



Maghull and Lydiate U3A



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Welcome, Bienvenue, Willkommen, Benvenuta, Bienvenida and Croeso

When people are told about the U3A and its purpose, along with activities such as Music, Art, Drama. and other common leisure activities, they invariably associate it with language learning and most, if not all, U3As provide such opportunities. In our own U3A we have opportunities to learn French, German, Italian, Spanish and Welsh. Those who put themselves forward for these sessions do so for a variety of reasons. Some are seeking to revive an interest from their schooldays, others would like to say more than "hola, senora" to the kind old neighbour who leaves a box of lemons, peppers and garlic at the front door of their holiday home, but most just come along for the challenge and, hopefully, the fulfilment.

Learning a language in the U3A is not like being at school. There are no tests, exams. or reports, so little pressure to achieve externally set goals. There is no formal homework, but most realise that language learning is a skill acquired through practice, so many search out books, films, or music between sessions.

Those who choose to learn a language such as Spanish can also find themselves looking at the world in a slightly different way. There are insights into cultural differences that manifest themselves in the language. For a Spaniard, for example, there is less emphasis on politeness in normal conversation. Consequently it is difficult for us British to come to terms with the fact that saying "please", "would you", "could you give me....." in Spanish can make you sound rather obsequious.

Another example of a similar nature which indicates the proud nature of the Spanish people is that there is no word in the Spanish language for "to borrow". Something can be loaned, but never borrowed so the recipient does not feel obligated to the lender.

A final point, and maybe a depressing one, is that language learning has no limits; you never reach the point where there is nothing left to learn. Sometimes this manifests itself in unusual ways. Not long ago, as a group, we had a look at some Spanish proverbs, many of which having direct English equivalents. One such was the Spanish version of "never look a gift horse in the mouth". I was familiar with the saying but did not really understand why it meant what it did, until I saw it in its Spanish form, which is "don't inspect the teeth of a horse you are given as a gift". In other words don't try to find fault with something someone has been generous enough to give you.

We are learning all the time and that is brilliant.

Ron Higham

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN – RENEWALS ARE UPON US!

Looking back over the last year our first reaction is where did it go to? Time flies and the older you are the faster it goes and the more you do, well you can guess the rest. As members of such a vibrant U3A we have so many choices, so many opportunities that it's often hard to find time to fit everything in. Our success has been measured this year not only by the many new groups we have on offer but by the way our membership has increased quite substantially. Over 183 new members have walked through our door and received the warm welcome that our U3A has become well known for.

It's amazing to think that a mere fifty pence a month opens so many doors; not only to new experiences, new opportunities but to new friendship too. Let's face it it's the best six pounds you'll ever spend!!

What's even better is that this coming year the cost of membership will remain the same; no doubt everything else will go up but our price is set and our renewal system will kick into action next month.

The arrangements for the collection of subs can be found on page two.

Jane Jones

Deadline for items for our March Magazine is the 18th of February. Available on the 26th of February

ARCHAEOLOGY

Convenor: Colin Hignett 531 9763

Asst.: Eric Purvis

Venue: Kensington House 14:30 - 16:30 Every 2nd Friday of the month. 8th of Feb. - We are planning a trip to Atkinson Theatre to see the Egyptology Gallery Call at our table on coffee morning to book.

ARCHITECTURE FOR FUN

Leader: David Scott 07968289297

Asst: George Birchall 287 0308

ART APPRECIATION

Leader: Maureen Birchall 287 0308

Asst: Marje Rusling 531 7179

Monday 11th February - We are visiting the lovely Lady Lever to view Quentin Blake's comical art work, its well worth a chuckle or two Meet at venue @ 1. 45pm for tour or earlier if using cafe.
11.45 am train from Maghull Station

BADMINTON

Group One : Colin Gore 526 2216

Venue: United Reformed Ch. Hall
Wednesday 09:30 - 12:00

Group Two: June Avery 526 9118

Venue: Hudson School
Tuesdays 18:30 - 20:00

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE

Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530

Venue: Maghull Parish Hall
Mondays 13:00 - 15:00
Improvers & Beginners welcome.

BOOK CLUB

Leader: David Kearney 526 6001

Monthly at Orchard Hey 19:30

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Leader: Anne Carr 526 2734

Monthly at 23 Buckingham Rd 10:30

CARD MAKING GROUP

Leader: Joan Martin 526 9406 and

Asst: Pat Harris

Venue: St George's URC
Monday 13:30 - 15:30 All welcome.

2019-2020 Membership Renewals

U3A membership renewals will start to be collected in March 2019. The committee have agreed that the annual fee will remain at £6 for the next year, and the fees will be reviewed by the Committee later in the current year.

Group leaders have been requested to submit the names of those members and their partners renewing in groups to Brenda McKenzie in Group Support. Forms, new membership card and a year book, (one per household) will be issued to group leaders in early March, and can then be distributed in groups.

It would be helpful if fees could be paid by cheque made payable to Maghull and Lydiate U3A with your membership number/s on the back of the cheque.

