



Maghull and Lydiate U3A

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Group Updates

From our inception in 2006 we have had the most amazing set of Group Leaders who have worked tirelessly to keep our U3A the vibrant association it has become.

Time, however, brings its own problems and a few of these Leaders have now decided it's time to pass on the baton to new members. Many have found it difficult to find someone to take over and we have therefore lost quite a few groups.

In addition, Covid has meant many of us have got out of the habit of coming to the U3A and meeting up within our groups so our numbers have declined somewhat.

Today, whilst Covid is still around, we are resigned in accepting that it is going to be part of our lives for the foreseeable future and we are venturing out more. Accordingly, we are seeing an increase in our new members and are seeing familiar faces beginning to turn up at our Coffee Mornings again.

This leaflet is designed to give you an update into the groups that we now have available in our U3A and to take a moment to say a big thank you to all the Leaders who have given their time to our association for so many years. We couldn't have done it without you!

Jane Jones

ART APPRECIATION

Leader: Maureen Birchall 287 0308

Asst: Jan Martin

Interested in the Arts? Then this is the group for you. Visit galleries and exhibitions and the occasional trip away. We have recently visited Kirkby Gallery, Lady Lever gallery and have visits to the Walker in the offing. We enjoy the old masters and welcome the new artists that are coming up.

ARCHITECTURE FOR FUN

Leader: George Birchall 287 0308

Asst: John Chapman 309 2095

Interested in the story of buildings
Then this is right up your street.
The group runs visits to sites of architectural importance once a month from reservoirs to army camps and historic houses to quaint village churches.
Drop in at the desk and see what's on offer.

BADMINTON 1

Group One : Colin Gore 526 2216

Venue: United Reformed Ch. Hall

Wednesday 09:30 - 12:00

New members are welcome.

BADMINTON 2

Group Two: June Avery 526 9118 or 07952385283

Venue: Sports Hall, Maricourt High School

Fridays 19:00 - 20:00

We now have access to four courts which means only a short wait for space on the next court. If you fancy joining us please contact June.

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE

Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530

Venue: Kensington House

Mondays 13:00 - 15:00

Improvers & Beginners welcome.

We use basic Acrol for our beginners but try and stretch our improvers with a few wriggles and stretch raisers!!

The beginners course follows a very leisurely pace as bridge is a game for the long haul not a sprint.

BOWLS

Leader: Tony Snape 526 3146

Venue: Kensington House

Mondays 12:00 - 15:00

Once the better weather arrives this dynamic group will open its doors

BOWLS continued

once again. The green is being prepared and the woods are being polished. All we need is you. There are still some spaces available so contact Tony for all the details.

CANAL WALKING GROUP

Co-ordinator - Anne Blundell
07799006845

To find out what this group is up to currently please contact the co-ordinators. What ever they have planned it's bound to be good.

CARD MAKING GROUP

Leader: Joan Martin 01704 537646

Asst: Pat Harris

Venue: St George's URC

Monday 13:30 - 15:30

Need a special card but can't find it? We can put you on the road to making your own. Our established members can turn their hand to anything and are really good at sharing their skills with beginners.

COMPUTER GROUP

Rhoda Myers 531 0921

Colin 526 0752 Phil 526 6805

Doug 07729077278

Venue: Maghull Baptist Church
Coffee Room

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.

CREATIVE CRAFTS

Leader: Maureen Collier 526 0837

Venue: United Reformed Church

Mondays 13:30

Textiles has a new name but the standard of work is still amazing. Be it quilting, embroidery, collage or patchwork this group can turn their hand to anything.

Come along and try it out this friendly group.

CYCLING GROUPS

DAY RIDERS

Leader: Alan Carr 01704840762

Asst.: Phil Hughes 526 0038

Time and venues vary. New members welcome, a typical ride is between 20 - 30 miles.

EASY RIDERS

Leader: Brian Dickinson 520 1857

Mondays at 10:00

Starting points vary Rides are usually some 15 - 25miles.

THE IN-BETWEENERS

Leader: Margaret Kendall 526 3164

Wednesdays 10:00

Leisurely rides from 12 up to 25 miles on quiet lanes. A perfect way to get your fitness back up to speed.

DAY TRIPS

Leader: Marj Atlay 526 4665

Asst: Sylvia Adams 531 9001

One of our most popular groups when day trips announce their next destination it flies off the table in minutes. We have visited film studios, country houses, courtrooms and prisons, well dressing displays scarecrow festivals ancient monuments and Royal Palaces. Keep an eye on the website so you know when details of the next outing becomes available.

