and his career developed in the oil industry. Thirty years were spent in places such as the North Sea, Algeria, Nigeria, Kazakhstan and Russia. From 2003, he spent seven years in post war Baghdad working with the American coalition and a further three years running Oil Services Companies in Dubai. He retired in 2015 and began writing and public speaking. Since then, he has spoken at over 500 venues in the UK and written nine adventure thrillers. All Philip's books are available in Paperback, eBook and Audio format.

Deadline for the next issue is Monday, 28th November 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SOCIAL EVENTS - Diane M. Whitworth, Helen Kehoe and Norma Culshaw

Coach Trip to Castle Howard on Thursday, 24th November

After the sell-out success of the "Christmas in Narnia" theme last year, the event designer team are back with "Into the Woods: A Fairy tale Christmas". Grand rooms will be transformed into magical forests and faraway kingdoms and you will be enchanted by theatrical installations and projections.



Visitors can indulge in Christmas Shopping from unique gifts to local produce in the gift shops, garden centre and farm shop. There are various food outlets on site including The Courtyard Cafe and Fitzroy, offering a range of delicious food. All payments of £38.00 per person must be received by Thursday, 10th November at the monthly meeting in Thornton Little Theatre. The coach will leave the bus stop on Fleetwood Road South, Thornton at 8.30 a.m. on Thursday, 24th November.



Christmas Lunch at The Level 6 Restaurant.

We have planned a lunch at The Level 6 Restaurant, Blackpool and Fylde College, Bispham on Tuesday, 29th November at 12 noon.

Names, menu choices and a non-refundable payment of £18.95 per person will be taken at the Monthly Meeting on Thursday, 10th November at Thornton Little Theatre.

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Christmas MENU

LUNCH

Starters

Beetroot Cured Salmon

smoked salmon pate, root vegetable slaw, homemade waffle

Chorizo Scotch Egg

pickled cucumber, smoked paprika ketchup

Soup

Honey Roasted Parsnip & Chestnut Cream Soup (V)

croutes

Mains

Turkey Breast Wrapped in Bacon

confit leg croquette, chipolatas, roast root vegetables, creamed sprouts

Boiled Beef Brisket

mustard mash potato, choucroute, glazed vegetables

Butternut Risotto (V)

wensleydale cheese, sage, toasted pumpkin seeds

Desserts

Level 6 Christmas Pudding

brandy sauce

Pistachio Cake

chocolate & orange mousse, orange aero

Freshly Brewed Filter Coffee

Mince Pies

rum butter

If you are unable to attend the Monthly Meeting and wish to secure a place, please contact the Social Committee to book by email at for information on how to pay.

New Year Social Event 2023

Please note that the previously announced date of this event has been changed to

Saturday, 28th January 2023
at 7.00 p.m. at

Poulton Community Hall, Poulton.

There will be a Buffet, Quiz and Raffle. (Donations of Raffle Prizes required please). We will be entertained by the wonderful Fylde Ukulele Network singing and playing an eclectic range of music.

Tickets are priced at £12.00 each and will be available to purchase at the Monthly Meetings in November, December and January at Thornton Little Theatre.

If you require more information about any of the above events, please contact the Social Committee by email at:

PROPERTY CO-ORDINATOR -
Jennifer Machell

U3A assets

Will all members who look after items of equipment belonging to Wyre u3a please provide me with details of any equipment in their possession in order that a full up to date schedule of the items owned by U3A can be prepared. I want to ensure that the current schedule includes everything we own as an organisation. If you currently hold any items of equipment, can you please let me have full details with model and serial numbers, if appropriate.

Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated and details should be forwarded to me by November 30th at

A reminder from the Committee
Please note that, unfortunately, dogs are not allowed on any walks.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

The Amblers

The October amble was in the city of Preston. Nine amblers travelled there by car and service bus and gathered for coffee at the Beach Hut café in Preston Marina. From there, the River Ribble was reached by crossing the Preston Docks Swing Bridge.



Amblers in a rainy dribble by the River Ribble.

The river was followed upstream for about two and a half miles to where the West Coast Main Line crosses the river and lunch at The Continental. The route continued through Avenham and Miller Park to Winkley Square and Fishergate for homeward transport. Thanks are due to Susan Cox and Jennifer Machell who led this amble.



