

LISBURN U3A NEWSLETTER

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LU3A MONTHLY MEETINGS – Last Thursday of the month beginning 2.00pm at Laganview Enterprise Centre -

October 27

November 24

December NO MEETING



LET'S GO TITANIC^a A Let's Go outing to the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum will take place on **FRIDAY 28th**

OCTOBER. The day will be highly dependent on weather conditions, (comfortable footwear and wet gear is advisable, especially for the Folk Park) but provisional plans are as follows:

TITANICA^a The Exhibition



A major new exhibition of Titanic and her sisterships. Now open in the Transport Museum.

Train from Lisburn at 9.38, arriving at Cultra station at 10.27 with a 2 minute walk to the Transport Museum. You may wish to consider catching the 9.41am train at Hilden, as there is ample parking across the road from the station.

After a couple of hours exploring the Transport Museum, including the new Titanica Exhibition, the free shuttle bus

service (running every 20 mins.) will take us to the Folk Park for light lunch in the tea-room.

Following lunch, (and weather permitting!) we will have a walk around the Folk Park. If you decide you do not wish to do this, you can get the shuttle bus back to the Transport Park to continue your exploration there - or return to the train station. Return trains leave Cultra every 30 mins i.e. 13.12, 13.42, 14.12 etc.

Please note that the 15.12 and 16.15 trains **DO NOT STOP AT HILDEN, ONLY LISBURN.** (THERE IS ONE AT 15.42, WHICH DOES STOP AT HILDEN)

Cost will depend on whether you wish to visit both Parks. Concession and group rates apply, so approximately £4 per head should cover both the Transport and Folk Park admissions. Lunch is extra, but will be in the region of £5, depending on your choice.

There is no sheet to complete at the October 27 meeting - just turn up at Hilden or Cultra on the day and bring good weather with you!!

BEGINNERS' GOLF GROUP The next session will be held on **Wed 2 November** 2pm at the Maze Golf Course. Those interested should contact - Joan Hamilton or Cynthia Kelly

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE A one off art class will be held at the Island Arts Centre on Thursday **November 17** 10am-12noon. A tutor will lead the class and refreshments will be provided. Only 13 places are available. If you are interested make sure that you sign the sheet at the October meeting and provide your contact details. Contact Monica after November 1st for further information.

THEATRE AND CONCERT GROUP

Contact Jacqui Townsley



Planned programme -

1. HANSEL & GRETEL NI Opera with the Ulster Orchestra Friday 25th November - 7.30 pm - Grand Opera House Tickets £25.75 pp (£24.75 pp for group of 10+)

If you wish to go, please pay for tickets at the next meeting or send Jacqui a cheque before 30th October.

2. JACK & THE BEAN STALK The Giant of a Panto with May McFetridge. Wednesday 18th January 2012 - 2.30 pm matinee - Grand Opera House. Tickets £22.00 pp payable before 30th October as the panto is nearly booked out!

3. THE KING AND I A breathtaking new production from The Curve Theatre, Leicester.

Saturday 4th February 2012 - 2.30 pm matinee - Grand Opera House. Tickets £27.00 pp (£26.00 pp for group of 10+). Payable at November meeting.

4. THE BARBER OF SEVILLE Promises to be the highlight of the artistic calendar 2012 at GOH. Sung in English translation. Tuesday 13th March 2012 - 7.30 pm - Grand Opera House. Ticket price to be advised.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH - Yes, it is nearly a full year since the beginning of Lisburn U3A!! To mark the occasion we have arranged a celebratory lunch at Lisburn Golf Club on **Thursday 19 Jan. 2012** (The actual anniversary date). Cost is £15. A £5 non-refundable deposit at the October or November meeting will book you a place.

