Maghull and Lydiate U3A

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Wine Tasting and Spanish Sunshine

Photo by Doreen Bird

On Saturday Sept 23rd 2017 under the guidance of George Birchall, 13 members set off on a 6 night wine tasting holiday to Andalucia. Despite being booked to fly with the dreaded "Ryanair" we all arrived safely in the town of Antiquera which turned out to be a really nice little town. The whirlwind tour started on our first full day with a visit to the wonderful " Mesquita", Mosque turned Cathedral, in Cordoba, a world Heritage Site and great experience, with a truly knowledgeable tour guide.
The Mosque / Catholic Cathedral is possibly only superseded by The Alhambra in Granada. All on the same day we visited the old Jewish Quarter and The Alcazar/ Fortress. There was of course a vineyard to be visited on the return to our Hotel.

In Granada, the next day we toured the 13th Century ' Alhambra Palace'. What an incredible place; probably the greatest of the world's architectural treasures. Our visit was enhanced as we were accompanied by a knowledgeable guide. Words defy me to describe this amazing building you could spend all day there and still find more to see. Our day in Seville was equally fascinating as was our time in Mijas and the historic bridge over the gorge in Ronda.

Three vineyards were visited and we were obliged to taste various wines, most enjoyed and a few not. The highlight was on the occasion when we were personally welcomed by 4 generations of the family owners including 'Grandad' who had himself planted many of their older vines. They could not have been more welcoming.
Overall a wonderful holiday enjoyed by all, WELL DONE GEORGE Colin Gore

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Social at the British Legion on Friday 1st of December at 7:30 pm. Tickets cost £12.00 with buffet, free raffle & professional entertainment.
Also available are tickets for our Christmas Lunch at the Adelphi on Wednesday 13th of December at 12:30 pm. Three course meal followed by tea/coffee with entertainment & dancing. Tickets cost £17.00.
See Jane for tickets.

NEW HOLIDAYS TO LOOK FORWARD TO -

12th - 16th July 2018. Enchanting Essex.
Join us for an interesting short break Staying at the Holiday Inn Hotel Nr. Colchester. Five days half board and all excursions included. Full details at our table. Price £380 Deposit £50 Sing. Supp. £80. Optional Insurance £25 (upper age limit 85)
Full details on the Day Trips website

20th – 24th September 2018. Highlights of Hampshire
Enjoy a 'Highlights of Hampshire' five day/four night break next year staying at the 4* Norton Hotel outside Winchester. Our break is on a half board basis at a cost of £425.00 (before the group discount) with single rooms available at a supplement of £80.00 for the first six rooms. Our varied tour includes Winchester; the Historic Dockyard at Portsmouth; a scenic drive through the New Forest to visit Beaulieu and much more!
See the Holiday Desk /Website for more information

Deadline for items for our January Magazine is the 12th of December Available on the 9th of January

ARCHAEOLOGY
Convenor: Frank Wood 287 5462
Venue: Kensington House
Second Friday of the month at 14:30

ARCHITECTURE FOR FUN
Leader: David Scott 07968289297
Asst: George Birchall 287 0308
For information about the many outings undertaken by this group please visit their table on a Tuesday or check on the website.

ART APPRECIATION
Leader: Maureen Birchall 287 0308
Asst: Marje Rusling 531 7179
The group will be visiting the Lubiania Himid Exhibition at the Walker Art Gallery in November. Lubiania is the oldest nominee for the Turner Prize and is the hot favourite!

Our December visit will be to the Lady Lever Gallery, Port Sunlight. The exhibition is about Image Models re: 1950's Fashion. PS Only girls allowed

BADMINTON GROUP ONE
Leader: Colin Gore 526 2216
Venue: United Reformed Ch. Hall
Wednesday 09:30 - 12:00
This group meets each week apart from the Wednesday of Christmas week.

BADMINTON GROUP TWO
Leader: June Avery 526 9118
Venue: Hudson School
Tuesdays 18:30 - 20:00 during term time.

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE
Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530
Venue: Aintree Youth & Community Centre, Oriel Drive Aintree
Mondays 13:00
Our beginners' class is currently full but an improvers' class also available

BIRD WATCHING
Leader: June Avery 526 918
The details of the next outing by this group can be found on the website or at the Group Support table.

