

AINTREE U3A

Newsletter August 2015

On Tuesday 4th August Ian welcomed 80 members, 1 new member and 5 guests

The speaker was Angela Brabin who spoke on "Poison, a Woman`s Weapon". Angela is a retired criminal lawyer and historian who has unearthed the evidence of a group of Victorian women who killed up to 17 people for their life insurance money. In particular two sisters, Margaret Higgins and Catherine Flanagan, who were convicted in 1884 of killing Margaret`s husband, Thomas Higgins. Their crime was discovered after Thomas` brother became suspicious and alerted the police. Five insurance policies had been taken out in Thomas` name. Both were arrested, tried and hung at Kirkdale Goal. Their method was simple, they obtained arsenic by soaking fly paper in water. Incidentally fly paper is no longer available!

Art Active Leader Eddie Caldwell

There will be no meetings this month, in September we hope to paint on canvas.

Bridge for Beginners Leader Jane Jones There are no meetings this month. The beginners will be starting on the 21st of September. Congratulations are in order for those that have been learning bridge as they have graduated and are now quite experienced.

Craft Group Leaders Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

The craft members enjoyed their bracelets and will continue with ongoing work. Meet Monday, 17th August at 1.00pm.

Out & About Group Leader Margaret Eastwood

The Western Approaches Museum has re-opened we leave Old Roan station 10.10am on Thursday 6th August.

Spanish Group Leaders Bill & Edna Thomason

The Spanish Group will resume after their summer break on Friday 4th September.

Walking Group

On Thursday 13th August the walk will be in Sefton Park. On 27th August the walk will be along the canal from Wally`s Steps to Lydiate.

Meet as usual by the Old Roan station at 9.50am.

Community Gardening Leaders Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner

All are welcome to join this group. We are looking to recruit new members to help us brighten up our area. We meet 12.00 – 1.00pm on Wednesday 19th August and 2nd September at the Old Roan shops (by Tesco), weather permitting. If anyone has any plants to share / sell please bring them to the meetings during the summer months. Gardening group will be grateful of any plants for the area.

Ballroom Dancing Leader Jean Jones

This group will resume in September, date to be confirmed in the September newsletter.

Local History group Leader Doreen Stock and Fred Forrest There will be no meetings in August and we will meet in September on the 9th and 23rd from 2.30 – 4.30pm. We are very much an interactive group and, as usual, copies of old maps, photographs & other sources will be available to stimulate discussion. Also, as the internet is now available in the Centre, we are going to branch out into family history and begin to look at free sources online initially. Feel free to contact us with any ideas of areas of Merseyside local history you`d like to cover.

Around The World Group. Leader Jane Jones

36 members enjoyed a delicious relaxing afternoon English tea with sandwiches, cakes and trifle washed down with tea and coffee at L20 hotel school. This was the largest group that they had catered for since opening last November. We congratulated Bill & Edna Thomason on their 60th Wedding anniversary. Our next meal will be in Thailand on Tuesday 18th August. Meet at "Chilli Pot", North John Street at 1.30pm for 2.00pm meal. Two courses and drink is £8.95pp. A £5 deposit is required, please pay Sylvia, our treasurer please.

Cinema Group Leader Carol Whiteley

It is hoped to resume our cinema visits in September.

Computer group leader Collette Forrest tel:

Collette is going to run a computer course for all abilities, including anyone who is a clueless technophobe. The first meeting will be on Thursday 10th September and every week after that. Personally I hope to learn a lot.

Creative writing a member has shown an interest in running this group, it is hoped to be run as a fun group rather than an academic group.

New members meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th August at the Community Centre between **10.00 – 11.00am** please note **change in the time** as the Centre was double booked. This will be a regular ongoing invitation to answer queries and questions about our U3A. Refreshments will be served.

New Groups If you feel that you could set up a new group, there are forms on the board and on our web page. The contact to set up a new group is Pat Carroll, who will support and help with the organising.

Tea Rota – Jan Coombe has a list on the board for all willing members to put their name forward. Thanks to all who have willingly made the tea.

*Lists for activities, visits etc. will be found on a table in the committee room.

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

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

Bits & pieces

* Library at the Centre is open on Tuesdays 10.30 -12.30 and on Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00pm. We send Pauline our best wishes and hope she has a speedy recovery.

* Tai Chi meets on Wednesdays at 1.30 – 2.30pm. For information contact Mike, tel: 476 4782

*Jane is organising a holiday to the Loire Valley September 2016. For more information tel: 526 2530

**National U3A rules are, that visitors can attend two meetings before deciding whether to join. If people are not members they are not able to join interest groups or go on excursions, outings etc.*

*If you have any relevant information for the newsletter please contact Iona James or Liz Wilson, Secretary, pastoral leader is Margaret Eastwood.

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

Next meeting Tuesday 1st September 2-4 pm

The speaker will be Pauline Collier who will speak on "The Pendle Witches".

Diary Dates

10th September there will be a trip to Llandudno. Contact Marion Elson for details.