



Maghull and Lydiate U3A



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ELVIS ALIVE AND WELL IN MAGHULL

Fabulous news - Elvis is alive and well; well he was last month and we have some 26 witnesses that say so.

Fans of the King made their way to the Lal Qila Restaurant in Maghull for an evening of good food, good company and good fun. Elvis was in top form and, as we all formed his backing vocals, so were we.

The evening began with some of the slow ballads we all know and love giving us all a chance to join in whilst waiting for the first course to be served.

The food was up to its usual standard of excellence and the staff friendly and very attentive. I don't think any more could have been done for us anywhere; nothing was too much trouble.



In between courses we were ably entertained by an Elvis who knew exactly how to shake his hips in the style of the master. One of the hardest things that evening was getting a photo of the man that wasn't blurred!! We danced to the music, sang with gusto and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The evening flew past and before long it was coats and carriages and promises that we'd do it all again soon.

Looking around the happy faces, hearing the laughing, the enthusiastic conversations it was obvious - to quote Elvis, that no one was '*Lonesome Tonight*,' no '*Blue Suede Shoes*' were stood on, no one was booking into '*Heartbreak Hotel*'; and all because of the camaraderie of our amazing U3A. Twenty six of us knew beyond a doubt that there was '*A Whole Lot of Living Going on!*' in Maghull & Lydiate U3A.

Jane Jones



Items for the newsletter should be sent to: maghullandlydiateu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Deadline for items for our May Newsletter is the 20th of April. Available on the 30th of April

ARCHAEOLOGY

Convenor: Colin Hignett 531 9763

Asst.: Eric Purvis

Venue: Kensington House 14:30 - 16:30 Every 2nd Friday of the month. Our next meeting will be on the 12th. April - topic to be arranged.

ART APPRECIATION

Leader: Maureen Birchall 287 0308

Asst: Marje Rusling 531 7179

May 3rd - On Friday the 3rd of May we are once again visiting Kirkby Gallery which this year is hosting Knowsley Open Art exhibition. Artists from all over the region can enter and we have many talents on show. Meet at venue for 1.15 pm. A donation of £1.00 is required upon booking.

Art Break - A trip has been organised with the Architecture for Fun group from Sunday 28th July until Tuesday 30th July. We will visit Bletchley Park on the way to London on the 28th and will stay at the 4* Double Tree by Hilton Docklands for 2 nights bed and Breakfast

We include visits to Eltham Palace, Dulwich Picture Gallery and Greenwich; a World Heritage Site where members can visit various landmarks/buildings.

Cost is £260.00 per person with a £100.00 single supplement charge.

Book at the Art or Architecture desk,

DIGITAL CAMERA GROUP

Leaders: Peter Martin 526 9406

Terry Horrobin 526 1249

Venue: St Andrews Church Room.

Mondays 14:00 - 16:00 fortnightly

Our subjects in April are:

01 Apr Collections

15 Apr Technical

Let your imagination run riot! You'll be amazed at what you can create.

COMPUTER GROUP

Leaders: Rhoda Myers 531 0921

Colin 526 0752 Phil 526 6805

Tony 924 0040 Doug 07729077278

Venue: Maghull Baptist Church Hall

Help Desk: Tuesday a.m. 'drop in'. Bring your laptop or tablet in and we will see if we can help.

Tuesdays & Fridays 14:00 - 16:00 One to one help available (appt only.)

FAMILY HISTORY

Leaders: David Russell 526 6527

Rosney Leith 526 3623

Venue: Lydiate Village Centre 13:30

1st. Friday of the month

5th April - Irish and Scottish records.

3rd. May - What can you find out about your relatives in 1871?

Families are a treasure trove of scandals and surprises, come and find out about yours!!

MEMBERSHIP

Individual members (those who do not belong to a specific group) are now invited to come to the Coffee Morning to renew their membership for 2019 - 2020.

The membership team will be available in the Sanctuary on the 2nd. and 9th. of April.

Cheques would be great but if this is not possible please avoid any coins less than one pound. Thank you.

HISTORY FOR FUN

Leader: Norman Stalford

Venue: Kensington House

Meet: Third Friday in the month

Our March meeting went down a treat with all our members. We had a very entertaining talk by Tony Snape about Stephen and Matilda, with all the twists and turns during that period. Who needs Game of Thrones?

Truth is certainly stranger than fiction!

There will be no meeting in April as it coincides with Good Friday but we will be back on the 17th of May. Our topic will have you picking sides that's for certain as we delve into the intrigues of the 'War of the Roses'. Can you figure out who really killed the Princes in the Tower?