One change this year is that the reverse of the new membership card has information about next of kin. We would be grateful if members could please complete this section on receipt of their new card. This information would be extremely helpful should an emergency arise and it is suggested that members keep their card on them whenever possible.

Desks for renewal of memberships at Tuesday Coffee morning will be in place for two weeks only. Dates will be announced shortly and posted on the website and in the March newsletter. After this time it will be necessary to visit the membership lead at the group support desk to renew your membership. As this desk is extremely busy it would be helpful if as many renewals as possible were completed in the allocated two week period, with, if possible, cheques already being made out as above before visiting the desk. Cash will be accepted but please no coins smaller than one pound.

Margaret Kendall Membership Lead

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.)

CYCLING GROUPS

A great way to keep fit.

DAY RIDERS

Leader: Phil Hughes 526 0038

New members welcome, a 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
Rides are usually some 10 - 15 miles.

DANCE FIT

Group One Co-ordinator: Chris Chua
Short 474 6355

Venue: Upstairs Studio, Maghull Town Hall
Mondays 09:00 - 09:45

Group Two Co-ordinator: Brenda McKenzie 531 0207

Venue: Upstairs Studio, Maghull Town Hall
Fridays 14:30 - 15:15

DAY TRIPS

Leader: Marj Atlay 526 4665

Asst: Sylvia Adams 531 9001

Wed.27th Feb: Visit Bellis Brothers' Garden Centre, Wrexham. Here we will have time to browse, visit the extensive Farmshop, the Butcher and drop into the Cafe for morning coffee. We proceed to the Carden Arms in Malpas;

*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 or in need, please inform Lill Boyle (Welfare) on 526 4303
'Knowing someone cares can make such a difference.'*

DAY TRIPS continued

an inn known for its hospitality and quality food for a 3 course lunch. Depart 09.15 from Maghull Square and return at 17:30 approx. Price £25.00 all included.

Wed.27th March: We will start our day by visiting the Chocolate House, Blackburn. With drinks on our arrival we will have time for demonstrations, tastings and maybe even time to shop for Easter treats. We move on to The Haworth Art Gallery Accrington, which houses the largest collection of Tiffany Glass outside USA.

Enjoy the opportunity to browse paintings, exhibitions and other valuable artefacts, gardens and studios before enjoying a welcome Cream Tea. Depart 09.15 from Maghull Square and return at 18:00 approx. Price £22.00 all included.

Full details are on our website (click on Day Trips) All trips depart from and return to Central Square. A deposit is requested for all trips please.

DIGITAL CAMERA GROUP

Leaders: Peter Martin 526 9406
Terry Horrobin 526 1249
Venue: St Andrews Church Room.
Mondays 14:00 - 16:00 fortnightly

The aim of the Digital Camera Group is to encourage and inspire the taking of better photographs and to provide a better understanding of digital camera settings and techniques. Photographs can be submitted (on 'memory stick') on a variety of subjects and a general critique is offered.

Subjects for the next few meetings are:

4th Feb. Colourful
18th Feb. Windows
4th March Pens and Pencils
18th March Old (*no 'selfies'*)

FAMILY HISTORY

Leaders: David Russell 526 6527
Rosney Leith 526 3623
Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
Lambshear Lane Lydiate 1:30 - 3:30
1st. of February - Translating Documents - Talk given by Pam Russell and Ros Leith.

FOODIE GROUP

Leader: Margaret Kendall 526 3164
Asst: Pat McGuire 924 5166
Venue: St James' Hall, Green Lane
Third Thurs each month.10:30 - 12:00

FRENCH GROUPS

Leader: David Ward 526 5071
Monday Group 14:00 - 16:00
Venue: St George's Social Club
Wednesday Group 14:00 - 16:00
Venue: Hudson Primary School

FRENCH continued

Early Stage French Group
Leader: Marie Bramwell 526 6653
Venue: St George's Social Club
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

GARDEN VISITS

Leaders: Ann Raw 526 6086
Barbara Short 526 1119
Asst. Doreen Bird
Wed. 13th February - We will first visit Shackleton's Garden Nursery. It's a well stocked garden centre and hopefully, give us some spring inspiration!!

They have a warm and welcoming cafe which you can have a morning coffee/tea if you wish. Later, we will go to the Calf's Head Country House Hotel for our Carvery Lunch with a choice of two or three roast meats and a selection of delightful desserts followed by tea/coffee.

Cost of trip. £23.00 all inc.
Depart Maghull Square 9.15am
Return 5.30pm approx

PLEASE NOTE ALL PAYMENTS DUE THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

GERMAN GROUP

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

GERMAN FOR COMPLETE BEGINNERS

Leaders: Ruth Allen 520 2690
Pat Mortimer
Venue: 15 Briars Lane Maghull
Wednesday 10:00 - 12:30

GLASS WORKSHOP

Leader: John Jackson 526 2900
Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
Fridays - 14:00 - 16:00
Meetings will be held on the 8th., 15th. and 22nd. of February.

