



September Newsletter

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As you are aware, our next meeting is on the 31st. August 2023, following our summer break. We the committee are hoping that this will be a recruitment drive. We are asking you to "Bring a Friend".

Kathy Binns has kindly agreed to design a poster reflecting this. It is hoped that together with your help it can be displayed in Shops, Supermarkets, Libraries, Doctors Surgeries, Community Halls and such like in the Oxton / Prenton area. With your help and involvement, I am sure that our U3A can survive. But, as has been stated so many times before, it is dependent on our combined efforts.

The following quote I have posted before, but I believe it to be worth seeing it again:

I have seen better days,
But I have also seen worse.
I don't have everything that I want,
But I do have all that I need.
I woke up with some aches and pains,
But I woke up.
My life may not be perfect,
But I am blessed.

Just a Little Something You May or May Not Know:

If a statue in a park of a person on a horse has *both legs in the air*,
the rider *died in battle*.
If the horse has *one front leg in the air*,
the rider died *as a result of wounds received in battle*.
If the horse has *all four legs on the ground*,
the rider died *of natural cause*

Alan Harding – Chairman

TEA AND COFFEE ROTA OCTOBER TO 7th December 2023

Please contact Joan Benton on 0151 608 6226 if you would like to change your duty date.

14th September: Dot Mathews
Ellen Wilson

28th September: Hilary Robinson
Maureen Oldham



12th October: Ann Greenhalgh
Norma Finlayson

26th October: Barbara Baker
Kathy Sullivan

9th November: Poppy Lewis
Margaret Greenwood



23th November: Gwyn Thomas
Eileen Slater

Blackpool Refund

Tony Swarbrick would like to remind those who are owed refunds for the cancelled trip to see the Blackpool lights will be able to collect them at the meeting on the 31st August.

Speakers September 2023 – March 2024



14th September - Speaker David Hearn- '**Beautiful Buildings of Birkenhead**'

12th October - John Crane - '**All things Auctioneering**' - attendees are also invited to bring items for valuation/sale

9th November - Anthony Annakin-Smith – '**History of Parkgate**'

7th December - Barry Humphries - '**The Great British Christmas**'

2024 after March will be posted later.

18th January 2024 - Mary Clinton - '**AI and the influence of Linguistic Research**'

15th February - Ken Pye - '**Curious & Amazing Tales of Merseyside**'

14th March - Su Thomson - '**Victorian Millinery & Prostitution**'

2023 Social meetings

August 31st – We would like to see as many members as possible at this meeting; and if you have a friend who would like to know more about U3A please bring them along (no charge). They will be made very welcome. Group leaders please bring information about your Group, where possible; there will be tables around with info available.



Don't forget to book your Christmas lunch if you have not already done so. Charge including tips and draw ticket is £36, cheques payable to: Oxton & Prenton U3A. Choose your menu from good choice when booking.

November 23rd - Tony has arranged for the Heswall U3A Ukulele Group too come to play for us on a Social Thursday, November 23rd. There is no charge but the Group does support a charity, "The Eye Fund" led by one of their members and Tony suggests that a small donation of £1 per person would be acceptable. See below their letter:

“Firstly let me say we would love to come and play for you a fellow U3A group.

I cannot do September as it is my 50th Anniversary and will be away but the other dates are fine (always subject to members being available to play). Your suggested timings would be ok for us.

We do not charge but a small donation to our chosen charity "The Eye Fund" would be gratefully received. This charity was started by two of our members to provide counselling for people who lose their sight. It followed the tragic death of their son.

I look forward to hearing from you and know that we would love to play for you.

Dave Jones

Ukulele Interest Group Leader”

Lunch Group Dates

Colin Shredder



19th September 2023

The Refreshment Rooms.

17th October 2023

The Queens Arms, Oxton.

21st November 2023.

Caernarfon Castle, Bidston Road, Oxton

That takes us up to Christmas. Please add you names to the list at the meeting or let Colin know if you are coming.

Group News

A Book and a Glass of Wine: Judith Whaley



Meet on last Thursday of month. The group is full at the moment.

Bridge: Tony Swarbrick

Meetings will be in “The Cabin” at Trinity and are held on 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays each month, 10.15am to 12.30. We meet to play friendly relaxed bridge and new members are always welcome. Next meetings are September 13th and 20th.



Book Club: Mary O’Neill

Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2pm. The next meeting is on September 12th. Mary has room for one or two more members; anyone interested should contact Tony Swarbrick our Group Co-ordinator.



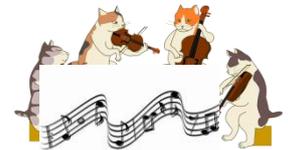
Lunch Circle: Colin Stredder

The next meeting is on September 19th at The Refreshment Rooms, 12.45 for 1pm lunch. Please sign in at the meeting or contact Colin.



Music Appreciation: Paul Cullen

There will be a break until September. Meetings are now on the 1st Monday of the month 2-4pm. Next meeting September 4th. Bring a CD that you enjoy!



Walking Group: Ken Jackson

The next walk will take place on September 22nd and will be a circular walk in the Prenton area. See below. Sign up at the August meeting on the 31st. Lunch will be at The Swan on Woodchurch Road.



