

## Halewood U3A Newsletter June 2026

### Membership

Membership/Application forms are available on our web site if you know of any one who would like to join.

### Monthly meetings

**Our next meeting will be on Friday 29th May at 2.30 pm and is entitled "War Poets" by Barry Humphries.**

### Art Appreciation Group

The group had an interesting visit to the Victoria museum and gallery and Catholic cathedral last month. There were several small exhibitions in the gallery (all free) and the cathedral was stunning because it was a very sunny day.

A visit is being arranged to see " The mystery of Banksy - a genius mind " on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2.00 pm. It is at The Depot Mayfield, in Manchester. Trains go from Liverpool South Parkway to Manchester Piccadilly and it's a few minutes walk from there to the exhibition.

If you wish to go, please bring £18.20 in cash for the ticket to the next meeting. Please put the money in an envelope with your name and phone number.

The trip is being arranged by Irene Williams 0151 4211856 and Maureen Evans 07585 649594.

If you are interested in joining the Art Appreciation Group, please contact Maureen Evans, Group Leader, on 07585 649594.

### Book Club

We will be discussing the following books on these dates: 21<sup>st</sup> May: 'Sweet Tooth' by Ian McEwan  
18<sup>th</sup> June: 'Cakes and Ale' by Somerset Maugham. Let me know if you would like to come along. It is at the Arncliffe Centre - 1.30 - 2.30 pm. Contact Susan Stone on 07949 778157 for further details.

### Chat Group.

We met on 5<sup>th</sup> May at Love Eight in Hunts Cross Avenue. There were nine of us and we had a really good chat! Please come and join us! We talk about all things and everything! The group usually meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, although the venue may change. We are meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, this time at Finchys in Halewood. For further details please contact Margaret Hill on 07708 590761.

### Coffee Group

We will be back for our coffee and/or lunch and general catch up on 20<sup>th</sup> May at Love Eight in Hunts Cross Avenue - do not be shy come and join us, 10.30 am.

### Craft Club

The Craft Club ladies are still keeping busy with varied crafts; we are now painting and decorating wooden spoons that will make lovely hanging decorations. (See photo on end page.)

We would welcome two new members to join our group; we meet fortnightly on Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.30 pm at the Arncliffe. Come along and meet our very sociable group members for a crafty and chatty afternoon with tea and biscuits thrown in. The next Craft club dates are: 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> June or contact Jackie on 07546 124852 for further details.



### Discussion Group

We meet fortnightly to discuss all kinds of interesting subjects. The next meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> May at 10.15 am at the **Halewood Library**. Please note that there is only one meeting in May because of the bank holiday. The next one after that will be on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please come and join us or call Ian on 07985 762023 for further details.

### 'Escape' Group

The first trip of the season will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May - a horse drawn canal boat trip from Llangollen Wharf to Horseshoe Falls. At this moment in time there are no spaces left. If you are interested in going on a waiting list please contact SUE on 07727 853760.

### Family History

If you are free on Thursday mornings why not go along to Halewood Library at 10:30 am and observe the Group working. You could get "hooked" and want to find your own Family History. Contact Sue on 07727 853760. We have had great success in tracing family lines over many generations using Ancestry. Come and join us, its fun!

### Games Groups

#### Canasta

The group are back enjoying their weekly game. We are a continuously growing group, but there is always room for new players, call in if you wonder what canasta is all about: 10.00 am - 12 midday every Tuesday morning at Reynolds Court, Woolton. A few players are looking forward to a visit to the Quaker House in Liverpool in May for lunch and yet another competitive game of cards against Liverpool U3A. We have some events in the planning for the future, check our U3A website for more information or contact Pam Langley on 07597 905188.

#### Mexican Train Dominoes

The next meetings are 5<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2:00 pm at the Arncliffe, cost just £1. Contact Mike Farmer on 07739 763240 for more details.

#### Rummikub

As you know we meet at Halewood Library every other Monday, so look forward to seeing anybody who fancies giving it a go! The staff there are lovely and we all enjoy the afternoon. Please come and join us, 2.00 to 4.00 pm. The next meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June to avoid clashing with the CultureFest. All welcome. For further details please contact Chris Kilshaw 0151 475 7822.