HISTORY FOR FUN

Leader: Norman Stalford 531 9354
Venue & Time: Kensington House
14:30 - 16:00 every third Friday of the month
Last month we had our first History 4 Fun meeting and over 30 members attended, which was amazing. The talk was on William Pitt the younger, a topic which seemed to be enjoyed by all and which was followed by some lively discussion. The next topic will be '*Isambard Kingdom Brunel*'.

LINE DANCING

Leader: Hilary Loughlin 928 8936
Venue: Maghull Parish Hall,
Weds Beginners only 09:30 - 10:00
Improvers 10:00 - 12:00

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
Tuesday 5th February: Mr Cledwyn Hughes will give a talk on '*A Wander Through Liverpool Past and Present*'
Tuesday 4th March - Mr Jim Flynn will talk on: '*A Global Trip on a Merchant Ship with Liverpool Connections*'.

MATHS FOR FUN

Leader: Wanda Leach 284 8454
Venue: Kensington House, Station Rd
14:30 - 16:30 Admission - £1.50
Wed. 6th February - *Maths Around the House—All you need to know.*

NORDIC WALKING

Leaders: Brenda & John McKenzie
0790052522

Venue: Lydiate Village Hall

Mondays 18:30 apart from Bank Holidays. Our 1½ hrs circular walks cover some four miles following footpaths etc. Suitable footwear, clothing & training is required.

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

Leaders: Eric Jones 526 2965 &
Mike Newton 07786381961

Venue: United Reformed Church
Thursdays at 10:00

PHILOSOPHY

Leader: Tony Snape 526 3146

Asst: Frank Wood

Venue: Kensington House Third
Wed. of the month 14:30 - 16:30

PLAY READING /DRAMA

Leader: Elsie Bickerstaff 526 6511

Venue: 613 Green Lane, Maghull
Second Tuesday of the month 14:00

POETRY READING GROUP

Leader: Gwen Parry 526 4798

Venue: 27 East Meade, Maghull
Second Wednesday of the month
10:30-12:30 February - 'Bird poems'.

PRACTICAL GARDENING

Leaders: Maureen Ward 526 5071
& Dot Brannigan 07816398056

Venue: St Andrew's Parish Hall
First Monday of the month at 10:00

REAL ALE APPRECIATION

Leader: Sue Daniels 526 1198 or

SPANISH 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

SUNDAY STROLLERS

Leader: John McKenzie 531 0207
For full details see the website.

THEATRE GROUP

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

THEATRE	SHOW	DATE	PRICE
Liverpool Empire	The Nutcracker	18th February	TBD
Liverpool Playhouse	Girl on a Train	15th March	TBD

SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

Co-ordinator: Sylvia Adams 531 9001
Sunday 3rd.February - The Rufford
Arms, Rufford 13:30 for 14:00

TABLE GAMES

Leader: Phil Davidson 526 6805

Venue: The Function Room,
Maghull Town Hall
Mon. 10:00 12:00

TABLE TENNIS

Leaders: Carolyn Comaish 526 4478
George Dobie 285 0119

Tuesdays 14:00 & Fridays 14:00
Venue: Maghull Baptist Church Hall

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Leader: Sheila Merry 526 3220

Venue: Maghull Parish Hall
Friday 11:00 - 12:00

TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE

Leader: Phil Davidson 526 6805
Assts: Colin Bennett 526 0752
Venue: Kensington House 14:30
Our February talks are by Bill Tubey,
who has worked in the electrical
distribution industry for 52 years.
13th February - Electrical
Distribution Part One - This will
cover the basic principles of the
history, design & construction of the
system and will home in on the
provision of supplies to domestic

TECHNOLOGY continued

properties & the associated safety
issues including earthing & bonding.

27th February - Electrical Distribution
Part Two - This will cover the high
voltage systems in use & in particular
some of the equipment to be found
locally including the unique Liverpool
system which provides extremely high
levels of supply security.

TREBLE RECORDER GROUP

Leader: Chris Otium 531 8401

Asst: Lynne Maloret 526 4490
Venue: Maghull Baptist Church
Tuesdays 11:00 - 11:30

TEXTILE GROUP

Leader: Maureen Collier 526 0837

Venue: United Reformed Church
Mondays 13:30

WALKING GROUP

Leader: Margaret Kendall 526 3164

Asst: Alan Carr 01704 840 762
See the website for details

WALKING NETBALL GROUP

Leader: Margaret Ashton 285 1817

Asst: Cheryl Mercer 924 0902

WINE TASTING

Leader: George Birchall 287 0308

Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
See the website for details



NEW YEAR - NEW BABY

Champagne (with a touch of orange juice) flowed at our recent Welsh Class as we helped Grandma Lynne celebrate the arrival of her fifth grandchild. Aneurin, (a name we all approved of) was born on the 7th of January weighing in at a brilliant 8lb 3oz. Gran hasn't mastered photos on her phone yet so we're all looking forward to our first sight of Nye. I wonder if he was the first grandchild born to a U3A member in 2019? Let me know if anyone arrived earlier!!
Jane Jones

For details of the Welsh group please ring 526 2530