

AINTREE U3A

Newsletter March 2017

Over ninety members enjoyed a talk by Les Durdon about the effect of technology and the development of the Leeds Liverpool canal. As the canal runs through Aintree and we all know it well, it was of interest to hear about its history and its importance to the growth of the area from when it was first conceived in the middle of 1700`s in order to export through Liverpool to present day. It became the main form of transport from Yorkshire and Lancashire to the port. It is interesting to know that the Blue Anchor bridge is a listed building since 1986.

Art Active Contact Eddie Caldwell

Art Active will meet on Tuesdays at 2.00pm on the 14th and 28th of March when we will be painting door and window scenes.

Bridge for Beginners Contact Jane Jones

The Bridge group will re-start to meet at the Centre from Monday the 13th of March The more experienced at 1.00pm and beginners group starts at 2.00pm. If you wish to learn bridge new members are welcome on the 13th for more information please contact Jane.

Craft Group Contacts Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

The craft group will meet at 1.00pm on Monday 20th when Lesley and Kim have new kits.

Out & About Group Contacts Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner

On Thursday 16th March there will be a visit to Birkenhead Priory, the oldest standing building on Merseyside. There will be an Easter Lunch at L20 Restaurant, Bootle, on 12th April at 12.30pm. Thursday 11th May there will be a visit a visit to Brimstage Hall and Craft Centre in the Wirral.

Spanish Group Contacts Bill & Edna Thomason

The Spanish group will be meeting on Fridays the 10th and 24th at Bill and Edna`s house.

Walking Group Contact Mike Morris

The walk on the 9th of March will be the Ormskirk War Horse walk and on Thursday 23rd March the group will have a walk around Calderstones Park. On the 6th April it is hoped to walk from Seacombe to New Brighton. For all walks meet at the Old Roan station 9.50 am

Community Gardening Contacts Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner

The gardening group have nothing planned at the moment as the work is weather dependent. We must congratulate them on the beautiful display of spring crocus planted in the grassy areas at the Old Roan, they are a joy to see and are a harbinger of spring and better weather.

Local History group Contact Fred Forrest

The Local History group meet at the Centre on Wednesday 15th March at 2.45 - 4.45pm.

U3A Diners. Contact Jan Jones

On Thursday 30th March the group will have 2 courses for £8 at the Left Bank Brasserie, Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Meet at Old Roan station 1.05 for the 1.15pm train or at the restaurant at 2.00pm. Contact Jan for more information.

Cinema group

Contact Carol Whiteley

Thursday 16th March the Odeon, Switch Island is showing "Sully" about the disabled plane that landed on the Hudson River. Meet at 10.30 am at the cinema; entrance fee is £3 which includes a hot drink and biscuit.

Writing for Pleasure Contact Iona James

We meet for an hour at 11.00am on Tuesday 28th February (there is no meeting on the 14th as many of us will be going on the Heritage walk), the topic is "Table by the Window".

Singing for Fun Contact Eddie Caldwell

Group will meet on Friday the 24th March at 10.00 until 11.30am. There may be a surprise for us at the AGM.

Card Making Contact Pat Williams

Card makers will meet on Tuesdays 7th and 21st of March; meetings start at 10.30am.

Ukulele Group Contact Liz Wilson

The ukulele group seem to enjoy themselves and are progressing with their music, if interested in joining a new, beginners group please contact Liz.

How do I? Group Contact Sylvia McCormack

This is aimed at being an extension of the main meeting where members can meet up and chat over a cuppa. Meet on Tuesday 21st March at 2.00pm all are welcome, come along and socialise.

Wine Appreciation Group. If you would be interested in this new group, tasting and comparing wine, please contact Liz Wilson, (tel: 474 6843), for more information or give your name to either Liz or Ann Carter at the next meeting.

We need volunteers to make the tea/coffee at the main meetings. Please put your name on the list.

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

Bits & Pieces

* Members who are going to the Network Study day and Heritage Walk on 14th March please meet at the Picton library, 4th floor at 9.50am.

*Aintree Village Ladies Bowling Team are seeking new members. They meet at Harrow Drive Playing Field on Mondays and Wednesdays from April to October and hold regular social events such as evening meals and lunches. Feel free to visit on a match day to see for yourself and even have a go or contact Carol Whitely on 07960 456 606 for more information.

* The Burjesta Theatre (The Casa, Hope Street) are performing "Shakespeare History Plays"; his war plays, Hundred Years War and War of the Roses woven into an epic tale, on Mon. 27th, Tues. 28th, Wed. 29th and Friday 31st March. Tickets £6/£8 at the door. For more information contact Iona.

* Ian Roxburgh is thinking of re-starting the golf group in spring when the weather will have improved. If you are interested or think you might like to take up golf please contact Ian on 474 6665.

*Library at the Centre is open on Tuesdays 10.30 -12.30, Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00pm and Saturdays 10.30 – 12.30. Jigsaw puzzle group meet on Tuesday mornings, same time as the library tea and toast available for 50p.

* 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. For any other query contact our chairman Tony Byrne.

Our next meeting will be our A.G.M. on Tuesday April 4th.

Subscriptions are now due, - full members £15; dual member, (also a member of another group), £10; same address, (more than one person living at the same address), £12; cheques should be made out to Aintree U3A. Please try and pay your sub at the latest at this meeting.