

Hollywood u3a Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING

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".

Friday 25th September 2026 in the Queen's Hall,
Hollywood @10.30

Speaker to be confirmed.

Groups

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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

Antrim Castle Gardens

Thursday 10th September.
Meet at Lanyon Place train station.
Train leaves at 9:50.
Or Antrim station at 10.15

Donaghadee

Thursday 24th September
Meet at the Commons car park at 10.30
Car share from CIYMS car park at 9.45

Joy

BIRD WATCHING

Fifteen of us enjoyed a visit to Hillsborough Castle Gardens in August. Our first birdwatching in September is to Victoria Park. Meeting at the carpark at 10.30am on Friday 11th September.
Group members will receive a reminder by email closer to the time.

Arlene & Dorothy

CANASTA

Friday 4th and Friday 18th September at 10 o'clock at Hollywood Golf club
All welcome to play or to learn

Joy

COFFEE & CHAT

Tuesday 15th September at 10.30.
McKee's Farm shop and restaurant.
28 Hollywood Road, Newtownards BT23 4TQ.
Everyone is most welcome.

Joy

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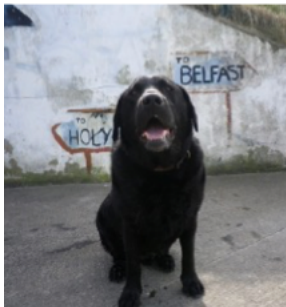
CREATING OUR OWN STORIES

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

Mary Anna

EXPLORING THE SHORT STORY

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.



Exploring the Short Story Autumn 2016 to Summer 2017

Writer	Nationality	Story Title	Date of publication
Kate Chopin	Irish	The Story of an Hour	1894
Bernie McGill	Northern Irish	The Language Thing (Sleepwalkers)	2013
Wolfgang Borchert	German	The Bread	1946
Mary Lavin	Irish	My Vocation	1956
Ernest Hemingway	American	Hills Like White Elephants	1927
Sherwood Andersen	American	I Want To Know Why	1921
Margaret Atwood	Canadian	Stone Mattress	2011
Katherine Mansfield	New Zealand	The Garden Party	1921

Monday, 14 September 2026, 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Praeger Room, Hollywood Library
86-88 High Street, Hollywood

Open to all current and former members of EtSS
Light refreshments and plenty of reminiscing

Please RSVP through the EtSS convenor

Denise

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FILM GROUP

Another year starts. I'm reviewing the film club leadership and outing arrangements as it only attracts a few members at the cinema - any suggestions welcomed.

The outing dates for September are the 8th early afternoon and 25th 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

The Gardening Group will commence the Autumn programme in The Old School House on Monday 21st September 2026 with a talk on "The Wonder of House Plants". Our guest speaker is Hayley Wylie Thurrat, the Head Gardener in the Tropical House Ravine in the Botanic Gardens, Belfast.

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. We will reconvene in September.

Robert

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The History Archive Group's exhibition on the shops in Hollywood will be opened on Wednesday, 16th September at 2pm in Hollywood Library.

You are welcome to join us for refreshments, and you will be able to view a series of panels featuring photographs, articles and accompanying items of memorabilia of the shops on display.



SHOPS IN HOLLYWOOD EXHIBITION



*The History Archive Group would like to invite
you to the opening of*

***Shops in Hollywood 1950's -2020's* