



**APRIL MEETING - LAGANVIEW ENTERPRISE CENTRE
THURSDAY 27TH APRIL AT 2.00PM**

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Please wear your name badge and bring your cup for tea/coffee.

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Items for Monthly Meeting Agenda – Please note that Group leaders and members wishing to speak at the monthly meeting should notify the chairperson in advance of the meeting.

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MAY MEETING – THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2023

***** Membership Renewals *****

Thank you to all those who have already renewed their membership for 2023/2024.

There are still a few people who have yet to renew.

The annual membership of £20 was due by 1st April and can be paid by standing order or online bank transfer to Lisburn u3a - Sort code 09-01-27 Account number 86503657

Please include your full name as the reference (not just the initials).

If you prefer you can bring a cheque for £20 made payable to Lisburn u3a to the monthly meeting in April.

NAME BADGES & MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Please collect name badges from the new member's welcome desk and this year's membership cards from the sign in table.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Chris Pridgen Chris Orr Rosemary Orr Patricia Foote Elizabeth Dowling Maureen Staniland
Irene Richer Susan Flynn Hazel Campbell Sarah Houston Kathy Mclean

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lisburn u3a BBQ

Instead of our monthly meeting on 29th June we intend to have a BBQ 1.00pm to 4.00pm
The cost will be £10.00 per person.
Further details to follow. Venue to be confirmed.

May Meeting will be our 2023 AGM.

The business part will be short and will be followed by a speaker.
Tea/coffee and biscuits as usual. It would be great to see a good turnout.

New Members Meeting 23.03.23

On Thursday 23rd March a meeting was held to give all new members who have joined the group in the last 6 months an opportunity to meet other members & to hear from some of the more established members. Around 30 people attended & were welcomed by Elizabeth Fleming (Chairperson) & Lesley Kirk (Membership Secretary); they explained the origins of the group & the wider u3a.

Elizabeth & Lesley explained about various activities & how to access them & a number of the group leaders were also present to talk about the activities that they run. It was a very interesting, informative & friendly afternoon where everyone chatted, drank tea & of course, there were cakes too.

I joined in September myself & it was really lovely to meet faces old & new & to be a part of this lovely & inclusive group of people. I have felt very welcomed & am currently co-opted onto the committee as minutes secretary. I moved to Northern Ireland at the end of July, from England, knowing only 4 people & this group has been invaluable in helping me feel settled in my new environment 😊

Ceri Stalker

GROUP LEADER UPDATES

PLEASE CONTACT GROUP LEADERS DIRECTLY IF YOU DON'T SEE BELOW THE GROUP IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED.
CLICK [GROUP LEADER CONTACT DETAILS](#)

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES

GROUP LEADER – JACQUI TOWNSLEY

Our next meeting will be at 10.00 am in Cafe Vic Ryn, Moira Road, Lisburn, on Wednesday 10th May 2023, and afterwards at Ballinderry Antiques to view their recently added Antique Jewellery section. Everybody welcome!

BOOK GROUP 1

GROUP LEADER- HILARY PRESTON

We read The Lincoln Highway for our April meeting at a member's home. We were saddened by the death of Shirley Bork, a long time member of this group.

The book is a reflective adventure story centred on 3 young men from disparate backgrounds whose incarceration together in a juvenile detention centre brings them together on the outside world where conflicting motives and moralities set them on a course for collision across the United States. This was a long read and had many themes for discussion. We talked about each of the main characters and generally concluded that they were only 18 years old - except for Billy who was 8 years old and the wisest of them all! Most agreed that the ending of the book was a shock and not one we liked.

BOOK GROUP 2

GROUP LEADER - JOAN BRYSON

Our May meeting is on Tue. 30th May at 10.30am. when our book is 'The Thursday Murder Club ' by Richard Osman. It's unusual for us to read a detective novel and these sleuths are also unusual as they are the residents of a retirement village which raises issues about the role and perception of older people. Will the celebratory author's first novel justify the record advance paid for the script?

BOWLING: INDOOR

GROUP LEADERS FRASER SHANNON, BILL INGLESTON

Indoor sessions at Kilmakee Activity Centre have finished for the majority of our bowlers but a small number continue to play at 1.45 pm on Tuesdays.

Arrangements were made to start outdoor bowling at Lisnagarvey on Tuesday 25th April at 1.45 to 4.00 pm and Thursday 27th April at 10.15 to 12.00 noon. There is plenty of space, so new players are welcome. To help us ascertain numbers we would ask all players to contact Fraser and tell him which day/s they wish to play.