DIGITAL CAMERA GROUP

Leaders: Peter Martin 01704 537646

Terry Horrobin 526 1249

Venue: St Andrews Church Room.

Mondays 14:00 - 16:00 fortnightly

The aim of the "Digital Camera Group" is to encourage and inspire the taking of better photographs and to provide a better understanding of Digital Camera 'settings' and techniques.

Photographs can be submitted (on 'memory stick') on a variety of subjects and a general critique is offered.

FAMILY HISTORY

Leaders: David Russell 526 6527

Rosney Leith 526 3623

Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
Lambshear Lane Lydiate 14:00 - 16:00 First Thursday of the month
If you want a better understanding of your family's past, their lives and times, this is the group that can help. We know the websites that give the best information and the ones you can access for free. We can share the methods that have helped others in their search. See our programme on the U3A website.

FRENCH GROUPS

Leader: David Ward 526 5071

Monday Group 14:00 - 16:00

Venue: Lydiate Village Hall
Lambshear Lane

This class is designed for those with a good knowledge of the language. After your next visit to France think how great it would be to tell the group about your adventures in French. Here's your chance to learn how.

Wednesday Group 14:00 - 16:00

Venue: St Andrew's Church

This class is great for those who want to revive their knowledge of the language. It's great to learn along with like minded folk.

GARDEN VISITS

Leaders: Ann Raw 526 6086

Barbara Short 526 1119

Asst. Doreen Bird

From the keen gardener to the hesitant amateur this is a great group to join. Visits are organised monthly (save for winter months) and cover well known gardens close by, visits to RHS gardens and the odd garden centre for a welcome cuppa.

There might even be a gardening break in the offing - something to look forward to.

GARDENING - PRACTICAL

Leader: Norman Conway
07935286184

A relaxed and enthusiastic group who meet monthly, often in members' gardens if the weather permits. We share ideas, successes and problems whilst building our knowledge and understanding on all things garden related.

GENTLE YOGA

Leader: Helen Knowles

Venue: Maghull Parish Hall

Date & Time: Fridays 12:30 - 13:30
Cost £2.00

Contact Ann on 07792493743

Yoga is a great way to repair part if not all the balance issues we develop as we age. Stretching those muscles and ligaments can ease some of the aches and pains we all feel as we get older, so come along and give this group a try.

GERMAN

Leader: Peter Duffy 526 2933

Venue: Kensington House

Thurs 10:00 - 12:00

Brush up on your Germany by joining this friendly group. We welcome anybody with a basic knowledge or who might have had German skills in the past.

GLASS WORKSHOP

Leader: John Jackson 526 2900

Asst: Bob Jones 931 4638

Venue: Lydiat Village Centre

If you have a creative bent then this could be right up your street.

Working with glass of many hues and textures you can create your own masterpiece perfect for hanging in a window so the sun brings out its beauty.

There will be expert tuition available and help with all the tools of the trade.

HISTORY FOR FUN

Leader: Norman Stalford 531 9354

Venue & Time: Kensington House
14:30 – 16:00 third Fri. each month

From the Brothers of Shugborough

Hall to the penal colonies of Australia to the quirky facts Norman has uncovered this group lives up to its title each session. Come along, you won't be disappointed.

HOLIDAY GROUP

Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530

Asst.: Chris Fletcher

We offer holidays to a wide range of destinations at very reasonable prices.

LINE DANCING

Leader: Hilary Loughlin 928 8936

Venue: Maghull Parish Hall,

Time: 09:30 - 11:30

This group is a great way to become fitter and to make new friends. Come and try us out - you'll have fun!

NORDIC WALKING 1

Leaders: Brenda & John McKenzie
0790052522, Dave and Ann

Venue: Lydiat Village Hall
Southport Rd.

Tuesdays 11:00 not Bank Holidays.
Two walks available, three and five miles. Active Sefton Training must have been completed before joining a walk.

NORDIC WALKING 2

Leaders: Margaret Kendall 526 3164
Dave Cadwallader 07790 081778
Diane Johnson 077252637609

Venue: Maghull Leisure Centre
10:15 each Monday bar Bank Holidays

This is an hour long walk. Training through Active Sefton is required before walking.
Poles are provided.

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

Leaders: Jeannette O'Neill 226 4923

Margaret Walton 526 0852

Maureen Ashkar 931 4573

Venue: St George's United
Reform Church

Day & Time: Thursdays at 10:00

Cost: £2.00 per session

This great group provides opportunities for beginners & established artists to try their hand at new ideas & explore new ones. Whilst no formal lessons are given we share all we know & learn and help each other. This is friendly group ready to take on new members.

