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**May Meeting LAGANVIEW ENTERPRISE CENTRE at 2.00pm
Thursday 29th May 2025. - Lisburn u3a AGM**

The Lisburn u3a AGM will be taking place on 29th May 2025

The AGM gives members the opportunity to hear the Annual Financial and Chair's Reports and the election of the committee for the coming year - so please do plan to come along.

We have received nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Administrative Secretary and two committee members but there is still a vacant position for a further committee member - please think about volunteering for this. Ask any of the current committee members for details of the role.

Following the AGM business, Carol Walker from the Somme Association will be our speaker. The meeting will start at 2.00pm but feel free to arrive from 1.40pm to have tea/coffee/biscuits and chat with friends beforehand. Also, please remember to bring your cup to save using disposable ones.

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

June Meeting - Lisburn u3a Barbecue

**The Barbecue will take place on Thursday 26th June 2025 at Lisburn Masonic Hall,
Belsize Road 12.30 for 1.00pm**

Cost £15.00 per member (subsidised by Lisburn u3a) or £21.00 for a spouse/partner who is a non-member. This will include the usual Barbecue food cooked by Mulhollands.

Vegetarian option or special dietary requirements - please indicate when signing up.

As well as meats and sides, tea/coffee/juice/biscuits will be served.

Norman Houston will provide the entertainment.

We also hope to run a ballot during the afternoon. Tickets £1.00 per strip.

A cash bar will be available for those who wish to purchase alcoholic or soft drinks.

Payment can be made in the following three ways

☐ **At the May monthly meeting** - please place cash or cheque (payable to Lisburn u3a) in an envelope with your name on the outside

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☐ **By post** - send a cheque, payable to Lisburn u3a, to the Treasurer - Jane Harris, 27 Charlestown Hall Lane, Lisburn, BT28 0AH

Last day for sign up and payment is Monday 23rd June 2025

Looking forward to seeing you there

CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE

Thank you to all the members who replied to the emails requesting your up-to-date contact details.

Welcome To The Following New Members

David & Yvonne Fleming; Elizabeth & David Fortin; Sarah Lagan; Marlene McMillan; Susan O'Doherty and Caroline Gilmour.

Date for your Diary - 31st July 2025 Monthly Meeting. Please note: We will return to Laganview Enterprise Centre for the July and subsequent meetings.

Membership Renewal - Thank you to everyone who has already renewed.

The Annual Membership Fee (£20.00) was due from 1st April 2025. Payment can be made in the following three ways

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****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.

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 11th June 2025** at **Moy Antiques Village**.

Meet at the **Rydale Inn**, The Square, Moy, for coffee at **10.30 am**. You can usually find a parking space around the square – parking limited to 2 hours. The Antiques Village is next door to the Rydale Inn.

Car share where possible and please let me know if you need transport.

Everyone welcome to join us for the outing – you do not need to be a member of the group.

BOOK GROUP 2

GROUP LEADER - JOAN BRYSON

Our June meeting is on **Tuesday 24th** at **10.30 am** when we will discuss '**Corridors of Power**' by **C.P. Snow** (published 1964). This once popular and highly regarded author seems to have slipped from sight and it will be interesting to see if his work has aged well. A scientist himself Snow often focused on the lack of communication between the arts and sciences and the nature of power, his books concentrating on people rather than dramatic events. '**Corridors of Power**' follows the unsuccessful attempt by a Cabinet Minister to persuade his party to adopt a policy of unilateral nuclear disarmament.

BOWLING

GROUP LEADERS - FRASER SHANNON - BILL INGLESTON



A small number of indoor bowlers continue to play through the summer at **Kilmakee Activity Centre**, playing at **1.45 - 4.00 pm** on **Tuesdays** and at **9.45 am - noon** on **Thursdays**.

The outdoor bowling season is well under way now, with players enjoying the good spell of weather.

Play is at **1.45 pm** on **Tuesdays** and at **9.45 am - noon** on **Thursdays**.

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.

GARDEN GROUP

GROUP LEADERS - PAUL BOYCE - JOAN HAMILTON

Next garden visit is to Ballytrim House Killyleagh at 3 pm on **Wednesday 18th June**.

Visit to the Walled garden and Afternoon Tea, the cost £15.00

Proposed garden visits this season are **July 25th** - The Straits Lisbane - **August 12th** - The Hill Killinchy.