Amblers in Avenham and Miller Park

Since no one has offered to lead an amble, there will be no outing in November

Artists and Paintings - Barbra Cropper

The group will meet on Monday, 21st November from 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. This will be a one-off session before Christmas.

Crown Green Bowling - Ken Speakman

The green at HASSRA has now closed until late March or early April 2023.

However, there are some hardy souls who will no doubt be bowling throughout the winter on various greens around Thornton and Fleetwood. Whilst most of the winter bowlers are members of u3a, this is not a Wyre u3a group just some friends getting together for a game of bowls.

I look forward to seeing all our bowlers again next year.

Creative Writing - Ann Fewson

For reasons none of us fully understand (and certainly not me), this group has steered away from everyone writing on the subject specified each month. In October's meeting, only three of us wrote a piece using the title "Another Time, Another Place". Is it a rebellion, confusion or just a desire to strike out from the format used for eleven years? It doesn't really matter. Other subjects were Celebration, The Park Bench, A Dog's Life and The Meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, 14th November at 10.30 a.m.

Subject: Not Necessarily in That Order .

Dining Group - Irene Evans

The meals at the Thyme Restaurant on 16th November and at the Shovels Inn on 20th December are now full. I will be collecting money and food choices for the Christmas meal at the monthly meeting on 10th November.

Food choices for the meal at the Thyme Restaurant are needed no later than 9th November. So please text or call me on by the 8th of November so I can let them know. We pay on the night.

Eat and Heat Group - Tony Ward

The Eat and Heat group has been launched to help members cope with the cost-of-living crisis caused by escalating fuel prices and high inflation. Here are some notes from our first meeting.

1. We discussed what the group should try to achieve and the following points emerged.

2. We needed to understand the challenges being faced by members and in what areas.

3. A draft survey was discussed and accepted as a means of identifying where the group should focus its work.

Its contents were agreed and it was recommended that the survey should be emailed to all members as soon as practicable without waiting for the next Newsletter. It was also recommended that it should be promoted at the next monthly meeting through a verbal report from the coordinator.

It was pointed out that the u3a was a charity and could play a role in helping the wider community, specifically, for example, in the supply and distribution of Foodbanks.

One member, Martin Johnson, had visited several local Foodbanks and had been impressed by the scale and quality of response to this appalling problem. Here is his summary of his conclusions.

*[We are all feeling the pinch as Winter steals up along with the economic crisis, and of course we primarily look after ourselves, family and friends. But if we look around our local community there are many whose needs lead them to resort to a food bank. We have proved ourselves a generous body, so with support from u3a members, we are asking those of us who are able to help, to make a contribution which can be collected at the u3a monthly Meetings, **starting this November**. The food will be taken to the main Fleetwood branch to be distributed in the Fylde area. The Manager tries hard to give bags out which contain food with which to cook a hot meal, and there are fridges to store perishables. Fresh fruit and vegetables are also needed.*

Many of us can vaguely remember the Austerity years when families and the Community were much closer knit. This isn't the case now, and a working nurse, and a mother of several hungry children, are now among those needing such help. So, if you are able, please contribute and show that our u3a fully deserves its charity status.]

In further discussion, the group thought that more work was needed to understand our potential role, ranging from promoting contributions from members through existing channels to being an active part of the supply chain.

At our next meeting at Carleton memorial hall at 2.30 p.m. on 7th November, we will focus on brainstorming useful sources of information and defining our potential role in foodbanks. All members are welcome to join us.

Family History - Shaun O'Hara and Joanne Mathews

The Family History Group met, as usual, on the first Monday in the month. We had a talk from Kathryn Carter about the use of the Free Roots Magic Essential software.

We are concentrating this year on doing family history without the need to spend money. So, more workshops, using free resources, will follow.

Next month, we have a trip to the Lancashire Archives in Preston. Contact Shaun if you want to come!

