



Maghull and Lydiate U3A

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Group Updates

April/May 2023

With Spring just around the corner, like me no doubt, you're amazed as to how fast the year is moving. Day Trips, Garden Visits and Architecture outings are taking advantage of the warmer days and the increasing daylight hours and have some smashing outings waiting for you.

Practical gardening will be busy with advice as to when and what you should be planting and how to tackle the not so pleasant jobs the garden throws at us.

No new groups have sprung up in our own u3a garden; indeed we have had to say goodbye to one of our French groups as low numbers and high rents take their toll. History for Fun has re-started with Eric Purvis picking up the baton as we said goodbye to Norman. We wish the group continued success. We have been busy collecting renewal fees and have been pleased to pass the 700 mark in our membership. Let's hope that our non-renewals numbers will be nice and low.

We've had an enquiry concerning starting a Book Club, something our u3a has not had for a few years. If you think you might be interested, especially if you fancy running such a group, please come and have a chat with myself or Joan Martin. We are always keen to help.

Jane Jones

ART APPRECIATION

Leader: Maureen Birchall 287 0308

Asst: Jan Martin

Interested in the Arts? Then this is the group for you. We visit galleries and exhibitions and take the occasional trip away when an exciting exhibition calls.

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 Acol 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

It's April and time to get the bowling bowls out, give them a good old dust

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and set your sights on the new season with our Bowling Group. If you fancy trying your hand please contact us before coming along as places are limited by the size of the green. If we have enough interested and a keen volunteer we might be able to look into starting a second Bowling Group. Come and chat to us if you think it's something you'd like to do.

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

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 - 25 miles.

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 for details of the next outing.

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' & 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 14:00 - 16:00

Family History continued

First Thursday of the month

If you want a better understanding of your family's past, their lives and See our programme on the U3A site.

FRENCH GROUPS

Leader: David Ward 526 5071

Monday 14:00 - 16:00

Venue: Lydiate Village Hall
Lambshear Lane

This class has now amalgamated with the Wednesday class. It 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.

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.

Problems with pruning, potting, planting or picking the right plant just ask Norman for advice and he'll put you right.

GERMAN

Leader: Peter Duffy 526 2933

Venue: Kensington House

Thurs 10:00 - 12:00

Brush up on your German 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: Lydiate 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: Eric Purvis 07840 491258

Venue & Time: Kensington House

14:30 – 16:00 third Fri. each month

From the Brothers of Shugborough Hall to the penal colonies of Australia, from the battles of the middle ages to the story of Lord Nelson this group makes history fun and lives up to its title each session.

Come along, you won't be disappointed and you'll be sure to learn a thing or two.

HOLIDAY GROUP

Leader: Jane Jones 526 2530

Asst.: Chris Fletcher

We offer holidays to a wide range of destinations at very reasonable prices. Abroad or home grown our holidays come with a guarantee of fun?

In April 2023 we will be visiting the Dutch bulb fields and in September we have a six day trip to Dorset.

LINE DANCING

Leader: Hilary Loughlin 928 8936

Venue: Maghull Parish Hall,

Day/Time: Weds 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: Lydiate Village Hall
Southport Rd.

Tuesdays 11:00 not Bank Holidays.

A great way to improve your all over fitness.

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

10:00 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 give the leaders a call for more information.

PHILOSOPHY

Leader: Tony Snape 526 3146

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 our lively talks and discussions will whet your appetite for more!

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: Lydiate Village Centre
Lambshear Lane

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

All are welcome from Soprano to Bass with non-singers especially welcome!!

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.

It's never too late to learn something new!

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.

Brush up on your Spanish—now we can travel again it's bound to come in handy.

STRAMBLERS GROUP

Co-ordinator - Anne Blundell
07799006845

The Canal Walking Group and the Sunday Walkers have combined to make this exciting new group. 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.

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. It's a great way to kick start the week.

New members are always welcome—looking forward to meeting you.

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.

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. 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 all the local theatres.

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

Booking is essential.

WALKING GROUPS

FRIDAY STROLLERS

Leader: Brenda McKenzie
07900525222

Day & Time: Fridays 10:00 Meet at Maghull Old Station.

It is very much a social walking group, so the group will take part in short, slow, local walks followed by a visit to Bernies for refreshments if you so wish. Please book before attending as numbers are tight.

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 -

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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.

SUNDAY STROLLERS

Leader: Brenda & John McKenzie
07900525222

Brian & Brenda Dickinson 07938 695 346

Day & Time: TBD

Gentle walks at a leisurely pace, a perfect way to enjoy your Sundays. Our varied walks will give you an opportunity to see our countryside at its best.

WALKING NETBALL GROUP

Leader: Gail Aindow 07803598477

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. Please contact Gail for more 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, Andalucía 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.