



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



## *AINTREE U3A*

FEBRUARY 2019

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### NOTICES

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 14:00 – 16:00 HRS

The Chair and the Secretary will finish their terms of office on the Committee this year. If anyone is interested in filling these positions please speak to Mike Morris, the Secretary.

### MONTHLY SPEAKERS

At our meeting in January, 84 members were privileged to hear Peter Purland talk about The Panama Canal (a waterway in Panama connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans).

5.2.19 John Quirk "The Shrimp Line pt 1"

5.3.19 Roisin Stoddern "The Metropolitan Cathedral"

2.4.19 Jim Flynn "The Life of Frankie Vaughan"

7.5.19 AGM

4.6.19 Pat Ascroft "Trekking in Croatia"

2.7.19 Derek Arnold "The True Story of the Marie Celeste"

6.8.19 Ray O'Brien "Story of the Sit-Com"

3.9.19 David Hearn "Liverpool and the Slave Trade"

1.10.19 Andy Johnson "The Giants"

5.11.19 Gordon Bartley "Fish & Chips, Little Ships etc."

3.12.19 Christmas Party

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need names on our tea/coffee making rota for the monthly meeting. Remember the more names we have the less often your turn comes round!!

### WELFARE

If you know of any member who is bereaved or ill, please contact Liz Wilson on 474 6843 or any committee member.

### U3A OFFICIALS

Chair Tony Byrne 526 8815

Vice Chair: Ian Roxburgh 474 6665

Treasurer: Ann Carter 523 2697

Secretary: Mike Morris 520 3100

Welfare: Liz Wilson 474 6843

Our next MONTHLY meeting will be on **TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2019** at 2.00 p.m.

### ART ACTIVE

Leader: Eddie Caldwell 526 8288

Venue: **AINTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE (unless otherwise stated)**

Days & times: Tuesdays 14:00 - 16.00 fortnightly.

Next session: 12 February.

### BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS

Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530

Venue: **MAGHULL PARISH HALL**

Days & times: We meet every Monday at 13:00 and play until 15:00 at a cost of £2 per session. **REMINDER** that Bridge is now held in Maghull. However any Aintree members wishing to give this game a go should contact Jane who will initiate a refresher course if needed.

### CARD MAKING

Leader: Pat Williams 792 4806

Venue: **AINTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Days & times: Tuesdays, 19 February and 5 March.

This is a great way to socialise with people and learn new skills that could even save you money.

### CINEMA GROUP

Leader: Carol Whiteley 531 7066

The upcoming Silver Screen films are:

Tuesday, 12 February - 12 midday

"Welcome to Marwen"

Tuesday, 26 February - 12 midday

"Colette"

It is recommended to arrive early and purchase your tickets immediately, as the auditorium only accommodates half the amount of people as compared to pre-installation of the reclining seats.

### COMMUNITY GARDENING

Leader: Marion Elson 286 5267

Asst: Margaret Wagner 531 7449

In abeyance until the Spring.

### CRAFTS

Leader: Lesley Darley 284 3385

Asst: Kim Davies 523 8325

Venue: **AINTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Days & times: Third Monday in the month 13.00 - 15.00 hrs

Next session: 18 February.

## **CROCHET GROUP (NEW GROUP)**

**Leader:** Connie Cain 526 0575

**Dates & times:** Thursday, 7 February and Thursday 21 February. (Initially it would be helpful if you could ring Connie and let her know if you will be attending so as to give her an idea of the numbers to expect).

Connie is starting this new group for anyone interested in learning how to crochet. The class will be held fortnightly on Thursdays 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. and will be held at Connie's home.

## **GENTLE KEEP FIT EXERCISE**

**Leader:** Tony Byrne 526 8815

**Venue:** AINTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Days & times:** Mondays 09.30-10.30 a.m. (**BUT NOT BANK**

**HOLIDAYS) FIRST** Monday each month commences at 9.00 a.m.

**Next sessions:** 11/18/25 February and 4 March. Gentle is our byword. All exercises done at your own pace.

## **GOLF**

**Leader:** Ian Roxburgh 474 6665

**Venue:** Mossock Hall Golf Club

**Days & times:** Fridays 12:00 - 13:00 - Everyone is welcome. The only stipulation is to contact Ian directly, prior to the day, as due to the nature of the lesson it could be cancelled.

## **HOLIDAYS**

**Leader:** Jane Jones 526 2530

Names are being taken on a waiting list for both holidays. Speak to Jane.

## **HOW DO I?**

**Leader:** Sylvia McCormack

526 6194 - We will start again in March. Dates in next newsletter.