French Conversation - Clive Jones

Two meetings were held at the Thornton Library on 10th and 24th October. The next two meetings are planned for 7th and 21st November, with the last meeting of the calendar year being on 5th December. The group size is now eight, with one new member attending the latest meeting. New members are always most welcome to join us. We continue to focus attention on spontaneous French Conversation rather than by individual work or presentations. We encourage free-flowing discussion without the fear of making mistakes or drying up in the conversation. There were some excellent conversations in French on a broad number of topics including the beauty and atmosphere of Chartwell, the former house of Sir Winston and Lady Churchill, how making sense of French restaurant menus can be difficult even for those who speak the language well, the town of Rivesaltes, Pyrénées-Orientales, notorious for its wartime internment and transit camp, the high alcohol content of some French wines, a return visit to Montpellier in Southern France, a film of the life of Simone Veil (French magistrate and politician), the speed and comfort of French railway's TGV, the beauty of Aix-en-Provence in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region of Southern

France, falling house prices and a luncheon date with a Russian lady! – among others.

French Improvers - Christine Holt

At the first meeting, we read, translated, and discussed a series of short and interesting reports from France. One explained that, in some places, it was felt that traffic lights were causing accidents and were being replaced by roundabouts. Interesting, because some of us might complain about the changes from roundabouts to traffic lights in our area. The French clearly do the opposite. One explained why the numbers of people living in central Paris has considerably reduced.

Another was about a group of French-speaking artists and personalities who come together for a series of concerts to raise money to provide meals for millions of people in need. These articles led to discussions about similar situations in our country.

For our second meeting we described TV programmes or films that we had watched. They included a tour round Australia with Julia Bradbury, the Queen's funeral, watching old comedy shows, the drama series Ralph and Katie who are a newly married couple and have Down's syndrome, Inspector Montalbano, old films such as West Side story and others. We all, now have some new ideas for future viewing.

French Refreshers - Ann Burley

Our two meetings this month continued with our preference for conversation. This way, we aim to improve our familiarity with speaking the language and, at the same time, add to our vocabulary. At the first meeting, we all explained what our idea would be of a perfect or dream holiday, were expense no hindrance. The differences were interesting, from a visit to the peace and quiet of some Scottish islands to a lengthy tour in a personal camper van through western Europe and on down the coast of all the countries which comprised what we used to call Yugoslavia.

In our second meeting, we concentrated on asking and answering the kind of questions that would arise when meeting people for the first time; maybe at a friend's home, or at a table shared with strangers at dinner on the first evening of a cruise. Using simple

questions and answers, such as “where are you from?” or “have you got grandchildren?”, we managed at the same time, to include a lot of well-known vocabulary.

Gardening - Kathleen Smith

I could not attend so thanks are due to Barbara. The group certainly got down to the basics.

Thirteen people attended and discussions ranged from:

Raised beds and drainage requirements; suitable shrubs to replace an old fence; increased prices for skips; how far back to prune a pear tree; and the time for cutting back and removing shrubs and plants in Autumn; scarifying and feeding lawns; greenhouse repairs; clearance and splitting plants; depths for planting bulbs and digging up dahlias. Hopefully they all went home with new ideas and problems solved.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 16th November at Margarite's house. The subject will be making Christmas wreaths and decorations. Please bring anything you think will look good such as holly, fir tree twigs, pinecones, glittery stuff, etc.

History - Susan Cox

Christine Storey, a local historian, gave us a fascinating talk about the history of Carleton. This included many historical maps. The 18th Century Tythe maps showed us how Carleton was once a largely farming community with many fields and its own windmill called Old Toms. We also saw many photographs of farms, cottages, shops and schools from that time alongside present-day images with explanations of the origins of place names. For those of us who live in Carleton, all of this was doubly interesting.

The next meeting is on Monday 14th November at 2.00 p.m. at Carleton Memorial Hall. Paul Fewson will feature a fun only, historical quiz with prizes. New members are always welcome.

There will be no meeting in December. The first meeting next year for the history group will be on Monday, 9th January when member, Mike Coyle, will be telling us about the history of the Courtfield Hotel and Catering college.

History of Art - Martin Johnson

October's venture into modern art centred on the recently deceased Portuguese artist, Paula Rego. Over a lifetime of dedicated work, she explored the themes of political repression and women's role in society, in highly personal and imaginative paintings.

