



Maghull and Lydiate U3A



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**TUESDAY MORNING
MEETINGS
10:00 - 11:15**

Maghull Baptist Church Hall .

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 on the 20th of October. Currently full but a waiting list may be in place.

On the 11th November we are holding a tour to the Walker Art Gallery for the Walter Sickert Exhibition. Sickert was a Post-Impressionist who often used ordinary people and urban scenes as his subjects. Tickets £11.00 (inc. concessions) .

Looking forward to December - we have a visit to the Tate for the Lucian Freud exhibition. Arrive at 13:00 for a 13:30 viewing. Cost is £8.00 (inc. concessions.) Call at our desk details of all our visits.

Bill Howarth – Life President

This handsome, young man last year celebrated a very special birthday as he joined our ever growing ranks of nonagenarians! Bill Howarth, a name known to nearly all the members of Maghull and Lydiate U3A, currently holds the title of Life President of our U3A; a title awarded to Bill in appreciation of the amazing work he has done for the U3A from its inception to the present day.



Way back in 2006, when many of us were still grinding away at our daily job, Bill had the idea that Maghull and Lydiate might benefit from having a U3A of its own. He had close links with the Aughton and Ormskirk group and with a few helpful hints from them, Bill posted a message asking anyone who was interested in forming our own U3A to meet up for a coffee and a chat. He had no idea how many would come but come they did! Some eleven people met up with him at the coffee shop at Sefton Meadows and from that humble beginning grew the U3A we have come to enjoy. Here we meet new friends, learn languages, delve into the past, learn to play instruments, expand our experience of culture, debate and pontificate, stretch muscles and get fit! Without Bill I wonder what we'd all be doing on a Tuesday morning; I wonder if we'd have ever met all the new people we have, I wonder if we'd have realised that learning new skills isn't just the prerogative of the young. Dot Branigan, our then Chair, presented Bill with a gift from all of us to mark his 90th birthday and his achievement. We may have given him a gift but he has given us far more. From all of us Bill, many, many thanks.

Jane Jones

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE **Leader:** Jane Jones 526 2530

Venue: Kensington House Station Rd. Mondays 13:00 - 15:30

Improvers & Beginners welcome. Improvers start at 13:00 whilst beginners commence at 13:30

BADMINTON GROUP TWO **Leader:** June Avery 526 9118 or 07952385283

Venue and Time: Sports Hall, Maricourt School It's only an hour but with access to 4 courts we are not sitting out for long. If you are interested in joining please contact June.

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

CARD MAKING GROUP

Leader: Joan Martin 01704 537 7646

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 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

Tuesday 23rd Nov. - Our first trip after our enforced break is to Briars Hall Country House Hotel, Lathom for a 3 course lunch inc tea/coffee & then a relaxing afternoon's entertainment. Coach will depart Central Square at 11:15 Ret. 16:30 Price £25 inc. lunch, entertainment & coach.

DAY TRIPS *continued*

Wednesday 8th December - To start our day we will visit the family owned Golden Days Garden Centre at Wrightington. This is an excellent place to browse and maybe buy that last minute Christmas present. We then head off to the comfortable Astley Bank Hotel in Darwen for a delicious Festive Lunch inc. tea/coffee. Price £30 inc. lunch/transport. Coach will depart from Central Sq at 09.30 returning at 16:30

DIGITAL CAMERA GROUP

Leaders: Peter Martin 01704 537 7646

Terry Horrobin 526 1249

Venue: St Andrews Church Room.

Mondays 14:00 - 16:00 fortnightly

4th October - 'Action'

18th October - 'Landscape'

1st, 15th & 29th November - 'Still Life', 'Derelict' and 'Nature'.

FAMILY HISTORY

Leader: David Russell 526 6527

Assistant : Rosney Leith 526 3623

Venue : Lydiat Village Centre

1st Thursday of the month 14:00 -

16:00 Please note the change of day.

October 7th - Please select a member from your family tree, then try to find the type of clothes they would have worn for work or leisure noting fashion of the day and their social standing. (Any photographs to Dave Russell in advance)

FRENCH GROUPS

Leader: David Ward 526 5071

Monday Group 14:00 - 16:00

Venue: Hudson Primary School

Wednesday Group 14:00 - 16:00

Venue: Hudson Primary School

GARDEN VISITS

Leaders: Ann Raw 526 6086

Barbara Short 526 1119

Asst: Doreen Bird

We hope to plan some visits in the new year and if possible we may arrange a Garden Christmas meal. Watch this space !!