## **INTERESTING BUILDINGS GROUP**

**Leaders:** Liz Wilson 474 6843 and Ann Carter 523 2697

Tour of the Anglican Cathedral with John Stoddern on Thursday, 14 February. Meet at the Cathedral reception to begin the tour at 10.30 a.m.

## **INTERESTING BUILDINGS Contd ...**

Tour will end approximately 12 midday. Donation of £2-3 each to the Cathedral. Maximum of 15 places. Still room for 2 more people. Some visits will be open to any members interested. However, some venues will require numbers to be limited. Speak to Liz Wilson/Ann Carter to book a place.

We intend to start locally - Liverpool - Chester etc., then who knows!!!! All suggestions welcome from group members.

## **OUT & ABOUT**

**Leaders:** Marion Elson 286 5267

Margaret Wagner 531 7449

Lunch at L20 restaurant on Wednesday, 10 April 2019 - 3 course meal £16.50 (tea and coffee extra) sit down 13.00 hrs.

All monies to be paid at February meeting as the group deposit is to be paid early March (no refunds) - only a handful of places left.

## **SINGING FOR FUN**

**Leader:** Eddie Caldwell 526 8288

**Venue:** AINTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE (unless otherwise stated)

**Days & times:** Fridays 10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.

**Next session:** Friday 22 February.

## **SPANISH**

**Leader:** Rylida Blake 526 7513 - a teacher is needed for this class. If anyone is interested please speak to Rylida. In the meantime this class is in abeyance.

## **USA DINERS**

**Leader:** Jan Jones 07815614857 - a meal has been planned for Thursday, 14 February at Viva Brazil in Castle Street. Sitting down 2.15 p.m. The Rodizio Especial lunch menu includes 4 set meats, unlimited salad bar and cinnamon pineapple (served after the meal). £13.00 including tip. **NO MEAL CHANGE ALLOWED AND NO REFUNDS.** Meet at Old Roan station at 1.30 p.m. or at the restaurant.

## **UKULELE GROUPS**

**Leaders:** Liz Wilson 474 6843 (Group One) and Connie Cain 526 0575 (Group Two)

**Group One** continue to meet weekly at Methodist Church at 6.30 p.m.

**Group Two** will continue to meet in member's home on a Monday 2-3 p.m.

## **WINE APPRECIATION**

**Group One Leader:** Liz Wilson

474 6843 - Will meet at member's home 7 p.m. and continue to explore varieties of grapes producing fine wines. Topic will be revealed on the night. A wonderful 4 course meal with wines was enjoyed last month to celebrate Burns Night.

**Group Two Leader:** Carol Ingham

531 9690 - will be meeting at member's home on Wednesday, 20 February at 7.30 p.m.

## **WRITING FOR PLEASURE**

**Leader:** Iona James 526 7832

We are resuming the Writing for Pleasure group on Tuesday, 12 February between 11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. at the Centre. We are all looking forward to start writing again as the panto took over our lives last year.

## **WALKING GROUP**

**Leader:** Mike Morris 520 3100

**Days & times:** Fortnightly on Thursdays.

**Next walks:** 7 February 4 mile walk around Maghull (meet as usual at Old Roan station at **9.40 a.m.**)

21 February 3 mile walk around Waterloo. (Meet as usual at Old Roan station at **9.40 a.m.**)

7 March 3 mile walk around Thornton (using cars but meet as usual at Old Roan station at **9.40 a.m.**)

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

**All activities are taken at your own risk. You are responsible for ensuring your own safety.**

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

### **LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Watch this space. (Temporary contact is Mike Morris, 520 3100).

## **BITS & PIECES**

### **ART COMPETITION**

Many congratulations to our Art Class for their success in walking away with 1st prize and 2nd prize at a competition held by the Royal British Legion for artwork on World War 1. This is an incredible achievement and is a testament to all the hard work put in by Eddie and the Group.

### **PANTO HELD IN JANUARY**

“Jack and the Beanstalk” (and other fairy stories) A thoroughly fun time was had by all with plenty of audience participation. Congratulations to the Writing for Pleasure group for all their hard work in writing and staging this panto.

A “Giant’s Scouse and apple pie supper” was provided and thanks must also be given to the staff of the Holy Rosary club for letting us stage this panto and for all their hard work on the night.

### **PHOTO COMPETITION**

Thanks to everyone who entered this competition. Many congratulations to the winner, Liz Wilson. Well done Liz. (The Judge was unaware of names of the entrants).