



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



AINTREE U3A

MARCH 2019

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NOTICES

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 14:00 – 16:00 HRS

The Chair and the Secretary will finish their terms of office on the Committee this year. If anyone is interested in filling these positions please speak to Mike Morris, the Secretary.

The Chair and Committee members would like to take this opportunity to thank our web editor, Neil Foley, for all the hard work, time and effort he puts into producing the Aintree U3A website each month.

MONTHLY SPEAKERS

At our meeting in February, 106 members (including 6 new members) were privileged to hear John Quirk talking about "The Shrimp Line pt 1".

5.3.19 Roisin Stoddern "The Metropolitan Cathedral"

2.4.19 Jim Flynn "The Life of Frankie Vaughan"

7.5.19 AGM

4.6.19 Pat Ascroft "Trekking in Croatia"

2.7.19 Derek Arnold "The True Story of the Marie Celeste"

6.8.19 Ray O'Brien "Story of the Sit-Com"

3.9.19 David Hearn "Liverpool and the Slave Trade"

1.10.19 Andy Johnson "The Giants"

5.11.19 Gordon Bartley "Fish & Chips, Little Ships etc."

3.12.19 Christmas Party

ANNUAL SUBS

Due to the lack of space for collecting monies at the monthly meetings we are having a coffee morning on **Monday 25th March 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, inviting all members to come along to pay their yearly subs which are due on 1st April. **Cheques acceptable, please make them payable to U3A Aintree.**

Subs: Full member £15, Dual member £10 (someone already in another U3A group).

Joint member £27.50 (two people at the same address). Please help the Membership Secretaries and the Treasurer by paying or sending a cheque with someone on 25th March.

To make the coffee morning more interesting we are inviting each interest group to put on a small display and answer any questions you may have.

WELFARE

If you know of any member who is bereaved or ill, please contact Liz Wilson on 474 6843 or any committee member.

U3A OFFICIALS

Chair Tony Byrne	526 8815
Vice Chair: Ian Roxburgh	474 6665
Treasurer: Ann Carter	523 2697
Secretary: Mike Morris	520 3100
Welfare: Liz Wilson	474 6843

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need names on our tea/coffee making rota for the monthly meeting. Remember the more names we have the less often your turn comes round!!

Our next MONTHLY meeting will be on **TUESDAY, 2 APRIL 2019** at 2.00 p.m.

At February meeting an umbrella was left behind and as yet has not been claimed. So anyone missing an umbrella? It maybe yours.

ART ACTIVE

Leader: Eddie Caldwell 526 8288

Venue: **AINTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE (unless otherwise stated)**

Days & times: Tuesdays 14:00 - 16.00 fortnightly. Please note the session on **12 March** is cancelled and will take place on **19 March** instead. Other sessions are: **16 April** and **7 May**.

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS

Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530

Venue: **MAGHULL PARISH HALL**

Days & times: We meet every Monday at 13:00 and play until 15:00 at a cost of £2 per session. **REMINDER** that Bridge is now held in Maghull. However any Aintree members wishing to give this game a go should contact Jane who will initiate a refresher course if needed.

CARD MAKING

Leader: Pat Williams 792 4806

Venue: **AINTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Days & times: Tuesdays, 5th & 19th March 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Great way to socialise with people.

CINEMA GROUP

Leader: Carol Whiteley 531 7066

The upcoming Silver Screen films are:

Tuesday, 12 March - Bohemian

Rhapsody

Tuesday, 19 March - A Star is Born

Tuesday, 26 March - The Green Book

All these films commence at 12

midday. Cost £4 per person and

includes free tea/coffee and biscuit.

It is recommended to arrive early

and purchase your tickets

immediately, as the auditorium only

accommodates half the amount of

people as compared to pre-

installation of the reclining seats.

COMMUNITY GARDENING

Leader: Marion Elson 286 5267

Asst: Margaret Wagner 531 7449

The flower beds look lovely

especially the daffodils. The

embankment by Mostyn Avenue is

starting to come to life...hopefully

people will stop throwing litter down

there!! We intend doing a bit more

work in that area so if anyone wants

to have a go at "Urban Gardening"

just see Marion or Margaret. We did

a litter pick on Saturday 23/2/19

around the shops and along Ormskirk

Road and central reservation leading

up to Asda - got about 20 bags of

litter.

CRAFTS

Leader: Lesley Darley 284 3385

Asst: Kim Davies 523 8325

Venue: AINTREE COMMUNITY

CENTRE

Days & times: Third Monday in the

month 13.00 - 15.00 hrs.

Next session: 18 March.

We will be starting some Easter

projects.

CROCHET GROUP (NEW GROUP)

Leader: Connie Cain 526 0575

Dates & times: Thursday, 7 March

and Thursday 21 March.

Connie is starting this new group for

anyone interested in learning how to

crochet. The class will be held

fortnightly on Thursdays 2 p.m. - 3

p.m. and will be held at Connie's

home.

GENTLE KEEP FIT EXERCISE

Leader: Tony Byrne 526 8815

Venue: AINTREE COMMUNITY

CENTRE

Days & times: Mondays 09.30-

10.30 a.m. **(BUT NOT BANK**

HOLIDAYS) FIRST Monday each

month commences at 9.00 a.m.

