



Maghull and Lydiate U3A



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2020 RENEWALS

General Membership renewals will take place on the **first four Tuesdays in March between 10.00 and 11.00 in the Sanctuary**. Membership for 2020 will remain at £6.00 per person.

Members who attend a static group, i.e. in a venue, are encouraged to renew in their group during February as this cuts down on the Tuesday morning crowds. Group Leaders will hand out the forms and will take your renewal payment (preferably in a cheque form) during the February meetings.

This year the renewal forms will **not** be pre-printed with names in an attempt to reduce waste and ensure we have the most up to date data. The blank forms will be available at the coffee morning during February for you to take home, fill in your details, and bring them to the desks on the renewal days.

If you have difficulty completing the forms, help will be available at the renewal desks. If possible please pay by cheque, made payable to Maghull and Lydiate U3A with your membership number on the back.

These changes will hopefully speed up the renewal process considerably if you bring a ready completed form and cheque to the desks.

Any member, who has not renewed by end April 2020, will be removed from the database and a new number will be issued if you then wish to renew.

Margaret Kendall

Norman Cornish Exhibition Break.

Join the Art Appreciation Group for a three day/two night stay at the Marriott Hotel Royal Country in Durham on a half board basis. Departing on the 20th of February our trip will include visits to the Bowes Gallery, Barnard Castle and a newly renovated Bishop Auckland Castle.

At the Bowes Museum our main focus will be the Norman Cornish exhibition (often thought of as a very under appreciated British artist because of his humble background in the mining district).

The cost of the break is £250 if sharing with a £50 single supplement. All entrances are included. Contact the Art Appreciation desk.

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

Deadline for items for our March Newsletter is the 11th of February. Available on the 24th of February

ARCHITECTURE FOR FUN

Leader: George Birchall 287 0308

April 16th - We are proposing a trip to Holker Hall and Gardens with, if time allows, a short visit to Cartmel. We will have a guided tour of both the Hall and Gardens.

The cost including all entrance and tour fees is £31.00

See George or John at Architecture for Fun desk or call 07826 048379 to book a place

ART APPRECIATION

Leader: Maureen Birchall 287 0308

Asst: Marje Rusling 531 7179

Phil Garret Exhibition

We are to view this amazingly talented artist's work on Friday February 14th, 10.30 am at the Kirkby Gallery. This gallery is a leader in many things and this exhibition will be one of their highlights of the year.

On entering the Meadows Leisure Centre look above & behind where you will see one of Phil's amazing pieces. There is also one other for you to spot?

£2.00 donation required

Please check at the desk if there any spaces left.

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.

The next beginners' class will start in September.

CALLIGRAPHY GROUP

Leader: Rosney Leith 526 3623

Venue: St Peter's Church Hall
Moorhey Rd. Maghull L31 5LW

We meet on 3rd Wednesday of each month

13:00 - 14:30

19th February and **18th of March** - continuing with the art of Italics.

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 tackle a wide range of issues and really relish 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

Wed. 5th Feb. Visit to award winning Oswaldtwistle Mills with over 100 outlets including fresh food and a Garden Centre. Time for coffee and a 2 course Lancashire lunch/tea/coffee (both included) .

After lunch we will have an onboard guided tour delving into 'Haunted Histories' by Simon Entwistle who is a well known entertaining guide and has appeared on TV. Dep.

09.15 Ret: 17:00 Price £25 inc. coffee/lunch/guided tour

Wed. 25th March. Visit to the English Heritage Historic City of Lancaster. Plenty to see do in this compact and interesting City. Then on to the White Cross Restaurant set in a 130 year old converted Cotton Warehouse situated on the banks of the Canal for a 2 course lunch with a good choice

Dep. 09.15 Ret. 17:00 Price £25 inc. a two course lunch

DIGITAL CAMERA GROUP

Leaders: Peter Martin 526 9406

Terry Horrobin 526 1249

Venue: St Andrews Church Room.
Mondays 14:00 - 16:00 fortnightly

1st. February - People

17th. February - Transport

Don't forget to look at the amazing photographs we have placed on our group page online. These stunning photographs were all taken by our members.