BOOK CLUB
Leader: David Kearney 526 6001
Monthly at 22 Orchard Hey 19:30
This month's book will be 'The Light Between Oceans' by M J Stedman

BOWLS
Leader: Carol Daley 01704 880521
Venue: Kensington House
Mondays 12:00 - 15:00

CANAL WALKING GROUP
Leader: David Scott 0768289297
Asst.: Brenda McKenzie
Normally the fourth Thursday of the month. See website for information.

CARD MAKING GROUP
Leader: Joan Martin 526 9406 and
Val Turnbull 526 1557
Venue: St George's URC
Monday 13:30 - 15:30
With Christmas just around the corner the group is approaching its busiest time of year. New members are welcome in this friendly group.

COMPUTER GROUP
Leaders: Rhoda Myers 531 0921
Colin Bennett 526 0752
Phil Davidson 526 6805
Tony Dodd 924 0040
Venue: Maghull Baptist Church Hall

Help Desk: Tuesday morning 'drop in'. Bring your laptop or tablet with you during the coffee morning.
Tuesdays & Fridays 14:00 - 16:00 (by appointment only.)
One to one help with tablets, smart-phones, laptops and computer apps. Visit the desk for further details.

CYCLING
DAY RIDERS
Leader: Phil Hughes 526 0038
Asst: Ian Gent 526 7736
New members welcome, typical ride is between 20 - 30 miles.

EASY RIDERS
Leader: John Ramsden 526 5031
Asst: Brian Dickinson 520 1857
Mondays at 10:00 Leisurely rides of 12– 20 miles on quiet lanes

PEDAL PUSHERS
Leader: Bill Ashton 285 1817
Asst: Margaret Kendall 526 3164
Wednesdays 10:00
Riding on quiet roads and cycle ways. Limited availability for new members with a reasonable cycling ability. Rides usually 10 - 15 miles long.

DAY TRIPS
Leader: Marj Atlay 526 4665
Asst: Sylvia Adams 531 9001

Monday 13th Nov. We will be visiting the Plaza Cinema & Variety Theatre in Stockport for a 'behind the scenes tour'. The ongoing renovation/ programme has successfully brought it back to its original Art Deco state. Our tour will showcase all that goes into the presentation of productions at this venue. Afterwards we will have a Soup/Sandwich lunch followed by tea/coffee in the beautiful Art Deco Cafe. On our way home we will stop off at Bents Garden Centre with time to have a look round.
Dep. 09:15 Ret.18:00 Price £22 inc. tour, and soup/sandwich lunch.

Wed.6th Dec. Visiting the innovative Greenlands Farm Village with its' lovely Coffee Shop, Artisan Shops selling a wide range of goods. On to the 4*Grange Hotel, Grange Over Sands for a 3 course lunch/coffee/ mince pies. Dep.9.30am Ret.6pm Price £29 inc. Lunch/coffee/mince pies.

DIGITAL CAMERA GROUP
Leaders: Peter Martin 526 9406
Terry Horrobin 526 1249
Ian Gent 526 7736
Venue: St Andrews Church Room.
Mondays 14:00 - 16:00 fortnightly
On November 14th the Digital Camera group are having a display of photographs during the Coffee Morning. Come and meet the team and marvel at their technical expertise, their photos are stunning.
Last meeting of 2017 will be on the 11th of December.
The group will restart on the 8th of January.

If you know of any member who is ill or in need, please inform Lill Boyle (Welfare) on 526 4303

DISCUSSION GROUP

Leader: Brian Leach 284 8454
Chair: Bert Dowell
Venue: Melling Tithebarn, Tithebarn Lane 13:30 - 15:00 Entrance £1.00
23rd. November. Topic to be arranged

FAMILY HISTORY

Leaders: David Russell 526 6527
Rosney Leith 526 3623
Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
Lambshear Lane Lydiate 1:30 - 3:00
3rd. November - DNA, Names and Location
1st December - Festive Essence
5th January - Topic to be arranged

FOODIE GROUP

Leader: Margaret Kendal 526 3164
Asst: Pat McGuire 924 5166
Venue: St James' Hall, Green Lane
Third Thursday in the month 10:30 - 12:00 New members still welcome. Just come along. Our first meeting in January will be held on the 18th.

