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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 28th March.** 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 your badge and cup.

**March 2024 Meeting Laganview Enterprise Centre at 2.00pm
Thursday 28th March 2024**

**Michael Fryer from N. Ireland War Museum
"N. Ireland during World War 2"**

Michael is looking forward to coming to our meeting. As well as giving his illustrated talk he will be bringing along some items of interest from the Museum collection.

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

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

The committee wish to thank **Ray Fillmore** who has volunteered to become the new Editor of the lu3a Newsletter from this month and wish him well as he takes on this role on behalf of Lisburn u3a.

Also, many thanks to **Margaret Walker** who has been the temporary editor for the past year, and we wish to thank her for her commitment and dedication in producing the Newsletter each month during this time.

***** MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS *****

Your annual membership is due by 1st April 2024 and you'll be pleased to hear it is still £20.00.

If you aren't paying by standing order, please arrange to pay by online bank transfer, including your full name as the reference (not just initials). Our account details are Lisburn u3a 09-01-27 86503657

Or you can bring a cheque for £20.00 made payable to Lisburn u3a to the monthly meeting in March.

**** GIFT AID ****

If you are not already signed up for gift aid please consider completing a gift aid form which is available from the treasurer or membership secretary.

*** CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE ***

Thank you to all the members who replied to the emails requesting your up to date contact details. If you haven't already replied please look in your in box/ junk folder.

NAME BADGES & MEMBERSHIP CARDS

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

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Gary Leckey and Philip Vance

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

Next meeting Wednesday, 10th April 2024 - Hillsborough Village Centre at 7.30 pm. Details to be circulated before the meeting.

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

Aptly we met the day before International Woman's Day to discuss A Passionate Sisterhood by Kathleen Jones. This is a group biography of the sisters, wives and daughters of the Lakeland Poets such as Wordsworth and Coleridge.

We all felt deep sympathy for these women, who experienced depression and heartache during numerous pregnancies and child deaths. They were domestic slaves to support the poets, while being frustrated because they could seldom use their own talents and often relied on opium and laudanum to help them survive diseases and mental health issues.

We meet again on 4 April to discuss The Middle of the Middle of America by David B Lyons.

BOOK GROUP 2

GROUP LEADER - JOAN BRYSON

Our April meeting is on Tuesday 30th at 10.30am. We will discuss 'The Butterfly Cabinet' by Ulster writer Bernie McGill who's story is set on the North coast. An old woman who has carried a secret since her days as a servant in a great house unburdens herself to a descendent of her employers. A child died and her cold unpopular mother who seemed more interested in collecting butterflies than in children was accused of murder. The truth is tangled and the incident symptomatic of wider tensions.

BOWLING

GROUP LEADERS - FRASER SHANNON - BILL INGLESTON

Bowling continues at Kilmakee Activity Centre, with play taking place at 1.45pm to 4.00pm on Tuesdays and at 9.45am to 12.00 noon on Thursdays. New players are welcome but we would ask them to contact Fraser or Bill, and say which day/s they wish to play. Our recent new member, Frank Finlay, is already a proficient bowler and thoroughly enjoying the activity. Members are now signing up for outdoor bowling which is expected to start around the end of April. Date to be confirmed.

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CROCHET

GROUP LEADER - JEAN RYAN

Weekly meetings take place on Fridays 10:30-12:00 at Happy Days Lisburn. There will be no meeting on Good Friday 29 March. We resume on Friday 5 April. Happy Easter everyone.

FRENCH GROUP

GROUP LEADER - ZOE COLLINS

Weekly Monday classes will continue until the end of June. Great progress, particularly in speaking French has been made by the students who enjoy different levels of proficiency.

After two years of leading the Group and enjoying every minute of it, Zoe would like to pass the baton on to a new Group Leader. If anyone is interested, please liaise with Zoe or Joan Bryson.

FRENCH AND SPANISH GROUPS

Many thanks to Zoe Collins who is giving up running the French Group for all her hard work providing instruction and entertainment. Are you interested in joining and helping to run the Group which we would like to continue on a less formal teaching basis as 'Basic Conversational French' aimed at those with some knowledge, even if it's rusty.

I have been asked to find out if anyone is interested in a new 'Beginners Spanish Group' with a focus on conversational skills. Would you like to join or help? We are trying to gauge interest at present so don't be shy. Contact me Joan Bryson, Convenor of Group Leaders by 18th April.

GARDEN GROUP

GROUP LEADERS - PAUL BOYCE - JOAN HAMILTON

The Gardening group enjoyed a guided tour of Hillsborough Castle Walled garden led by the Head Gardener Clare Woods who gave us lots of good gardening tips and insights into the restoration of the garden and grounds of the estate. We are looking forward to a programme of upcoming visits and events throughout the Spring /Summer. The first of these visits is on Tuesday 16th April at 2pm. - 2 Lurgan Rd Moira. A mature 2 acre garden owned by Dr. Paul McConnell. Coffee after, at the garden of one of our members (bake off finalist!!) Kathy McClean. Contact Paul Boyce or Joan Hamilton to put your name on the list.

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

Our April outing will be to Hilden Brewery for a tour and lunch of stew and beer tasting. This will be on Wed 17th April at 12.00 and costs £25 which includes lunch and 3 beers. Those driving can take a bottle home!

<https://hildenbrewery.com/hilden-brewery-tours/> If you won't be at the meeting and would like to go, email me

T'AI CHI – Mixed Ability Classes

GROUP LEADERS - KATHLEEN INGLESTON - PAUL BOYCE

Both Tai Chi classes in Laganview Enterprise Centre each Monday continue to be well supported by members. The first class is from 11:00am until 12 noon and second class is from 12:15 pm until 13:15 pm. Anyone requiring information about joining either of these Tai Chi classes please contact Paul Boyce or Kathleen Ingleston.

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THEATRE & CONCERT

GROUP LEADERS - JACQUI TOWNSLEY - KATHLEEN ROBINSON

Guys and Dolls

Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, Thursday 18th April 2024 at 7.30 pm

Booking closed. *Tickets available at March meeting or on the night of the show.*

The Woman in Black

Grand Opera House, Belfast, Thursday 16th May 2024 at 2.30 pm

After 33 years in London's West End, this legendary production of Susan Hill's brilliant ghost story returns to Belfast. Experience the thrill and excitement of this spine-chiller starring Malcolm James as Arthur Kipps and Mark Hawkins as The Actor.

Tickets £31 pp. *Closing date Wednesday 3rd April 2024*

A Festival of Choirs

Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, 17th May 2024 at 7.30 pm

Lisburn Harmony Ladies Choir present A Festival of Choirs with Sing & Tonic, Harmony Too and the PwC Workplace choir. Definitely an evening not to be missed!

Tickets £10 pp. *Closing date for bookings Thursday 28th March 2024.*

Pride and Prejudice

Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 8.00 pm

Full of humour and invention, Hotbuckle Theatre presents Jane Austin as you have never experienced her before!
Studio Theatre, Lagan Valley Island

Tickets £15 pp. *Closing date Wednesday 3rd April 2024*

YOGALATES

GROUP LEADERS - BRENDA PALMER - FREDA BELL

Yogalates resumes on Wednesday 10th January. Our classes are full at the moment but we are happy to put names on our waiting list if anyone is interested in joining our group of supple seniors. 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

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.

Any questions or for more information please contact the Group Leader

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LISBURN U3A COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NAME	POSITION	EMAIL
Elizabeth Fleming	Chair Person	Info@lisburnu3a.org
Vice Chairperson	Volunteer Required	
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, Bentrin 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

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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 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	
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	
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	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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