

AINTREE U3A

Newsletter April 2016

On Tuesday 5th April we had a very interesting talk by Rev. Ben Rees about Famous Liverpool women who had made a difference to society. There was an interesting thread running through the talk about the connection with the Rathbone family and how they had mentored and influenced society. There was Kitty Wilkinson who from humble beginnings became famous for starting the first wash house, not only in Liverpool but also in the country. Agnes Jones also made her mark by training male and female nurses and starting the District Nurses service. Josephine Butler fought for human rights and finally Eleanor Rathbone who fought and got family allowance. We must be proud of our Liverpool heritage.

Art Active Leader Eddie Caldwell

We will meet on Tuesdays from 2.00 – 4.00pm on the 12th and 26th April when we will continue with landscapes and also improve perspective drawing.

Bridge for Beginners Leader Jane Jones

The Bridge group meet each Monday, at the Centre. The more experienced at 1.00pm and the beginners at 2.00pm.

Craft Group Leaders Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

The Group will meet on the 18th April between 1.00 and 3.00pm. The kits are proving to be very popular and are helping to create interesting pieces of work.

Out & About Group Leaders Margaret Eastwood & Liz Wilson

It is hoped to have a coach trip to Haworth country on Thursday 19th May. The cost will be approx. £13. Money to Marion Elson (tel; 286 5267) asap.

Spanish Group Leaders Bill & Edna Thomason

Spanish will be meeting on Fridays 15th, 29th April at Bill and Edna`s home.

Walking Group Leader Tony Byrne

On Thursday 7th April the walk for the the Ramblers will be walking the Giddygate loop while the Amblers will take the Melling loop and this will also be a local history walk. Thursday 21st April there will be a walk around Southport.

Meet as usual 9.50am at the station.

Tony will be organising a Lake District walk on either 16th or 23rd June. Please add your name to the list or contact Tony for details.

Community Gardening Leaders Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner

Meet at the station, all volunteers are welcome, this is a community based activity not U3A but Marion and Margaret are involved. Those that are involved will be notified as the weather affects ability to garden. If you can help please contact either Marion or Margaret for dates and times.

Local History group Leader Doreen Stock & Fred Forrest

Local history group meet on Wednesdays, 13th April and 4th May between 2.30 and 4.30pm. Fred now has access to Ancestry and this will be of interest to the group.

Around The World Group. Leader Jan Jones

On 14th April there will be a visit to the Pan Asian Matou Restaurant 2nd floor Mersey Ferry Terminal, Pier Head, two courses will cost £10.95. The restaurant is in a fantastic setting with views across the Mersey and towards the Three Graces. There is a lift to the 2nd floor. Names and £5 deposit to Jan as usual.

Cinema Group Leader Carol Whiteley

No cinema visits have been arranged at the moment, members will be notified of any future arrangements.

Creative Writing Group Contact Iona James

This group meet on Tuesday 19th April between 11.00 – 12.00am. This month the topic was own choice. We only write for fun and enjoyment and we all have a different take on a subject which makes for an interesting hour.

Singing for Fun Leader Eddie Caldwell

The group meet on Friday 29th April between 10.00 – 11.30am. This is very much a fun group, if you fancy singing old favourites, just turn up on the day.

Card Making Leader Pat Williams

Please note change of date and that this group will meet on Tuesdays 12th and 26th April at 10.30 – 12.30.

Computer Group will restart in September.

Dancing Group will resume if there is sufficient interest. For more information contact Jean Jones on 531 9905

Tea Rota – Please consider putting your name to the rota. For more information about what it entails please see Jan Coombe who also helps to run the library. Thanks to all who have made the tea it is much appreciated.

*Lists for activities, visits etc. will be found on a table in the committee room other information on our notice board.

Bits & pieces

*There will be a `Big History Show` at St George`s Hall on Sat. 9th and Sun. 10th April. It will feature exhibitors and local historians from all over Merseyside there will be a programme of talks, re-enactments and tours of the Hall. Fred who leads our local history group will be at the Liverpool History Society table. Admission is free.

*The Food, Drink & Lifestyle Festival will take place at Sefton Park on the weekend of 23rd and 24th April between 10.30- 18.30, with dedicated zones not only to food & drink but also homes, gardening and craft.

* Library at the Centre is open on Tuesdays 10.30 -12.30, Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00pm and Saturdays 10.30 – 12.30

* Tai Chi meet on Wednesdays at 1.30 – 2.30pm. Cost is £2.50 for information contact Mike on 476 4782.

* Celebrate St George`s Day on Saturday 23rd April at the Centre with a scouse and crusty bread supper. Please try and wear a red rose. Cost is £5, moneys payable to Sylvia.

* The Burjesta Theatre is performing `The Odessey` an epic tale of monsters, witches, gods and goddesses at the Casa, Hope Street on 12th, 13th, 15th and 16th of April. Some members will be attending on Friday 15th. For more information contact Iona

*This year is the 200 anniversary of the opening of the Leeds Liverpool canal. Aintree Village, Lydiate, Maghull and Melling parishes have organised a series of events to celebrate the occasion. There will be a Canal Fun Day on the 19th June with a flotilla sailing from Wango Lane at 11.0am to Lydiate; events on Old Hall Playing Field and 5k fun run also 2.5K fun run for children. For more information contact Peter Gill.

*Musical Moments event at Hoylake Community Centre on Friday 13th May 10.30 – 4.00pm The cost is £10 which includes lunch. Forms available from Liz ; these must be returned to organiser by 28th April.

*If you have any relevant information for the newsletter please contact Iona James, or Liz Wilson, secretary.

*Put aintreeu3a into Google to find our website to see photos of different events and groups.

Next meeting Tuesday 3rd May

This meeting will be our annual AGM. Please try to attend.

After the AGM there will be a quiz organised by Eddie Caldwell.