

AINTREE U3A

Newsletter April 2017

This will be my last newsletter as Kathy Fitzsimons will be taking over from next month. I would like to thank all group leaders for being so helpful and patient, all the committee, especially the main officers for their support which I valued greatly, also the team who are involved in checking, printing and delivering the newsletter, finally all members for being so accommodating of my mistakes. Thank you all for making it easy to produce the newsletter. - Iona.

Ninety three members attended our April meeting and the speaker was Mike Chitty who is a member of The Wavertree Society and he gave us a history of Wavertree Garden Suburb; how it had been built just over a century ago by social reformers enabling people to live in peaceful, pleasant and healthy surroundings. The idea of garden cities and suburbs was very popular at the beginning of the 20th century as housing conditions in towns and cities were terrible and many philanthropists were anxious to improve conditions.

Art Active Contact Eddie Caldwell

Art Active will meet on Tuesdays at 2.00pm on the 11th and 25th of April and we will be seasonal by painting spring flowers and blossom.

Bridge for Beginners Contact Jane Jones

The Bridge group will meet at the Centre on Mondays at 1.00pm, both groups now meet at the same time. Please contact Jane if you wish to join.

Craft Group Contacts Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

The craft group will meet at 1.00pm on Monday 10th. The kits that Lesley and Kim have are popular but they will also be embellishing eggs.

Out & About Group Contacts Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner

The visit on 11th May to Brimstage Hall and Craft Centre in the Wirral has been cancelled as not enough members had expressed an interest; instead on that date there will be a coach trip to Bents Garden Centre, Glazebury near Warrington. On the 8th June it is intended to visit Dunham Massey Hall and Gardens. As this is a National Trust property the entrance fee will be £13.50 for non N.T. members. On Thursday 6th July it is hoped that we can visit Anderton Boat Lift with a river cruise, the price is £9. For both Dunham Massey and the Anderton Boat Lift the cost of the coach will be extra.

Spanish Group Contacts Bill & Edna Thomason

As Bill and Edna are moving soon to be nearer family, the Spanish group will hold their last meeting at their house this month. We wish both of them well and thank them for all they have done for our U3A.

Walking Group Contact Mike Morris

On Thursday 20th of April the walk will around Churchtown and on the 4th May the walkers will walk from Birkdale to Southport. Meet for both walks at Old Roan station 9.50am.

Community Gardening Contacts Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner

The gardening group have been very busy and have cleared the embankment running down from the main road towards Mostyn Avenue. If you walk to the retail park please admire what they have done. In autumn they hope to plant bulbs there. Tidying and planting is ongoing and work is done weather permitting. If you are interested in helping please contact Marion or Margaret.

Local History group Contact Fred Forrest

The group meet on Wed 12th at 2.45 - 4.45pm. the topic will be development of Merseyside in the 19th century.

U3A Diners. Contact Jan Jones

Thursday 27th April diners will eat at Carluccio's, Whitechapel, The Met Quarter. Meet outside the restaurant at 1.40pm for 2.00pm. The price is £11 for 2 courses, if 3 courses are wanted that will be extra.

Cinema group Contact Carol Whiteley

On Tuesday 25th April Silver Screen is showing Rogue One: Star Wars story at 11.00am and Collateral Beauty at 2.00pm entrance fee is £3 which includes a hot drink and biscuit. On Wednesday 26th April at 7.00pm Julius Caesar will be shown live from Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Cost is approx, £12. For all three please make your own way.

Writing for pleasure Contact Iona James

We meet for an hour at 11.00am on Tuesday 18th April; this month's topic is "Bad Hair Day" (this should be no problem for me as I often experience this condition).

Singing for Fun Contact Eddie Caldwell

Group will meet on Friday the 28th April at 10.00 until 11.30am. We have been promised and look forward to a performance at the AGM.

Card Making Contact Pat Williams

Card makers will meet on Tuesday 18th April; meeting starts at 10.30am.

Ukulele Group Contact Liz Wilson

The ukulele group meet on April 10th. We can look forward to the recital at the AGM.

How do I? Group Contact Sylvia McCormack

This is aimed at being an extension of the main meeting where members can meet up and chat over a cuppa. There will be no meeting this month because of Easter, next meeting will be in May.

Wine Appreciation Group. If you would be interested in this new group, tasting and comparing wine, please contact Liz Wilson. Many members have shown an interest in this new group and it is hoped to get it off the ground soon. Perhaps it explains why we are such a friendly and socialising group.

Golf Group Ian has not yet finalised the details but hopes to start very soon, meeting at Mossock Hall golf course on Fridays. If you are interested please contact Ian

We need volunteers to make the tea/coffee at the main meetings. Please put your name on the list.

*All activities taken with the U3A are at your own risk. You are responsible for taking enough care.

Bits & pieces

*St Giles Church, Aintree Lane are holding a St George's Day Afternoon Tea with a live singer, on Sunday 23rd April 3.00 - 5.30pm. Tickets are £8 and are available from Carol Ingam, or Carol Whiteley.

*Library at the Centre is open on Tuesdays 10.30 -12.30, Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00pm and Saturdays 10.30 – 12.30. Jigsaw puzzle group meet on Tuesday mornings, same time as the library tea and toast available for 50p.

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

* If you know of any member who is ill or bereaved please let Margaret Eastwood or any committee member know. For any other queries contact our chairman Tony Byrne or sec. Mike Morris.

Our next meeting will be our A.G.M. on Tuesday 2nd May. (I am sorry about the mistake last month). If you have not yet paid your sub for this year please pay at this meeting.