SHORT-MAT INDOOR BOWLING Our newest activity is growing steadily in numbers. Bowling takes place every Thursday at Kilmakee Activity Centre, Seymour Hill from 11am-1pm. Coaching and equipment is provided free (if required). So defy the dark, damp mornings and enjoy a warm, welcoming experience. Hall hire cost is £1.50 or £2 per person (depending on numbers) – tea/coffee and biscuits included! Just turn up at 11am any Thursday morning. If you need more information please contact Catherine Murdock.

U3A NEWS The Autumn edition of the U3A magazine has arrived. There is a copy for every member so pick up your copy at the next meeting.

MEET AND GREET ROTA Please sign the Meet and Greet sheet if you are willing to help.

WHAT A SPEAKER!!! Have you come across an interesting speaker recently, or has someone told you about one? If so, then our guest speaker co-ordinator, Gil Colvin, would love to hear from you!

YES – WE ARE NOW ALL OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED!!!

Thank you everyone who joined in our official celebrations at the September meeting. We used up every seat provided by the Laganview Enterprise Centre and had to go looking for more! You ably supported your hard-working committee – and clearly demonstrated the vibrancy of the Lisburn U3A branch to our special guests.



We all want to congratulate our Chairperson, Monica, who worked tirelessly to ensure that the U3A Certificate hand-over ran as seamlessly as it did!

There were a great many suggestions generated during the brain-storming activity. Numbers and interests are being collated and the viability of possible venues, tutors and/or leaders explored.

BRING YOUR OWN (part 1) The majority of members have computers and have elected to receive this Newsletter by email. **If you require a hardcopy, print it out and bring it along to the meeting with you for reference.**

A very small number of copies will be made available at the meeting for those members with no computer. If you have a computer but have not yet supplied us with an email address, please think of doing so.

BRING YOUR OWN (part 2)

Don't forget to bring your own cup/beaker/mug to the monthly meetings and enjoy a more pleasant sensation than drinking out of a cardboard container!



ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Interest group conveners or group leaders are encouraged to contact the editor with information about regular meetings, special events or general information that will enable members to choose whether to participate or not. Photographs of U3A events are particularly interesting and are welcome from any member with a camera who happens to capture the moment! Info. and photos should be sent to David Todd

INTEREST GROUPS

Film Group - A chance to go with a group, to see the latest films. Usually meets alternate Monday or Tuesday evenings depending on film choices. Contact: Judith Prentice

Knitting and Crochet Group Meets on Friday mornings. Contact Isobel Spence

Let's Go Group - see notice on page 1. Contact: Judith Prentice

Beginners' Computer Group - Meets on alternate Mondays at 2p.m. in Laganview Enterprise Centre. Forthcoming dates - **24 Oct, 7 Nov, and 21 Nov.** Contact - Gil Colvin, Joan Hamilton or Jean Ryan

Theatre and Concert Group – see notice pg 1

Bridge for Beginners Contact: Ivy Long



BOOK GROUPS - If you would like to join either of these groups please contact the group leader.

Book Group1: Meets morning of first Thursday of the month. Contact: Jeanette Chambers

Book Group2: Meets morning of last Tuesday of the month. Contact: Irenë Orr

Indoor Rock Climbing Group - Contact: Stewart Hudson

Indoor Bowling Group (short-mat) see notice page 1.

Pilates FULLY BOOKED - Contact: Monica Rafferty

Tai Chi FULLY BOOKED Make sure that you register your interest on the appropriate sheet to increase the likelihood of additional classes being arranged. Contact: Monica Rafferty

WALKING GROUPS

Strollers: Short, flat walks. Meeting on alternate Monday mornings. Contact: Elizabeth Fleming

Ramblers: Longer walks with occasional hills. Meeting on alternate Monday mornings. Contact: Stanley Prentice

Next Walk – Thursday 31 Oct along Cregagh Glen – Leaving from Dobbies' car park at 10a.m.



Our intrepid Ramblers set off on a 5 mile walk along the Minnowburn and around the Giant's Ring on the wettest day of the month. Yes - they are certified!!