

AINTREE U3A

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2014

Our first AGM was held on Tuesday 4th February at the Oriel Drive Youth and Community Centre, around 60 people attended and all were delighted that our U3A is up and running.

Ian Roxburgh welcomed every one and emphasised that we must remember U3A belongs to the members and is all about shared learning and shared interests. Sylvia McCormack gave a summary of our finances and Liz Wilson's secretary report was read as she was unable to attend. This was followed by election of officers. Thanks must be given to all the Steering Group for their hard work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected:

Chair: Ian Roxburgh

Vice chair: Tony Byrne

Secretary: Liz Wilson

Treasurer Sylvia McCormack

Membership Sec: Pat & Eddie Caldwell

We need a volunteer to be publicity officer

Annual fee will remain at £15. This is due in April.

Please notify Sylvia (tel. 526 6194 / sylviamc@talktalk.net) if you are not renewing your membership as affiliation fee to the national U3A must be paid end of March.

GROUPS

All the interest groups are very popular, thanks must go to all who lead them. It is hoped over the year to increase the number of groups. If you have any ideas please bring them to the attention of a committee member.

CRAFT GROUP

The next meeting will be on Monday 17th March 2-4pm.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday 18th 2-4pm. Come along to discuss and listen.

ART ACTIVE

Tuesday 25th February, 2-4pm it is hoped to paint flower pictures.

SPANISH GROUP

The Group meet every Friday 2-4pm. For details please ring Bill Thomason 476 0706.

WALKING GROUP

Meet at the Old Roan station 9.50 for a city Heritage walk. The next walk will be 27th February.

OUT & ABOUT GROUP

Historical tour of Liverpool Medical Institute, top of Mount Pleasant. Two tours are booked for 8th April, 15 people per tour, the 1st tour will be 10.30 - 11.30am, 2nd tour will be 12 -1.00pm. Cost is £3, non refundable and includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Money must be paid to the treasurer no later than 18th March. Please see notice board for all details.

Please check the notice board for all theatre visits.

Also check for other trips or visits to places of interest.

*All meetings at Oriel Drive Centre unless otherwise stated.

BITS & PIECES.

* The Royal Horticultural Soc. Are offering U3A groups discounted rates at garden & flower shows, also £2 off garden entry tickets.

* FACT picture house, top of Bold street, allow "Silver Screen" members to see a film and have tea & biscuits for £4.50. Why not go in a group?

* Crosby Gilbert & Sullivan Soc. Will hold a concert in the Palm House, Sefton Park on Sunday 11th May 2 - 4pm. Free admission.

* All gardeners - we will hold a plant swap/sale in the spring. Sow extra seeds now to share plants with other members.

* Now our library has gone, please bring unwanted books for our book swap.

* ICE cards. These cards, with your name and emergency contact details are useful if you have an accident or are taken ill while out & about. The members who have not yet received theirs will be able to collect them at the next meeting.

*The Merseyside Local 50+ Show - Forever Young. Thursday 6th March entry 9.00am - 3.00pm at the Adelphi Hotel. There will be food demonstrations, wine tasting, financial & legal advice, fashion shows, free seminars etc. For free tickets call 01204 398 234 or pay £3.00 on the door.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 4TH 2-4PM

The speaker will be Gordon Bartley. He will give a talk "Welsh Rare Bit" - stories and slides of Anglesey, Portmeirion and North Wales coast.

This newsletter will be posted on the Aintree U3A Web site:

<https://sites.google.com/site/aintreeu3a/newsletter>