

For contact details of committee members and conveners please consult the lists on the last page

U3A MONTHLY MEETINGS – beginning at 2.00pm on the last Thursday of every month in Laganview Enterprise Centre, 69 Drumbeg Drive, Old Warren – **The next meeting is on Thursday 30th May at 2pm.** Remember to arrive early enough to sign in (for insurance reasons) and sign up for activities, pay fees etc. **before** the meeting which begins promptly at 2p.m. **Don't forget** to bring your name badge and cup.

MAY MEETING – LAGANVIEW ENTERPRISE CENTRE
Thursday 30th May at 2.00pm

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

Our speaker will be Marie Therese Rodgers Moloney author of “For the Sins of my Mother.” Marie Therese will be telling us about her experiences when brought up in care in Nazareth Lodge Orphanage.

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

June Meeting - Lisburn u3a AGM Thursday 27th June 2024

Nigel Carr, former International rugby player, will be our speaker following the business part of the meeting **We still need nominations for Lisburn u3a committee** as three of the current postholders are stepping down having completed their term. **We urgently require a volunteer to take on the role of Membership Secretary** Please speak to Lesley to find out what is involved.

Date for your Diary: Lisburn u3a Barbeque Thursday 25th July 2024 at
Masonic Centre, Belsize Road 12.30 for 1.00pm

Cost £15.00. Sign-up sheet available at the meeting or contact Joan Hamilton.

This is a member only event as it is being subsidised by lu3a

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

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership. Reminder emails have been sent to those whose fees are still outstanding.

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 OUR NEW MEMBERS - Deirdre Maguire, Frank Colton, Maurice Hanna and Toni Sproule.

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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 will be a visit to the historic village of Greyabbey on Friday 21st June 2024 to wander around the village and view the many specialist antique shops that Greyabbey is so famous for. Then maybe have a leisurely lunch at Harrisons and enjoy great views over Strangford Lough! Meet in Sprucefield Car Park (**outside McDonalds**) at 9.50 am to car share or in Hoops Coffee Shop, Hoops Courtyard, Greyabbey, at 11.00 am for coffee. Everyone is welcome to join us on the outing!

BADMINTON

GROUP LEADER - LAURA MOLLOY

Due to popular demand and the increase in players, membership of the badminton group has now been temporarily suspended. Unfortunately current numbers are so high that it is impacting on the number of games played. If you have been playing regularly since Jan 2023 you are included in the group and we look forward to seeing you on a Wednesday morning. A waiting list has been started. If you have played in the past or wish to play for the first time please contact the Group Leader Laura Molloy.

BOOK GROUP 1

GROUP LEADER - HILARY PRESTON

For May we read 'Everything Never Told You' by Celeste Ng. We all thought it was an excellent book and most of us will read another of her books. It led to very interesting discussions about family dynamics, racism, (subtle or obvious), in America and pressures parents can put on their children. Next month we will be discussing 'The Midnight Killing' by Sharon Dempsey. Sharon lives in Belfast and attended Queens University.

BOOK GROUP 2

GROUP LEADER - JOAN BRYSON

Our meeting is on Tuesday 30th June at 10.30 am when our book is 'Violeta' by Isabel Allende. Spanning a hundred years a series of letters from a grandmother to her grandson recount her life story from Spanish 'flu to the Covid Pandemic through a military coup, murder, divorce and abuse. Personal relationships are interwoven with the history of tumultuous times in Chile.

BOWLING

GROUP LEADERS - FRASER SHANNON - BILL INGLESTON

The Spring Indoor Bowling season is finished for this year but Norma will continue the Tuesday afternoon indoor sessions throughout the summer. Outdoor Bowling started on 2nd May with a small number of players turning up to enjoy the pleasant, sunny morning at Lisnagarvey Green. The number of regular players will increase as they return from holidays but there is plenty of room to accommodate new players who wish to join in. New players are very welcome but please let Fraser know which day/days (Tuesday afternoon/Thursday mornings) you wish to play. Green fees (£26.50 for age 65 or over) must be paid directly or by phone at the LCCC Island Centre.

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. Our next outing will be on Thursday 13th June at 6.45pm! Pizzarellys has a varied menu of Italian and British Cuisine with prices to suit everyone and it's BYO wine. Please contact the Group leader Norma Patterson if you would like to join us.

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**

Due to Bank Holidays and with some members on holiday, "malheureusement", it is not possible to meet in May. The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd June at 2.30 pm.

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.

NATIONAL TRUST**GROUP LEADER - LESLEY KIRK**

Come to a live jazz event at Castle Ward hosted by the Easy Swing Jazz Duo on Sunday 23rd June at 1.00. Bring a chair and a picnic. Contact Lesley by Friday 21st June if you would like to go. Free to NT members and normal entry prices for non NT members.

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE**GROUP LEADER - TOMMY YARR**

The painting group is on summer holiday and resumes on 10th September. New members welcome.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**GROUP LEADERS - KEITH INESON - WILLIAM GRANT**

A new photography group has been formed and we had our first planning meeting this month. The group is made up of enthusiastic folk with very little knowledge of photography but with a will to help each other move forward. This is very much a social group where we laugh and learn together. It will be a mixture of field visits and in-house learning. The first trip will be to Tollymore Forest starting at 10.30am on 23rd May followed by lunch at the Maghera Inn (I said there was a large social element in the group). Please feel free to join us.

**LU3A SINGERS****GROUP LEADER - JACQUI TOWNSLEY**

Meetings - Friday 14th June and Friday 28th June 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. There will be no meetings over the summer, so looking forward to seeing you in June!

SCRABBLE GROUP

GROUP LEADERS - LYNDA BROWNLEE - BARBARA PRIMROSE

We meet in the Racquets on 1st and 3rd Thursday on the month at 14.00. New members are always welcome, we are a friendly group and don't take ourselves too seriously.

THEATRE & CONCERT

GROUP LEADERS - JACQUI TOWNSLEY - KATHLEEN ROBINSON

Pride and Prejudice

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

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

101 Dalmations

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

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

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.

NEW ACTIVITY GROUPS

GROUP CO-ORDINATOR - JOAN BRYSON

Drama, Classic Cars and **German**: There is some interest in these activities, but no detailed proposals for setting up these new groups yet, so I am trying to find out if anyone would like to know more.

If you are interested in these possible new activities please contact the Group Co-ordinator **Joan Bryson**.

Her contact email and phone number are on page 6. "*Committee Members - Contact Details*"

Also on page 7. "*Activity Group Leaders - Contact Details*"

Editors Comment.

The word of the Month -: "Malheureusement"

Unfortunately for those of us who *Regrettably* don't speak French it means -: *Unfortunately; Regrettably; Unhappily*.

Eh bien, je ne l'ai jamais su !!

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 Mournes.

We join up with our fellow Scramblers from Belfast u3a for these walks.

Any questions or for more information, please contact the group convenor .

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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, Bentrin 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

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	2:00pm - 4pm	15	Fionnuala O'Callaghan Rosita Storey	
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	