



# Maghull and Lydiate U3A



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## Group Updates *August/Sept 2023*

*With the last of the summer coming and Autumn on our doorstep it's a perfect time to think about what takes your fancy for filing in the months to come. We were sad when our new Spanish for Beginners Group had to be cancelled but our second Strambles group has been so popular that a new waiting list has already been started!!*

*Our New Members meeting gave us lots of ideas for new groups and the prospect of holding a few more groups in the evenings was mooted. All we need now are a few members willing to act as leaders for our new enterprises. Could that be you?*

*We now have a new contact email address should you have any queries about setting up a group or just for getting that extra info if you have a bit of an issue. Contact us on [enquiries@mandlu3a.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@mandlu3a.org.uk) any time you need help and can't make it to our Coffee Morning.*

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. There's always something exciting happening with this group. Check their desk for the latest news.

### ARCHITECTURE FOR FUN

Leader: George Birchall 287 0308

Asst: Jeff Martin

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.

### BADMINTON 1

Group One : Colin Gore 526 2216

Venue: United Reformed Ch. Hall

Day: Wednesday 09:30 - 12:00

New members are welcome, just get in touch.

### BADMINTON 2

Group Two: June Avery 526 9118 or 07952385283

Venue: Sports Hall, Maricourt High

Day: 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!!

### BOOK CLUB

Leader: Sue Quinn 287 5285

Venue: The Cabin 10:30

Date: First Friday of the month

This group is for those members with a love of books and like to share their thoughts with other like-minded people. We have a cup of coffee at The Cabin in Maghull and discuss our book of the month. We also share ideas of other books to recommend. We meet on the first Friday of each month at The Cabin. We are now full but if you would like to know more or put your name on the waiting list please contact Sue

## BOWLS

**Leader:** Tony Snape 526 3146

**Venue:** Kensington House

**Mondays** 12:00 - 15:00

Our bowling season is now well on its way and has proven to be another successful season indeed. We've been blessed with great weather which adds to the fun immensely.

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 parties we might be able to look into starting a second Bowling Group. All we need is a willing volunteer to run the 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.

Recently we tried our hand at making boxes and handbags for chocolate stashed. They went down a treat!!!

## 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 - 25miles.

## 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 out this friendly group.

## 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 & 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.

## DIGITAL HELP DESK

Rhoda Myers 531 0921

Colin 526 0752 Phil 526 6805

Doug 07729077278

**Venue:** Maghull Baptist Church  
Tuesdays

**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.

## DIGITAL HELP DESK continued

Our new location in the main hall has worked out a treat enabling us to solve many a problem for our members,.

We're ready willing and able to help if we can.

## FAMILY HISTORY

**Leaders:** David Russell 526 6527

Rosney Leith 526 3623

**Venue:** Lydiat Village Centre

Lambshear Lane Lydiat 14:00 -

16:00 First Thursday of the month

If you want a better understanding of your family's past, their lives and times, see our programme on the U3A site. We recently had Kate Hurst as a speaker and it was fascinating to see how her research had progressed to a new career!

## FRENCH GROUPS

**Leader:** David Ward 526 5071

**Monday** 14:00 - 16:00

**Venue:** Lydiat 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:** TBD

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.

Take a look at our Facebook page for pictures of some of these wonderful gardens.

## 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:** 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:** Eric Purvis 07840 491258

**Venue & Time:** Kensington House 14:30 – 16:00 third Fri. each month  
We recently learnt about the Tudor Age and some surprising facts about Elizabeth I. Our talk tackling the gruesome tales of the French Revolution went down well with many interesting facts being uncovered.

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. Here or abroad our holidays come with a guarantee of fun?

In 2024 we are taking a weekend break to Caernarfon where we'll be putting our sleuthing hats on as we get to grips with a Murder Mystery event.

Later we have plans for a six day June holiday to Dublin and a September trip to Bonnie Scotland.

## LINE DANCING

**Leader:** Hilary Loughlin 928 8936

**Venue:** Maghull Parish Hall,

**Day/Time:** Weds 10:00 - 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**

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 as they will help with stability.

## 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:** Lydiat Village Centre Lamshear Lane

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

This is a group specifically for groaners and squealers so come along to find out what we're up to.



## SPANISH BEGINNERS

We had hoped to print some good news about this group this month but life tends to get in the way of plans and it's happened here. We'll keep trying to get a new leader though!

## SPANISH CONVERSATION

**Leader :** Ron Higham 526 3562

**Venue:** Lydiat 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.

## STRAMBLERS GROUP 1

**Co-ordinator** - Anne Blundell  
07799006845

To find out what this group is up to currently please contact the co-ordinators.

## STRAMBLERS GROUP 2

**Co-ordinator** - Anne Blundell  
07799006845 or

blundellae@icloud.com

Third Thursday of the month

We have now been able to set up a second Stramblers group. Meeting times and places will vary depending upon the walk planned.

## 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 - we're 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.

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 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.

## RAMBLERS CONTINUED

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. Appropriate gear must be worn as we walk in a variety of weather. 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.

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