

# AINTREE U3A

## Newsletter January 2017

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### Happy and Healthy New Year to all Members

Unfortunately our speaker for this month did not attend but we all had a fun and interesting afternoon. Aintree U3A members can always adapt and amend to any situation and so it was on the 3rd of January. Eddie told stories of himself entering a talent contest on a cruise and at Chester Cathedral when he joined a singing group both of which set a humorous tone to the whole afternoon. Tony talked about places in Liverpool of historic interest and I think we were able to persuade him to re-start his Heritage Walks. Sylvia brought in a cake with four candles, (no, not fork handles) as our group started four years ago and is going from strength to strength.

Art Active Contact Eddie Caldwell

Art Active will meet on Tuesdays at 2.00pm on the 10th and 24th January, we will be painting winter landscapes. The Christmas tree representing the group & U3A at St Giles was beautifully decorated. Thanks to all involved.

Bridge for Beginners Contact Jane Jones

The Bridge group meet at the Centre every Monday. The more experienced at 1.00pm and beginners are still welcome to join. Beginners group starts at 2.00pm. For more information please contact Jane.

Craft Group Contacts Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

The craft group will meet at 1.00pm on Monday 16th January. The Craft group also had decorated a Christmas tree at St Giles with their own created snowflakes and other decorations.

Out & About Group Contacts Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner

We had a lovely Christmas meal at the L20 Restaurant last month, thanks to both Marion and Margaret for organising it. Due to inclement and uncertain winter weather there will be no outings until March.

Spanish Group Contacts Bill & Edna Thomason

The Spanish group will be meeting on Fridays the 13th and 27th of January at Bill and Edna's house. We wish Edna a speedy recovery after her fall.

Walking Group Contact Mike Morris

Due to work on the Wirral Line there is a change of destination for the walk on the 12th January, meet at Old Roan station at 9.50am as usual and the mystery walk will be revealed, (by then Mike will have worked out something). The walk on 26th January will be 6 miles to Sankey Valley via Earlestown, meet as usual at the Old Roan station.

Community Gardening Contacts Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner

As it is winter there will be no gardening. *In November Marion was presented with a Civic Award for the care and dedicated work she has done with the community gardening. She has made Aintree a more attractive place and it is a pleasure to see her and all her helpers' work around the area.*

Local History group Contact Fred Forrest

The Local History group meet at 2.30 - 4.30 pm on Wednesday 18th January.

Around The World Group. Contact Jan Jones

Jan will be re-starting the dining group next month so that by then we can be rid of Christmas excesses and enjoy our meals out.

Cinema Group Contact Carol Whiteley

As Carol has been away staying with family she has been unable to arrange a cinema visit in advance but will be in touch with all interested members if any viewings are organised for this January

Writing for pleasure Contact Iona James

We meet for an hour at 11.00am on Tuesdays 10th and 24th. If you are interested please come along to listen and even take part in the discussion that usually takes place. It is a very interesting hour with different interpretations on a chosen topic.

Singing for Fun Contact Eddie Caldwell

Group will meet on Friday the 27th January at 10.00 until 11.30am. Eddie has new music for the choir to sing. We have been promised a concert in conjunction with the Ukulele group next Christmas.

Card Making Contact Pat Williams

Card makers will meet on Tuesday, 10th and 24th January please check the time with Pat. This month the group will be making cards with Iris folding, sounds fascinating.

Ukulele Group Contact Liz Wilson

The ukulele players meet every week, this month on the 10th, 16th and 24th please check with Liz for more information. They are now getting ready for the concert next Christmas by practising Christmas songs and carols. I have heard a rumour that the Philharmonic have been in touch about dates in December!

**R.U.G. - i.e. Really Useful Group** Contact Sylvia McCormack

Please think about putting your name forward for this new group. You may not be able to volunteer on a regular basis, but there are little jobs that need to be done from time to time and this provides a way to become involved without a regular commitment. Our U3A will only survive with the participation of members.

\*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

\*On Tuesday 17th January, 2.00-4.00pm, we will have the opportunity to have a get together over a cup of tea / coffee to have a chat or do anything or nothing. It is hoped to have a few casual meetings like this as winter interest to beat the blues and the cold. It was suggested that some might like to look at mobiles and laptops and see what we can learn from each other. Don't feel that you have to discuss IT, (personally I find it a boring subject), just come along for a cuppa with like-minded friends/members.

\*As stated in the Community Gardening Group, we were delighted that Marion was recognised for her work, Peter Gill who is involved with the Centre was also presented with an Award.

\*Collette Forrest is unable to continue being our secretary due to family commitments. We are glad that Mike Morris, (walking group organiser) has put himself forward for the position. Thank you Mike.

\*Library at the Centre is open on Tuesdays 10.30 -12.30, Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00pm and Saturdays 10.30 – 12.30

\* 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. Any information for the newsletter please notify Iona James or our new secretary Mike Morris.

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

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 7th.

Next month Dianne Cox will speak on- `Sefton Park and the Magical Palm House.