

Aintree U3A

Newsletter June 2014

The meeting on June 3rd was held at the Methodist Church due to the Oriel Drive Centre being re-decorated. As usual it was very well attended and our chairman, Ian Roxburgh, welcomed present and new members to the meeting.

Our speaker this month was Martin Jones of April King, Solicitors who gave us a talk on "The Wills of the Famous and Rich". He gave us interesting insights to the famous and how they treated their beloved ones; Humphrey Bogart who died aged 57 left half his estate to Lauren Bacall and half to his 2 children but they were not to inherit until they were age 45!. Cary Granorit left his clothes to Frank Sinatra!

Martin Jones pointed out the pitfalls of not making a will and the importance of updating a will due to family changes.

Groups

Groups are still meeting regularly and are well attended.

Art Active Leader Eddie Caldwell

We will meet on the 10th and 24th June when we will paint boats, harbours and seascapes. Perhaps this will inspire us to take our paints to the seaside this summer if the weather is good!

Bridge for Beginners Leader Jane Jones

Meet on Mondays, we now have 14 enthusiastic members who are very happy with the gentle pace of learning. If you enjoy playing cards and wish to join please contact Jane.

Craft Group Leader Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

Meet on Monday 16th and will continue to make handbag charms.

Golf Group Leader Alf Whittle

This group started last month and had a great time. Brad, the pro golfer was very impressed with Margaret, the best beginner he had ever seen! They meet every Wednesday 2pm at Mossock Hall and enjoy a round of golf full of camaraderie. There is no outlay as golf clubs, (or cues as one member insists) are provided.

Out & About Group Leader Margaret Eastwood

Due to the success of the two trips around the Dry Docks of Liverpool and some members unable to go, it has been decided to try and organise another visit. This is a most interesting site and the two young guides were very knowledgeable and passionate about Liverpool history and heritage. If you wish to attend this trip, date to be decided, please contact Margaret by phone or at the next meeting. Thanks to Trevor Jones for the photo on our website.

Spanish Group Leaders Bill & Edna Thomason

Meet as usual in Bill & Edna`s home on the 6th June where conversation – in Spanish- will flow.

Tea & Talk

Many members feel that they would like another general meeting in the month as it is a time to catch up with friends, old and new. Instead of a Discussion Group we will have a Tea & Talk meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The meeting will not have a speaker nor an agenda but instead will simply be a sociable afternoon, to have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Why not come along on Tuesday 17th of June, any time between 2.00 – 4.00 pm (arrive & leave whenever is convenient) and give it a go.

Walking Group Leader Tony Byrne

Walk at your own pace, some go at a faster pace, others go slower, all find their own pace but you will always have company. On Thursday 12th June, the walk will be from Waterloo to Hightown and on 26th June the walk will be from Brunswick to Otterspool. Meet as usual at the Old Roan station at 9.50am.

New Groups ---- If you have a hobby or interest that others might enjoy, why not start a new group? It could be a Foodie group, a Reading, Gardening, or any other subject group. Contact Pat Carroll, our Group Co-ordinator, on 07790 515 744 who will help set up any new interest group.

**Meetings to be held at Oriel Drive Centre unless otherwise stated.*

Please check the notice board for group information and visits, also our website aintreeu3a.

Bits & Pieces

*Aintree Health Festival will take place Saturday 14th June 1.00 - 5.00 pm. Please come and give your support as Aintree U3A will have a stand and offer refreshments. Contributions of `healthyish` cakes will be welcome. Proceeds from the refreshments will go to Woodlands Hospice.

* Our Cheese Evening provided by The Liverpool Cheese Company will be held on Tuesday 29th July. The cost will be £6 a head and money should be paid to Sylvia McCormack, Treasurer, at the latest our next meeting July 1st. Guests are welcome.

*Maghull & Lydiat U3A are holding the following events as we approach the 100th anniversary of WW1. Tuesday 10th June 11.00 – 12.00 am, local historian Bruce Hubbard will give a talk during a coffee morning at Maghull Baptist Church, Hall Lane, Maghull on “Tommy Goes to War”. On Tuesday 17th June 2.00 – 4.00 pm at Lydiat Village Centre, Lambshear Lane, Geoff Kean and British History Group will talk about “The Lives & Poems of Wilfrid Owen & Rupert Brooke”. On Friday 20th June at 7.30 pm there will be a social evening at Lydiat Village Centre where the social aspects of war will be looked at, tickets £5. For more information contact Doris Cox on 526 7944.

*St Helen`s U3A are holding a U3A Merseyside Network Event at The World of Glass, St Helen`s WA10 1AU. This is an all-day event, arriving at 10.00am till 3.15pm with 2 tours and includes lunch. Cost is £14.99pp and includes coffee, tour and luncheon. Monies to be paid by July 1st to Sylvia.

*Age Concern have contacted our Secretary and would like to come and explain what is available in the area. Would members like to have this information? It could be arranged for the September meeting? Please let a member of the Committee know your thoughts.

*There are a few vacancies for Norfolk / Sandringham and Bruges Christmas market. If you are interested please contact Jane Jones on

*Walkers - U3A have new walking guide publications, for – Settle, Flint, Bodmin Moor and Dartmoor. See notice board.

*If you wish to start a new group or have relevant information for the newsletter please contact Pat Carroll on 07790 515 744 or 0151 520 3208.

Next Meeting 1st July 2-4 pm

The speaker will be Dr Ged Cocoran- former consultant in palliative care – “Care at Life`s End”. Medical and ethical issues in the care of a dying person.

**We are back at the Oriel Drive Centre.*

Diary Date

5th August meeting; the speaker will be Gordon Bartley – “Welsh Rarebits; pictorial presentation of North Wales, Portmeirion and Anglesey.