



HOLYWOOD DISTRICT U3A MONTHLY MEETING

U3A GENERAL MEETING

Friday 28th January 2022

@10.30

In the Queen's Hall, Hollywood.

No need to book

Speaker. Hon Dr Tracey Doherty CBE

**Topic. Life as the first circuit judge in the South Pacific
and West Africa**

Please wear your mask. No refreshments but please feel free
to bring your own.

Groups

AMBLERS CREATIVE WRITING COFFEE&CHAT

CANASTA OUTDOOR BOWLS GARDENING

FINE DINING LOCAL HISTORY LOOSE ENDS

EXPLORING the SHORT STORY POINTS of VIEW

BOOK CLUB

AMBLERS

Belmont Park

Thursday 27th January at 10.30

Meet at the car park on Belmont Road (opposite Campbell College)

Greenway

Thursday 9th February at 10.30

Meet at entrance to the Greenway on Sandown Road

Carnalea to Bangor

Meet at Carnalea railway station at 10.20 (note earlier time)

Train leaves Sydenham at 9.51 and Holywood at 9.56

Everyone welcome to join ambles for relaxing dander and cup of coffee.

No need to book.

BOOK READING GROUP

All being well we should be in action 22/02/22 afternoon 2-4pm at the library. We will discuss Richard Osman's The Thursday Murder Club. Stewart Miller has cut price copies.

Best wishes

Lesley & Prince

contact groups@hollywoodu3a.org for any queries

CANASTA

Still waiting for permission to use the room in the golf club.

Will contact members as soon as word comes through

COFFEE AND CHAT

Tuesday 15th February at 10.30

Suitor & Co. 45 High Street, Hollywood. (opposite Tesco)

All welcome for coffee and a bit of craic

CREATIVE WRITING

Creative Writing meets on Wednesday, the 16th of February, from 2-4pm via Zoom.

The writers discussed and practised how setting evokes not only information about a particular place but what that space says about the narrator's perception of it and the characters who inhabit it. For the next meeting, the writers will be writing descriptive settings, with the aim of incorporating what was practised during the last meeting.

New members are always welcome, complete beginners or those with more experience. Contact the convenor for more details.

EXPLORING THE SHORT STORY

Exploring the Short Story meets on Wednesday, the 9th of February, from half ten to half twelve via Zoom. During our last meeting in January, we read a story from our backlog, an auld lang syne, so to speak, and the group chose Margaret Atwood's 'Stone Mattress'. Who doesn't like a female serial killer to kick off the New Year?

In ode to Valentine's Day, the group will be reading and discussing Anne Enright's 'Three Stories About Love' from *The Long Gaze Back: An Anthology of Irish Women Writers*, as well as a very short story by up-and-coming Northern Irish writer Jan Carson, 'A Husband Is Always an Afterthought', from her blog.

As the group is already very subscribed, unfortunately we will not be taking on any new members at this time.

FINE DINING

Anyone interested in taking over would be very gratefully received.

Contact groups@hollywoodu3a.org

GARDENING GROUP

Mon 14th Feb – “Making the most of a small garden”- An illustrated talk by Sean McAlinden, lecturer with SERC in Downpatrick. A most entertaining and informative speaker.

Mon 14th March - Shirley Lanigan, author of "The Open Gardens of Ireland", will take us on a tour of various gardens in Ireland she has particularly enjoyed. (Re-arranged from the Dec meeting).

New members together with past members are very welcome to join our Gardening Group – see the Gardening Group section on the Hollywood District u3a website for details.

LOCAL HISTORY

Our next 3 meetings are as follows: Details of Venue to be confirmed.

Wednesday, 2nd February at 10.30am.

The Rhyming Weaver Poets: a look at the Ulster poets of the 18th and 19th centuries who wrote in Ulster-Scots vernacular about life at the time.

Speaker: Laura Spence

Wednesday, 2nd March at 10.30am.

The Life and Times of Mary Ann McCracken (1770 - 1866)

Speaker: Aaron McIntyre, Archivist at Clifton House

Wednesday, 6th April at 10.30am.

The Workhouse at Ards Hospital.

Speaker: Tom Beggs

Project sparks nostalgic trip down memory lane

One u3a that took part in the u3a High Street Project landed a two-page spread in their local newspaper.

Members of Hollywood District u3a History Group in Northern Ireland who were born or grew up in Hollywood recorded how their high street had changed through the years.

Many hours were spent going through files, photographs and publications – some dating back to the 1800s. Enthusiastic meetings via Zoom were held, bringing back memories of shops and their owners.

Additional research was carried

out by the u3a's Reminiscence Group and the findings were published in the *County Down Spectator*, with photographs showing shops in the past and present.

Group member Betty McLaughlin said: "We were pleased when we opened our weekly paper to find a two-page spread highlighting the u3a High Street Project and our findings. We ended our article by asking the public to continue to support our local shops – and we have many small independent ones – to help keep Hollywood the 'Number One Northern Ireland Place to live'."



Credit to Betty McLaughlin (Local History Group) who got the High Street project mentioned in the local press

LOOSE ENDS

Sunday 6th February at 14.30 - Northern Ireland Opera's "Into the Woods" - The Lyric Theatre

See link below for information on this award winning piece of Musical Theatre with music by the late and highly acclaimed Stephen Sondheim.

I have booked our tickets in Row K. This performance is a Preview and these tickets are at a discount of £15. Please book your own tickets online.

<https://lyrictheatre.co.uk/whats-on/into-the-woods>

The Lyric Cafe Bar is open from 10am on Sundays for sandwiches, wraps, hot and cold drinks. We will get to the Lyric not later than 1pm and hope to see you there.

Sandra and Valerie

OUT AND ABOUT

Why don't you join us for lunch at The Linen Lounge after the general meeting on Friday 25th February at 12.45.

The Linen Lounge is in the Belfast Metropolitan College, Titanic Quarter Campus, 1 Queens Road, Belfast BT3 9DT.

A 2 course lunch with tea or coffee and tip is £10. An extra course is £3.

If you wish to attend please bring £10 in an envelope with your name on it to the general meeting at the end of January.

The train leaves Holywood at 12.16.

Glider from Sainsbury at Holywood exchange

Paid parking is available in the car park under the college.

This is an opportunity to try out the Gordon Ramsey's of the future!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Contact groups@hollywoodu3a.org if interested

POINTS of VIEW

Monday, 31st January 2022, at 10.30, when the topic will be – *‘What is Poverty in the 21st Century?’*

The Old Schoolhouse, Church Road, Holywood. 10.30am

Wishing Eric good health in the future, and proposing to run the group by sharing the organising to one person per month.

Dorothy Slater has kindly agreed to start the ball rolling and will act as the leader on Monday 31st January.