“The Dance” is her most famous painting. It is a ghostly beach scene with a brooding hill-top fort where prisoners were tortured. Paula stands alone, but resolute, as she watches a kind of dance of life. Her husband is twice portrayed, first with his first wife, and then with Paula. The sea reminds us of both Portugal and England, her two homes.



Paula Rego “The Dance” 1988

The group had mixed views about her success in portraying suffering and injustice, but her artistic skill and sincerity left us in no doubt her retrospective exhibitions will gain the attention she deserves.

John Heartfield and Banksy also provided a critique of society, with the latter giving light relief.

The range of Victorian painting is next, with the highly rewarded William Powell Frith pitted against the unjustly neglected artists Hubert von Herkomer and Samuel Luke Fildes. All three are represented in Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery.

Italian Group - Clive Jones

Two meetings were held at the Poulton Library on 11th and 25th October. The next two meetings are planned for 8th and 22nd November, with the last meeting of the calendar year being on 6th December. The group size is nine and new members are

always welcome to join us. Spontaneous general Italian conversation is still very much the backbone of the meetings augmented by studying further articles on various aspects of Italian life and culture and learning exercises on the use of demonstrative and indefinite pronouns. From the Read and Think Italian text 3rd edition we covered articles on the new habits of the Italian people at the table and on the famous Italian after-dinner drink (digestivi italiani), Limoncello. This latter story then sparked some good conversation on Italian 'liquore'-type drinks in general and where to get them including an example of an 'Amaro' from the Bologna region and a recipe by UK-based Italian chef Gino d'Acampo on biscuits called 'Limoncetti' made from Limoncello.

In open conversation in Italian, we talked



about image of an amusing public health information sign which a group member took in Sicily. It told you what to do to clear up your dog mess. It requires very little translation but for those interested!:

"It is strictly forbidden to abandon any type of waste! Respect the environment.... This won't happen again! Do the right thing, do it for me!"

One member had also written a piece on Belly Dancing, 'La Danza del Ventre', as she had attended an event on the subject. We also started a new story about The Invisible Woman from the 'Short Stories in Italian' book.

Line Dancing - Kathleen Smith

Line dancing is running to our schedule with lots of fun, good music, dancing and company. If you would like to get involved, consult "The Schedule of Group Meetings and Venues" on pages 11 and 12 for the 'when' and 'where'!

Live Music - Pauline Powell

We are moving. As from Thursday, 3rd November, our meetings will be held at the 'Tee Time Golf Centre', Fleetwood Road, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 1RN. We believe

that this move will give us more room for our musicians and singers and, of course, for the many u3a members that we attract.

We meet every first and third Thursday in the month from 2.00 p.m. Come along to join friends, enjoy a drink, and listen to our talented musicians and singers. All u3a members are welcome.

Play Reading - Graham Bannister

The Group completed the reading of "Broadway Bound" by Neil Simon.

We will not be having a normal meeting in December but have made a tentative arrangement to visit the Lancashire County Council library archives at Lostock Hall. The visit is provisionally planned for Friday, 16th of December leaving Thornton little Theatre car park at 10.30 a.m.. The purpose of the visit is to examine the library of play sets and draw up a list of those we will earmark for future readings. After the visit we will go for our Group Festive Lunch. Details to be finalised at our next meeting which will be on Tuesday, 15th November when we will start to read "The Five Wives of Maurice Pinder" by Matt Charman

Poetry for Pleasure – Ann Fewson

We definitely had a pleasurable morning reading and discussing verse from a diverse range of periods and different moods on the topic of weather. Browning, Keats, Hardy, Emily Bronte, Ted Hughes, Auden, Ogden Nash and William Service were just some of the poets who figured in our morning. It is a favourite subject for the English after all.

Next meeting: Thursday, 3rd November at 10.30 a.m.

Subjects: Shelley and Coleridge.

Recycling - Kathleen Smith

Recycling has stopped now because it is getting too cold to work in the open air. We will post notice when it starts again in 2023.

Science and Technology - Graham Topping

On 17th October, 41 members were present when Martin Owens gave his talk entitled "Why do IT projects always take longer than planned."

