

AINTREE U3A

Newsletter January 2016

On Tuesday 5th January Ian welcomed 90 members to our monthly meeting and we were reminded that Aintree U3A had been established three years ago and that we are going from strength to strength with new members joining and new groups forming.

Our speaker was Phil Sergeant whose talk was entitled "Liverpool Heroes". The "Heroes" was the statue created by Tom Murphy depicting a scene from World War1 of Noel Chavasse helping wounded soldiers. He brought along a model of the statue and talked about Noel Chavasse who is depicted carrying a soldier. Noel Chavasse won a Military Cross and two Victoria Cross medals for bravery. The talk was very moving and for a donation we received a copy of one of his books about Liverpool wartime heroes.

Art Active Leader Eddie Caldwell

We will meet on Tuesdays 12th and 26th January and will start off the year with seascapes – harbours and boats.

Bridge for Beginners Leader Jane Jones

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

Craft Group Leaders Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

The Group will meet on 18th January between 1.00 and 3.00pm.

Out & About Group

We hope to have many possibilities in the spring when the weather will be improving and certainly less rain and hopefully a bit, or a lot, of sunshine.

Spanish Group Leaders Bill & Edna Thomason

Spanish will be restarting on Friday 8th and then as before in a fortnight, on the 22nd of January at Bill and Edna's home.

Walking Group

As mentioned in the last Newsletter there will at times be two walking groups. The new group of "Amblers" will be led on Thursday 14th January by Tony Byrne on a Heritage walk in Liverpool. For the "Ramblers" the walk will take place on the same day from Ellesmere Port to Chester. This is an 8 mile walk. Both groups meet at 9.50am

On Thursday 28th January the walk is suitable for both groups and will be from Seacombe to New Brighton. Meet as usual at Old Roan station at 9.50am for both walks. Let's hope they all remember to get off the ferry!

Community Gardening Leaders Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner

As during the winter there is less to do in the garden there will be a `litter pick` to improve our area on Saturday 30th January at 11.00am meeting at the station. For more information please contact Marion or Margaret.

Local History group Leader Doreen Stock & Fred Forrest

Local history group meet on Wednesdays 20th of January, 3rd and 17th of February

Around The World Group. Leader Jan Jones

Jan will be arranging more visits in February when we will have got over our excesses after the festive celebrations to continue with our "round the world" theme. It was mentioned at the meeting, Ireland, Molly Malone, unfortunately it has closed. Look out for lists at the February meeting.

Cinema Group Leader Carol Whiteley

Members who have signed up will be notified if any cinema visits are arranged.

Computer group Leader Collette Forrest

The computer group meet on Thursdays from the 14th January between 2.00 & 4.00pm and every Thursday except the 28th. Please bring your own ipad/tablet/laptop if you have one; there are ones available at the Centre if you need to borrow.

Creative Writing Group contact Iona James

This group meet on Tuesdays 12th and 26th January between 11.00 – 12.00am. We discuss and write for enjoyment, you do not have to be a serious writer to join.

Singing for Fun Leader Eddie Caldwell

This new group will start singing on Friday 29th January between 10.00 & 11.00am at the Centre.

Card making group. Card making will be starting as soon as a date has been arranged with the Centre. Members who have put their name forward will be contacted. Any other member interested in joining please contact group co-ordinator, Pat Carroll.

Ballroom Dancing If you are interested please put your name on the list at the Centre. Dancing is not just ballroom but covers different styles. For more information contact Jean.

Tea Rota – Please consider putting your name to the rota, to ensure the same people are not responsible for refreshments all the time. Thanks to all who have willingly made the tea it is much appreciated.

***We will be distributing nomination forms to each member in February for key committee roles of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Group Co-ordinator. Forms should be returned at the March meeting. Vote will be by secret ballot at our AGM if more than one person is standing for the positions. Please consider taking on a role to enable our thriving U3A to continue to flourish, without these roles Aintree U3A will fail. Speak to any committee member if you need any information. Support and back up will be available.

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

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

Bits & pieces

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

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

*Regional NW U3A are meeting on January 20th at St Theresa`s Hall, Upholland 10.00am “Understanding Tomorrow`s World”, exploring new subjects of relevance to our future lives. For more information contact Ian Roxburgh. All U3A members can attend.

**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, if you know of a member who is ill please let pastoral leader Margaret Eastwood know.

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

Next meeting Tuesday 2nd February

The speaker will be Elaine Allen, - “We are the Ovaltineys”

*****To all our members – A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year*****