



# Maghull and Lydiate U3A



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## TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS 10:00 - 11:15

We restart our U3A on Tuesday the 7th of September at our usual venue of Maghull Baptist Church Hall .

## We Say Goodbye to ....

During lockdown the following groups decided the time was right to shut up shop. It's quite an arduous job running a group and as a U3A we wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the leaders of the following groups for all the time and effort they have put in over the years.

- Calligraphy with Ros Leith
- Pedal Pushers with Bill Ashton
- Local History with Denis Stevens
- Treble Recorders with Chris Otium and Lynne Maloret
- Modern France with David Ward
- French Early Stages with Marie Bramwell

## Long Time No See .....

The last eighteen months have been a time of change for all of us. We've lived our lives looking out through lace curtains and blinds; worried about going out into the world. We may have lost people very dear to us and as your U3A we grieve their loss with you. Today, however, we can really see light at the end of the tunnel and our meeting is really a celebration of that.

This year means a new venue for a few of our groups, as favourite haunts have closed their doors. Be sure to read through the group information section so that you know where your favourite group is now being held. We have lost a few groups but it means we have room to introduce new groups and new leaders. It could even be you! If you have an idea for a new group; something you've always wanted to try (not skydiving - no insurance!) this could be your chance.

Our Tuesday morning get-together will be a little bit different for the next few weeks. The sudden rise in Covid cases has made us feel that diligence is needed and as a result numbers into the Church Hall are going to be restricted in accordance with the Church's risk assessment. Be patient if you are asked to wait to gain entry please.

We are also asking all our members to wear their mask during their visit to the hall and group leaders are required to book time slots to pay in money each Tuesday. Tea and coffee will not be served as the Ladies in the kitchen are struggling with numbers. Their long and dedicated service has been much appreciated by all and now they need some help.. Anyone able to take a turn on a Tuesday morning would be warmly welcomed.

Whatever you decide to join, you can be assured of one thing; you'll always get a warm welcome at Maghull and Lydiate U3A.

## ARCHITECTURE FOR FUN

**Leader:** George Birchall 287 0308  
Architecture for Fun desk or call 07826 048379

## ART APPRECIATION

**Leader:** Maureen Birchall 287 0308  
We have lots of lovely outings planned for you and start off with a visit to the Grayson Perry Exhibition

## Art Appreciation (continued)

on the 20th of October. Places on this outing were already allocated during lockdown.

On the 11th November (provisionally) we are hoping to hold a tour to the Walker Art Gallery for the Walter Sickert Exhibition. Tickets £11.00(inc. Concessions) . Call at our desk on the 7th for details of all our visits.

## BEGINNERS' BRIDGE

**Leader:** Jane Jones 526 2530 **Venue:** Kensington House Station Rd.  
Mondays 13:00 - 15:00  
Improvers & Beginners welcome. The next beginners' class will start on the **6th of September.**  
Tea/Coffee will not be available so please bring your own drinks.  
Sanitiser gel will be provided.

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

## CARD MAKING GROUP

**Leader:** Joan Martin 526 9406 and  
**Asst:** Pat Harris  
**Venue:** St George's URC  
**Monday** 13:30 - 15:30  
With Christmas well on the way this group could be perfect for you. We welcome any new members to our friendly class and you don't need to have any experience in making cards. A lot of the fun is in the learning!

## COMPUTER GROUP

**Leaders:** Rhoda Myers 531 0921  
Colin 526 0752 Phil 526 6805  
Doug 07729077278  
Nigel 7980723653  
**Venue:** Maghull Baptist Church Hall  
**Help Desk:** Tuesday a.m. 'drop in'.  
Bring your laptop, smart-phone or tablet 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  
We are currently assessing what we can put in place.  
Watch the web site, visit our Tuesday morning table and check future newsletters where details of upcoming trips will be advertised.

## DIGITAL CAMERA GROUP

**Leaders:** Peter Martin 526 9406  
Terry Horrobin 526 1249  
**Venue:** St Andrews Church Room.  
Mondays 14:00 - 16:00 fortnightly  
**6th Sept** - 'Leading Lines'  
**20th Sept** - 'Collections'  
**4th & 18th Oct** - 'Action' 'Landscape'  
Don't forget to look at the amazing photographs we have placed on our group page online.