### **HERE ARE SOME FURTHER CONTACT DETAILS FOR OTHER GAMES**

The Mahjong and Bridge Groups continue to enjoy playing on Wednesdays from 2.00 to 4.00 pm at the Childwall Abbey Hotel. This month we have sent greetings to Josie on her special birthday. If you would like to spend an enjoyable afternoon and learn a new game, please come along and join us. We welcome new members - no experience necessary as we will teach you! For further information please contact:

Bridge: Pat McLachlan 07903 460110

Mahjong: Sue Hardy 07905 417447

### Interesting Buildings

The Interesting Building trip was on Friday 17th April, visiting Liverpool Town Hall. A grand total of 40 members turned up, and our guide was James. He was so informative, and knew names and dates, making the tour so interesting. In the entrance hall, James told us all about the tiled floor. There was an oak fireplace; James climbed onto a ledge and opened the doors on top of the fireplace. He said even two hundred years ago they were thinking about television sets on the walls. Going up the stairs there was a beautiful picture of Queen Elizabeth.

We went up the stairs into the ballroom and walked to the far end of the hall; the doors were open and we were allowed to walk out onto the balcony and look down onto Castle Street. At the other end of the ballroom there was a massive mirror which covered the whole wall. When you stood in front of it you saw all the chandeliers in a line going down the ball room. We then went down to the Memorial room. There the walls had plaques with the names of fallen soldiers during the first world war. Then we went into the Council Chambers, where all the big decisions are made. It was an excellent experience. Please contact Pat McLachlan on 07903 460110 for details of future visits.

### Lunch Group

The next lunch will be on Wednesday 1st July at Al Dente, no deposit needed but numbers at the meeting in May would be ideal. We are limited to 24 people and I can take names then. Any suggestions for future venues are welcome and if we get a few for the same venue we will go and check it out...it's a hard job, but someone has to do it!!! Just drop us an email, or hand an idea into registration at the next meeting. Thanks in advance. Christine Kilshaw 0151 475 7822

### Quiz

The next quiz will be at the Arncliffe on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June at **2:00 pm**. There will be a £2 entry fee to include tea, coffee and biscuits. People will need to sign in and teams will be a **maximum of 6**. Hope to see all you quizzers there.

### Theatre/Cinema Group

**The Bentley Operatic Society at Hope Street Campus Capstone Theatre**

17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> June: **Dolly Parton the Musical** - Tickets 07503334376

**Empire Theatre**

15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> June: **The Body Guard** - An international award-winning smash hit and a Firm Favourite

6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> October: **Lord of the Dance 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**.

Apparently 60 million fans in over 60 countries have enjoyed this show since 1996.

**Royal Court**

Royal Court have issued the new dates for the afternoon Variety Show: 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July. £5 or £8.50, which includes lunch - 1.30 pm start for a couple of hours' light entertainment.

31<sup>st</sup> July - 29<sup>th</sup> August: **Take me Home Country Road**

A touch of the "The Shirley Valentine" in this new comedy by Adam McCoy, following the journey of a 40 something housewife from Wavertree Road to Tennessee as a Country & Western singer.

Matinées are available.

**Everyman**

16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> July: **A Murder Mystery - Last one Standing** and Afternoon Tea.

This is for all Sherlock Homes fans - a fun afternoon solving a murder. It is an interactive show and afternoon tea is included.

When I have names for any performance, I will get the best seats at the best price I can. For further details please contact Pam on 07597 905188.

### Ukulele Group.

The Group meet at the Arncliffe every Wednesday 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Contact Janet Davies on 07759 882197 if you would like to join.

### Walking Group

Just to let people know, we meet every Monday at Hunts Cross Station at 10.15 am and invariably get Mersey Rail to the Wirral or somewhere on the Southport line. The walks are usually about four miles long. Please contact Margaret Carter on 0151 427 2117 for any further details.

**August Day Out** - Southport Flower Show on Thursday 20th August. The cost will be £35, including coach and entry. Those members who have signed up, but not yet paid the full amount, please pay the balance of £25 to me at our next meeting on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

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**KNITTING AND CROCHET:** Chris Kilshaw collects items for the Trussell Trust. She has patterns for fingerless gloves, hats, scarves and squares. If you are interested in helping out please contact her.

### Web Site

There is a new section on the website called '**Latest Notices**'. Keep checking this on the home page as it gets updated regularly. If you need to get in touch with me regarding anything in this newsletter or the website please call me on 07708 590761 or email :- mirrie1@sky.com.

*\*\*\*As always could you please pass this newsletter on to any member you may know who is not on email. \*\*\* There is also a link on our website :- <https://halewood.u3asite.uk>*

Margaret

Craft Club



Photos from the visit to the Town Hall.