The fee for seniors is £26.50 for the season. Evidence of date of birth, for example a driving licence, is required. Arrangements for payment will be explained in due course.

CROCHET

GROUP LEADER - JEAN RYAN

Meetings are currently held on Fridays 10.30-12.00 at The Journey Church, Lisburn.

DINING OUT

GROUP LEADER – NORMA PATTERSON

Our next visit to Pizzarellys is on Thursday 4th May at 6.45 pm! However we will be choosing from the a la carte menu (and NOT our £16.50 for 2 course menu!) . It's still BYO wine beer etc . Looking forward to seeing you all!!

FRENCH GROUP

GROUP LEADER – ZOE COLLINS

The Beginner's French group returned on Monday 9th January 2023. Contact Zoe for more information.

GARDEN GROUP**GROUP LEADERS – PAUL BOYCE, JOAN HAMILTON**

Wednesday 24th May Visit to Kilcoan Gardens at Islandmagee A garden with something for everyone - cottage style planting, prairie border, roses, wildflower areas and more. Cherry Townsend will give us a tour preceded by tea/coffee and hopefully scones! We will aim to be with Cherry for 11a.m Cost £8.50.

If interested please contact either Paul Boyce, pgboyce@btopenworld.com, or JoanHamilton, halftownhouse@hotmail.com

Further visits - June Adrian Walsh's garden Belfast

July - to Liam and Brigid McDonald's garden at Ballynahinch

Further details of these visits nearer the time nearer the time

GOLF**GROUP LEADER MARGARET CALLAN**

Weekly golf continues on Monday mornings. Summer golf will resume in April. Details and arrangements via WhatsApp. Please supply your mobile phone number to the Group Leader if you would like to join the WhatsApp groups.

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

May's Let's Go will be to Long Meadow Cider near Portadown on Thursday 18th May at 10.30. The visit will include a tour of the orchard and learn how the cider is made, followed by tasting and tea/coffee and apple pie and cream. Cost is £32.50pp. Sign up at the meeting or email gpollock71@gmail.com

LU3A SINGERS**GROUP LEADER - JACQUI TOWNSLEY**

Meetings in May on Friday 12th and Friday 26th May 2023 at 2.00 pm. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 2.00 pm – 4.00 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.

I look forward to seeing you all – and particularly look forward to welcoming new members.

NATIONAL TRUST**GROUP LEADER – LESLEY KIRK**

No arrangements for any outings this month.

PAINTING**GROUP LEADER – TOMMY YARR**

The group continues to meet every Tuesday in the Village Centre Hillsborough 10.30-12.30. We work in oil, watercolour and pastels. We were pleased to welcome a new member recently. Tea, coffee and biscuits available

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

The Tai Chi group continues to meet on Mondays at 11.00am in the Laganview centre.

We are looking forward to celebrating World Tai Chi day with a short outdoor session in Castle Park Lisburn at 10.30 am on Saturday April 29th Maybe a coffee after to warm up!

THEATRE & CONCERT GROUP**GROUP LEADERS JACQUI TOWNSLEY, REAH BROWNE****TARTUFFE**

Lyric Theatre, Belfast, Saturday 29th April 2023 – 2.30 pm

Booking closed

THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL – Grand Opera House, Belfast, Thursday, 8th June, 2.30 pm

Booking closed

OLIVER! - Grand Opera House, Belfast, Friday 21st July 2023, 2.00 pm. Dickensian London is the setting for the celebrated musical theatre masterpiece, Oliver! This is a Grand Opera House Trust Summer Youth Production - full of energy, colour and vibrancy and accompanied by a large, dynamic orchestra. Songs include Food, Glorious Food, Where is Love?, Consider Yourself and I'd Do Anything. Over 100 young people will have the opportunity to be part of Northern Ireland's biggest musical theatre event, and be part of a guaranteed summer to remember.

Tickets £25 pp Closing date Monday 1st May 2023

YOGALATES**GROUP LEADER – BRENDA PALMER, FREDA BELL**

Yoga classes continue on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5 and Thursday mornings 11-12. We have spaces and anyone interested in staying flexible in our advancing years, with our lovely instructor Asha, should 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, 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 Gil by email: colvingil@aol.com**LEVEL 3: RAMBLERS****GROUP LEADER - STANLEY PRENTICE****LEVEL 4: RAMBLERS PLUS****GROUP LEADERS – KEITH INESON, WILLIAM GRANT****LEVEL 5: SCRAMBLERS****GROUP LEADER - STANLEY PRENTICE**

Rambles continue every Monday with a Ramble Plus on the second Monday of the month.