Martin began by taking us through the various stages taken in planning and carrying out IT projects. He then illustrated what happened in practice when two large organisations, TSB and the Cooperative, decided to make changes to their banking system.

TSB's failure to set up a new system using their own staff cost them £330 million, and they eventually had to outsource the operations to IBM. In contrast, the Cooperative organisation were able to successfully separate their banking system from the other components of their empire by employing IBM from the outset.

It was clear from the discussion at the Q&A session that Martin's presentation had been really appreciated by his audience.

Our next meeting on Monday, 21st November will feature a presentation by Tony Ward on "Space Stations."

Singing for Fun - Arthur Jones

The theme for our October meeting was Colours and we sang our little hearts out in most of the spectral colours. There did seem to be an imbalance though in favour of blue(s) and yellow but nevertheless we managed to fit in black and white --- and even pink during our "nonsense" section.

Our next meeting will be at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 9th November when our theme will be Astral rather than Spectral. So let me know if you have a favourite song about the moon, stars or planets and I'll do my best to include it.

Spain Beyond the Costas - Sue Clark

There was no meeting in October. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 2nd November at 2.00 p.m. at Carleton Memorial Hall. At the meeting we will talk about our recent visit to Galicia in NW Spain and related topics.

Travel - Mick Carey

The Travel Group meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 19th October 2022 on the presentation of hats from all around the world and an introduction to Morocco and the city of Marrakech had to be cancelled at short notice. Unfortunately, the presenter Clive Jones (who was standing in for Group Leader Mick Carey) had tested positive for COVID.

As a precaution, therefore, it was agreed to cancel the meeting. Clive has now made a full recovery and will be giving the November presentation. We are pleased to confirm that the November 2022 meeting on Hamburg will go ahead as planned and Clive will be happy to reschedule his Morocco presentation sometime in 2023. To reiterate, here are the details for the November presentation which will be given by Clive Jones and will be the last one of the calendar year on Wednesday, 16th November 2022 at 10.00 a.m. at Carleton Memorial Hall. It features Hamburg, Germany's second largest city. There is a brief profile of the city's history to start with and very much a Christmas theme from there on in from a visit in December 2018 during the Christmas Markets, and lots of details on the city's considerable appeal and reputation as a holiday and travel destination. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The first meeting of 2023 will be on Wednesday, 18 January at the usual time and place. The subject is currently TBN but will probably be given by Mick Carey on his recent visits to the mainland and islands of Greece.

Walking - Graham & Susan Essex-Crosby

October's walk started and finished at Staveley. The weather was mostly benign with a light shower or two at the outset but not sufficient to challenge the determination of the twenty souls that left the village and set out alongside the fast-moving River Kent.



Geoffrey Cowell, our walk leader, used his extensive knowledge of local geology, architecture and history to keep the group well entertained and informed during our seven and a half mile walk. As ever, the scenery and views were exceptional and very much typical of the southern Lakes. Geoffrey covered everything from pottery to potash with lead mining somewhere in between.

During the walk, a car stopped and the driver enquired whether we were a u3a group. How did he know? It transpired he chaired the walking group for Craven u3a whose motto of 'fun, fitness and fellowship' seemed most apposite for our own group, although there was some whimsical discussion about the inclusion of 'fitness'.

On our return to Staveley the group felt it necessary to support local business and so enjoyed a convivial tasting of the products from Hawkshead Brewery. At this stage the rain came down heavily and we duly thanked Geoffrey for getting us back in time before the weather worsened. What a leader!

Our next walk is scheduled for Wednesday, 30th November and, considering the shorter daylight hours, it will be around Scorton, Nicky Nook and Grize Dale. Our walk leaders will be April and Bob Wilby. Further details will be circulated to group members in due course.

Watercolours - Christine Cutts

I have no need to say what the Group's theme for October was as the paintings speak for themselves. Do you recognise them all?

If you would like to try watercolour painting, you are welcome to contact me for a chat and come along to one of our relaxed meetings and see how we work. You might be surprised at what you can do and how much you enjoy it.

October Watercolour Gallery



Risk Assessment Advice

Members are reminded that, when participating in Wyre u3a activities, they do so at their own risk.

