



# Maghull and Lydiate U3A

THE THIRD AGE TRUST  
**U3A**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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## Captivating Cornwall

There is something quite magical about Cornwall. Maybe it's the Arthurian legend, the promise that Merlin has cast his magic about the place or the wild beaches with surf to die for.

Whatever it is, when a group of gardening enthusiasts travelled for a short break to Newquay last month Cornwall delivered the goods!

Staying at the Pentire Hotel on the North coast the hotel looked out on Fistral beach, well known for producing amazing waves good enough to raise the spirit of every surfer in the county. It didn't disappoint, great waves and hot sunny weather gave the holiday a bit of a Caribbean flavour which was appreciated by all.

The break included visits to several National Trust properties including Cotehele and Treliwick Gardens.



Cotehele, once the family home to the Edgcumbe family was a wonderfully preserved Tudor house filled with stories and legends situated deep within the Tamar Valley. Outside, the formally planted terraces, 'Valley Garden' with its medieval stowpond and dovecote, the Upper Garden and orchards all gave us great opportunities to explore and discovering the sights, smells and sounds of the season. The gardens were a delight with cascades of colour awaiting us at every turn.

At Treliwick Gardens we found gardens full of diverse collections with magnificent river views setting off the planting to perfection. Wooded slopes lead down to the water where trees bent with age overhung the bank. The King Harry Ferry, close by, connected the garden to the nearby Roseland Peninsula on the other side of the estuary. The garden had an intimate feel about it with winding paths leading you from one delight to the next. Many of the exotic plants such as the ginko and palm trees needed shelter from the prevailing winds and the native trees were used perfectly to give the desired protection.



The boat trip from Falmouth to Truro was a pleasant diversion, giving us the opportunity to take in Treliwick gardens from the river. We passed historic houses including two Tudor castles as we made our way to Truro for a well deserved Cornish cream tea. Bliss!

Items for the newsletter should be sent to: [maghullandlydiateu3anewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:maghullandlydiateu3anewsletter@gmail.com)

Deadline for items for our July/August Newsletter is the 17th of June. Available on the 27th of June

## ARCHITECTURE FOR FUN

Leader: David Scott 07968289297

Asst: George Birchall 287 0308

13th June -

Trip to Appleby in Westmorland  
See Moot House , Appleby Castle with soup/sandwich/tea or coffee lunch and St Ann's Hospital

4th July -

Trip to Dunham Massey and Jodrell Bank  
See the gardens at Dunham Massey (lunch available at cost) and then move on to Jodrell Bank for a talk and self tour  
See George or John at Architecture for Fun desk

## ART APPRECIATION

Leader: Maureen Birchall 287 0308

Asst: Marje Rusling 531 7179

Wednesday June 19th 13:00

We are to enjoy a tour of this animal painting exhibition, Train from Central to Birkenhead Central, followed by a short walk to Gallery or meet at venue if going by car.

A small café at the venue provides welcome cups of tea/coffee if you arrive early.

£1.00 donation please to be paid on booking at the Art Desk.

**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 and will stay at the 4\* Double Tree by Hilton Docklands for 2 nights. We include visits to Eltham Palace, Dulwich Picture Gallery & Greenwich; a World Heritage Site. Cost is £260.00 pp

## **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. We love a challenge.

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

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

**Fri. 7th June** - Visit to the lovely Portmeirion Italian Village. Lots of interest plus shops, cafes, land train etc. then onto Porthmadog a lovely Harbour Town on the edge of the Snowdonia National Park.  
 Dep.8.30am Ret.6pm. Price £21 inc. entrance to the Village.

**Wed. 3rd July** - If you like mooching, browsing, checking out products for sale and buying, then come with us to Ena Mill.

A former busy Cotton Mill it's now a great outlet where you can buy just about anything and a lovely Cafe for morning coffee. We then move on to the Astley Bank Hotel Darwen, Lancashire, set in 6 acres of grounds. for a delicious three course lunch .  
 Dep.09.15 Ret. 18:00 £25 inc. lunch

**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.**

## **DIGITAL CAMERA GROUP**

**Leaders:** Peter Martin 526 9406  
 Terry Horrobin 526 1249  
**Venue:** St Andrews Church Room.  
 Mondays 14:00 - 16:00 fortnightly  
 Forthcoming topics:  
**3rd June** - 'Countryside'

The group will close for the summer break after the June meeting. In our July/August edition find out what the topics are for September.

