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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 26th September.** 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.

SEPTEMBER MEETING LAGANVIEW ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Thursday 26th September at 2.00pm

This month our speaker will be Ken Dawson a local historian who will be giving a talk on Lisburn during 1798 and about Henry Munro who was involved in the Battle of Ballynahinch. It will be very interesting to hear this brilliant historical talk, and we look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting.

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

Thanks to the **Saturday Ramblers** who will be at the sign-in desk and hosting the refreshments this month.

October Monthly Meeting - Laganview Enterprise Centre
Thursday 31st October 2024 at 2.00pm

Speaker: Adrienne Brown – The Chambers Motor Company, who built the first motor car in Ireland. The Chambers brothers came from the Downpatrick area: Robert Martin, Charles Edward and John Henry (Jack) drew inspiration from local industries and were related to the Davidson family of the Sirocco Engineering works.

The Third Age Trust - Fit for the Future

Change is taking place as to how the National Third Age Trust will operate from the end of 2024 going forward. At present the Trustee Board is made up 12 regional trustees {9 from regions in England and 1 each from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.} but it is proposed to replace this with a smaller Board which will look after governance, finance etc, and a new Council will be formed, which will represent the regions. Valerie Cobain (NI Regional Trustee) and Adrienne Brown (Chair NI Regional Executive Council) will visit lu3a at our meeting in October to give a short update to members.

Adrienne will be our speaker giving an illustrated talk about The Chambers Motor Company

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Anne Clarke, Lyn Dobbin, Anne Donnelly, Sharon Graham, Eleanor Law and Marjorie Houston.

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

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, 9th October, 2024**, at the **Hillsborough Village Centre at 7.30 pm.**
Speaker to be announced shortly.

BOOK GROUP 1

GROUP LEADER - HILARY PRESTON

Book Club 1 read 'Go as a River' by Shelly Read.

Most members enjoyed the book but had several areas of criticism e.g. While the nature elements were beautifully written some found them boring. However it led to lots of discussion about misogyny and racism. Most liked the references to actual events such as the Vietnam war and Woodstock .

For October we are reading ' Lessons' by Ian McEwen.

BOOK GROUP 2

GROUP LEADER - JOAN BRYSON

Our October meeting is on Tuesday 29th at 10.30am when we will discuss a debut novel by young writer Elizabeth O'Connor. 'Whalefall' opens in 1938 with a girl finding a dead whale washed up on a remote Welsh island. Both a portent of doom and a symbol of the world beyond. Anthropologists arrive to research local customs and unsettle the locals. The ever changing tides mirror the lives of people and animals living between two worlds and threats to identity and environment.

BOWLING

GROUP LEADERS - FRASER SHANNON - BILL INGLESTON

Now that outdoor bowling has ceased for this year, Indoor bowling has recommenced at Kilmakee Activity Centre. We bowl at 1.45 - 4.00 pm on Tuesday and at 9.45 am - noon on Thursday. Please come in good time to allow mats and teams to be organised for a punctual start to bowling.

We are not yet up to full strength after the holidays but there is still plenty of room for new bowlers. Members wishing to join should advise Fraser or Bill, which day - Tuesday or Thursday (or both) they wish to play.

BEGINNERS BRIDGE

GROUP LEADERS - FIONNUALA O'CALLAGHAN - ROSITA STOREY

Beginners Bridge. We are moving to Hilden Brewery from Tuesday 17th September as we can no longer use the Smyth Patterson venue. We are changing the day we meet to a Tuesday and time of meeting to 1.30pm. We have some new members interested in starting to learn bridge and they will start on 24th September.

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 10th October 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.

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

October's visit will be to **Falconry Experiences**, near Ballyclare, probable date Thurs 24th **to be confirmed**. Cost is **£30pp**, depending on how many attend, rather expensive, but a unique experience.

<https://falconryni.co.uk/experience/full-falconry-experiences/>

The owners say - 'this experience is an hour where you will meet our Barn Owl as he flies over your head and feed on your glove , we shall then take a short walk with our Harris Hawk where you are guaranteed to get up close and personal with this species . We will then make our way back to the flying arena where we will fly our Bald Eagle to your glove this is an experience in itself :) We will finish off our with our Falcon soaring through the sky at speeds of 70-120mph past your head'. - - - Sign up at the meeting or contact me by email.

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

GROUP LEADER - TOMMY YARR

The painting group starts back on the 10th September 10:30 to 12:30 Hillsborough Village Centre.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

GROUP LEADERS - KEITH INESON - WILLIAM GRANT

Social group for those interested in photography. Not a competitive group. The social aspect is very important with photography visits and tuition sessions planned. - Keith Ineson



LU3A SINGERS

GROUP LEADER - JACQUI TOWNSLEY

Meetings in October are: **Friday 11th** and **Friday 25th October 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.

Everyone welcome – no expertise required – just come, relax and sing!

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.

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T'AI CHI – Mixed Ability Classes

GROUP LEADERS - PAUL BOYCE - KATHLEEN INGLESTON

We resumed our Tai Chi class on Monday 9 September with our Tutor, Jane Burke. It is good to be back exercising and doing an activity which has good health benefits. This is a popular class and we now have a full quota of students.

THEATRE & CONCERT

GROUP LEADERS - JACQUI TOWNSLEY - KATHLEEN ROBINSON

An Inspector Calls

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

Booking closed. Tickets available at monthly meetings or at the theatre.

War Horse

Grand Opera House, Belfast, Thursday 13th February 2025 at 2.30 pm

Booking closed. Tickets available at monthly meetings or at the theatre.

Snow White the Pantomime

Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, Friday 6th December 2024, at 7.00 pm

Mirror, mirror, on the wall. This year's Lisnagarvey Operatic and Dramatic Society pantomime is the famous 'Snow White', the fairest festive family entertainment of them all! Written by iconic local pantomime dame, Andrew Devonshire, 'Snow White' is guaranteed to entertain you! Oh, yes, it will ,,,,,,,,,,

Tickets £20 pp. Closing date for bookings Monday 30th September 2024

YOGALATES

GROUP LEADERS - BRENDA PALMER - FREDA BELL

Yogalates resumes this month on Wednesday 11th September after the summer break. Our classes are fully subscribed at the moment but we are happy to put names on a waiting list. 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 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 .

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LISBURN U3A COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NAME	POSITION	EMAIL
Elizabeth Fleming	Chair Person	Info@lisburnu3a.org
Vice Chairperson	Post Vacant	
Jane Harris	Treasurer	
Avril Hughes	Administrative Secretary	
Brenda Palmer	Catering and sign in Coordinator	
Fraser Shannon	Speakers	
Bill Ingleston	Membership Secretary	
Kathy Mclean	Assistant 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 = Hilden Brewery
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 Tuesday	1:30pm	15	Fionnuala O'Callaghan Rosita Storey	
Crochet	Every Friday	10:30am	18	Jean Ryan	
Dining Out	Occasional	6:45pm	8	Norma Patterson	
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	