This is particularly relevant when undertaking any physical activity.

Carleton Memorial Hall
Bookings should be addressed to
Peter Farrell.

Peter must be notified, in advance if the hall is not going to be used otherwise a charge will be made for the room

Wyre u3a Newsletter

This newsletter is published for members of Wyre u3a. Any opinions expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the newsletter team, or of the Wyre u3a committee, or of the u3a Trust.

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Schedule of Group Meetings and Venues

If unsure about any aspect of a Group meeting, always check with the Co-ordinator

Activity	Regular Meeting	Co-ordinator Contact	Venue
The Amblers Walking Group	Arranged monthly by the leader (see Newsletter)	Changes monthly (see Newsletter)	See Newsletter
Artists and Paintings in the 19 th and 20 th Centuries	3 rd Monday at 1.00 pm-2.30 pm	Barbra Cropper	Check with Co-ordinator
Badminton	Weekly on Wednesdays 10.00 a.m.-12 noon	Alison Hamer Pauline Ronson	All Hallows Church Hall Bispham.
Book Group (Monday)	1 st Monday at 2.00 pm	Helen Scarborough 824008	Thornton Library
Book Group (Wednesday)	2 nd Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.	Brenda Ormrod 891715	Poulton Library

Card Making	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays at 2.00 pm	Carla Clark	Carleton Memorial Hall
Creative Writing	2 nd Monday at 10.00 am	Ann Fewson	Lodge Cottage
Crown Green Bowling	Weekly on Mondays 9.50 am for 10.00 am	Ken Speakman	HASSRA Green closed until 2022
The Dining Group	See Newsletter	Irene Evans	See Newsletter
Eat and Heat Group	1 st Monday at 2.30	Tony Ward	Carlton Memorial Hall
Family History	1 st Monday at 2.00 pm	Shaun O'Hara and Joanne Mathews	Carleton Memorial Hall
French Refreshers	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays at 3.00 pm	Ann Burley	Fleetwood Golf Club
French for Improvers	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays At 1.30 pm	Christine Holt	Fleetwood Golf Club
French Conversation	See report in "News from the Activity Groups"	Clive Jones	Thornton Library
Gardening	3 rd Wednesday at 1.30 pm	Kathleen Smith	Various. Check with Co-ordinator
Gentle Movement	Every Monday 1.00-2.00 pm	Linda Porter	St. Hilda's, Carleton
History	2 nd Monday at 2.00 pm	Susan Cox	Carleton Memorial Hall
Italian Group	See report in "News from the Activity Groups"	Clive Jones	Poulton Library
History of Art	2 nd Tuesday at 10.30 am.	Martin Johnson	Check with Co-ordinator
Line Dancing	Every Friday from 1.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. 1 st hour beginners.	Kathleen Smith	Carleton Memorial Hall

Live Music	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.	Pauline Powell	Tee Time Golf Centre Fleetwood Rd Thornton FY5 1RN
Philosophy	4 th Tuesday at 2.00 pm	Linda Parkins	Carleton Memorial Hall
Play Reading	3 rd Tuesday at 2.00 pm	Graham Bannister	Carleton Memorial Hall
Poetry for Pleasure	1 st Thursday at 10.30 am	Ann Fewson	Various. Check with Co-ordinator
Recycling	2 nd Tuesday	Kathleen Smith	Contact Co-ordinator
Science and Technology	3 rd Monday at 2.00 pm	Graham Topping	Carleton Memorial Hall
Singing for Fun	2 nd Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.	Arthur Jones	Carleton Memorial Hall
Spain beyond the Costas	1 st Wednesday at 2.00 p.m.	Sue Clark	Carleton Memorial Hall
Spanish Conversation	Fortnightly on Monday at 2.00 p.m.	Enid Vindel	Various. Check with Co-ordinator
Travel	3 rd Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.	Mick Carey	Carleton Memorial Hall
Walking	Last Wednesday of each month.	Graham and Susan Essex-Crosby	Various. Check with Co-ordinator
Watercolour Painting	1 st Tuesday at 1.30 p.m.	Christine Cutts	Carleton Memorial Hall