# LISBURN U3A NEWSLETTER





# June 2024 Events

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## 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 27<sup>th</sup> June.** 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.

## MEETING – LAGANVIEW ENTERPRISE CENTRE Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 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.

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

June Meeting - Lisburn u3a AGM Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Nigel Carr, former international rugby player, will be our speaker following the business part of the meeting with his talk entitled "The Carr Journey"

We still need nominations for Lisburn u3a committee as three of the current postholders are stepping down having completed their term. Please contact a member of committee for more information





Barbeque Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Please note change of venue for July Meeting Lisburn u3a Barbeque Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at Masonic Hall, Belsize Road 12.30 for 1.00pm

Cost £15.00 to include usual Barbeque food cooked by Mulhollands. Vegetarian option or special dietary requirements – please indicate when signing up. As well as meats and sides, tea/ coffee/juice will be served. Norman Houston will provide the entertainment.

This is a member only event being subsidised by lu3a.

A cash bar will be available for those who wish to purchase alcoholic or soft drinks. Sign-up and pay at the June meeting or if unable to be there please contact Joan Hamilton or email info@lisburnu3a.org

> Last day for sign up and payment is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 Looking forward to seeing you there

## NAME BADGES & MEMBERSHIP CARDS

New members please collect your badge from the new member's welcome desk. Membership cards for all current members can be collected from the sign in table.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS Deirdre Maguire , Norma Grey and Eileen Girvin

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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** 

There are no meetings in July - have an enjoyable summer. Jacqui

#### 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**

We met on 6 th June to discuss The Midnight Killing by Sharon Dempsey. Sharon is a crime writer and academic researcher at Queens .

The Midnight Killing is the second book of a trilogy. We discussed the fictional sites in Belfast mentioned and tried to relate them to actual areas. The group felt the storyline was good, if a bit far fetched, but agreed that better editing was required. A couple of the group thought they may read the first and third books of the trilogy. Mainly to get more back story about the other main character. We meet again in July to discuss Brooklyn by Colm Toibin.

#### **BOOK GROUP 2**

#### **GROUP LEADER - JOAN BRYSON**

Book Group 2: Our July meeting is on Tues. 30th at 10.30am.Sometimes we like to read a classic so this month's book is 'Silas Marner' by George Elliot published in1861. It chronicles the life, tribulations and eventual redemption of a humble weaver driven from his home by false accusations.

#### BOWLING

## **GROUP LEADERS - FRASER SHANNON - BILL INGLESTON**

Indoor bowling at Kilmakee Activity Centre continues on Tuesdays at 1.45pm. Outdoor bowlers play at Lisnagarvey Green at 1.45 pm on Tuesdays and 9.45am on Thursdays. Recent weather has been somewhat unpredictable but the hardy outdoor players seem to enjoy themselves regardless. There is plenty of room for any new players who wish to join in 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.

#### BRIDGE

## **GROUP LEADER - IVY LONG**

The bridge club continues on Thursdays at 7.30 pm. New members, with a basic knowledge of the game, are welcome to join and enjoy learning more.

#### CROCHET

#### **GROUP LEADER - JEAN RYAN**

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

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#### **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 11<sup>th</sup> July 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**

The French Group continues to meet on Monday afternoons for conversation, coffee and chat. The last meeting of the Group will be a lunch event at Haslem on Monday 24th June.

#### GARDEN GROUP

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

The group continues with monthly visits to local gardens. We enjoyed a visit last month to 2 great gardens around Omagh. This month we are off to Greyabbey. Our programme runs through until October. Anyone interested in joining us contact Paul Boyce or Joan Hamilton.

Following our visit in April the group Donated £80 to GIFT International, a small NI based charity, co-founder Janet Wilson who gave an inspirational presentation on their work in Kenya to Lu3a at our February meeting. (for details or to donate visit <u>giftinternational.org</u>)

#### GOLF

## **GROUP LEADER - MARGARET CALLAN**

The first Summer Golf outing - 11:08am, Thursday 20th June, Castlereagh Hills Golf Club. A dry day would be great, sunshine a bonus

#### LET'S GO

## **GROUP LEADER - GAIL POLLOCK**

July's Let's Go will be to two sites in East Belfast on Thurs 18th July, you can opt to go to both or just one. First will be to Templemore Baths at 11am, where we will be given a tour of the site, a lot of its original features are still there, and hear about the work that has been done. Cost will be about £5 depending on how many attend. <u>https://www.visiteastside.com/listing/templemore-baths-heritage-experience#contentanchor</u> The second site will be the Police Museum at 2pm, this is FREE! There are several interesting artifacts and stories. <u>https://www.psni.police.uk/about-us/our-history/police-museum</u>

Those doing both or the museum will have time for lunch - to be arranged.

If you won't be at the next meeting and would like to go to either site, email me to book a place.

#### PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

#### **GROUP LEADER - TOMMY YARR**

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

#### NATIONAL TRUST

#### **GROUP LEADER - LESLEY KIRK**

Rowallane have their gardener led tours again on the first Tuesday of each summer month. Meet in the car park at 11.20 on Tuesday 2nd July for a tour lasting 1hour . Please contact Lesley if you intend going . Don't forget the jazz event at Castle Ward hosted by the Easy Swing Jazz Duo on Sunday 23rd June at 1.00 ( weather permitting) 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



#### **GROUP LEADER - JACQUI TOWNSLEY**

There will be no meetings over the summer, so I looking forward to seeing you all in the Autumn. Jacqui

#### 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.

#### T'AI CHI – Mixed Ability Classes GROUP LEADERS - KATHLEEN INGLESTON - PAUL BOYCE

Tai chi will take a break for the Summer before restarting again on Monday 2nd September. All those interested in the new session please let Paul Boyce or Kathleen Ingleston know by 23<sup>rd</sup> August

#### **THEATRE & CONCERT**

**GROUP LEADERS - JACQUI TOWNSLEY - KATHLEEN ROBINSON** 

#### 101 Dalmations

Grand Opera House, Belfast, **Thursday 15th August 2024 at 2.30 pm** *Booking closed. Tickets available at June meeting or at the theatre.* 

#### Amélie

Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, Friday 13th September 2024, at 7.30 pm

Fusion are delighted to be back with this beautiful story about an imaginative dreamer who discovers her voice, uncovers the power of human connection and sees possibility around every corner. Times are hard for dreamers but Amélie is someone to believe in.

Cost £17 pp. Closing date for bookings Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

#### An Inspector Calls

Grand Opera House, Belfast, Thursday 19th October 2024 at 2.30 pm

National Theatre production of JB Priestley's classic thriller - winner of 19 major awards and hailed as the theatrical event of its generation, An Inspector Calls has thrilled more than 5 million theatregoers worldwide. **Cost £40 pp**. *Closing date for bookings Tuesday 2nd July 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. 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

## LISBURN U3A COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NAME	POSITION	EMAIL	
Elizabeth Fleming	Chair Person	Info@lisburnu3a.org	
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, Bentrim 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	
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	Info@lisburnu3a.org
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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