

Halewood U3A Newsletter

September 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 28th August between 2.00 and 4.00 pm and will be our annual Open Day.

For members' interest :

Transport for Wales are running a train service from Lime Street straight through to Llandudno. It stops at South Parkway, Runcorn and so on; its a brilliant service and well worth looking at for a day out. Jackie

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-up will be on 17th September. 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 4th August at Dobbies Garden Centre. It was an intimate group 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 1st September. For further details please contact Margaret Hill on 07708 590761.

Cinema Group

We have a new leader for our Cinema group; a lot of members will know Irene Williams as she is already involved in a lot of U3A activities. You can message Irene on 07833 554214.

Coffee Group

The next meeting is on 19th August 10.30 am at Strawberry Field. Please call in for a catch-up - all welcome, or contact Pam on 07597 905188 for further details.

Craft Club

At the Halewood u3a 30th Anniversary Day on 28th August 2026, the craft club will be holding a small craft sale as well as a display of its work. We do not have any vacancies still but we have a waiting list. Any interest, please contact Jackie on 07546 124852.



Dirty Hands (Gardening Group)

Unfortunately, due to the extremely hot weather and children's holidays, we had to postpone any meeting of the group until September. We will notify you when the group are going to get together in the near future. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Any interest, please contact Jackie on 07546 124852, or email: Jackiefearon50@hotmail.com

Discussion Group

We meet fortnightly to discuss all kinds of interesting subjects. The next meeting is on 24th August at 10.15 am at the **Halewood Library**. Please come and join us - **new members always welcome** - or call Ian on 07985 762023 for further details.

'Escape' Group

There are still places available on the day out on Wednesday 2nd September to the British Ironworks Centre near Oswestry; a 70 acre sculpture park of exhibits, many with a social message such as The Knife Angel and The Manchester Bee. Entry is free and there are the usual food and shopping opportunities. **But hurry because a late lunch is being arranged on the way home and you will need to book!**

We will leave Roseheath Drive by the Library at 9.45 am. Sue Coldwell

Text, speak or email me on 07727 853760 or sue_clover@yahoo.co.uk

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 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 4th September 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 meeting will be 14th September, as usual in the library at Halewood, 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

Interesting Buildings

Thirty six members took to the local train and car and met up at Port Sunlight on 29th July. The weather was ideal for our walking tour; we split into two groups with our guides, Mike and Terry. They gave an excellent tour of the Village and a glimpse into the office part of the factory. William Lever started the business in 1884; he specialised in selling individually wrapped bars of soap and he came up with the name 'Sunlight'.

The following year, with his brother Janes D'Arcy Lever, the factory was up to full capacity, the sales of the soap being so successful. By January 1887 the brothers had to look for alternative premises. They chose the current site as it was near to Birkenhead for a source of labour, the land was cheap as it was marshland, but it was close to the river and railway.

Lever's interest in the Garden suburb design and layout with a non uniformity of houses and open spaces was well planned and executed.

The principal buildings consisted of: Railway Station, Men's Social Club, Post Office, Lever Free Library, Fire Station, Pavilion, Church, School etc

Members thoroughly enjoyed the very informative trip by our well versed guides.

Following the tour there was the opportunity to walk free around the estate and quite a few of us went for lunch or coffee in the Lady Lever Art Gallery.

Photos from the day are at the end of this newsletter.

If you are interested in future visits please contact Pat McLachlan on 07903 460110 for details.

Knit 'n Give Group

We are hoping to have a table at the Open Day on 28th August, showing how kind everyone has been with their knitted garments; we have had a great response, thank you all. We will take them in October so still plenty of time to get those needles clicking!!

We are more than happy to take articles to the maternity unit at the Women's Hospital if people prefer to knit baby garments. Chris

Lunch Group

We hope the next lunch club will be at Casa Rima in Halewood, but details will be available at our meeting in August, with hopefully a sample menu and a date. 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

New Group - Handbell ringing (proposed)

Pam Langley has been asked about starting a Handbell 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 - Please note that this trip is now full!

Brian Green on 07961 99440

Quiz

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO QUIZ IN AUGUST, OR OCTOBER.

The next quiz will be at the Arncliffe on Friday 11th September 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 Group

Liverpool Empire

6th - 10th October: **Lord of the Dance 30th Anniversary.**

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

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

The heat has restricted the walks we have been on, but we have tried to find walks near the sea or through woods. We did have a trip on the ferry, then a walk along the front to have lunch under the trees in the park.

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 details of future walks.

Don't forget our Open Day on Friday 28th August when we will be celebrating thirty years of the Halewood U3A!

There will be displays by some of the groups and tea, coffee and cake!

Please drop in between 2.00 and 4.00 pm.

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

