

# AINTREE U3A

## Newsletter May 2016

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On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May our AGM was attended by 83 members. Our chairman Ian Roxburgh welcomed everyone and in his report thanked members who had put time and effort to make Aintree U3A work especially Liz (secretary) and Sylvia (treasurer) and the various groups and their leaders. Ian informed us that in the last year alone we have grown from 114 members to a current total of 150 with growth also in the number of new groups set up and also many `one off` events. Our future lies in the broader wing and for us all to `spread the word; stay engaged; be strong, transparent and healthy`.

Sylvia McCormack gave the treasurer`s report and explained the Balance Sheet stating that our balance in the bank was healthy.

According to the U3A constitution, all officers must stand down after 3 years; nomination forms had gone to all members this year. As there was only one nomination for each post the following were elected unanimously.

Chairman Tony Byrne  
Treasurer Ann Carter

Secretary Colette Forrest  
Group co-ordinator Liz Wilson

The following remain on the committee Eddie and Pat Caldwell (membership); Carol Whitely (publicity); Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner (social secretaries); Neil Foley (web editor); Iona James (newsletter).

A motion was carried that when 2 members live at the same address, as they only receive one magazine and one newsletter, their membership fee would be £15 for one and £12.50 for the other.

As new chairman Tony thanked everyone. The AGM closed at 2.45. This was followed by a quiz set by Eddie Caldwell.

art Active      Leader Eddie Caldwell

We meet on Tuesdays 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00 – 4.00pm. We will paint a farmyard and concentrate on colour mixing.

Bridge for Beginners      Leader Jane Jones

The Bridge group meet each Monday, at the Centre. The more experienced at 1.00pm and the beginners at 2.00pm.

Craft Group      Leaders Lesley Darley & Kim Davies The Group will meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> May between 1.00 and 3.00pm. The group are all making beautiful pieces of jewellery.

Out & About Group Leaders Margaret Eastwood & Liz Wilson tel:

There will be a coach trip to Haworth, organised by our social secretaries, Marion and Margaret, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Meet at Old Roan station at 9.00am prompt.

Spanish Group      Leaders Bill & Edna Thomason

Spanish will be meeting on Fridays 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May between 2.00 – 4.00pm at Bill and Edna`s home.

Walking Group Leader Tony Byrne

Meet as usual 9.50am at the station. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May walk will be to New Brighton; 19<sup>th</sup> May the walk will be around Calderstone`s Park, Allerton.

Tony will be organising a Lake District walk on 16<sup>th</sup> June. At the June meeting Tony will have bus time tables for the Lake District area for those who simply wish to plan their own day out. Please add your name to the list or contact Tony or Marion for details.

Community Gardening      Leaders Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner. Meet at the station, usually on a Wednesday but it is dependent on the weather. All volunteers are welcome, as spring is now here plants for the local area and community gardens would be very welcome.

If you can help please contact either Marion or Margaret for dates and times of gardening.

Local History group Leader Doreen Stock & Fred Forrest

Local history group meet on Wednesdays, 4<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June between 2.30 and 4.30pm. The subject will be `Memories` and whatever comes to mind, also perhaps look at family history.

Around The World Group. Leader Jan Jones

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May we will visit Molly Malone`s Irish Bar, Victoria Street. Meet at the Old Roan station at 12.30 or at the bar, the meal, pre-chosen, is booked for 1.30pm. As usual your name and £5 deposit to Jan.

Cinema Group Leader Carol Whiteley

No cinema visits have been arranged at the moment as there is usually a short time between notification and viewing. Last month we enjoyed the film `Eddie the Eagle`. Members will be notified of any future arrangements. If you wish to have your name on the list for notification, please contact Carol.

Creative Writing Group Contact Iona James

This group meet on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May between 11.00 – 12.00am. The subject for the 10<sup>th</sup> is `The Box`. We only write for fun and enjoyment and we all have a different take on a subject which makes for an interesting hour.

Singing for Fun Leader Eddie Caldwell

The group meet on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May between 10.00 – 11.30am. This is obviously very much a fun group because whenever the singing group is mentioned there are loud guffaws of laughter. If you wonder why and fancy singing old favourites, just turn up on the day. Laughter and singing is supposedly the best medicine.

Card Making Leader Pat Williams

Card makers will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, i.e., 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June. All are welcome.

**Tea Rota** – Please consider putting your name to the rota, for more information about what it entails please see Jan Coombe who also helps to run the library. Thanks to all who have made the tea it is much appreciated.

\*Lists for activities, visits etc. will be found on a table in the committee room other information on our notice board.

Bits & pieces

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

\* Tai Chi meets on Wednesdays at 1.30 – 2.30pm. Cost is £2.50 for information contact Mike on 476 4782.

\*This year is the 200 anniversary of the opening of the Leeds Liverpool canal. There will be a Canal Fun Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> June with a flotilla sailing from Wango Lane at 11.0am to Lydiate; events on Old Hall Playing Field and 5k fun run also 2.5K fun run for children. *To improve the appearance of the canal and path there will be a litter pick walk on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am from Wango Lane bridge to Stone Bridge, Maghull. Please try and help, everything will be provided.* For more information contact Tony Byrne.

\* Pat Bannon again talked about the worry they had had with her father in law who had been scammed into paying out thousands for worthless things and how we must be vigilant against giving bank details to cold callers and nuisance mail. Another member stated she had helped clear a house with masses of unworn clothes as the person bought them in the hope of winning £50.000. Both examples were of intelligent people being conned.

\*If you have any relevant information for the newsletter please contact Iona James, or Colette our secretary.

\*Put aintreeu3a into Google to find our website to see photos of different events and groups.

Next meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

The speaker for the June meeting will be Les Cox who will talk on Cunard, 175 Not Out. **NB Subscriptions were due 1<sup>st</sup> April, in order to attend meetings and join groups you need to renew by 31<sup>st</sup> May when we update our data base.**