## FAMILY HISTORY

**Leader:** David Russell 526 6527  
**Assistant :** Rosney Leith 526 3623  
**Venue :** Lydiate Village Centre  
Lambshear Lane Lydiate L31 2PG  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 13.30 to 15.30  
**3<sup>rd</sup> September:** Progress, Assistance,  
Recording what we did or didn't do in  
"Lockdown 2020/2021" (All)

## FRENCH GROUPS

**Leader:** David Ward 526 5071  
**Monday Group** 14:00 - 16:00  
**Venue:** Hudson Primary School  
Resumes 20th of September  
**Wednesday Group** 14:00 - 16:00  
**Venue:** Hudson Primary School  
Resumes 15th of September.

## GARDEN VISITS

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

## GARDEN VISITS (continued)

The garden visits group will resume on the 7th September. We hope to plan some visits in the new year but if possible we may arrange a Garden Christmas meal. Watch this space !!

## GERMAN GROUP

**Leader:** Peter Duffy 526 2933  
**Venue:** Hudson Road School  
**Thursdays** 10:00 - 12:00  
We've got a new home! Following the closure of St George's Social Club we will now be meeting at Hudson Primary School. Our first meeting will be on the **30th of September**. New members are very welcome.

## GLASS WORKSHOP

**Leader:** John Jackson 526 2900  
**Asst:** Bob Jones 931 4638  
**Venue:** Lydiate Village Centre  
Fridays - 14:00 - 16:00 Our first meeting will be the **10th of September** and we look forward to seeing you then.

## HISTORY FOR FUN

**Leader:** Norman Stalford  
**Venue:** Kensington House  
**Meet:** Third Friday each month 14:30  
Join us on **Friday Sept 17th**  
The talk will be "**The Fatal Shore**",  
Britain's establishment of the first penal settlement in Australia

## Remember when we .....

*It was February 2019 and we had no clue as to what was in store for us when the Art Appreciation Group set off for a mini break to Durham. The Marriot Hotel made us welcome and whilst the weather was wintry we all enjoyed our visit. We toured Bishop Auckland Castle (not realising how it would become so well known to us later on) and saw the Twelve Sons of Jacob beautifully painted by Francisco de Zurbaran. We made our way to Barnard Castle (sounds familiar??) where the brave amongst us climbed up to the walls and the others found warm coffee shops to frequent.*

*Our high spot was a visit to the Bowes Museum to view the Norman Cornish exhibition. This artist's amazing empathy with the mining community shows the true cost of the mining industry, warts and all. The North East spirit and humour came across in the paintings, as Norman Cornish tugged at our heart strings. This marvellous exhibition was later extended due to popular demand and true to say this area is well worthy of another visit any time of year.*



Moe Birchall

Deadline for items for our October Newsletter is the 18th of September. Available on the 5th of October

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

# Bread & Water & Hard Labour!

*We had no idea what lay ahead of us as we made our way along busy motorways and winding lanes on our journey to Cornwall in June but we did know we were headed for prison; not because we'd all done something very wrong but simply because it was the only hotel we could find in the county that could take us.*

*Funny thing being told the hotel you've booked with originally doesn't want you but there it was!*

*Prison or homeless - our choice - so off to Bodmin Jail we went!! The 'staycation' had caused a tide of people to turn their eyes onto the UK for their summer break and we were part of that tide.*

*It turned out that the prison was now a 4/5 star hotel with Egyptian bed linen and a soft mattress instead of straw, haute cuisine instead of gruel and cocktails instead of cold water. In fact it turned out to be pretty much heaven!! A plaque on the wall told the story of someone who had been kept in each cell long ago; most were there because they'd stolen a loaf of bread or a bird from the landowner's estate but our room ..... we had a murderer!!! And even worse, after his hanging he had been buried just outside the prison close to our room!! Sweet dreams when we found that out!!!*

*We had sunshine, sights to see, good company and a chance to put the world to rights. After all we all knew we could have done a better job than that lot in London!!*

*We enjoyed the beach at St Ives, the castle at Pendennis, the magnificence of Turo and Exeter Cathedrals and pictured ourselves reciting Shakespeare at the Minack Theatre. We wanted to see St Michael's Mount but the tide was against us. It simply refused to go out and the mist covering the island refused to lift!!! Penzance was pleasing and Fowey was fun. The little train carried us around the town which, as it was very steep, was a blessing. We saw blue badges on buildings but none so comical as the one that announced - "In 1985 absolutely nothing happened on this spot"!!*

*Cream teas were eaten, memories of the last time we met were shared and the light at the end of the tunnel was embraced.*

Jane Jones



## **HISTORY FOR FUN** (continued)

In order to conform with U3A's requirements, and in order for you to attend the meeting you need to have the current U3A membership card available for inspection.