GOLF

GROUP LEADER - MARGARET CALLAN



Recent weekly Golf outings on Monday mornings have been at Aberdelghy and Castlereagh Hills Golf Courses. The Summer Golf outing in April was to Edenmore Golf Club - a beautiful course, a sunny day and a delicious lunch - shame about the golf! *Temple Golf Club* is the venue for the **May** outing on **Thursday 15th** with *Castlereagh Hills Golf Course* the proposed venue for **Thursday 19th June**. Everyone welcome - contact the Group Leader and ask to join the WhatsApp groups

LET'S GO

GROUP LEADER - GAIL POLLOCK

June's outing will be to Tullyhenan Apiary on Friday 20th at 10.30. Geoff Davidson of Dromore Beekeepers Association, spoke to us a few months ago and has agreed for us to visit his hives. There is the opportunity to see into the hives, he has 12 bee suits of various sizes if anyone would like to get a closer look. If you won't be at this month's meeting and would like to go, email me.



Thanks to Bill Ingleston who sent this picture to the editor with the note:- **Bee Squatters**.
Wild bees have taken over my old bird-box. Apparently they like such scruffy properties.

LU3A SINGERS

GROUP LEADER - JACQUI TOWNSLEY

LU3A Singers meet each month to enjoy good singing and friendship, no expertise required, just come along to relax and sing. We will have one meeting in June on **Friday 20th June 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.

NATIONAL TRUST

GROUP LEADER - LESLEY KIRK

Our Blackwater barge trip at the Argory had to be rearranged to Saturday 14th June. All 16 places are taken.

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

GROUP LEADER - TOMMY YARR

The painting group finished at the end of April and will start again in September. New members are always welcome.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

GROUP LEADERS - KEITH INESON - WILLIAM GRANT - IAIN JAMES



The following photography outings are planned and we will follow these with a lunch:-

June 2nd - Donaghadee July 7th - Castle Ward

August 4th - Rathlin Island September 1st - Portaferry

We are also looking at a day of tuition and an evening where we view photos that we have taken.
(tea/coffee and cake provided!)

T'AI CHI – Mixed Ability Classes

GROUP LEADERS - PAUL BOYCE - KATHLEEN INGLESTON



Tai Chi classes continue through May from 12th May into June. Proposed date of last class before the Summer break is Monday 23rd June. Classes will begin again during first week of September (to be confirmed).

It is a pleasure this month to welcome two new members to the class. They shall begin on Monday 12th May. We still have a short waiting list. Please contact group leaders Paul Boyce or Kathleen Ingleston if you have any queries about our class.

THEATRE & CONCERT

GROUP LEADERS - JACQUI TOWNSLEY - KATHLEEN ROBINSON

The Importance of being Earnest

LyricTheatre, Thursday 19th June 2025 at 2.30 pm

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

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 convener .

NAME	POSITION	EMAIL
Elizabeth Fleming	Chairperson	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	
Darrell Mawhinney	Photo Supplement	

VENUE* KEY	
1 = Kilmakee Activity Centre	10 = Lisnagarvey Bowling Club {seasonal outdoor bowls}
2 = Lisburn Racquets Club, Belfast Road, Lisburn	11 = Tesco, Bentrim Road, Lisburn
3 = Hillsborough Village Community Centre	12 = Smyth Patterson's Café
4 = Volunteer Member's Homes	13 = Bridge Community Centre
5 = Laganview Enterprise Centre, Lisburn	14 =
6 = Happy Days {The Journey Church, Lisburn}	15 =
7 = Coach Snooker Club, Hillsborough	16 =
8 = Varied Venues	17 =
9 = Parish Room Hillsborough Parish Church	18 =

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	afternoon	4	Hilary Preston	
Book Group 2	Last Tues of month	10:30am	4	Joan Bryson	
Bowling Indoor	Every Tuesday Every Thursday	1:45 - 4pm 09:45 - 12:15	1	Fraser Shannon Bill Ingleston	
Bowling Outdoor Seasonal Summer	Every Tues & Thu	09:45 - 12:15	10	Fraser Shannon Bill Ingleston	
Bridge	Every Thursday	7:30pm	13	Ivy Long Joan Bolam	
Bridge Beginner	Every Tuesday	1:30pm	12	Fionnuala O'Callaghan Rosita Storey	
Crochet	Every Friday	10:30am	6	Jean Ryan	
Dining Out	2 nd Thurs of month	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	
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 Iain James	
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	
Yoga	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	Every Thursday	09:30am	8	Stanley Prentice	