



Maghull and Lydiate U3A



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Eltham Palace - Art Deco Paradise

The Art Appreciation trip to Eltham Palace PLUS was well worth enduring the journey in teeming rain. Marcus our coach driver was our hero. As we neared Bletchley the clouds dispersed and we had a dry visit, even those who had been before found something new of interest.



Eventually after an amazing tour of London trying to get by the traffic, we arrived at our hotel Double Trees, Hilton in Docklands, what a great position and we even had a free ferry over to Canary Warf every 10 minutes.

Monday was glorious which was just as well as most of our visit was to be

outdoors. Eltham Palace was the childhood home of Henry VIII with amazing gardens and views over London. The Courtauld family purchased a ruin and created a work of art deco beauty. Money of course being no object. The afternoon was spent in Greenwich, full to the edges with every nationality you can imagine. The refurbished Cutty Sark was in full splendour and with National Trust we got half price, this was not openly displayed but if you don't ask you don't get.



Tuesday was art lovers' day with a visit to Dulwich art house, a real gem out of the main drag of London with many works by Rubens, Gainsborough and Pissarro and of course the ever welcome cafe. We arrived at Tate Britain for a free afternoon or a booked visit to the Van Gogh Exhibition. I am sure everyone felt we had our monies worth from the trip. We all cheered Marcus once again for wonderful driving in torrential rain.

Maureen Birchall

Canal Walking Group

Following the group's completion of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal Walk last summer we commenced a new project in September 2018. We are now walking the "Cheshire Ring", in easy stages.

The Cheshire Ring takes in the whole of the Macclesfield Canal and parts of the Trent and Mersey, Bridgewater, Rochdale, Ashton and Peak Forest Canals. We decided to start with the Bridgewater Canal and on our June walk we completed this section. Our next walks will be along the Trent and Mersey Canal, which will take us through the Cheshire countryside to join the Macclesfield Canal, north of Stoke on Trent. We expect to complete this section next spring. Each walk is a circular walk with roughly half being along the canal and the return to the starting point being along footpaths, mostly through countryside, apart from at the start of the Canal, where we walked through Central Manchester and Salford. We usually walk six to eight miles once a month so the completion of the Cheshire Ring is likely to take us more than two years, which will give us plenty of time to plan our next project!

Anne Blundell

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

Deadline for items for our Nov/December Newsletter is the 18th of October Available on 28th of October

ARCHITECTURE FOR FUN

Leader: George Birchall 287 0308
10th October. Shugborough Estate, Stafford. Coach from Maghull, entry to Estate, tour of Shugborough Hall, tour of Lichfield Apartment with photographic display of Patrick Lichfield, access to gardens & grounds including a model farm museum with rare breeds of farm animals & the estates brewery.
See George/John on our desk.

ART APPRECIATION

Leader: Maureen Birchall 287 0308
Asst: Marje Rusling 531 7179
Wednesday 2nd. October - Keith Haring at the Tate Liverpool
We are surveying new fields with artist Keith Haring who was part of the New York art scene of the 1980s. We will all have been around then, so let's see what was happening even if we were very busy rearing children. It's never too late to catch up! Meet at the venue 13:30. Café on site. Entry £7.00 concession + £5.00 tour Members free tour + £5.00 Payment & booking at the Desk on Tuesdays please.

CALLIGRAPHY GROUP

Leader: Rosney Leith 526 3623
Venue: St Peter's Church Hall Moorhey Rd. Maghull L31 5LW
Will meet on 3rd Wednesday each month 13:00 - 14:00
Hone your skills with this exciting new group.

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.)

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

Wed. 16th Oct. Visit to Bowness on Windermere then onto Blackwell Arts and Crafts House. Guided tour, talk, cream tea. Dep. 9.15am Ret. 6pm
Price £23 inc. guided tour/cream tea

Thurs. 14th Nov. Manchester Christmas Markets set in the City Centre. Over 300 chalets plus main shops. Then we move onto the Stockport Plaza for their Christmas Spectacular. Sit back in your comfortable good. stalls seat and enjoy. This is the perfect treat to start the Christmas period.
Dep. 9.30am Ret. 5pm Price £25 inc.