FRENCH GROUPS

Leader: David Ward 526 5071

Monday Group 14:00 - 16:00
Venue: St George's Social Club Maghull
Wednesday Group 14:00 - 16:00
Venue: Hudson Primary School

Early Stage French Group
Leader: Marie Bramwell 526 6653
Venue: St George's Social Cub
Thursdays 10:00 - 12:00

MODERN FRANCE

Leader: David Ward 526 5071
Venue: Hudson Primary School
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 14:30 - 16:30
** Please note our change of venue.

FUN WITH FLOWERS

Leader: Irene Rowe 01695 421 389
Venue: St. James Green Lane
Our current course is now in full swing with members turning out some brilliant displays. We finish on the 27th of November. Contact Irene for more information about any future courses.

GARDEN VISITS

Leaders: Ann Raw 526 6086
29th November - Gardening Group Christmas meal. Our first call will be at the Grosvenor Garden Centre for morning coffee/tea, then on to the venue for our Christmas meal.
We leave Maghull Square at 09:30

2nd- 4th December - A short three day holiday staying at the Holiday Inn in York on a d/bb basis. Enjoy an Advent Carol Service in York Minster, Burton Constable Hall, Benninbrough Hall and time for shopping in York.

PLEASE NOTE ALL TRIPS MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

GERMAN GROUP

Leader: Peter Duffy 526 2933
Venue: St George's Social Club
Thursdays 10:00 New members welcome

GERMAN FOR COMPLETE BEGINNERS

Leaders: Ruth Allen 520 2690
Pat Mortimer
Venue: 15 Briars Lane Maghull
Wednesday 10:30 - 12:30

GLASS WORKSHOP

Leader: John Jackson 526 2900
Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
Friday 10th, 17th & 24th November
Friday 8th & 15th of December
Friday 12th, 19th & 26th January

LINE DANCING

Leader: Hilary Loughlin 928 8936
Venue: Maghull Parish Hall
Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00
Keep fit and having fun doing it.

LOCAL HISTORY

Leader: Dennis Stevens 531 9188
Asst. Leader: Wyn Taylor 526 5467
Convenor: Bidni O'Donnell 476 2115
Venue: Lydiate Village Hall 14:00

7th November - Mr Andy Johnson on ' The Giants' Visit to Liverpool'
5th December – Mr David Brown on 'In My Liverpool Home'
There will be no meeting in January

MATHS FOR FUN

Leader: Wanda Leach 284 8454
Venue: Kensington House, Station Rd
14:30 - 16:30 Admission - £1.50
Wednesday 1st November - Playing With Awkward Numbers
Wednesday 6th December - TBA

NORDIC WALKING

Leader: Ian Gent 526 7736
Venue: Maghull Baptist Ch. Car Park
We meet at 18:30 every Monday save for Bank Holidays. Our last walk this year will be on the 11th of December. We restart on the 15th of January. Our circular walks last around 1 hour and cover some four miles following footpaths, the canal towpath, the Cheshire Lines & country lanes. Suitable footwear & clothing are a must.

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

Leader: Eric Jones 526 2965
Venue: United Reformed Church
Thursdays at 10:00

PRACTICAL GARDENING GROUP

Leaders: Maureen Ward 526 5071 and Dot Brannigan 07816398056
Venue: St Andrew's Parish Hall
First Monday of the month at 10:00
There will be no official meeting in December just a celebration of all we have achieved this year with a mince pie and a cuppa!
We restart on the 6th of February.

PHILOSOPHY

Leader: Tony Snape 526 3146
Asst: Frank Wood
Venue: Kensington House
Third Wednesday of the month 14:30 - 16:30

PLAY READING /DRAMA

Leader: Doris Cox 526 7944
Venue: 34 Moss Lane Maghull
Second Tuesday of the month 14:00

POETRY GROUP

Leader: Gwen Parry 526 4798
Venue: 27 East Meade, Maghull
Second Wednesday of the month 10:30-12:30

RECORDER GROUP
Leader: Brenda McKenzie 531 0207
Venue: Maghull Baptist Church
Tuesdays 11:00 - 11:30

REAL ALE APPRECIATION
Leader: Sue Daniels 526 1198 or
07801 656 570
This group usually meets on the last Friday of the month.