Next sessions: 11/18/25 March

and 1 April. Gentle is our byword.

All exercises done at your own pace.

GOLF

Leader: Ian Roxburgh 474 6665

Venue: Mossock Hall Golf Club

Days & times: Fridays 12:00 -

13:00 - Everyone is welcome. The

only stipulation is to contact Ian

directly, prior to the day, as due to

the nature of the lesson it could be

cancelled.

HOLIDAYS

Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530

Waiting list has gone down on

both holidays so anyone

interested should get their name

on the list in case we have more

cancellations??

HOW DO I?

Leader: Sylvia McCormack

526 6194 - I will be at the Coffee

morning on Monday, 25 March.

Please come along with ideas and

suggestions on how we need to

progress with the group.

INTERESTING BUILDINGS GROUP

Leaders: Liz Wilson 474 6843 and

Ann Carter 523 2697

We are looking forward to a tour

and lunch at the Nordic Church on

Wednesday 20th March. Need to

be there for 10.30 a.m.

Information and arrangements will

be given to group members.

OUT & ABOUT

Leaders: Marion Elson 286 5267

Margaret Wagner 531 7449

1) Easter 3 course lunch at L20

restaurant Wednesday 10/4/19 -

sit down 13.00 hrs. Cost is £16.50,

tea and coffee is extra.

OUT & ABOUT /contd...all monies out-

standing must be paid at the March

meeting or name will be taken off the list.

No refunds for cancellations - if we have names on a reserve list then we can cover cancellations.

2) A trip to Jak Hanson in Wrightington

(shopping extravaganza and restaurant) is

being arranged for Wednesday 8/5/19 -

pick up at 10.30 a.m., at Old Roan station.

We are taking numbers today to ascertain

numbers for size of coach, so get your

name down quick. Monies will be collect-

ed at April meeting ranging from £8.50 to

£10.50 depending on size of coach. **Once**

paid there will be no refunds unless you

can find someone to take your place on

the coach.

SINGING FOR FUN

Leader: Eddie Caldwell 526 8288

Venue: AINTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE

(unless otherwise stated)

Days & times: Fridays 10 a.m. -

11.45 a.m.

Next sessions: Fridays 29 March and 26

April.

SPANISH

Leader: Rylda Blake 526 7513 - a teacher is

needed for this class. If anyone is interested

please speak to Rylda. In the meantime this

class is in abeyance.

U3A DINERS

Leader: Jan Jones 07815614857 - a 2-course

meal has been planned for Thursday, 14

March at Matou Pan Asian restaurant (2nd

floor Ferry Terminal Building at Pier

Head).Cost £12 including tip **MUST be seated**

at 1.30 p.m. NO MEAL CHANGE ALLOWED

AND NO REFUNDS. Meet at Old Roan station

at 12.30 p.m., or at the restaurant.

The last outing in February to Viva Brazil was

a huge success, a good time being had by all.

UKULELE GROUPS

Leaders: Liz Wilson 474 6843 (Group One)

and Connie Cain 526 0575 (Group Two)

Group One meet every Tuesday evening at

6.30 p.m. in the Methodist Church. Last week

we welcomed two new members to the

group.

Group Two will continue to meet in member's home on a Monday 2-3 p.m.

WINE APPRECIATION

Group One Leader: Liz Wilson

474 6843 - Meeting on Wednesday 20th March at 6 p.m. Marks and Spencer wine tasting event.

Group Two Leader: Carol Ingham

531 9690 - will be meeting at member's home on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30 p.m.

WRITING FOR PLEASURE

Leader: Iona James 526 7832

The Writing for Pleasure group is meeting on Tuesday, 12 March between 11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. at the Centre. Do you find pleasure in the written word? Enjoy a good story? Thought you could do better? Come along and find out, we would love to meet you. The group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Centre.

WALKING GROUP

Leader: Mike Morris 520 3100

Days & times: Fortnightly on Thursdays.

Next walks: Thornton (3 miles) on 7 March (by car); Clieve's Hill (7 miles) on 21 March; Frankby (4 miles) on 4 April. Meet as usual at the Old Roan Station at **9.40 a.m.**, for each walk.

PLEASE NOTE:

All activities are taken at your own risk. You are responsible for ensuring your own safety.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Watch this space. (Temporary contact is Mike Morris, 520 3100).

QUIZ - Halewood U3A are hosting a quiz at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, 17 April at the Adelphi Hotel. £3 pp with tea/ coffee and biscuits. Anyone interested please see Tony Byrne, Liz Williams or Sylvia McCormack for tickets.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 7TH MAY 2019

Members are cordially invited to attend our A.G.M. at the Aintree Community Centre on Tuesday, 7th May 2019 at 2.00 p.m. The meeting will consider our annual accounts for 2018/19; the approval of an independent examiner or auditor for the accounts; the appointment of officers; and any proposals to amend the constitution or any other motions must be received by the Secretary, Mike Morris, by Monday, 15th April 2019.