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

Mon.29th April Join us on an educational visit to the People's History Museum in Spinningfields, the cosmopolitan district of Manchester. Hear about the Reformers and Revolutionaries, who, over the years have helped change our lives. The effect they had is still continuing today. We travel on to Gorton Monastery, the Pugin masterpiece which has recently been fully restored. Following a talk about the monastery and time to look around we finish with tea/cake. Dep. 09:15 Ret.18:00 Price: £19 inc. the talk/tea/cake.

Spring Break - 3 days/2nights D/B/B 29.5.19 to 31.5.19 at Rendezvous Hotel, just outside Skipton. The break includes dinner cruising one evening on their canal boat. All usual facilities + Indoor Swimming Pool/Gym. Excursions. Price £199pp. No Sing. Supp. Dep. £60 Free Insurance. Just a couple of places still available so don't delay - book now or miss out on this great Spring Break.

Now on sale - Turkey n Tinsel in Scotland - 2nd Dec. to 6th Dec.2019. 5 days/4 nights D/B/B staying at the Rob Roy Hotel which is only a short stroll from the pretty village of Aberfoyle. The hotel has a good reputation for comfort, food etc. and all the rooms have the usual mod-cons. Entertainment is provided and excursions / entrances are included. PRICE: £299pp. No Single Supp. Deposit £60pp Free Insurance

A deposit is required on all trips please. All trips dep. from and return to Central Square.

Please ensure you have your membership card with you at the time of booking.

GARDEN VISITS

Leaders: Ann Raw 526 6086 Barbara Short 526 1119 **Asst.** Doreen Bird

Wednesday 10th April - Biddulph Grange N/T

Join us for a visit to Biddulph Grange Garden. Now a National Trust property, this wonderful garden was created by James Bateman for his collection of plants from around the world. The experience will take you on a global journey from Italy to the pyramids of Egypt, a Victorian vision of China. and a re-creation of a Himalayan glen.

In addition there is a welcome tearoom selling home made food and a gift shop.

Our first stop will be High Leigh Garden Centre, Knutsford from where we make our way to the Grange.

Cost: non N/T £18.00. N/T members £12.00 We leave Maghull square 09.15 and return approx 18:00

Wednesday 1st May - Plas Cadnant - the hidden gardens Anglesey

Our first stop today will be Fron Goch Garden Centre where there will be time for a browse around and something tempting from its award winning restaurant.

We will then travel the short distance to Plas Cadnant. In 1996 work began on the restoration of the historic garden and grounds of Plas Cadnant, the home of the Price family since 1804. At the visitor centre you can learn the history of the house and its surrounding lands going right back to the iron age. Plas Cadnant boasts a 19th century picturesque garden which is a Plantman's Paradise. Walk round its walled gardens, waterfalls and much more. There is also a traditional tearoom serving homemade light lunches, cakes etc.

Cost: £23.00 including tea/coffee and lemon drizzle cake. Leave Maghull Sq 08.30 and return approx. 18:30

Mon 6th -10th May 2019 "THE GARDENS OF CORNWALL" staying at the Pentire Hotel.

The hotel is located on the Pentire head overlooking Fistril beach. The hotel has a large indoor pool and spa. All rooms have tea/coffee making facilities, TV. and radio channels This well-appointed hotel has a good reputation and is well located for our excursions we will stay here for 4 nights on a half board basis. We will visit Cotehele (NT) medieval Tudor house and gardens, Saltram (NT), Trelicick Gardens (NT) and Popey Garden cottage. Will also visit Truro for some free time and then join the group for a boat cruise along the river Fal. For more information visit the Garden Visit Table on Tuesday mornings. **Cost of holiday £450pp**

Advance Notice – Friday 14th June - We have planned a visit to BBC Gardener's World Live 2019 show at NEC Birmingham. This is the ultimate day out for garden lovers. Plenty to see and do. From the inspiring show gardens, floral marquees, plant growers and the nation's favourite garden experts live including Monty Don, Carol Klein, Alan Titchmarsh and many more.

Enjoy entrance to the Good Food Show and sample delicious food and drink with food experts Mary Berry, Tom Kerridge and many more. One ticket gets you into two great shows. Cost, including entrance to the shows and coach is £30.00

GLASS WORKSHOP

Leader: John Jackson 526 2900

Venue: Lydiate Village Centre

Fridays - 14:00 - 16:00

Workshops will be held on the 12th and 26th of April.

