

# AINTREE U3A

## Newsletter June 2015

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Ian Roxburgh welcomed nearly 77 members including new members on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Our speaker this month was Alan Harding whose subject was "Ghosts of Chester", he was helped by Dave Basin who looked after the slide show. Alan talked about Chester's history and showed many slides of the area with very amusing and interesting anecdotes. Many fascinating facts were given, from the way that the Dee's flow was changed by the weir so allowing Liverpool to develop as a port; inscriptions on graves to explanations about buildings and artefacts seen around Chester. All these details were interspersed with humour and jokes.

Art Active      Leader Eddie Caldwell

The art group will meet on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June as usual at 2.00pm. We will meet as usual in July but take time off in August.

Bridge for Beginners      Leader Jane Jones

They meet Mondays 1-3 pm and the improvers 2.15-4.15pm. The Bridge group hope in February 2016 to attend a bridge meeting at Lytham St Anne's. They have made great progress in a short time and must be congratulated in becoming proficient in this game.

Craft Group      Leaders Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

Craft corner meet Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00 pm when they hope to make "inspirational necklaces". Would all members of this group please bring their bead boards to this meeting.

Out & About Group      Leader Margaret Eastwood

At the moment nothing is planned for this month. If members put their names down for any outing and cannot attend could they please let the organiser know.

Spanish Group      Leaders Bill & Edna Thomason

The Spanish Group will meet Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month. Please contact Bill for more information.

Walking Group

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June there will be a coach to Chatsworth House meeting at Old Roan station 8.45am.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June the walk will be beside the river from Seacombe to New Brighton. Meet as usual 9.50am at the Old Roan station.

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 11.00 – 12.00am on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at the Old Roan shops (by Tesco) and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. 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

Due to holidays there will only be one dance session this month, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1.00 – 2.15pm.

Local History Group      Leader Doreen Stock and Fred Forrest

Local history group will meet on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July at 2.45 until 4.30pm. It is hoped to organise a visit to the Maritime Museum in the near future.

## Around The World Group

Our visit to Greece (Trattoria, Maghull) was very enjoyable, the only thing lacking was the gentle lapping of waves on a sun-kissed beach. Our next visit will be to Brazil, Viva Brazil, Castle Street, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Meeting at 4.30pm outside the restaurant. Please give your name to Jan Jones by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> at the latest if you have not signed at the main meeting. If you cannot attend you must let Jan know asap.

## Cinema Group Leader Carol Whiteley

The group will visit 3<sup>rd</sup> June to see "Man Up" meeting at 5.30pm at the Odeon, Switch Island. If another visit is planned all those on the list will be notified. Titles are only released a fortnight in advance.

**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, 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

\*There will be a performance of "Adolph in Toxteth" at the Unity Theatre 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July. If you are interested to attend on 9<sup>th</sup> July please contact Pat Carroll, so that she can provisionally book seats. Payment must be made at the latest during July meeting.

\*The Methodist Church, Altway, hold a luncheon club fortnightly, on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June from 12.00 – 1.30pm, they offer 3 courses for £3; also a coffee morning on the last Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June between 11.00am – 1.00pm. All are invited to attend.

\*The Golf Group is no longer a U3A group as most participants are not members but if you wish to join them at Mossock Hall on Fridays please contact Ian Roxburgh 474 6665

\*Tai Chi meets on Wednesdays at 1.30 – 2.30pm the cost is £2.50.

\*The 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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2-4 pm

The speaker will be Angela Danby; "My life as a journalist"

## Diary Dates

Strawberry Tea is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2.00 – 4.00pm, names can be given to Sylvia by the 11<sup>th</sup> June. The cost will be £1, pay at the door.

It has been decided that for our December meeting (1<sup>st</sup> December), we will have a Christmas lunch at Prego. Menus will be available later in the year and it will not be an Italian meal. This will be an excellent start to the Christmas season and a perfect end, with friends, to 2015.