

# Aintree U3A

## Newsletter April 2014

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76 members attended the meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Oriel Drive Youth & Community Centre.

Neil Smith entertained us with his amusing talk "Have guitar will travel". He started by explaining how in his 20's he changed career to become a guitarist. He had travelled widely, especially around Europe and behind the Iron Curtain, meeting famous and interesting people. Between anecdotes he played his guitar with appropriate music to the reminiscence of country he visited.

Our Chairman, Ian Roxburgh, welcomed new members and visitors.

We still need need a speaker secretary and an Out & About leader as Liz Wilson, our Secretary, is covering both positions at the moment. Please think about helping out. Subs are now due; please see Sylvia McCormack, Treasurer, if you have not yet paid.

### Groups

All groups are very active and new groups are forming.

**Craft Group**      Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

Next meeting will be 14<sup>th</sup> April and Wyn, another member, will continue to teach and demonstrate crochet work. There will be no meeting Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**Discussion Group**      Leaders Ian Roxburgh & Liz Wilson

Meet 3rd Tuesday of the month 2-4 pm. On 22<sup>nd</sup> April the topics will be "Favourite book" and "Holidays" – best; worst; most memorable holiday etc.

**Spanish Group**      Leaders Bill & Edna Thomason

Hola Amigos, we have completed the "Espana Viva". Bien hecho a todos! Next course will be "Conversational Spanish" starting Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 pm and will run fortnightly at Bill & Edna's home.

Hasta Luego.

**Walking Group**      Leader Tony Byrne

As the weather is warming and nature is waking up, Tony will lead the Group on 10<sup>th</sup> April on a walk from Freshfield to Ainsdale; 24<sup>th</sup> April the walk will be at Sefton Park and to the Palm House. Meet as usual at the Old Roan station at 9.50 am.

**Art Active**      Leader Eddie Caldwell

The Art group will meet on 8<sup>th</sup> April and 29<sup>th</sup> April, (no meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> as it is in the Easter period). Work will continue with landscapes.

**Out & About Group**      Leader Liz Wilson

The historical tours of the Liverpool Medical Institute will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> April; two tours are booked, meeting at the Institute 10.30 and 12.00 am.

Tony Byrne is organising two trips for May, one to Liverpool Dry Dock and the other a visit to Liverpool Town Hall.

## Golf Group

Leader Alf Whittle

The Mossock Hall golf pro will take 8 people at £5 a head, golf clubs will be provided. A few have put their name forward; please call Alf if you are interested. It might be possible to join with Maghull if not enough are interested from Aintree.

## Bridge for Beginners

Leader Jane Jones

This is a new group and will start Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May and is aimed at beginners. Some Maghull members will be joining. If you are interested and not put your name forward please ring Jane.

*\*All meetings to be held at Oriel Drive Centre unless otherwise stated.*

*Please check the notice board for visits and group information, also our website [aintreeu3a](http://aintreeu3a.com).*

## Bits & Pieces

\*U3A is running a photographic competition, theme being: Architectural Britain – Old & New. The competition will be judged by *Amateur Photographer* magazine, closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014. Details and rules can be found on the notice board.

\*[walking@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:walking@sefton.gov.uk) is organising Nordic walking. As Nordic walking is a specific technique it must be learnt correctly, Sefton is running 3 courses at Maghull, Crosby and Southport covering 4 weeks. Please contact Active walks Team tel: 934 2824 or above email.

\*Some members have put their name down for the Pudding Club, as you will be meeting in each other`s home please arrange between yourselves dates, venues etc.

\*Our own little library/book swap corner is proving very popular; please bring read or unwanted books so that others can enjoy. Spring has arrived, plants and seeds are beginning to grow, bring any unwanted ones so that other gardeners can benefit.

\*[www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk) needs a new login. On the site you can read what other u3a`s are doing and find much useful information including details of online courses. To access the Members` area you must create account:-

- 1 .From the homepage click the `Create Account` button on the top of the page.
2. Fill out the form and check the `accept cookies` box.
3. Click `Send Registration request`.
4. Check your email account confirming account has been set up.
5. Return to the site, click the `Member Login` button and use new username and password to log in.

\*Please let us know if any member is ill as we have a pastoral team who will visit.

\* If you wish to start a new group or have any relevant information please let Iona James, or Pat Carroll, know.

## Next meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2-4 pm

The speaker will be Ken Pye. The talk will be "The Joy of Scousers and Scouse: the people, the dish, the dialect"

## Diary date

3<sup>rd</sup> June meeting; the speaker will be Martin Jones on "The wills of the rich and famous".

**This meeting will be held at the Methodist Church, Altway due to re-decoration at the Oriel Drive Centre**