

APRIL MEETING – LAGANVIEW ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Thursday 25th April AT 2.00pm

The meeting will start at 2.00pm but feel free to arrive from 1.40pm to sign in and to have tea/coffee and chat with friends beforehand.

We welcome back Martyn Todd who will be giving a talk about Francis Hutcheson, an Irish philosopher born in Ulster to a family of Scottish Presbyterians who became known as one of the founding fathers of the Scottish Enlightenment. An excellent speaker and an interesting talk. Looking forward to seeing you on 25th April.

Thank you to the Bowling Group who will be at the sign-in desk and hosting the refreshments this month.

May Meeting - Laganview Enterprise Centre at 2.00pm Thursday 30th May 2024

Date for your Diary: Lisburn u3a AGM Thursday 27th June 2024

We urgently require members to step forward to serve on committee for the coming year as without a viable committee Lisburn u3a will be unable to function as an organisation.

At our upcoming AGM in June several of the roles will become vacant as the current holders have completed their allotted time. The posts of **Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Speakers Coordinator** and **Vice Chair** are the roles available so if you feel you could fill one of these vital positions, please complete a nomination form and return it to info@lisburnu3a.org.

If you would like more information about what is involved, feel free to contact the current postholder or any committee member. **Please consider stepping forward to keep Lisburn u3a continuing as a vibrant branch.**

***** MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS OVERDUE *****

Thank you to those people who have already renewed their membership.

If you haven't renewed yet please arrange for payment this month by online bank transfer, including your full name as the reference (not just initials). Our account details are Lisburn u3a 09-01-27 86503657

Or you can bring cash or a cheque for £20.00 made payable to Lisburn u3a to the monthly meeting in April.

****GIFT AID****

If you are not already signed up for gift aid please consider completing a gift aid form which is available from the treasurer or membership secretary.

NAME BADGES & MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Please collect badges from the new member's welcome desk and cards from the sign in desk

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

May Elliott, Mary Quirke, Josie McKinstry, Harry McConnell, Cathy Ferguson, Joan Chettle, Susan Brown, Asha Jacob, George Jacob, Kerry Bevan, Gladys Finlay, Gwen Mawhinney, Ann Pedlow, Elizabeth Bridgett, Frank Gunn, Lynn Todd. Also Welcome back to Richard Middleton and Pamela Harrison

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GROUP LEADER UPDATES

Please Contact Group Leaders Directly If You Don't See Below The Group In Which You Are Interested.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES

GROUP LEADER - JACQUI TOWNSLEY

Next meeting Wednesday, 8th May 2024, Hillsborough Village Centre at 7.30 pm.

"Bygones" – we are pleased to welcome **John Cartwright** as our speaker on general and unusual collectables and antiques. A stroll through bygone times is sure to have you reminiscing about things you haven't seen for years! So come along and bring a 'bygone' with you! Everybody welcome - non-members £3.

BOOK GROUP 1

GROUP LEADER - HILARY PRESTON

On 4th April book group 1 met to discuss 'In the Middle of the Middle of America' by David B. Lyons. It gave the group plenty to discuss. While some found the format difficult to get into we all agreed we did not see the end coming. We were distracted by the many issues raised by a varied cast of characters. That made for a lively and enlightening discussion. Next month we will be talking about 'Everything I Never Told You' by Celeste Ng.

BOOK GROUP 2

GROUP LEADER - JOAN BRYSON

We will meet at 10.30am on Tuesday 28th May when our book is the 2024 Booker Prize winner 'Prophet Song' by Paul Lynch. Could this be a '1984' for now? The setting is Ireland in the near future but the events could take place anywhere. It's a police state on the verge of civil war. The protagonist is a scientist and mother whose trade unionist husband has been arrested as freedoms are curtailed and the family become refugees.

BOWLING

GROUP LEADERS - FRASER SHANNON - BILL INGLESTON

Indoor bowling will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of April. Thereafter, Norma will continue with Tuesday afternoon sessions throughout the summer. Outdoor bowling will, hopefully, start at Lisnagarvey on the first Thursday in May (2nd May). Those members wishing to play outdoors should inform Fraser which day/s (Tuesdays or Thursdays) they wish to play.

CROCHET

GROUP LEADER - JEAN RYAN

Weekly meetings take place on Fridays 10:30-12:00 at Happy Days Lisburn.

DINING OUT

GROUP LEADER - NORMA PATTERSON

We meet at Pizzarellys in Lisburn once a month, usually on the second Thursday of the month, however our next outing will be on Friday 10th May at 6.45pm! Pizzarellys has a varied menu of Italian and British Cuisine with prices to suit everyone and it's BYO wine. Contact the Group leader, Norma Patterson if you would like to join us.

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FILM GROUP**GROUP LEADER - JUDITH PRENTICE**

We are continuing to visit Lisburn Omniplex on a Tuesday evening on a fortnightly basis (depending on suitable films being available) and a good number of members attending. If you are interested in this, please contact the group leader Judith Prentice to be added to her list. She will then advise you of films chosen, with date and time.