## **GLASS WORKSHOP**

**Leader:** John Jackson 526 2900  
**Venue:** Lydiate Village Centre  
 Fridays - 14:00 - 16:00  
 Workshops will be held on:  
 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th of June.

## **GARDEN VISITS**

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

**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.  
 There will be plenty to see and do, from the inspiring show gardens, floral marquees, plant growers and the nation's favourite garden experts 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, inc. entrance, shows & coach is £30.00

We leave Maghull square 08.00 prompt & return at 18:00/18:30.

## **HISTORY FOR FUN**

**Leader:** Norman Stalford  
**Venue:** Kensington House  
**Meet:** Third Friday in the month  
**June 21st.** - Our topic is yet to be decided but have no doubt it will be something to whet your fancy!!

## **LOCAL HISTORY**

**Leader:** Denis 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

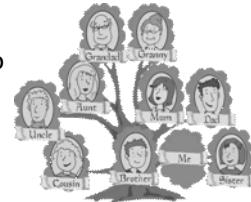
At our last meeting Diane Goodier gave us a very informative talk about the Vikings. Dressed in a replica Viking costume Diane looked impressive as she delivered a potted history of the seafaring nation and their exploits.

**June 4th** - Today's talk will be delivered by Mr. Jim Flynn -

## **FAMILY HISTORY**

**Leaders:** David Russell 526 6527 & Rosney Leith 526 3623

**Venue:** Lydiate Village Centre 13:30



## **Grand Open Day 7th June**

We've probably all got questions about our family history - we may know our grandparents and even the odd great grandparent but, go further back and things become a bit more mysterious!

Who exactly were they? Where did they live? When were they born? What did they do? Were they tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor, rich man, poor man beggar man or thief! Our family history group is exactly where you should go to start the search for the answers.

Starting your family tree is not just fun, it's rewarding and delving into the past can turn all of us into detectives.

Come along on the 7th of June and let us get you started. Bring in as much information as you have, names, dates, certificates of birth, marriage or death. Bring that bit of gossip you think you heard - you'll never know where it might lead if you don't lift that first stone and see what's underneath!

## MATHS FOR FUN

**Leader:** Wanda Leach 284 8454

**Venue:** Kensington House, Station Rd  
14:30 - 16:30 Admission - £1.00

**Wednesday 5th June - It's easy when you know how!**

Last time, we found that Sudoku and Kakuro are not so scary after all; so we will continue to tackle more puzzles, including logic ones.

## POETRY READING GROUP

**Leader:** Gwen Parry 526 4798

**Venue:** 27 East Meade, Maghull  
Second Wednesday of the month  
10:30-12:30

For the moment the Poetry Group will be having their meetings in June and July at Anne Carr's House - 23 Buckingham Road (526 4456)

There will be no meeting in August. It is hoped that normal service will be resumed in for September.

## SUNDAY STROLLERS

**Leader:** John McKenzie 531 0207 or 0790052522

Following a very successful murder mystery walk in Chester our next walk is on the 3rd Sunday 16th June . Led by Judith this walk will be along the waterfront at Liverpool.

More details can be found on the website.

## TABLE TENNIS

**Leaders:** Carolyn Comaish 526 4478  
George Dobie 285 0119

**Tuesdays 14:00 & Fridays 14:00**

**Venue:** Maghull Baptist Church Hall  
For a fun way to keep fit!

## Happy 90th Birthday Stan

*Stan joined our U3A when the call for membership went out in 2006 and has been an active participant ever since.*

*Stan is a regular at the Philosophy and Digital Camera Groups and has contributed some of his photographs to the displays at the Coffee morning. His love is taking photographs of Liverpool*

*Taking photographs is a natural progression for Stan's true love - painting. As a keen member of the Maghull Art Group he has exhibited his work both at the Town Hall and in Lydiate on many occasions.*

*Stan used to teach art at Skelmersdale College and has helped inspire many a would be artist to take up their brushes and paint.*

*His recent birthday was very special and the event was marked with a small presentation during the coffee morning. Everyone wished Stan a very Happy Birthday with lots more to come.*

Jane Jones      Photo by Peter Martin



## TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE

**Leader:** Phil Davidson 526 6805

**Asst:** Colin Bennett 526 0752

**Venue:** Kensington House 14:30

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

Our topics for the month are:

**12th June** - Gustav Dalen

Born in Sweden in 1869 Gustav decided not to follow the family trait of going into farming and all of us should be grateful that he didn't! Come to our talk and find out how he made us all a bit safer and won an award for doing so!