Be prepared to be impressed!!

FAMILY HISTORY

Leaders: David Russell 526 6527 & Rosney Leith 526 3623

Venue: Lydiate Village Centre

1st Friday of the month 13.30 - 15.30

7th February - The long, long trail by Roy Ferguson

6th March - Headstones, memories through photographs - Paul McAffley

GARDEN VISITS

Leaders: Ann Raw 526 6086

Barbara Short 526 1119

Asst. Doreen Bird

Wednesday 11th March. -

Shackletons Nurseries & The Calf's Head.

Our first stop this morning is an old Garden Visits favourite Shackletons Nurseries.

Shackletons is an award winning family run Home and Garden Centre, and it is here that we will stop for our morning coffee/tea after which there will be time for a browse around this lovely Garden Centre.

We will then travel the short distance to the Calf's Head, situated in the heart of the Ribble Valley in the Conservation Village of Worston, and it is here that we will have a two course meal; consisting of a carvery and desserts to die for!

Cost £22.00. Leave Maghull Square at 09.15

Return Maghull Square at approx. 17:00. (Traffic permitting).

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

Asst: Bob Jones 931 4638

Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
Fridays - 14:00 - 16:00

February - 14th, 21st and 28th.

March - 13th, 20th and 27th.

See page three for an exciting opportunity.

HISTORY FOR FUN

Leader: Norman Stalford **Venue:** Kensington House **Meet:** Third Friday in the month

Last year has flown by so fast it's hard to believe that, as a group, we are approaching our first anniversary. During a packed year, we have enjoyed some really interesting topics, many of which originated from members within our own group.

We certainly plan on keeping up the good work as we begin another year of delving into history's great tales.

Our last meeting gave us a glimpse into the life of Queen Mary of Teck, consort to King George the Fifth and great grandmother to our present Queen. A fascinating story and enjoyed by all.

This month we are looking at the American Civil War, investigating the different beliefs that led to this nation turning on itself.

Our future programme will include talks on George Washington, Joan of Arc and the Brothers of Shugborough.

LAW FOR FUN

Leader: John Dilworth 07950950787

Venue: Lydiat Village Hall

Third Thursday each month 14:00 -

16:00 Entry £1.50 inc. refreshments.

The next session will be on the 20th of February where John will be exploring the 1968 Theft Act and explaining why it's impossible to rob a bank!!

LOCAL HISTORY

Leader: Denis Stevens 531 9188

Asst. Leader: Wyn Taylor 526 5467

Convenor: Bidni O'Donnell 476 2115

Venue: Lydiat Village Hall

First Tuesday monthly 14:00 - 16:00

Cost: £2.00

Tuesday 4th February – Cliff Duncan, one of our own members, will give a talk on one of the murder enquiries he was involved in.

His talk 'The Murder of John Moon' will deal with the events that transpired on the 29th of August 1974.

LOCAL HISTORY - continued

Tuesday 3rd March - Roisin Stoddern will give a talk and slide presentation on 'Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral'. Having been a guide there for many years Roisin will take us on a guided tour delving into the heart of the Cathedral.

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

Leaders: Jeanette O'Neill 226 4932

Margaret Walton 526 0852 &

Maureen Ashkar

Venue: United Reformed Church

Thursdays at 10:00

This group has just undergone a change of leadership with the above sharing the duties between them.

The group would like to take this opportunity to show its appreciation to Mike Newton for the time and effort he has put into the group since becoming its leader and wishes him all the success with his next project.

