



# HOLYWOOD DISTRICT U3A MONTHLY MEETING

## U3A GENERAL MEETING by ZOOM

**Friday 25 June 2021**

**@10.30**

Speaker

**Joe Mahon**

**Famous for his Lesser Spotted Ulster  
and Ulster Giants series on UTV.**

**Further Zoom link details will follow via email  
to all members.**

### GROUPS INCLUDE:

AMBLERS      BOOK READING      COFFEE & CHAT  
CHOIR                      CANASTA  
FINE DINING  
CREATIVE WRITING                      BOWLS  
LOCAL HISTORY  
LOOSE ENDS      OUT & ABOUT      CINEMA  
  
GARDENING      SHORT STORIES  
POINTS OF VIEW

## **AMBLERS**

Ambles take place on the second and forth Thursday of the month at 10.30  
Everyone is welcome to come along.

10th June. Kinnegar Wetlands  
Meet beside Holywood yacht club opposite the Dirty Duck Ale House

24th June Victoria Park  
Meet in car park at Victoria Park

8th July. Cairn Wood. Ballysallagh  
Meet in car park at Cairn Wood.

22nd July. Shaws Bridge  
Meet in car park beside Shaws Bridge.

12th August Orangefield Park  
Meet in car park at Dixon playing fields on Grand Parade.

26th August Bangor coastal walk  
Meet at the McKee clock at the bottom of Main Street.  
Train leaves Sydenham at 9.51. and Holywood at 9.56.  
Parking beside McKee clock.

Walking not too strenuous and coffee always good.

## **BOOK READING GROUP**

The Book Group is not currently meeting.

## **BOWLS**

U3A Lawn Bowls has started again @ Seapark Bowling Green on Tuesday 4th May  
commencing at 1.30 pm.  
Looking forward to seeing past and new members.

Brian Cheyne - Convenor

## **CANASTA**

Golf is back but unfortunately no word yet from the club house.  
I imagine it won't be long.

Joy

## **CHOIR**

Sadly there is still no clear advice about choral singing and there is differing information for various parts of the UK.

Barbara

## **COFFEE AND CHAT**

Tuesday 15th June at 10.30  
McKee's Farm Shop , 28 Holywood Road Newtownards.

Entry is by the door in the porch beside the plants.

Order and pay for your coffee at the desk and join us at the table.

Exit through the shop.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a bit of craic.

Joy

## **CREATIVE WRITING**

The Creative Writing group will be on hiatus until September because the convenor is moving to England to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Thanks to the u3a Holywood committee we will be continuing on until the end of the year and most likely beyond! It's just not time to say good-bye forever.

See you in September - via Zoom!

Denise

## **EXPLORING THE SHORT STORY**

Exploring the Short Story will resume again in September, after a short hiatus as the convenor is moving to England to be closer to her children and grandchildren. A great big thank you to the u3a Holywood committee for allowing us to continue, despite the convenor being on another island. Zoom, however, does allow us to carry on, despite not meeting in person for a meeting since March of 2020. Where has the time gone?

See you in September, ladies, when we will 'back-to-school' with more amazing short stories and back to our fabulous discussions. The convenor is already looking forward to it very much!

Denise

## **FILM CLUB**

No volunteers YET!

## **FINE DINING**

Perhaps we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel and our Dining Experiences will resume in the Autumn. In the meantime Liz and I hope you have a happy, healthy and a sunny summer.

## **GARDENING GROUP**

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> June:** 10.15am – “Desirable shrubs for flowers, foliage and other effects” - Mary Keenan, Gash Gardens & Nursery. Mary is a garden writer/lecturer and co-editor of The Irish Garden magazine. The Zoom e-mail invitation will be issued to members closer to the date of the talk.

**July:** No meeting in July though lots of public parks/gardens for members to visit.

*Please see the Gardening Group section on the Holywood District u3a website if you would like to join our Gardening Group,*

## **LOCAL HISTORY**

Wednesday, 2nd June. Re-scheduled Outing to Redhall Estate and home of the McClintock Family at Ballycarry.

This outing is fully booked and those members who have places have been contacted by Betty McLaughlin.

Wednesday, 7th July. Holywood Walk. For further information and booking a place please contact Audrey Lockhart: email - lockhart440@btinternet.com

Wednesday, 4th August. Donaghadee Walk. For further information and booking a place please contact Robin Masefield email - rmasefield@hotmail.com.  
Places on all outings will be allocated on a 'first come, first served basis'!

## **LOOSE ENDS**

It is unlikely we will have an event in June. However, I will investigate dining options to see if we could arrange a lunch somewhere, now that restrictions are easing. I will contact Loose End Members by email should this be possible.

Sandra and Valerie

## **Points of View**

The June meeting will be held on Monday 28 June 2021, at 10.30, when the topic will be – **'Are men the new women? Where now for masculinity?'**

In our what has become our 'new normal', this discussion will once again be held on Zoom. A link for Zoom will be sent out to members nearer the time. I am ever more hopeful that before long we will be able to return to face- to- face conversations. There is an opportunity for new participants to join the group, so if you would like to join, please get in touch.

Eric Woods, Group Convenor

## June Zoom

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
		Local History 10.30 Redhall estate		
7	8	9	10	11
		Exploring the Short Story. 10.30am		
14	15	16	17	18
		Creative Writing. 2.00pm		
21	22	23	24	25
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