



HOLYWOOD DISTRICT U3A MONTHLY MEETING

U3A GENERAL MEETING

Friday 24th September 2021

@10.30

In the Queen's Hall, Hollywood.

First sixty by application to groups@hollywoodu3a.org

You will get a confirmation.

Please bring proof of vaccination.

Topic **Northern Ireland's Centenary**

Clive Scoular

Clive is a Lifelong Learning lecturer at Stranmillis College

GROUPS INCLUDE:

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

Crawfordsburn Country Park
Thursday 14th October at 10.30
Meet at Helen's Bay car park, Fort Road
Car share from CIYMS car park at 10.00

Botanic Gardens
Thursday 28th October at 10.35
Meet at Botanic railway station entrance.
Train leaves Holywood at 10.16 and Sydenham at 10.21

Everyone welcome to join the Ambles.
No need to book just see how you feel on the day.

BOOK READING GROUP

I am delighted to say that we have a volunteer to take over the leadership of the Book Club.
Lesley Stewart will be in touch when a venue can be found. The library is not yet available and Lesley does not wish to use zoom. Denise has supplied the previous membership list, but anyone wishing to join can contact groups@hollywoodu3a.org

BOWLS

It will be very sad for the bowlers to meet without their enthusiastic leader. He will be very missed. Thank you to the wonderful Brian Cheyne for all the work he did for Holywood U3A .

CANASTA

Waiting to hear from the Golf Club.
Hope to start soon.

Joy

CHOIR

No takers yet!

Do you feel you could volunteer to run the choir?

Plenty of people wanting to sing.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Tuesday 12th October at 10.30

Eighty One, 81 High Street, Hollywood

A large table has been reserved for anyone who fancies a coffee and a bit of a natter.

CREATIVE WRITING

Our last Zoom session in September looked at examples of opening paragraphs of three short stories to examine how the writers quickly established many key elements: the setting, characters, time frame and themes of the piece. The writers then had ten-fifteen minutes to write an opening paragraph of their own, with the aim to include as many of the same type of elements. It was such a great success that we may repeat the process again!

Current members will be sent a Zoom link and a writing prompt prior to the next meeting, on Wednesday, 20 September, from 2-4pm. New members are warmly welcome! Contact the convenor via the website for more details.

EXPLORING THE SHORT STORY

For our October Zoom meeting, we will be getting spooky for Halloween with Oscar Wilde's short story, 'The Canterville Ghost', one of the first of his stories to be published (1887). The short story has all the elements of a Gothic horror tale but used to humorous effect, including a ghost with a centuries-long tradition of haunting Canterville Chase, an English country home. The story begins with Lord Canterville selling his ancestral home (with a direct warning about the live-in ghost) to a wealthy American family who hold no truck with ghosts, despite the ghost's best and most dramatic efforts to convince them of his frightening existence.

The spooky (but comic) tale will be discussed via a Zoom link on Wednesday, 13 October, from 10.30 to 12.30. Present group members will be sent the link and the story by the beginning of October. New members are not presently being sought for this group as it is already fully subscribed.

Denise

FINE DINING

Perhaps as hospitality rules ease we will soon look forward to returning to visit some of our favourite restaurants and some new venues.

GARDENING GROUP

Mon 18th Oct at 10.15am - Zoom talk by Adrian Walsh "Inspired Complementary Planting and how I use the ideas in my own garden".

Save the Date:

Mon 15th Nov – Zoom talk. Details will be emailed to members closer to the time.

Please see the [Gardening Group section on the Holywood District u3a website](#) if you would like to join our Gardening Group.

LOCAL HISTORY

The next two meetings are as follows:

6th October. A visual presentation via zoom of Craigavon House and Sir James Craig by Aidan Campbell.
Zoom log in details will be sent out to members closer to the time of the meeting.

3rd November A visual presentation re. Archeology in the Borough by Moira O'Rourke (North Down Museum).

For further information, please contact Audrey Lockhart - lockhart440@btinternet.com

LOOSE ENDS

We have no events organised for October. I am exploring a few options, and will email the Loose Ends' members should we come up with any ideas.

Sandra and Valerie

PHOTOGRAPHY

For anyone interested in Photography
Having fun with a camera

- You don't need a fancy camera. Any type of camera will do - DSLR to iPhone/ Mobile phone camera
 - You don't need to be a budding photographer! All level of skills welcome, especially beginners
 - Keen to learn a new skill or simply interested in the world around you and how it appears?
 - Take better photo's
 - Increase your knowledge and skills
 - Try different techniques
 - Try different types of photography
 - Learn from guest expert tutors*
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- Group photographic challenges

Group aims to meet Autumn term, October – Early December
Weekly or biweekly (to be decided by the group)

Interested – contact Paul Weir
paulweir11@gmail.com

Points of View

The next zoom meeting will be on Monday, 27 September, 2021, at 10.30, when the topic will be – ‘**How many Afghan refugees should Hollywood take?**’

The topic for the Points of View group meeting at 10.30 on

Monday 25 October 2021:: “
Are too many young people going to University?””

We still have some spare places in the group, so why not join us?

Eric Woods, Group Convenor

CALENDER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				24 September
				General Meeting 10.30am Queen's Hall
27 September	28 September	29 September	30	1 October
Points of View. 10.30am zoom				
4 October	5	6	7	8
		Local History 10.30am zoom		
11	12	13	14	15
		Exploring the Short Story. zoom10.30am		
18	19	20	21	22
Gardening. 10.30am zoom		Creative Writing. zoom 2.00pm		
25	26	27	28	29 October
Points of View. zoom10.30am				General Meeting. 10.30am

