



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



## *AINTREE U3A*

FEBRUARY 2020

<https://sites.google.com/site/aintreeu3a>

### NOTICES

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

### MONTHLY SPEAKER

4.2.20 Reminiscences of a Tour Guide - Steve Binns

81 Members were present at the January meeting and the talk given by David Brown had us all enthralled from the word go. David based his presentation on the well-known lyrics of 'In my Liverpool Home'.

### WELFARE

If you know of any member who is bereaved or ill, please contact Barbara Shaw on 281 1159 or any committee member.

### U3A OFFICIALS

Chair Carol Whiteley 531 7066  
Vice Chair: Ian Roxburgh 474 6665  
Treasurer: Ann Carter 523 2697  
Secretary: Liz Wilson 474 6843  
(Temporary)  
Welfare: Barbara Shaw 281 1159

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need names on our tea/coffee making rota for the monthly meeting.

Our next MONTHLY meeting will be on TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2020 at 2.00 p.m.

### ART ACTIVE

Leader: Eddie Caldwell 526 8288  
Venue: AINTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE (unless otherwise stated)  
Days & times: Tuesdays 2.00 - 4.00 p.m., fortnightly.  
Next sessions: Tuesdays, 18 February and 10 March 2020.

### BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS

Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530  
Venue: MAGHULL PARISH HALL  
Days & times: Bridge Group meetings restarted in September.

### CARD MAKING

Leader: Pat Williams 208 7171  
Venue: AINTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Days & times: Tuesdays, 11 & 25 February 2020 - 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

### CINEMA GROUP

Leader: Carol Whiteley 531 7066  
Nothing planned at present.

### COMMUNITY GARDENING

Leader: Marion Elson 286 5267  
Asst: Margaret Wagner 531 7449  
Will recommence in the Spring.  
Snowdrops appearing but you might not see them for the 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: 17 February 2020.

### CROCHET GROUP

Leader: Connie Cain 526 0575  
Dates & times: Thursdays, 20 February and 5/19 March 2020. The class is held fortnightly on Thursdays 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. and will be held at Connie's home.

### GENTLE KEEP FIT EXERCISE

Group Leader: Marion Elson  
Deputy: Margaret Wagner  
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.  
Dates for next sessions:  
Monday 3/2/20 (9.00 o'clock start).  
Mondays, 10/17/24 February (9.30 a.m. start) and Monday 3 March (9.00 o'clock start). Gentle is our byword. All exercises done at your own pace.

### GOLF

Leader: Ian Roxburgh  
07950 960131  
Venue: AINTREE GOLF CLUB  
Days & times: Times and days vary so contact Ian to confirm attendance during the week before so planned sessions can be confirmed. There is a cost depending on your status (£6.50 to £8.50) for 9 holes, our usual round, which takes approx. 2 hrs.

## HOLIDAYS

**Leader:** Jane Jones 526 2530

## BATTLEFIELDS TOUR

We still have two twin rooms available for this five day break in Northern France and Belgium. More information contact Jane on 526 2530.

## HOW DO I?

**Leader:** Sylvia McCormack 526 6194  
Next session: Tuesday, 25

February. This meeting is getting popular and we are helping with mobile phones, tablets, I-pads, lap tops, just sitting and showing what we all use and talking through problems. We are not experts but we can help each other or point each other in the right direction.

**Saturday, 29 February at 6 p.m.,**

we are having a Murder Mystery evening. Tickets and info at the February monthly meeting. Cost £5.

## Visit to Gillmoss Recycling Centre

Two visits have been arranged as it seems to be popular.

Wednesday 11 March at 1.30 p.m. and Wednesday 13 May at 1.30 p.m. Sorry both Wednesday afternoon but the only dates I could get. Visits are free and last approx. 1 hr 30 mins. Definite names at the February monthly meeting please.