**26th June** - Biochemical weapons

No doubt a topic that sends shivers down one's spine especially thinking back to Salisbury last year!

## TEXTILE GROUP

**Leader:** Maureen Collier 526 0837

**Venue:** United Reformed Church

**Mondays** 13:30

The exhibition planned by this group for the 11th of June has now been postponed. Keep an eye out in our July edition for the new date.

## WINE TASTING

**Leader:** George Birchall 287 0308

**Venue:** Lydiate Village Centre

**25th June** -

A night of French wines at Wine time at Scatcards

Usual 6 wines plus food etc

Return taxi transfer available

See George at Wine Tasting desk

## Holiday Dates for your Diaries.

We still have one twin cabin available on our Danube Cruise departing on the 17th. of September this year.

April 24th. 2020 - Enjoy a Murder Mystery break at the Hallmark Derby Midland Hotel in Derby. Our three day break will give you a chance to be Poirot or Miss Marple, Columbo or Vera or even Sherlock Holmes if you choose! Places are going fast so don't delay if this trip takes your fancy.

September 2020 - At the request of a few members a trip has been arranged to the Somme and Passchendaele battlefields of northern France. The five day trip will be escorted by a professional guide and will be based in Arras. We need a minimum of 35 people to ensure this trip goes ahead so if interested please let me know at the Holiday Desk. Currently we have twenty names on our list.

**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
Playhouse	Cooped - no transport	17th June	£17.00
Liverpool Empire	Les Misérables - no transport	17th Oct	£56.00
Empire Theatre	Glynnbourne Company - Rigoletto	23rd Nov	tba

### *The Scandalous Single Supplement.*

*I suspect all of us who have needed a single room have at one point or another bemoaned how much extra we have to pay for the same break as friends travelling in pairs. We all understand that getting a big comfortable double room all for oneself is going to cost us more. We can appreciate that the hotel will be losing revenue after all one bed won't be used but what gets all of us absolutely seething mad is when we get a room that can only fit a single bed into it!!*

*I have taken up arms about this on many an occasion but a holiday to Cromer several years ago stands out. The hotel was the Hotel du Paris and several ladies who needed a single room were informed that although the room was a single they would be expected to pay a supplement!!*

*The question is why?? The hotel is not losing another income from the room, the amount of cleaning is no different so how come they can charge the extra amount? The answer is simple they just can. I spoke at length to Alfa, the tour company who informed me they did not charge any supplements and referred me to the manager of the hotel. His answer was quite simply 'We can charge what we like.' There's not a lot one can do faced with that kind of reply! We're fair minded people in the U3A, we know that if we get a bit extra we always have to pay for it but why are we paying when we just get a rabbit hutch!!*

*Recently the Daily Mail highlighted this problem and whilst they were fixed in the main on the single supplement for cruise ships they acknowledged that the problem is widespread where older hotels are concerned. Newer hotels do not have single rooms but at least when you pay the supplement you can swing at least a couple of cats in your room!*

*Nowadays as a holiday organiser I do try to place us in modern hotels and try an negotiate a reasonable price for single occupancy but if the only hotel available is the older one my hands are tied. The Daily Mail hopes to gather stories as examples of the way this practice is abused; if you have a take to tell contact them at [moneymail@dailymail.co.uk](mailto:moneymail@dailymail.co.uk) or Money Mail, 2 Derry Street, London W8 5TT. Maybe if we all shout loud enough, the practice of paying a supplement for a single room can be dealt with. Once they sort out Brexit of course!!!*

Jane Jones



Going back in time in Cornwall !

### Belfast & Northern Ireland Break

The pre-holiday meeting for this break will be held on the 18th of June at 11:15 in the Sanctuary. Holiday information packs will be given out but if you know you can't make it could you please ask a friend to pick you your pack for you. My thanks go to the Recorder Group who have very kindly given us their time in the Sanctuary for this meeting.

### New committee takes office.

Congratulations and thanks to all those who were recently voted onto our Committee. We send a warm welcome to our two newest members - Tony Kneebone and Ann Willcox.

### **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.'***