FRENCH GROUP**GROUP LEADER - ZOE COLLINS**

The Group continues to meet at Zoe's house for French conversation and fun until the end of June.

A call is still out for a replacement Group Leader for the September term onwards and if anyone is interested please contact Joan Bryson.

From June the French Group will not continue in it's present form but may change to a Conversation Group. Again if you are interested please contact me, Joan Bryson

SPANISH AND FRENCH GROUPS - Work is ongoing in setting up a Spanish Conversation Group targeted at beginners. There have been some expressions of interest but if anyone else would like to know more, contact me. Joan Bryson.

GARDEN GROUP**GROUP LEADERS - PAUL BOYCE - JOAN HAMILTON**

May 21st - Garden day away to two gardens near Omagh

Leaving Lisburn at 9.45am to Tattykeel House. Tea coffee etc on arrival , followed by a tour of the garden which is approx 1½ acres with interesting plants and features. Then to The Old Methodist Manse, Newtownstewart, to a garden with a large collection of rhododendrons and azaleas along with other acid loving plants. Meal afterwards in Mellon Country Inn.

Cost £15 for gardens with tea/coffee at Tattykeel. Meal on way home optional and at cost.

Contact Joan Hamilton or Paul Boyce to put your name on the list, or sign up at monthly meeting.

GOLF**GROUP LEADER - MARGARET CALLAN**

Golf group members play at Aberdelghy on Mondays on an ad-hoc basis during the winter months and would be happy to welcome other members who wish to join them.

Please contact the Group Leader if you would like to participate.

LET'S GO**GROUP LEADER - GAIL POLLOCK**

After a very interesting talk in March by Michael Fryer, our next visit will be to the NI War Memorial premises on Talbot St, Belfast. This will be on Friday 24th May at 11am. This is a free visit, but as they rely on donations, I suggest we each pay £5. If you'd like to go, but won't be at the meeting, contact me.

<https://www.niwarmemorial.org/visit-us>

NATIONAL TRUST GROUP**GROUP LEADER - LESLEY KIRK**

Pack up a picnic and a folding chair and enjoy jazz in the garden of Mountstewart on Sunday 26th May at 1.15.

Email or text Lesley by Friday 24th if you want to go. National Trust members are free non NT members the usual entrance fee applies.

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PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

GROUP LEADER - TOMMY YARR

The painting group will continue until 30 April and resume in September. New members will be most welcome.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

GROUP LEADERS - KEITH INESON - WILLIAM GRANT

Some progress has been made in setting up this Group which is mainly for those with little knowledge but who want to develop their skills while having fun in the process. There is significant interest already but if you are interested please contact Group Leaders Keith Ineson - or William Grant



LU3A SINGERS

GROUP LEADER - JACQUI TOWNSLEY

Meetings - Friday 10th May and Friday 24th May 2024 at 2.00 pm in the Parish Room, Hillsborough Parish Church. The Parish Room is the building on your right as you drive through the church gates - parking is available as you drive up to the Downshire Centre and also outside the Centre. Looking forward to seeing you!

T'AI CHI – Mixed Ability Classes

GROUP LEADERS - KATHLEEN INGLESTON - PAUL BOYCE

Our two Tai Chi classes at Lagan view Enterprise Centre are up and running again after the Easter break. Class one is 11:00 am until 12 noon and class two is 12:15 until 13:15. There are some spaces available in the second class at present. If any u3a member wishes to take part in Tai Chi please contact Group leaders - Paul Boyce or Kathleen Ingleston.

THEATRE & CONCERT

GROUP LEADERS - JACQUI TOWNSLEY - KATHLEEN ROBINSON

The Woman in Black

Grand Opera House, Belfast, Thursday 16th May 2024 at 2.30 pm

Booking closed. Tickets available at April meeting or at the theatre.

A Festival of Choirs

Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, 17th May 2024 at 7.30 pm

Booking closed. Tickets available at April meeting or at the theatre.

Pride and Prejudice

Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 8.00 pm

Booking closed. Tickets available at April meeting or at the theatre.

101 Dalmations

Grand Opera House, Belfast, Thursday 15th August 2024 at 2.30 pm

Direct from London comes the smash-hit family musical. This classic canine caper is brought to life on stage with spectacular puppetry, show-stopping choreography, witty songs and irresistible puppies! You'd be barking mad to miss it! **Tickets £44 pp. Closing date Monday 29th April 2024.**

YOGALATES

GROUP LEADERS - BRENDA PALMER - FREDA BELL

Yogalates classes continue on Wednesdays 4-5pm and Thursdays 11am-12pm.

We have full complement at the moment but we are happy to place anyone interested in joining us on our waiting list. Just contact Brenda or Freda.

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WALKING GROUPS - You Have A Choice Of Five Walking Groups With Five Different Levels Of Difficulty:

LEVEL 1: STROLLERS GROUP LEADER - MARY HINE

Carrying on as usual on Mondays, contact Mary if you are interested in further information.

LEVEL 2: SATURDAY RAMBLERS GROUP LEADER - GIL COLVIN

Consider joining us on the 3rd Saturday of each month, meeting at the venue at 10.30, to walk approximately 4 miles. For details contact Group Leader.