## INTERESTING BUILDINGS GROUP

**Leaders:** Liz Wilson 474 6843 and Ann Carter 523 2697

Tour of Royal Court Theatre on Thursday 13 February at 2 p.m. Cost £5, max 25 allowed, only few places left. See Liz Wilson.

## OUT & ABOUT

**Leaders:** Marion Elson 286 5267  
Margaret Wagner 531 7449

As well as trips out throughout the year we plan to do some "ambling out and about" - short walks for anyone who only wants to do a couple of miles. Meet at Old Roan Station at 9.40 a.m.

**30/1/20** - Southport - walk around the lake etc./coffee and cake.

**12/3/20** - West Kirby - walk around the front and round the lake/have some lunch.

## OUT & ABOUT CONTD...

**21.5.20** - Walk from Woodside to New Brighton - lunch in Wetherspoons ?

**30/7/20** - Sefton Park and Lark Lane

**10/9/20** - Princes Park

**19/11/20** - Baltic Market

## SINGING FOR FUN

**Leader:** Eddie Caldwell 526 8288

**Venue:** AINTREE COMMUNITY

**CENTRE (unless otherwise stated)**

**Dates & Times:** Friday 28 February 2020 - 10.00 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.

## UKULELE GROUPS

**Leaders:** Liz Wilson 474 6843

(Group One) and Connie Cain 526 0575 (Group Two)

**Group One** - meets weekly on Tuesdays at the Methodist Church 6.30-8.30 p.m.

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

## U3A DINERS

**Leader:** Jan Jones 07815614857 - a meal has been planned at the Chy Chinese Restaurant in Renshaw Street on Thursday 27 February at 2.15 p.m. 2 Courses £10. NO MEAL CHANGES. Meet 1.30 pm. at Old Roan station or at the restaurant.

## WALKING GROUP

**Leader:** Mike Morris 520 3100

**Days & times:** Fortnightly on Thursdays. **Next walks:** - Thursday 6 February 2020 - (Halewood 3 miles); Thursday 20 February (Lathom War Horse Walk 8 miles) Thursday 5 March (Chester 3 miles). Good walking boots are recommended for all walks. Meet as usual at Old Roan station at 9.40 a.m. for all walks unless otherwise notified.

## WINE APPRECIATION

**Group One Leader:** Liz Wilson 474 6843 Are meeting at member's home Thursday, 27 February.

**Group Two Leader:** Carol Ingham 531 9690 - Are meeting at member's home on Wednesday, 26 February 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

## WRITING FOR PLEASURE

**Leader:** Iona James 526 7832

The Writing for Pleasure group is meeting on Tuesday, 11 February between **11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.** at the **Methodist Church, Altway**. Topic will be either 'Taxi' or 'Stolen Ring'.

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

## Additional items

As the coffee morning we had last year was so successful we are holding another this year to collect the subs.

**Tuesday, 31 March 12.30 until 2 p.m.** Inviting all members to come along to pay their yearly subscriptions which are due on 1 April 2020. Enjoy a chat, a cuppa and a cake.

Cheques acceptable please make them payable to **U3A Aintree**.

**Subs:** Full members £15

Dual member £10 (someone already in another U3A)

Joint member £27.50 (two people living at the same address).

**Please help the Membership Secretary and Treasurer by paying or sending a cheque with someone on 31 March.**

## PLEASE NOTE:

There is now a dedicated section on the website called **WEBSITE UPDATES**. Go to the Newsletter page where you will find the entries. Click on "view more" at the bottom and you will be taken to the full page where you can see the full text of all the entries.

The U3A is encouraging as many members as possible to sign up for the national newsletter. The January edition includes a survey of U3A. See the link on the Newsletter page of our newsletter.

Lancashire/Merseyside Network hosting a quiz at the Adelphi Hotel on Wednesday, 8 April at 2 p.m. Cost £3. Why not put date in your diary and make up a team???

Anyone interested in a Scrabble group? If so add your names to the list at the monthly meeting.

If anyone has any ideas for starting new groups come and speak to Liz Wilson. Support is always available.