POETRY READING GROUP

Leader: Gwen Parry 526 4798

Venue: 27 East Meade, Maghull
Second Wednesday of the month

SPANISH CONVERSATION

Leader : Ron Higham 526 3562

Venue: Lydiat Village Hall

Friday 09:30 - 11:30 Group One

Friday 11:30 - 13:00 Group Two

TABLE GAMES

Leader: Phil Davidson 526 6805

Asst: Cath Pearson 526 1872

Venue: The Function Room, Maghull
Town Hall

Mondays 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

Try Your Hand at Stained Glass Working

The Stained Glass Workshop will be holding a Practical Introduction to Working in Leaded Stained Glass starting 14th February at Lydiat Village Centre. There will be 5 weekly sessions covering Design, Glass cutting, Lead work and finishing off. By the end of the course, each participant will have made a small piece of stained glass.

The cost of the course, including all materials, is £15.

Places are limited so for further information or to book a place please talk to someone at the Glass Workshop Desk on a Tuesday or call in at one of our usual sessions on Friday afternoons.

The course will run alongside the usual workshops and some workshop members will be participating in the course instead of working on their own projects.

So that we can make sure we have sufficient materials etc we will set 3rd Feb as the last day for bookings and anyone wanting to book after that would go on to a reserve list. (Maybe come along as an observer!)

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 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

12th February - Don't Eat the Green Bits!!

26th February - Central Heating from Ancient Korea to the Present Day

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 GROUPS

EASY WALKERS

Leader: Judith Jones 07443 334222
First Thursday of the month.

EASY WALKERS 2020 CALENDAR

6th Feb Sandhills to Britannia Pub

5th Mar Crosby

2nd Apr Hop Vine Burscough

7th May Bull and Dog Burscough

4th Jun Mystery Walk

2nd Jul Westhead to Lathom

6th Aug West Kirby

EASY WALKERS - continued

3rd Sep Town Green

1st Oct Eastham Wirral

5th Nov Wirral Way

3rd Dec Local walk

RAMBLERS

Leader: Margaret Kendall 526 3164

Asst: Alan Carr 01704 840 762

RAMBLERS 2020 CALENDAR

6th Feb Lunt Meadows

5th Mar Reeler's trail Blackburn

2nd Apr Overton Sandstone trail

7th May Moel Fenlli

4th Jun Simons seat Bolton abbey

2nd Jul Rivington Pike

6th Aug Hebden bridge

3rd Sep North Wales

1st Oct Warhorse walk Ormskirk

5th Nov Calderstones Park

3rd Dec Local walk & Xmas meal
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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.

WALKING NETBALL GROUP

Leader: Margaret Ashton 285 1817

Asst: Cheryl Mercer 924 0902

Venue: West Lancs College, Skem

Fridays 09:30 - 10:30

Our Walking Netball group continues to grow. Two more of our members are going on a Netball England Hosting Course at the end of January. Most weeks we have enough members to make two full teams. It is a really fun way to keep fit and although most of our members have played before we do have members who have never played netball. We play on a Friday morning at West Lancs College. We do share lifts so we may be able to sort a lift out for you if needed.

If you fancy joining us come & see Margaret Ashton at the Group Support desk Tuesday mornings.

WELSH GROUP

Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530

First & third Thursday of the month
Please ring for details

WINE TASTING

Leader: George Birchall 287 0308

Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
See the website for details

HOLIDAYS

Leader: Jane Jones 5262530

We still have two rooms available on our Battlefields trip to Northern France this year. Departing on the 6th of Sept we spend five days exploring the Somme and Passchendaele areas of France & Belgium with the services of a professional guide at our disposal. Cost: £439.00, b/b plus one lunch and two dinners. For full details please ring 526 2530 or check out the flier on line.

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS 10:00 - 11:15



Maghull Baptist Church Hall
Tea/coffee served until 10:50
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
The Empire	The King and I (ticket only)	12th March	£46.00
The Playhouse	Quality Street—Northern BroadSides (ticket only)	20th March	£22.00
The Empire	Cabaret (ticket only)	17th April	£40.00