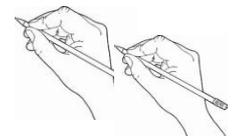
Art Group Bernadette Hamilton

Next Session will take place on September 21st- Visit o the Victoria Gallery and Museum Liverpool to view the Vintage Cunard Posters Exhibition. See below:



Drawing Group: Pauline Horner

The next meeting on September 1st .



Play Reading Group: Eliane Davie

The Group meets at Eliane’s house on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on September 12th at 10am. We will be reading: “Anastasia” by Marcelle Maurette. As several members were missing at the July meeting, we finished reading ‘As You Like It’ and discussed and read the first Act only of ‘Anastasia’. I think you will all enjoy reading this interesting play.



Craft Group ! Joan Benton

Meetings take place on the 4th Monday of each month at her home; next meeting is on September 25th. Places on this group are full at the moment.



Nordic Walking, Corinne Whitham

Meets every week at 10am Tuesdays at the Visitor Centre in Birkenhead Park. If you can’t come every week simply come when available, as often or as little as suits. Open to all, why not give it a try? A pair of poles is essential, standard walking ones will do to start. Lightweight walking shoes or trainers are best. Expect to walk for one hour at a smart pace.



Art Appreciation Programme - Bernadette Hamilton

Visit to: The Williamson Art Gallery, to view the 'Apollo Remastered' Exhibition.
July 19th



The Group spent an enjoyable morning at the Williamson Gallery on July 19th where an excellent Exhibition, "Apollo Remastered" was showing. This consisted of a large collection of magnificent photographs of the moon landing in the 60s; really fascinating sharp photos which have been brought up to modern standards. Well worth a visit and it is open until September 2nd. Two other collections were also on view and we enjoyed both of them too! One was by Harold Hewitt featuring large collage paintings, see above R. for explanation. Quite striking and many set in Wirral telling a story. The other was Rob Davies Watercolours; giant rather beautiful paintings some of which you can see in the photos above.

Again we thank Bernadette who organises these outings for us and gives us insights with her vast knowledge and sheer enthusiasm.

Photographs sent in by Kathy Binns – thank you Kathy

Walking Group: Friday June 30th. Led by Ken Jackson

A great walk around the Willaston area the back to Pollards for lunch!



As you can see in photos a great time had by all!! Thank you Ken.

July Walk Friday July 28th

The Walking Group enjoyed a rare dry day for our circular walk in the Landican region on July 28th. After meeting at the Bassett Hound car park, a fair sized group, led by Judith Wylie and Eliane Davie, made their way to Landican Lane and on through Landican Village before turning to head along country paths, under the motorway, to Storeton Village. The rest of our route went across fields (paths still a little muddy from all the rain we'd been getting but not too bad), over the Motorway, across a little used railway line and a brook, then up and over a grassed field into a wooded area passing ponds along the way until reaching a pretty path leading straight to the pub's car park and lunch. The day had turned really sunny and three more members joined us for a welcome lunch.





Drawing Group July 7th 2023

Pauline's Drawing Group spent a pleasant morning sketching around Port Sunlight. Some of their work can be seen below.



ART APPRECIATION GROUP SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

September 21st
to

Visit to the Victoria Gallery and Museum, Liverpool
view The Vintage Cunard Posters Exhibition.

October 18th
Masters”

Trinity with Palm Grove- “Ancient Gods and Old
Presentation by Bernadette Hamilton.

November 15th

Visit to the Walker Art Gallery to view the Renaissance
Rooms. (Recently reopened.)



WALKING GROUP – SEPTEMBER 22ND WALK



Barbara Riley will be leading the walk on September 22 (which is on a Tuesday, N.B.)

Meet at the Swan Hotel car park at 10.15am to start at 10am.

The walk is approx. 5 miles, mainly on paved paths, though there may be some mud on Bidston hill depending on the weather. There will be a short stop at Tam O'Shanter's Farm for toilets and refreshment, (if there is time), then back to the Swan for lunch.

Books and Jigsaws



Thank you everyone for thinning down the books and jigsaw collections; they are at a much more manageable number now and we can return to bringing in books and jigsaws for exchange again. In the interest of not getting stock in excess of storage space again, please keep to only bringing the number of books that you take – it seems to work really well!

Friendly Ear

If you know of any member who is sick, in hospital or in need of a friendly chat please let Mary Hamilton or Dot Matthews know. They will contact them to see whether they need help and send cards (where applicable)



New Committee April AGM 2023

Chairman: Alan Harding

Secretary: Carole Lapping

Business Secretary: Treasurer: Margaret Cullen

Groups Co-ordinator: Tony Swarbrick

Speaker Secretary: Pamela Southall

Membership Secretary: Pauline Horner

Newsletter Editor: Eliane Davie: Leader of Play Reading Group

Ken Jackson; Leader of Walking Group

Brian Jones



And finally.....

I am sending the September newsletter out early this month to remind you all that we are meeting on August 31st and we hope to see many of you there. Don't forget to tell your friends that it is an open meeting where they can find out about us and ask any questions they may have regarding Groups or our Activities. They will not be charged for attendance.

Although the holiday weather has been somewhat mixed, at least the gardens have been well watered and I hope that you have all managed to enjoy the break!

We look forward to seeing you on the 31st.

Eliane Davie - Editor



