

**OCTOBER MEETING – LAGANVIEW ENTERPRISE CENTRE
THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER AT 2.00PM**

Peter Vannucci – Italian Migration to Ireland

Marconi, Forte, Fusco, Morelli and Caproni are a few of the Italian surnames well known to us all. Peter will tell us from where, when and why they, and others, came to Ireland, where they settled and the skills they brought with them.

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 Crochet Group who will be at the sign-in desk and hosting the refreshments this month.

NOVEMBER MEETING - THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2023 – 2.00pm

We will welcome Jim Livingstone (Chair Belfast u3a) Bridie Gallagher – The Girl from Donegal

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

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

Dates for your Diary

Please note change of Date and Venue in December

**December Meeting Thurs 14th December 2023 at 2.00pm Lisburn Masonic Hall, Belsize Road,
January 2024 Anniversary Lunch Thurs 25th January 2024 12.30 for 1.00pm Dunmurry Golf Club
February 2024 Meeting Thurs 29th February 2024 at 2.00pm Laganview Enterprise Centre**

NAME BADGES & MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Please collect both badges and cards from the new member's welcome desk.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Phyeon and Andrew Fan Barbara Earle Daphne Trimble
Jane and Denis Harris Brenda Malone Joyce Fraser
Elaine and Stuart Robb

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

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Hillsborough Village Centre.
Next meeting Wednesday 8th November at 7.30pm.
Antiques Roadshow Greatest Finds, Part 3 – more revelations from past roadshows!

BOOK GROUP 1

GROUP LEADER- HILARY PRESTON

In October we discussed 'The People on Platform 5' by Clare Pooley. We enjoyed this easy to read book about a group of people who all get on the same train, at various stops, on its route to London. The book describes the different characters and their interactions. Some felt it was a bit formulaic and predictable. However we all agreed that we should all 'Be more Iona'. Next month we are discussing 'Any Human Heart' by William Boyd.

BOOK GROUP 2

GROUP LEADER - JOAN BRYSON

We will meet on 28th November at 10.30am when our book is 'Intimacies' by Japanese-American writer Katie Kitamura. A translator at the International Courts of Justice ponders the great chasms between words and languages that can open up without warning. She is involved in a war crimes trial and an affair with a married man when the confluence of circumstances forces her to question the morality of both her work and personal life. Does she know who she really is or where she belongs?

BOWLING

GROUP LEADERS FRASER SHANNON, BILL INGLESTON

Play at Kilmakee Activity Centre takes place at 1.45pm to 4.00pm on Tuesdays, and at 9.45am to 12.00 noon on Thursdays. Now that holidays are well out of the way for most people, numbers are building up nicely. This month we welcomed new members Jane and Dennis Harris. New players are welcome but we would ask them to contact Fraser or Bill, and say which day/s they wish to play.

BEGINNERS BRIDGE

GROUP LEADER – PATRICIA RICKETTS

We meet at The cafe upstairs at Smyth Patterson's. We are really grateful to have the luxury of comfortable surroundings with coffee and cake on tap! Please make yourselves known as u3a members when you visit. The staff are wonderful. We meet every Thursday at 3.00pm.

DINING OUT

GROUP LEADER – NORMA PATTERSON

Our next Dining Out will be on Thursday 9th November at 6.45pm at Pizzarells!! If anyone would like to join us please send an email. Looking forward to seeing everyone!!

FRENCH GROUP

GROUP LEADER – ZOE COLLINS

Group meets every Monday 2.30 – 3.30pm at Zoe's home.

CROCHET

GROUP LEADER – JEAN RYAN

Class meets at Happy Days Lisburn every Friday 10.30 – 12.00 .

GARDEN GROUP

GROUP LEADERS – PAUL BOYCE, JOAN HAMILTON

A gardening forum has been arranged for 11.00am on Friday 3rd November at Dunmurry Golf Club Clubhouse. Coffee and Scones £5 each. Contact Paul Boyce to confirm attendance.

GOLF

GROUP LEADER MARGARET CALLAN

WEEKLY GOLF continues on Monday mornings at Aberdelghy. All golfing arrangements are made via WhatsApp. Please contact the Group Leader to get your name added to the WhatsApp groups

LET'S GO

GROUP LEADER- GAIL POLLOCK

After a very successful visit to Lisburn Museum to see the Egyptian Exhibition, we are returning to do a tour of their Linen Exhibition - which includes a piece of linen from Tutankhamun's tomb! Our visit will be on Friday 17th November at 10.30. This is FREE.

LU3A SINGERS

GROUP LEADER – JACQUI TOWNSLEY

Meetings will be on Friday 10th and Friday 24th November 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. New members are very welcome.

NATIONAL TRUST

GROUP LEADER – LESLEY KIRK

No meeting this month

PAINTING

GROUP LEADER – TOMMY YARR

The painting group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10.30 am in the Village Centre Hillsborough. We use varied mediums and enjoy seeing the finished results (sometimes!).

T'AI CHI – Mixed Ability Classes

GROUP LEADERS - KATHLEEN INGLESTON, PAUL BOYCE

The group is continuing to practice the 24 form and other movements to support health and well-being. No class on Monday the 30th.

THEATRE & CONCERT GROUP

GROUP LEADERS - JACQUI TOWNSLEY, REAH BROWNE

42 ND STREET - Grand Opera House, Belfast, Thursday 26th October at 2.30pm
Booking closed. Tickets available in the foyer before the show.

TECHNOLOGY GROUP

In last months newsletter I suggested we run a Windows10 course at the Laganview Enterprise Centre. Only 4 people responded to that suggestion, all four people preferred the course to be held on different days of the week. It would not be prudent use of U3A funds to book the Enterprise Centre for only four people. The proposed "Introduction to Mobile Phones" course received a similar response. 5 members responded to it. However the cost of the instructor plus the hire of the room requires that a minimum of 12 people to attend in order for it to be economically viable.

If more people express an interest in either of these two courses next year then I will try to organise one again. Ray.

YOGALATES

GROUP LEADER – BRENDA PALMER, FRED A BELL

Class continues under Asha our teacher. We have spaces and will gladly welcome new members who wish to keep supple as we get older. It's all geared to our age group. No headstands involved !!

Just contact Brenda or Freda for enquiries.

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

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.

Any questions or for more information please contact Group Leader.