

Halewood U3A Newsletter July 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 26th June at 2.30 pm and is entitled "Tiller Girls" by Fay Robinson.



RNLI

We have been collecting in little jars for a few months and went recently with a very heavy bag of money to the Lifeboat Station in New Brighton, where they kindly counted all our donations, which amounted to a staggering £107.40!!! They were delighted and thanked all the members for their kindness.

Well done to everyone who donated! Chris Kilshaw

NEW GROUPS

Please see below details of a new **Gardening group**, a **History group** and a **Proposed Hand Bell Ringing group**.

Art Appreciation Group

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

Book Club

The next meet-ups will be on 16th July and 17th September. Please note that there is no meet in August. 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 2nd June at Finchys in Halewood. 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 1st Tuesday of the month, although the venue may change. We are next meeting on 7th July, again at Finchys in Halewood. For further details please contact Margaret Hill on 07708 590761.

Coffee Group

There is no meeting in July.

Craft Club

The Craft Club ladies are still keeping busy with varied crafts. 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. Please contact Jackie on 07546 124852 for further details.

Dirty Hands (Gardening Group)

It has been suggested that a gardening group be established. We are looking for members that may be interested in joining the group. We are very lucky in that there is a garden at the back of the Arncliffe Centre that was established many years ago by Pat Mars for her dementia group, Pat has welcomed the idea of us using the garden in turn for some volunteering. This will give us the opportunity of gardening as a group as well as meeting to discuss our gardening ideas and issues, we will also be helping a deserving local charity. The first step is to find out any many members are interested, we will then meet to discuss the best way to run the group as well as viewing the garden.

If interested, can you please contact either:

Jackie Fearon: 07546 124852 or email: Jackiefearon50@hotmail.com or:

Joyce Seddon: email: joyceseddon@talktalk.net

Discussion Group

We meet fortnightly to discuss all kinds of interesting subjects. The next meeting is on 29th June at 10.15 am at the **Halewood Library**. Please come and join us or call Ian on 07985 762023 for further details.

'Escape' Group

There should be another exciting excursion coming up soon - details to follow.

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. 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 meeting is 3rd 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 29th June, 6th and 20th July. 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. 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

NEW GROUP - HAND BELL (PROPOSED)

Pam Langley has been asked about starting a Hand Bell Ringing group. No musical skill is actually needed as you play by following numbers. If you think that this might be your thing please contact Pam on 07597 905188 and we will see what we can sort out. A lot of other U3A's have a great deal of fun making lots of noise!

NEW GROUP - HISTORY

Brian Green, a member of our U3A, is going to organise some tours to places of history and interest in and around our City, the first being The Cunard Building.

Cunard Building Tour - 26 August

A chance to go on a Cunard Building Heritage Tour offering a rare chance to explore behind the scenes at the Grade II* listed Liverpool landmark, one of the city's world-famous *Three Graces*. For this expert led tour we will make our own way to the Cunard Building in good time for the tour, which will start at 2:00 pm.

The cost of the tour is £15.00, which is non-refundable, and will be collected at our next monthly meeting on 26th June. **If you would like to attend don't delay, as the tour is limited to fifteen people. For further details please contact Brian Green on 07961 99440. Please note - some of the building may not be fully accessible for visitors with limited mobility.**

Some members have already shown an interest in this visit, and I hope Brian gets full support for organising more choices for us to enjoy. Brian is away on holiday at the moment so any questions, I will try and help. Pam - 07597905188

Interesting Buildings

29th July 2026 at 10:20 am - Port Sunlight Tour Cost: £7.50 - Booking Required

Meet outside the Museum at 10.20 am for a 10.30 am prompt start. We can take up to 40 members, but this will be split into two groups of twenty for our guided tour. **This is a walking tour!!** and will last approx 1 1/2 hours. On our return there is the option of visiting the Museum at a cost of £7.00 payable on entry. Admission to The Lady Lever Gallery is free and covered by the Museums and Galleries of Merseyside. There is a very nice cafe/restaurant at the gallery for refreshment, likewise there are cafe/tea rooms in the village. Transport - suggest either car share or train to either Bebbington Station or Port Sunlight.

If you are interested in this visit could you inform Pat McLachlan and payment for the tour (£7.50) must be paid at the next monthly meeting on Friday 26th June. **There are still some places available.** Please contact Pat McLachlan on 07903 460110 for details.

Knit 'n Give Group

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.

Lunch Group

The next lunch will be on *Wednesday 1st July at Al Dente, Lark Lane*. There are still places for anyone wishing to go to the lunch, no deposit needed, but if you could contact me on 07939833367, I will be happy to add your name to the list.

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 10th July 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

On the 28th some members are going to listen to The Liverpool Welsh Coral performing at the Liverpool Synagogue, and then in July some members are going to turn into Sherlock Homes and solve a Murder at the Everyman. All good fun!

6th - 10th October: *Lord of the Dance 30th 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: 7th and 15th July. £5 or £8.50, which includes lunch - 1.30 pm start for a couple of hours' light entertainment.

31st July - 29th 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

16th - 17th 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 26th June. Jill msjillmarquis@aol.com 07791 886038.

Website

There is a section on the website called '**Latest Notices**'. Keep checking this on the home page. 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. Margaret

****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>*

Your committee is the mainstay of Halewood U3A. They work hard to organise and oversee the smooth running of the group. As you will appreciate, with the membership growing the work is increasing for the present committee. Therefore, we welcome nominations for new committee members.

We now have 215 members. Some of our members have expertise that they could bring to the committee, including taking on roles and responsibilities that would enable Halewood U3A to move forward with new ideas.

All nominations would be welcome.

Please email nominations to either:

Ian Thomson (Chair)

Thomson.ian@gmx.com or

Jackie Fearon (Secretary)

jackiefearon50@hotmail.com