Mon. 16th Dec. Visiting the lovely village of Port Sunlight with plenty points of interest including a Garden Centre.
Visit the Lady Lever Art Gallery with its treasures, and lovely cafe.
Then onto Llyndir Hall Hotel Rossett, for a delicious 3 course lunch followed by coffee/mince pie.

Day Trips continued

Dep. 9.30am Ret. 6pm Price £25 inc. lunch (a deposit of £10 is requested on this trip please)
Full details at our table or on the web site click on Day Trips.

A deposit is requested for all trips please which depart from/return to Central Square.

DIGITAL CAMERA GROUP

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

14th October - Waterways
28th October - Groups

FAMILY HISTORY

Leaders: David Russell 526 6527 & Rosney Leith 526 3623
Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
1st Friday of the month 13.30 - 15.30
4th October - Effect of the Black Death, 17th Plague and Spanish Flu had on the population.
Talk given by Doug & Pam

GLASS WORKSHOP

Leader: John Jackson 526 2900
Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
October 11th, 18th, & 25th.

TREBLE RECORDER GROUP

Who would have thought that when this group started just two years ago, that we would be asked to play at various venues around Liverpool.

Some of our members had never played a note, read music, or even held a treble recorder! So what is the difference between treble and the little descant recorder most of us had to learn at school? Well the treble makes a much deeper and melodic sound but takes practice to master the different fingering.

We are fortunate too that one of our members (Patrick) plays the tenor, and another the tiny sopranino, all variations of recorder.

A few weeks ago we were asked to play at Lydiate Village Centre. What a delight to play music for this lovely group of people who have Alzheimers, and their befrienders. We took our usual song sheets and invited all to sing along, from Edelweiss to Keep the home Fires burning, and Frere Jaques to Tallis 'Canon. The highlight though when we played Clementine (Oh my darling), to hear one of the ladies say "This is my favourite song "and sang her heart out. What a blessing to be able to make others happy. This is U3A at its best. A couple of our group even stayed behind after the concert to mix and chat.

We are currently up to nine members with another requesting she join. If anyone is interested please contact Lynne Maloret. We could possibly take one or two providing they had some previous experience.

Lynne Maloret and Christine Otim.

GARDEN VISITS

Leaders: Ann Raw 526 6086

Barbara Short 526 1119

Asst. Doreen Bird

Friday 15th - Sunday 17th November

A pre-Christmas break has been arranged to visit Harrogate, Skipton, Knaresborough, visiting the Christmas Markets and Harewood House in the heart of Yorkshire, built in the 18th century, this being one of the Treasure Houses of England, with an art collection to rival the finest in Britain.

We will be staying at the Mercure Hotel, located close to the ancient market town of Wetherby on a D/ B&B basis.

Total cost of this tour, including all travel and entrance to Harewood House is £199 leaving Maghull Square at 9.30a.m. Expecting to return to Maghull at 5.00p.m.

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas lunch - Our first visit will be to Barton Grange garden centre for a bit of festive inspiration. This is a lovely garden centre with plenty of ideas to put you in the Christmas spirit.

Later we will journey to our "Mystery" Christmas lunch venue, as most of us like a surprise!! The venue is set in beautiful surroundings and countryside. It is a three course meal with a choice of starters, mains and an assiette of Christmas desserts, tea/coffee and mince pie.

Cost £30.00 (inc. coach travel)

Depart Maghull Square – 09:30

Return Maghull Square. – 17:30 app.

HISTORY FOR FUN

Leader: Norman Stalford

Venue: Kensington House

Meet: Third Friday in the month

10th October - This month's topic will be 'Queen Matilda'.

LAW FOR FUN

Leader: John Dilworth 07950950787

Venue: Lydiate Village Hall

Third Thursday each month 14:00 -

16:00 Entry £1.50 inc. refreshments.

17th October - "Most of us enter into contracts every day of our lives

(perhaps without even realising it)!

We will discuss the basic

components of the law of contract.

Amongst other things you will learn

how Carboloc Smokeballs and Boots

the Chemist helped shape the law as

it is today"!

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

Tuesday October 5th -

MATHS FOR FUN

Leader: Wanda Leach 284 8454

Venue: Kensington House, Station Rd

14:30 - 16:30

Admission - £1.00 inc refreshments.