Should you feel unwell please do not attend out of respect for your fellow members.

We look forward to seeing you all again and of course any new members.

## **LAW FOR FUN**

This group is taking a hiatus and hopes to restart in the New Year.

## **POETRY READING GROUP**

**Leader:** Gwen Parry 526 4798

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

Our group will restart on the 8th of September.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

**Leader:** Tony Snape 526 3146

**Asst:** Frank Wood

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

Our restart on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.  
We aim for a gentle start as no doubt our brains will be a little bit rusty!!

## **SPANISH BEGINNERS**

**Leader:** Blair Allwood 924 0340

**Venue:** Lydiate Village Hall

**Thursdays** 11:00 - 13:00

This group is provisionally due to restart on the **9th of September**.

Consultations with the group members will take place soon which will give us all a chance for a good old catch-up!

It will be fun get together again and to see how much we have all remembered or forgotten!!

## 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

These lively groups will restart on the 10th of September normal times.

## TABLE GAMES

**Leader:** Phil Davidson 526 6805

**Asst:** Cath Pearson 526 1872

**Venue:** Kensington House, Maghull Town Hall **Mondays 10:00 - 12:00**

As Maghull Town Hall has restricted access we have moved to our temporary home at Kensington House, Station Road.

The fun and friends remain the same so we hope to see you on the **6th of September**.

## TABLE TENNIS

**Leaders:** Carolyn Comaish 526 4478

George Dobie 285 0119

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

**Venue:** Maghull Baptist Church Hall

This group will restart on the 3rd of September.

## TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE

**Leader:** Phil Davidson 526 6805

**Asst:** Colin Bennett 526 0752

**Venue:** Kensington House 14:30

**Date:** Wednesday afternoon

We've got a wealth of interesting topics coming up for you so join us on the 9th to find out more.

## WALKING NETBALL GROUP

Currently this group is on a hiatus as a new venue will need to be found.

## WELSH GROUP

**Leader:** Jane Jones 526 2530

First & third Thursday 09:45 - 11:45

The Welsh Group restarts on the **9th of September**.

## WALKING GROUPS

### NORDIC WALKING

**Leader:** Brenda McKenzie 07900525222

**Date & Time:** Tuesdays mornings at various times **Venue:** Various  
More details to follow.

### SUNDAY WALKERS

**Leader:** Brenda McKenzie 07900525 222

Sunday strollers have joined up with the Walk a Mile or Two group to form Sunday walkers. The group meets every Sunday starting at various points. The third walk each month will be a longer walk.. On our last walk we walked from Hightown to Hall Road Twenty members took part and all completed the three mile walk and then got the train into Liverpool to the cathedral to see the doves .

Other members continued to Waterloo and completed the five mile walk . We all met up later on for a meal at the Quarter.



## THEATRE GROUP

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

We are looking forward to booking shows and going to the theatre in the Autumn after such a long break. Come and see us on the 7th of September and give us your ideas for shows for the Autumn and Winter seasons.



THEATRE	SHOW	DATE	PRICE
Liverpool Empire	Riverdance - the 25th anniversary tour.	10th November	£49.00

## Coming Soon - The Kynren Spectacular

Join us for a five day/four night break on the 8th of September 2022 to the North East of England. Based at Middlesbrough we will be visiting the amazing Kynren Pageant which celebrates 1,000 years of English history every year. This spectacular event has a cast of over a thousand and includes period costumes, carriages and horses. It ends with a magnificent firework display. Something not to be missed!

We will be staying at the Jury's Inn hotel on a half board basis and the holiday will include a de-luxe ticket to the Kynren Pageant held in Bishop Auckland . The holiday includes visits to Harrogate, Housesteads Fort, Hexham, Alnwick Castle and town, Durham and York.