LAW FOR FUN - NEW GROUP

Leader: John Dilworth

Venue: Lydiate Village Hall

Third Thursday each month 14:00 -

16:00 Entrance £1.50 inc. ref.

LINE DANCING

Leader: Hilary Loughlin 928 8936

Venue: Maghull Parish Hall

Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00

It's party time for our Line Dancers next Saturday!! Our annual party starts with line dancing from 14:00 - 16:00 (with a short break to recharge the batteries), before we start on a well earned hot buffet followed by cakes, tea and coffee. Don't be worried about calories though, the dancing keeps us all beautifully trim!

MATHS FOR FUN

Leader: Wanda Leach 284 8454

Venue: Kensington House, Station Rd

14:30 - 16:30 Admission - £1.00

If you hated maths at school and want a bit of stress busting laughter come and try our group. We find a twist each month that'll keep you smiling!

Wednesday 3rd. April - *Strategies for Sudoku, Kakuro & other fiendish puzzles.*

LOCAL HISTORY

Leader: Dennis Stevens 531 9188 **Asst. Leader:** Wyn Taylor 526 5467

Convenor: Bidni O'Donnell 476 2115 **Venue:** Lydiate Village Hall **First Tuesday** monthly 14:00 - 16:00 **Cost:** £2.00

On the **5th of March** Mr Jim Flynn gave us a talk on 'A Global Trip on a Merchant Ship with Liverpool connections.' This proved to be really engrossing giving our members much food for thought.

At our next meeting on the **4th of April** Mr Stuart Harrison will give us a talk and slide show on 'The Moss Side Hospital and War Hospital'.

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

There was much discussion about whether it was the 27th Feb. or the 27th July as the weather was so wonderful for our first Day Trip of 2019.

57 of us boarded the coach and headed for the Bellis Bros. Garden Centre in Wrexham. Time to wander through a wide range of goods and very reasonably priced Primulas, Wild Primroses etc. Some of us visited the Coffee for a cuppa and a chat; whilst some sat on the terrace outside enjoying this glorious weather amid lovely Welsh views.

Time passed quickly and we re-boarded our coach and travelled the short distance to the 18th century Carden Arms Inn Tilston

Nr.Malpas, Cheshire. After pre course drinks we had a very tasty 3 course lunch followed by tea/coffee in their restaurant. The staff were efficient, cheerful and friendly and the Chefs could be seen by some through the open plan hatch, preparing our food. This is a proud boast of this Hostelry – all food is freshly cooked to order and the evidence was right in front of us. There was then a chance to sit outside in the sunshine in this quaint village but soon it was time to think about our return journey. Arriving back at the Square no one mentioned "What's for tea?" Thanks to Marj for all her hard work for a very successful and enjoyable day. trip.



Tony Kneebone

U3A Welfare

Our U3A cares deeply about all its members but especially those who are poorly or going through a hard time.

If you know of any member who is ill, in need or could do with a friendly contact please inform Lill Boyle (Welfare) on 526 4303

'Knowing someone cares can make such a difference.'

TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE

Leader: Phil Davidson 526 6805

Asst: Colin Bennett 526 0752

Venue: Kensington House 14:30 2nd. & 4th. Wednesdays
Our topics for the coming month are:

10th - April Microbiology

24th - April - Making Movies

WELSH GROUP

Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530

First & third Thursday of the month 09:45 - 11:45

There was copious amounts of Bucks Fizz at the Welsh class on the 22nd of last month as celebrations were the order of the day. Wales' magnificent win against Ireland clinched the Six Nations and the Grand Slam for the Welsh heroes.

The only country to have won the championship four times Wales now turns her attention to next year's World Cup. Better stock up on some more bubbly!!

STOP PRESS !!

Due to illness, a twin cabin has become available on our Danube Cruise departing on the 17th. of September this year.

For full details please contact Jane Jones on 526 2530 or ask at the Holiday Desk.

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS
10:00 - 11:15



Maghull Baptist Church Hall
Tea/coffee served until 11:00

Time for a cuppa, a chat and a chance to make new friends.

THEATRE GROUP

Leaders: Pat Kelly 476 1726, Ann Unsworth & Sue Quinn



THEATRE	SHOW	DATE	PRICE
Liverpool Empire	Kinky Boots	4th April	£34.00
Liverpool Phil	Star Wars Saga + transport	27th April	TBD
Royal Exchange	West Side Story + transport	24th May	£50.00 app
Liverpool Empire	Les Misérables	17th Oct	£56.00