New members always welcome.

Mountain walks/Scramblers are every Thursday with an easier walk on the third Thursday of the month, which we hope will attract some new Scramblers.

Rambles and Scramblers continue to be well supported each month.

The Ramblers group hope to resume car sharing after Easter, assuming everyone is comfortable with it. Any questions or for more information please contact me at lu3aramblers@gmail.com

COMMITTEE MEMBERS – CONTACT DETAILS

NAME	POSITION	MOBILE	EMAIL
Elizabeth Fleming	Chairperson		
Volunteer Required	Vice Chairperson		
Joan Hamilton	Treasurer		
Avril Hughes	Administrative Secretary		
Ceri Stalker	Minutes Secretary		
Peter Hunter	Speakers		
Bill Grant	Venues/Bookings		
Lesley Kirk	Membership Secretary		
Keith Ineson	Convener of Group Leaders		

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

NAME	POSITION	MOBILE	EMAIL
Margaret Walker	Temporary Newsletter Editor		
Elodie Ellingsen	Webmaster		
Cynthia Kelly	Photo Supplement	--	

ACTIVITY GROUP LEADERS -CONTACT DETAILS

LISBURN U3A CONTACT INFORMATION

GROUP	Day	Time	Venue*	Group Leader	Tel.	Contact Email
Antiques	2 nd Wed of month	7:30pm	3	Jacqui Townsley		
Archery	Every Tuesday	10-11:00am	1	John Sell		
Badminton	Every Wednesday	10:30am	2	Laura Molloy		
Book Group 1	1 st Thurs of month	10:30am	4	Hilary Preston		
Book Group 2	Last Tues of month	10:30am	4	Joan Bryson		
Bowling Indoor Seasonal: Winter Starts 6th Sept.	Every Tuesday Every Thursday	1:45 - 4 pm 9:45 am - 12	1	Fraser Shannon Bill Ingleston		
Bowling Outdoor Seasonal Summer	Every Tues & Thu ends 20th April	9:45am-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		
Flower Arranging	Every Thursday	10.30-12.30	5	Rosie Corrigan Cathy Shawe		
Fringe Group	Occasional	Varied	8	Sally Cunningham		
Garden Group	Occasional	Varied	8	Paul Boyce Joan Hamilton		
Genealogy	Occasional	Varied	8	Sally Cunningham		
Golf	Most Mondays	Varied	8	Margaret Callan		
Irish Lessons	Every Friday	10:15 carpool 11:00am class	5 & 14	Keith Ineson		
Karate	Every Tuesday	6pm-7:30pm	12	William Grant		
Let's Go	Occasional	Varied	8	Gail Pollock		
LU3A Singers	2 nd & 4 th Fridays	2:00pm	9	Jacqui Townsley		
National Trust	Varied	Varied	8	Lesley Kirk		
Painting	Every Tuesday	10:30am	3	Tommy Yarr		
Scrabble	1 st & 3 rd Thurs of month	2:00pm	2	Olive Campbell Lynda Brownlee		
Snooker	Every Tuesday	7:30pm	7	Neville Hicks		
T'ai Chi – Mixed Ability Classes	Mondays	11.00am - 12:00 noon	5	Kathleen Ingleston Paul Boyce		
Theatre / Concert	Occasional	Varied	8	Jacqui Townsley Reah Browne		
Yogalates	Every Wednesday Every Thursday	4 – 5:00 pm 11am -12	5	Brenda Palmer Freda Bell		
Strollers	Every Monday	10:15am	8	Mary Hine		
Saturday Ramblers	3 rd Sat of month	10:30am	8	Gil Colvin		
Ramblers	Every Monday	10:30 am	8	Stanley Prentice		
Ramblers Plus	2 nd Mon of month	10:30am	8	Keith Ineson William Grant		
Scramblers	Alternate Thurs	09:30am	8	Stanley Prentice		

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 = The Alchemy, Moira - (Formerly The Tannery)
7 = Coach Snooker Club, Hillsborough	16 = LISNAGARVEY
8 = Varied Venues	17 = LCCC Omniplex Bowling Green
9 = Barry Gallery Downshire Centre	18 = The Journey Church