

Hollywood u3a Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING

Date 30th October in the Queen's Hall, Hollywood
@10.30

"The Irish Bronte Homeland"

Speaker: Kathleen McNeice

Date 27th November in the Queen's Hall, Hollywood
@10.30

"Experiences of my outreach work in Kenya".

Speaker: Janet Wilson

Groups

*AMBLERS COFFEE & CHAT
CREATING OUR OWN STORIES
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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.

Hold the Date

Thursday, 17th December 2026

Christmas lunch at the Royal Belfast Golf Club.

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AMBLERS

Thursday 12th November at 10.30.
Walk along the Lagan from Shaws Bridge.
Meet at the car park at Shaws bridge.

Thursday 26 November at 10.30.
Walk around the grounds of Hillsborough Castle.
Meet at main entrance beside the shop.
Car share from CIYMS car park at 9.45.

Everyone is welcome to join us on the Ambles.

Joy

BIRD WATCHING

We had a great visit to Castle Espie in October to see hundreds of Brent Geese and a very unusual visitor to Northern Ireland - a Glossy Ibis.
Our outing in November is on the first Friday 6th November, a week earlier than usual. Our venue is yet to be decided.
Group members will receive an email closer to the time.

Arlene & Dorothy

CANASTA

Friday 6th and Friday 20th November at 10 o'clock.
Hollywood Golf Club.
Everyone is welcome to watch, learn or play.

Joy

COFFEE & CHAT

Tuesday 10th November at 10.30.
The Arc Café.
Orangefield Presbyterian Church.
464 Castlereagh Road, Belfast BT5 6BH.
All welcome to join us.

Joy

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EXPLORING THE SHORT STORY

Exploring the Short will be looking at a short story from a collection of First World War stories, once the convenor has whittled the choices down to one! We will be meeting on Wednesday, the 11th of November - Remembrance Day - from half ten to half twelve via Zoom. Group members will be sent the story at the beginning of November, and the Zoom link shortly thereafter. New members are welcome, just contact the convenor.

Denise

FILM GROUP

The outing dates for November are:

- Monday 9th early afternoon (note day change);
- Friday 27th later afternoon film.

Meet at the Omniplex Cinema Dundonald seating area in the foyer 10 minutes before the film starts.

Any queries please ask..film choice and exact timings will be sent nearer the time.

Honor Nicholl

GARDENING GROUP

We will be meeting again on Monday 16th November 2026 when Maurice Parkinson from Ballyrobert Nurseries is giving a talk entitled "Performance Enhancing Plants".

Elizabeth

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.

Robert

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Next meeting is on Wednesday, 4th November at 10.30am Meeting in the Con Auld Gallery of Hollywood Library.

Topic: Voices from the War Memorial - Hollywood, Bangor and beyond in the 2nd World War.

Speaker: "Michael Burns from the NI War Memorial".

December meeting is on Wednesday, 2nd December at 10.30am. Meeting in the Con Auld Gallery of Hollywood Library.

Topic: "Notable People who lived in Hollywood".

Speakers: Peter McCabe and Stephen Beggs.

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

LOOSE ENDS

Loose Ends is on hold for now.

Sandra

OUTDOOR BOWLS

We have now finished for this season. See you again next April.

Diane and Ann

OUT AND ABOUT

Tour of Hillsborough Castle to see the Christmas trees.

Thursday 26th November at 1.30.

Limited spaces so sign up at general meeting.

No charge as we are CAS members.

Entrance by main entrance at car park or gate at castle.

Blue Badge holders have to pre-book place in car park at castle.

(Let Joy know and she will book space).

Meet at shop at 1 o'clock to allow time to walk up the hill or entrance at castle at 1.25.

Joy

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POINTS OF VIEW

We meet on the last Monday of each month at 10.30 in the Old School House.
Next discussion points:

October 26th: The Effects of Robots on Society.

November 30th: Could Northern Ireland ever be able to pay its way?

Dorothy

TAI CHI QIGONG

November & December.

Yvonne will not be available to teach the class in November and December.
However, experienced volunteers from within the class will be available to lead the group while she is gone.

This class is currently full, and no waiting list is held. If space becomes available, it will be announced in the newsletter.

Yvonne will return to teach the class on Jan. 5th.

"Quiet the mind and the soul will speak."

YOGA

The Yoga class is on hold for now.

Barry