

AINTREE U3A

Newsletter September 2015

On Tuesday 1st September Ian welcomed 70 members, and our speaker Pauline Collier.

Pauline spoke about the Pendle Witches and the Lancashire Witch Trials, which took place in March 1612. Witches were persecuted with a vengeance from 1550 – 1650. The accused, usually old, poor and vulnerable, were victims of petty slights, religious persecution and politics which seem to afflict the poorest throughout history and even today.

Art Active Leader Eddie Caldwell

The art group will meet on Tuesday 8th September, 2.00 – 4.00pm, following on from our visit to the Lowry Gallery, when we will paint on canvas in the style of Lowry. On Tuesday 22nd September we hope to go to the Palm House, Sefton Park to paint outdoor. Meet at the station 12.55pm.

Bridge for Beginners Leader Jane Jones

The bridge group meet each Monday from 1.00pm. Beginners` session starts on Monday 21st September. If you are interested in joining this group and want more information please contact Jane.

Craft Group Leaders Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

There is an extra session on Monday 14th September and then as normal Monday 21st September from 1.00 – 3.00pm. Bits and bobs will be done and the group hope to start thinking about Christmas.

Out & About Group Leader Margaret Eastwood

Margaret is looking into having visits to museums, galleries etc. If you have any ideas please contact Margaret.

Spanish Group Leaders Bill & Edna Thomason

The Spanish Group will resume `conversacion` on Friday 4th and Friday 18th September. The meeting in October will be on the 2nd.

Walking Group

On Thursday 10th September there will be a trip to Llandudno, meeting at the station 9.00am. On Thursday 24th September there will be a walk from Birkdale to Southport.

Meet as usual by the Old Roan station at 9.50am.

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. 12.00 – 1.00pm on Wednesdays, 2nd, 16th and 30th September at the Old Roan shops (by Tesco), weather permitting. If anyone has any plants to share / sell please bring them to the meetings during the summer months. Gardening group will be grateful of any plants for the area.

Ballroom Dancing Leader Jean Jones

This group will not be meeting until the New Year. If anyone feels they could take over in the meantime please contact Pat Carroll on 07790 515 744

Local History Group Leader Doreen Stock & Fred Forrest

The group will meet in September on Wednesday 9th and 23rd from 2.30 – 4.30pm. We are very much an interactive group and, as usual, copies of old maps, photographs & other sources will be available to stimulate discussion. Also, as the internet is now available in the Centre, we are going to branch out into family history and begin to look at free sources online initially. Feel free to contact us with any ideas of areas of Merseyside local history you would like to cover.

Around The World Group. Leader Jan Jones

Last month members enjoyed a Thai meal at The Chilli Pot. This month the venue is a Lebanese restaurant, Bakchich, which is halfway up Bold Street at no. 54. Meet at the restaurant at 3.30 for a meal at 4.00pm. A £5 deposit is required, please pay Sylvia, our treasurer.

Cinema Group Leader Carol Whiteley

As Carol has been away she has not been able to organise a cinema visit, members who have previously attended will be notified if anything is organised for this month.

Computer group Leader Collette Forrest

The first meeting will be on Thursday 10th September 2.00 – 4.00pm and every week after that. Please bring your own iPad / tablet / laptop with you if you have one. There are devices available if you do not have one.

Hugh Baird College are also running a computer course at our Centre. The course will start 22nd September and run for 5 weeks on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30am. If you are interested please contact Ian Roxburgh

Creative writing It is hoped to be run as a fun group rather than an academic group and start in October.

New Groups If you feel that you could set up a new group, there are forms on the board and on our web page. The contact to set up a new group is Pat Carroll, who will support and help with the organising.

Tea Rota – Jan Coombe has a list on the board for members to put their name forward. Thanks to all who have willingly made the tea it is much appreciated.

*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

* Library at the Centre is open on Tuesdays 10.30 -12.30 and on Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00pm.

* Tai Chi meet on Wednesdays at 1.30 – 2.30pm. Cost is £2.50 for information contact Mike

*Jane is organising a 7days / 6 nights holiday to the chateaux and gardens of the Loire Valley September 10th-16th 2016 travelling by shuttle and coach. Cost is £599. For more information

*SMILE is a local charity to support chronic pain sufferers they will be meeting at the Methodist Church, Altway, on Mondays 9.30 – 12.30. The first visit is free, then £3 per session with an annual fee of £6

* There will be a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan on Friday 25th September from 10.00am at the Conservative Club.

*The Red Rose Band with Sarah Chidlow will be performing at Holy Rosary Club on Sunday 4th October at 2.45pm. Tickets are £4 pay at the door.

*St Giles have a `Musical/Dance night` with Freddy, on Saturday 12th September at 8.00pm, tickets £5.

**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, secretary, pastoral leader is Margaret Eastwood.

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

Next meeting Tuesday 6th October 2-4 pm

The speaker will be Carol Codd. "Confessions of a Registrar".