PHILOSOPHY

Leader: Tony Snape 526 3146

Asst: Frank Wood

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

We are a friendly group who enjoy a good discussion and keeping our brain active. Come along and see what we're about.

PLAY READING /DRAMA

Leader: Elsie Bickerstaff 526 6511

Venue: 613 Green Lane, Maghull
2nd Tuesday of the month 14:00

This could be the way to start up your acting career! If you enjoy the written word and like reading out loud then play reading could be perfect for you.

SINGING FOR FUN

Leaders: Brian and Lyn Casson
075322589465 or 281 6831

Venue: Lydiat Village Centre
Lamshear Lane

Date & Time: Mon 10:0 - 12:00

This is a trial group planned for one month initially so come along and give it your support. All are welcome from Soprano to Bass!! Brian says you don't need to be able to sing you just need to love joining in.

SPANISH BEGINNERS

Leader: Blair Allwood 924 0340

Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
Lambshear Lane

Thursdays 11:00 - 13:00

Ever felt that it would be great to chat in Spanish on your holiday in the Iberian peninsula? Here's your chance.

Learn along side other members, who can help you get to grips with this exciting language.

SPANISH CONVERSATION

Leader : Ron Higham 526 3562

Venue: Lydiate Village Centre
Lambshear Lane

Friday 10:00 - 12:00

Take your Spanish to the next level with this group. Our Spanish groups have now been amalgamated and now meets at this new time.

SUNDAY WALKERS

Leaders: John McKenzie 531 0207
Brenda McKenzie 0790052522 and
Brian

Our weekly friendly flat walks are between 3 - 5 miles long. We use public transport to access all of Merseyside. Walks planned inc. Hilbre Island, Wirral Way, Halsall Circular and Chester.

Ring Brenda if you'd like to join us or lead a walk

TABLE GAMES

Leader: Phil Davidson 526 6805

Asst: Cath Pearson 526 1872

Venue: Kensington House

Mondays 10:00 - 12:00

Play Scrabble or Bridge at this friendly group.

See who can make the longest word or who can get to a Grand Slam first.

TABLE TENNIS

Leaders: Carolyn Comaish 526 4478
George Dobie 285 0119

Tuesdays 14:00 & Fridays 14:00

Venue: Maghull Baptist Church
Take advantage of our brilliant table tennis tables and the great company this group offers. It's a great way to make friends & obviously improve fitness. Contact George or Caroline for more info.

TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE

Leader: Phil Davidson 526 6805

Asst: Colin Bennett 526 0752

Venue: Kensington House 14:30
Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month.

From Nature to the science behind Christmas cakes, from Climate change to safety on line, from sewage to electric cars, this group had tackled it all.

Take a look online at the topics they have covered and if you spot a gap or can think of something you'd like to discuss let the leaders know. New ideas are always welcome.

THEATRE GROUP

Leaders: Pat Kelly 476 1726,

Sue Quinn 287 5285

& Ann Unsworth 480 7398

Join our organised visits to the Playhouse, the Royal Exchange, the Everyman, the Philharmonic and the Empire.

Comedy, drama, musicals, ballet and opera the ladies on the theatre table have given us a chance to try it all.

Keep an eye on their notices and see what takes your fancy. Booking is essential.

WALKING GROUP - RAMBLERS

Co-ordinator: Margaret Kendall
526 3164

Asst: Alan Carr 01704 840 762

Date: First Thursday in the month.

This group offers moderately challenging walks usually some 9 - 11 miles in length and often gaining a significant height. Members use own transport to get to the starting points of many of the walks. Appropriate gear must be worn as we walk in a variety of weather.

Walk details are posted on the website before the walk. Contact the co-ordinator for more details.

WALKING NETBALL GROUP

Walking Netball provides a fun, safe environment and encourages adults to have a more gradual introduction to physical activity by regaining necessary motor skills, helping balance, coordination and better footwork for any age or fitness.

We are hoping to start a group after Easter 2022 at Maricourt High School on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm for 1 hour.

Please contact Gail on 07803598477 for information.

WINE TASTING

Leader: George Birchall 287 0308

Venue: Wine Time at Scatchards
Our visits vary so you'll need to contact George for details of the next Wine visit.

Also keep an eye out for our Wine Breaks. We have visited Lake Garda in Italy, Andalucia in Spain, Croatia, Istria and Cres etc following the wine story from grape to table.

PLEASE NOTE: All U3A activities are taken at your own risk; you are responsible for your own safety.