THE SHAKESPEARE GROUP
Leader: Joan Fazakerley 545 1055
Venue: Kensington House
Usually 4th Thursday of the month

SPANISH CONVERSATION FOR BEGINNERS
Leader: Blair Allwood 924 0340
Venue: Lydiate Village Hall
Thursdays 11:00 - 13:00

SPANISH CONVERSATION
Leader : Ron Higham 526 3562
Venue: Lydiate Village Hall

Friday 09:30 - 11:30 Group One
Friday 11:30 - 13:00 Group Two

Our last meeting this year will be on the 8th of December with a social gathering to be arranged for the following week. Date and venue to be arranged.
We resume on the 5th of January.

SUNDAY STROLLERS
Leader: John McKenzie 531 0207
For details please see the website.

SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP
Co-ordinator: Sylvia Adams 531 9001
Sunday 12th November - The Hop Vine Burscough
Sunday 10th December - Briars' Hall Lathom
Sunday 7th January - Venue to be confirmed

TABLE TENNIS
Leaders: Carolyn Comaish 526 4478
George Dobie 285 0119
Tuesdays 14:00 & Fridays 14:00
Venue: Maghull Baptist Church Hall

THEATRE GROUP
Leaders: Pat Kelly 476 1726 and Ann Unsworth

THEATRE	SHOW	DATE	PRICE
Liverpool Empire	War Horse	Friday 1st Dec	£48.00 T
FACT	Nutcracker	Tuesday 5th Dec	about £15.00
Philharmonic Hall	Spirit of Christmas	Thursday 21st Dec	£43.00 TT
Philharmonic Hall	New Year's Eve Concert	Sunday 31st Dec	£42.00 TT
Everyman	Little Mermaid - matinee	13th Jan 2018	TBA
Liverpool Empire	Cinderella	8th Feb 2018	TBA

TABLE GAMES
Leader: Cath Pearson 526 1872
Venue: The Function Room, Maghull Town Hall
Mondays 10:00 - 12:00
The last meeting for this year will be on the 18th of December resuming on the 8th of January

TAI JI
Leader: Sheila Merry 526 3220
Asst: Mike Woodward 476 4782
Venue: Maghull Parish Hall
Friday 11:00 - 12:00
We have our last meeting on the 8th of December and restart on the 5th of January.

TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE
Leader: Phil Davidson 526 6805
Assts: Colin Bennett 526 0752
Frank Wood 287 5462
Venue: Kensington House Stat. Rd
Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month.
No meetings in December but we resume on the 10th of January.

TEXTILE GROUP
Leader: Maureen Collier 526 0837
Venue: United Reformed Church
Mondays 13:30
New members are always welcome at this friendly group.

WALKING GROUP
Leader: Margaret Kendall 526 3164
Asst: Alan Carr 01704 840 762
2nd November. - Burscough circular. Suitable for both groups. Travel by public transport or car share.

WALKING GROUP continued
7th December. - Down Holland circular. 2 walks both from the same start point.
4th January - TBA

Full details of all the walks will be published on website approx 3 weeks prior to each walk.
A short meeting of walking group members is to be held in November after the coffee morning to review the current walking group set up and plan walks for 2018. Date TBA

WALKING NETBALL GROUP
Contact Brenda McKenzie by text on 07900525222 for further details

WELSH GROUP
Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530

WINE TASTING
Leader: George Birchall 287 0308
Venue: Lydiate Village Centre

ZUMBA
Group One Co-ordinator: Chris Chua Short 474 6355
Venue: Frank Hornby Room, Maghull Town Hall 09:00 - 09:45
Starts 30th October then each Monday. There are a few places left in this group. Contact Chris or see the Group Support Desk if you are interested.

Group Two Co-ordinator: Brenda McKenzie 531 0207
Venue: as group one
This group starts on the 15th of January

Last Coffee Morning is the 12th of December. We restart on the 9th of January