GERMAN GROUP

Leader: Peter Duffy 526 2933

Venue: Kensington House

Thursdays 10:00 - 12:00

Due to difficulties in finding suitable accommodation at other venues, the German group will now meet at Kensington House.

As we now have a larger room size, we are able to accept more people who wish to develop their German language skills.

We are an informal group, and not really suitable for complete beginners. We would, however, welcome anybody with a basic knowledge or who might have had German skills several years (or even decades!) ago and think they have lapsed.

Missing that Cuppa on a Tuesday??

It's been rather odd seeing the Coffee Room look so forlorn on the last few Tuesday meetings. We're so used to seeing it full of members catching up, planning outings and having a good old chinwag over a cup of coffee/tea that it just doesn't feel right.

Our wonderful team of Tea Ladies who have done such stalwart work over the last twelve years or so, have deservedly given themselves a well needed break. As all Group Leaders know, it's quite a commitment when you become a leader at the U3A and those of us who have done it for such a long time understand why the Ladies need to sit back and enjoy life.

It would be great if this didn't result in the end of the refreshments on a Tuesday morning but I guess that depends upon someone or some people coming forward and offering their services as Chief Cook and Bottle-washers! If you think you could be part of such a team or even the leader please, please get in touch with any member of the Committee. I'm sure we can give you help to set up a new team.



Deadline for items for our Nov/Dec Newsletter is the 18th of October. Available on the 5th of November

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

Canal Walking Group

The group was initially formed to walk the Leeds Liverpool Canal. We met once a month and completed the challenge in May, 2018, walking about eight miles on each leg. Rather than disband the group, we took on another challenge - to walk the Cheshire Ring, made up of parts of six linked canals. We began in September, 2018 and had completed thirteen legs when our plans were foiled by the pandemic lockdown. The walks were suspended for eighteen months, but as restrictions eased, we re-started, confining the walks to local ones as travelling to the Cheshire region involves car sharing.



Our most recent walk was in Rainford at the Siding Lane Nature Reserve. The circular walk took us on an undulating path through woods and to a picnic area on the site of an 1860s colliery, owned by the Rainford Coal Company, that had ceased production in 1928. We then re entered the woods and passed a small lake before taking a path along the edge of a field with the railway line hidden by trees.

Soon we climbed steps up to the railway and negotiated an unmanned crossing on the Kirkby to Manchester line. Farm tracks and footpaths took us through fields to Lord Derby's Old Coach Road with trees on either side arching to form an attractive canopy over us.

We passed through Clare's Moss Plantation, where we were reminded of the song from the film Oklahoma, "Oh What A Beautiful Morning", as the corn was as high as an elephant's eye! Tractors were busy in the fields with the wind luckily taking the "aroma" of their organic fertiliser away from us! We soon reached the railway line again, crossing into the nature reserve and back to the start having covered six miles.



With restrictions lifted and everyone double jabbed, we now feel safe enough to resume shared travelling and in October will combine a walk on the Trent and Mersey Canal with a trip on the Anderton Boat Lift.

Thomas Kelly

GLASS WORKSHOP

Leader: John Jackson 526 2900 **Asst:** Bob Jones 931 4638

Venue: Lydiate Village Centre **Day and Time:** Fridays - 14:00 - 16:00

Our October meetings will be held on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of the month.

HISTORY FOR FUN **Leader:** Norman Stalford **Venue:** Kensington House **Meet:** Third Friday each month 14:30

Well it was great to be up and running again, with a really good attendance. Due to unforeseen circumstances I was unable to attend but many thanks to Eric Purvis for stepping into the breach and running an interesting meeting. It's your group, so if you have an event or person in history that interests you why don't you share it with us. Our next meeting will be on Friday 15th October at 14:30 p.m. at Kensington House. The subject will be "THE FATAL SHORE" which was postponed from our last meeting.

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

Leader: Jeannette O'Neill 226 4923
Margaret Walton 526 0852
Maureen Ashkar 931 4573

Venue: St George's United
Reformed Church

Day & Time: Thursdays at 10:00

Cost: £2.00 per session

This informal and friendly group is a great way to try to discover your painting skills. Experienced painters work alongside novices sharing their expertise and helping develop and encourage new artists.