2nd. October- Use the tools of Maths to solve everyday problems in an enjoyable and stress-free way.

NORDIC WALKING

Leaders: Brenda & John McKenzie

0790052522

Venue: Lydiate Village Hall

Mon. 18:30 but for Bank Holidays.

POETRY READING GROUP

Leader: Gwen Parry 526 4798

Venue: 27 East Meade, Maghull

Second Wednesday of the month

10:30-12:30

This friendly group has now returned

to East Meade. October's poems will

all follow the theme of '

TABLE TENNIS

Leaders: Carolyn Comaish 526 4478

George Dobie 285 0119

Tuesdays 14:00 & Fridays 14:00

Venue: Maghull Baptist Church Hall

Keeping up your fitness regime is a

great way of keeping those aches

and pains away.

TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE

Leader: Phil Davidson 526 6805

Asst: Colin Bennett 526 0752

Venue: Kensington House 14:30

11th September - Fredrick William

Herschel - We will be looking at

Herschel's contribution from

telescopes to infra red.

25th October - ????

WINE TASTING

Leader: George Birchall 287 0308

Venue: Lydiate Village Centre

Thursday 17th October -

A further tasting will take place on the above date

It will be a tasting of Italian wines and

will also include cheese, meat,

biscuits, olives and water.

Cost will be £7.00 for tasting and

£7.00 for taxi transfer from and back

to Maghull Square

Please see George Birchall on "wine

tasting" desk or ring in.

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.

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.'

Advice From a Friendly Wasp



So, you don't like wasps but I want you to know
 We wasps in spring help your flowers to grow
 Our larvae love aphids and small tasty flies
 Such protein helps them, and our nest grow in size.
 Like bees, we sip nectar and help to make seed
 Pollination you know serves both veggies and need
 We buzzed with delight when we came to see
 the food on your table for afternoon tea
 We don't want your cream cake
 We don't want your ham
 You eat the fruit scones but leave us the jam!
 When summer comes, sweet food we would choose
 To 'gettafix' of sugar and booze.
 A waspinator will give you the delight
 Of seeing my sisters escape from the sight
 Of an enemy nest, no need for a spray.
 No dead wasps to clear, you can party all day
 No need to be a wasp exterminator
 Take advice from a friend
 Hang a waspinator.



Maureen Ward

(NB 'Gettafix' is a character in Asterix comics - he 'brews' potions)

Trentham Gardens

A visit to the Trentham Estate has many unexpected delights. In the Gardens there is vast perennial planting programme which changes its colours throughout the seasons so there is always a different display and colour scheme. The immaculate Italian Garden with its wonderful view of the Capability Brown designed lake is a stop, wonder and admire area.

Elsewhere, there are whispering grasses, wild flower meadows, herbaceous borders and dotted around hidden fairy statues perched on their dandelion heads made of glittering metal. We didn't miss the amusing wood carvings scattered about either. The whole area is a stunning revival of a historic garden and tucked away are the remains of the Old Hall - a reminder of its glorious past. We were lucky to have a warm dry day and so could leisurely stroll around the Lake, where there was plenty of seating to entice us to watch the world go by.

Some of us took a boat trip across the Lake; for others the Shopping Village with its 79 chalets looked tempting; or the Garden Centre, one of the largest in the country.

Plenty of plastic was flashed here. There was a wide choice of eating/drinking outlets to suit all pockets and choice. It's no surprise that they have won the Gold Award from Visit England.

We spent a lovely relaxing day here - just what we all needed!

Marj Atlay

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



THEATRE	SHOW	DATE	PRICE
Empire Theatre	9 - 5 the Musical date to be decided	1st /5th Oct	TBA
Empire Theatre	Les Misérables - no transport	17th Oct	£56.00
Bridgewater Hall	Licence to Thrill	18th Oct	TBA
Empire Theatre	Glyndebourne Company - Rigoletto no transport	23rd Nov	£44.00
Bridgewater Hall	Space Spectacular	16th Nov	TBA
Playhouse	Miracle on 34th Street	7th Dec ...	TBA
Royal Exchange	Gypsy date to be decided	30th Nov ...	TBA