

AINTREE U3A

Newsletter July 2015

On Tuesday 7th July Ian welcomed 74 members. We had a minute's silence to remember those who died in London 10 years ago, during 7/7.

Our speaker this month was Angela Danby who talked about her life as a journalist on the Southport Visiter. I had always wondered about the spelling of `Visiter`, but that was the spelling at the time the paper started in 1844. We were shown a copy of the first edition and Angela read out some of the adverts and mentioned about the different types of shops that were on Lord Street at that time, eg – corset maker, glover, linen draper etc. and how visitors were named and where they stayed. She had with her many interesting front pages of local stories and famous people that had been interviewed. We were given an interesting insight into the work of a local paper and journalist.

Art Active Leader Eddie Caldwell

The art group will meet on Tuesday 14th July and Tuesday 28th July as usual at 2.00pm. It is hoped to try our hand at perspective work on the 28th. There will be no Art Active in August.

Bridge for Beginners Leader Jane Jones

They meet Mondays 1-3 pm and the improvers 2.15 - 4.15pm. A new Beginners Bridge will start 21st September, so if you are interested, no card play experience necessary start from scratch and discover this amazing game, please make a note in your diary.

Craft Group Leaders Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

Craft corner meet Monday 20th July at 1.00 pm. They have a lovely bracelet pattern and I'm assured that this time Lesley has read all the instructions and knows exactly what to do.

Out & About Group Leader Margaret Eastwood

The Western Approaches Museum has re-opened and Margaret will be booking for Thursday 6th August, leaving Old Roan station 10.10am. She still has the original list but if you wish to check if your name is on the list or to add your name please contact Margaret asap.

Spanish Group Leaders Bill & Edna Thomason

The Spanish Group have met for the last time before their summer break. September dates will be given in the next newsletter. Bill wishes everyone "Feliz Vacaciones".

Walking Group

The walk taken last month from Seacombe to New Brighton was enjoyed by some members, others were being so sociable they forgot to get off the ferry. Aintree U3A members are such a friendly lot!

Thursday 2nd July the walk was from Waterloo to Hightown. Thursday 16th July the walk will be from Formby to Freshfields Pine Woods, bring a picnic if you wish and do not forget sun cream and water if it is hot.

Meet as usual Old Roan station at 9.50am. In August walkers will meet on the 6th

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 8th at the Old Roan shops (by Tesco) and Wednesday 22nd July and 5th August. If anyone has any plants to share / sell please bring them to the meetings during the summer months. Gardening group will be grateful of plants for the area.

Ballroom Dancing Leader Jean Jones

As many members have various commitments at this time of year, there will be no meetings until September.

Local History group Leader Doreen Stock and Fred Forrest

Local history group will meet on Wednesday 15th and 29th July at 2.30 until 4.30pm.

Around The World Group.

Our visit to Brazil, (Viva Brazil), was full of carnival atmosphere. For our next visit we will stay in England and have afternoon tea on 23rd July, 2.00pm at L20 Restaurant, Exeter Road, Bootle, this is the Hugh Baird`s hospitality and hotel school and is receiving rave reviews. The cost is £6.50 pp. If you have not put your name down please contact Liz Wilson before 16th July. Going as a group meet at the Old Roan station for the 1.00pm train to Kirkdale, then a 20 minute walk; or catch the 300 Arriva bus at 1.13 pm to Balliol Road; or 159 to Bridge Road / Balliol Road.

Cinema Group Leader Carol Whiteley

No cinema visits are planned as Carol is indisposed and we wish her a speedy recovery. If any member wishes to organise a film visit, please go ahead, Carol has a list of interested members.

Tea Rota – Jan Coombe has a list on the board for all willing members to put their name forward. Could we have more volunteers as it seems to be left to the same few to help.

New Groups If you feel that you could set up a new group, there are forms on the board and our web page. The contact to set up a new group is Pat Carroll, tel: 07790 515 744, who will support and help with the organizing. Pass on the filled form to Pat or any committee member.

*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

*The Methodist Church, Altway, luncheon club meet 22nd July and 5th August from 12.00 – 1.30pm, they offer 3 courses for £3; also a coffee morning on Saturday, 25th June between 11.00am – 1.00pm. All are invited to attend.

*Alf Whittle recommends Sefton Council`s GPS alarm system called “Arc Angel”. This is a small lightweight personal alarm and is monitored 24/7; for more information visit seftonarc.com or call 0800 622 6107

*July 17th at St George`s Hall concert room, jazz pianist David Braid with Sinfonia UK Collective which will include Gershwin`s Rhapsody in Blue. Promotional code through www.ticketquarter.co.uk is DAVIDBRAID15UNDER19SFREE

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

**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, pastoral leader is Margaret Eastwood..

*Our web address is *aintreeu3a* where you will find all information and photos of different events and groups.

Next meeting Tuesday 4th August 2-4 pm

The speaker will be Angela Brabin – “Poison, a Woman`s Weapon”. It will be recorded all those who are assiduously taking notes.

Diary Dates

10th September it is hoped to have a trip to Llandudno.

14th - 19th September, final date to be decided, “The Sound of Music” at the Empire Theatre