Check with the leaders if you fancy joining the group.

POETRY READING GROUP

Leader: Gwen Parry 526 4798

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

Join us and take the opportunity to share your favourite poem/poet with us.

PHILOSOPHY

Leader: Tony Snape 526 3146

Asst: Frank Wood

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

Here's your chance to get to the nitty gritty of life, the universe and everything.

SPANISH BEGINNERS

Leader: Blair Allwood 924 0340

Venue: Lydiate Village Hall

Thursdays 11:00 - 13:00

Having rubbed the rust accumulated during the pandemic away our group is making good progress with this beautiful language.

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

TABLE GAMES

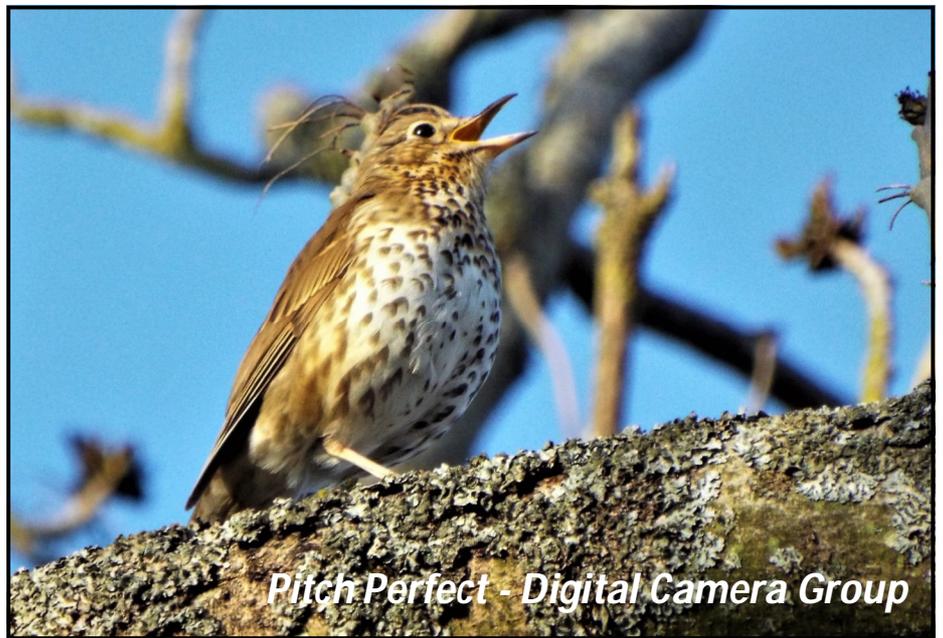
Leader: Phil Davidson 526 6805

Asst: Cath Pearson 526 1872

Venue: Kensington House,

Mondays 10:00 - 12:00

Join us for a game of Bridge or Scrabble.



Pitch Perfect - Digital Camera Group

TABLE TENNIS

Leaders: Carolyn Comaish 526 4478
George Dobie 285 0119

Tuesdays 14:00 & Fridays 14:00

Venue: Maghull Baptist Church
Hall

This is such a fun way to become fit and whilst we know you may be rusty after such an enforced absence now's the time to build up that fitness level amid good company. Please contact the leaders if you wish to join us.

TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE

Leader: Phil Davidson 526 6805

Asst: Colin Bennett 526 0752

Venue: Kensington House 14:30

Date: Wednesday afternoon

October 13th - 'It Ain't Half Hot Mum' with Will Hayward

October 27th - Your Privacy on The Internet - Colin Bennett

Pop in and see what we're all about, you'll be amazed at the info you'll pick up.

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 07900525222
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.

WELSH GROUP

Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530

First & third Thursday 09:45 - 11:45
Re-starting on the 7th October.

WINE TASTING

Leader: George Birchall 287 0308

Venue: Wine Time at Scatchards
Times vary so please see the website or desk for full details

THEATRE GROUP

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



THEATRE	SHOW	DATE	PRICE
Liverpool Empire	Riverdance - the 25th anniversary tour.	10th November	£49.00
Philharmonic Hall	Swinging Christmas	11th December	tba
Everyman	Robin Hood Panto.	January 2022	tba
Empire	Russian State Ballet Co.	14th/15th Feb. 2022	tba