

Hollywood u3a Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING

Friday 26th June 2026 in the Queen's Hall

Hollywood @ 10.30

Michael Alexander will speak on the topic, "My Life in Music".
Michael was a professional violinist with the Ulster Orchestra for many years. He'll tell us about his experiences. He'll also bring his violin and will play it!!

Friday 28th August 2026 in the Queen's Hall,
Hollywood @10.30

Our very own member Yvonne Dumas will give her talk, "My Experiences of Japan".

NB: NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contacting Group Leaders

On the u3a website you will find a list of all the current interest groups.

If you are interested in joining a group, the easiest way to contact the group leader is to click on the blue button labelled "CLICK HERE LEARN MORE".

You will find a simple form where you type in your name, contact details, and query. The group leader will receive a message and get back to you.

The u3a website is: www.hollywoodu3a.org.

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AMBLERS

No ambles in July. Back in August.

Everyone is welcome to join us on the Ambles.
Extreme fitness not required.

Joy

BIRD WATCHING

We are not planning to meet in July.

In August we plan to visit Hillsborough Castle Garden on the 14th. Meeting there at 10.30 or car-share from CIYMS.

This will be through the Community Access scheme.
Further information will be sent to group members just before this.

Arlene & Dorothy

CANASTA

No meetings over the summer. Back in September.

Joy

COFFEE & CHAT

No meetings over the summer. Back in September.

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CREATING OUR OWN STORIES

The group would like to restart in September, welcoming additional members of course.

Mary Anna

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EXPLORING THE SHORT STORY

No meetings planned for July and August. I would like to invite all former members of EtSS to join us at the Hollywood Library Monday, the 14th of September, at half ten, for light refreshments and plenty of reminiscences.

Denise

FILM GROUP

There will be no outings over the summer months. I'll be in touch in August. Having been 'leader' of this club for a few years now I am reviewing this....if anyone is interested in taking it over, please let me know. Hope everyone enjoys the summer months.

Honor Nicholl

GARDENING GROUP



Following a very enjoyable and successful coach trip to Ballinderry Co Antrim in June the Gardening Group's other summer outing is on Monday 6th July to a private garden in Lisbane outside Comber Co Down. Gardening Group members will receive a detailed e-mail.

We are taking a break in August and will resume on Monday 21st September 2026 back in The Old School House, Church Road, Hollywood.

Elizabeth

Photo of Gardening Group members

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GENEALOGY GROUP

The genealogy group meets every 3rd Wednesday at 10:30 in PRONI. We discuss various topics, helping each other in our research. So, if you are interested in exploring your family history you will find this an interesting and useful group. We will however be stopping for the summer but will reconvene in September.

Robert

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

No u3a group meetings in Hollywood Library during July and August.

Other relevant events:

27th June Exhibition and talks on Comber. Title - Treasures of our town.

3rd, 4th and 5th July - Exhibition re: the Belfast and Co Down Railway in Donaghadee Community Centre.

5th August. Outing to Dublin to visit the EPIC Centre. Further details to follow.

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



**BELFAST AND COUNTY
DOWN RAILWAY COMPANY
LTD**

An exhibition highlighting the history of the Belfast & County Down Railway (BCDR) and the Donaghadee Railway Station will be held on


Friday 3rd July 2026: 1pm – 5pm
Saturday 4th July 2026: 10.30am – 5pm
Sunday 5th July 2026: 1pm – 5pm

The exhibition will feature the award-winning OO Gauge 'Donaghadee Railway Station' model railway layout and other models, artefacts and historical photographs.



The exhibition, which is part of the 2026 Donaghadee Festival, will be held in Donaghadee Community Centre, BT21 0HF. Admission is free.

At 6.30pm on Saturday 4th an inaugural meeting of the Belfast & County Down Railway Company Ltd will be held, followed by a talk on the history of the Railway Station and how the scaled model of the station was created. (Suggested donation of £5 to Donaghadee Heritage's 'Sir Samuel Kelly' project.)



Comber Historical Society Present — Comberhistory.com


Treasures of our Town

Explore the objects & history of Comber, Co. Down- object-based talks throughout the day



10:30am	Postcards of Comber- D. Rainey
11:30am	Comber during WWII- M. Burns
12:30pm	A Titanic Memorial- R. Magee
13:30pm	Comber's Medical History- Dr R. Watterson
14:30pm	Ards TT Races- R. Walls
15:30pm	Films of Comber- L. Ball

Free!



9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday 27th June 2026

Andrews Memorial Hall
4 Ballygowan Road, Comber, BT23 5PG

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LOOSE ENDS

Loose Ends is on hold for now.

Sandra

OUTDOOR BOWLS

We play every Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm for an hour and a half at Seapark. If you would like some relaxed recreation, please come along and give it a try. All you need is a pair of flat shoes, we will have some bowls you can use. The price is £47.90 for the season or £4.00 per session, payable by cash only, no cheques.

Diane and Ann

OUT AND ABOUT

Currently nothing planned for July and August. If anything is arranged a separate email will be sent out.

Joy

POINTS OF VIEW

29th June topic: 'What makes a good film'.
No July meeting. 31st August topic: 'Rise of nationalism between the UK nations'.

TAI CHI QIGONG

There will be no Tai Chi classes in July or August.

Yvonne. "Quiet the mind and the soul will speak."

YOGA

The Yoga class is on hold for now.

Barry