LEVEL 3: RAMBLERS GROUP LEADER - STANLEY PRENTICE

LEVEL 4: RAMBLERS PLUS GROUP LEADERS - KEITH INESON, WILLIAM GRANT

Rambles continue every Monday with a Ramble Plus on the second Monday of the month.
New members always welcome.

LEVEL 5: SCRAMBLERS GROUP LEADER - STANLEY PRENTICE

Mountain walks/Scramblers take place every Thursday, predominantly in the Mourne.
We join up with our fellow Scramblers from Belfast u3a for these walks.
Any questions or for more information, please contact the group convenor .

LISBURN U3A COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NAME	POSITION	EMAIL
Elizabeth Fleming	Chair Person	Info@lisburnu3a.org
Vice Chairperson	Volunteer Required	
Joan Hamilton	Treasurer	
Avril Hughes	Administrative Secretary	
Brenda Palmer	Catering and sign in Coordinator	
Peter Hunter	Speakers	
Fraser Shannon	Venues/Bookings	
Lesley Kirk	Membership Secretary	
Joan Bryson	Convener of Group Leaders	

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

NAME	POSITION	EMAIL
Elodie Ellingsen	Webmaster	Info@lisburnu3a.org
Ray Fillmore	Newsletter Editor	
Cynthia Kelly	Photo Supplement	

VENUE* KEY	
1 = Kilmakee Activity Centre	10 = Bridge Community Centre Railway Street
2 = Lisburn Racquets Club, Belfast Road, Lisburn	11 = LeisurePlex Bowling Centre
3 = Hillsborough Village Community Centre	12 = St John's Hall Dromara
4 = Volunteer Member's Homes	13 = Tesco, Bentrym Rd, Lisburn
5 = LaganView Enterprise Centre, Lisburn	14 = Turas centre, Newtownards Rd, Belfast
6 = Convener's Home	15 = Everyday Cafe at Smyth Pattersons
7 = Coach Snooker Club, Hillsborough	16 = LISNAGARVEY
8 = Varied Venues	17 = LCCC Omniplex Bowling Green
9 = Parish Room Hillsborough Parish Church	18 = Happy Days

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LISBURN U3A ACTIVITY GROUP LEADERS

GROUP	Day	Time	Venue	Group Leader	Contact Email
Antiques	2nd Wed of month	7:30pm	3	Jacqui Townsley	Info@lisburnu3a.org
Archery	Every Tuesday	10:00am	1	John Sell	
Badminton	Every Wednesday	10:30am	2	Laura Molloy	
Book Group 1	1st Thurs of month	10:30am	4	Hilary Preston	
Book Group 2	Last Tues of month	10:30am	4	Joan Bryson	
Bowling Indoor	Every Tuesday Every Thursday	1:45 - 4 pm 09:45 am - 12	1	Fraser Shannon Bill Ingleston	
Bowling Outdoor Seasonal Summer	Every Tues & Thu	09:45 - 12:15	17	Fraser Shannon Bill Ingleston	
Bridge	Every Thursday	7:30pm	2	Ivy Long Joan Bolam	
Bridge Beginner	Every Thursday	3:00pm	15	Patricia Ricketts	
Crochet	Every Friday	10:30am	18	Jean Ryan	
Dining Out	Occasional	6:45pm	8	Norma Patterson	
French Group	Every Monday	2:30 - 3:30pm	6	Zoe Collins	
Film Group	Most alternate Tues	Evening	8	Judith Prentice	
Garden Group	Occasional	Varied	8	Paul Boyce Joan Hamilton	
Golf	Most Mondays	Varied	8	Margaret Callan	
Karate	Every Tuesday	6pm - 7:30pm	12	William Grant	
Let's Go	Occasional	Varied	8	Gail Pollock	
LU3A Singers	2nd & 4th Fridays	2:00pm	9	Jacqui Townsley	
National Trust	Varied	Varied	8	Lesley Kirk	
Painting	Every Tuesday	10:30am	3	Tommy Yarr	
Photography	Occasional	Varied	8	Keith Ineson William Grant	
Scrabble	1st & 3rd Thurs of each month	2:00pm	2	Lynda Brownlee Barbara Primrose	
Snooker	Every Tuesday	7:30pm	7	Neville Hicks	
T'ai Chi Mixed Ability Classes	Mondays	11:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 13:15	5	Kathleen Ingleston Paul Boyce	
Theatre / Concert	Occasional	Varied	8	Jacqui Townsley Kathleen Robinson	
Yogalates	Every Wednesday Every Thursday	4pm - 5pm 11am - 12	5	Brenda Palmer Freda Bell	
Strollers	Every Monday	10:15am	8	Mary Hine	
Saturday Ramblers	3rd Sat of month	10:30am	8	Gil Colvin	
Ramblers	Every Monday	10:30am	8	Stanley Prentice	
Ramblers Plus	2nd Mon of month	10:30am	8	Keith Ineson William Grant	
Scramblers	Alternate Thurs	09:30am	8	Stanley Prentice	

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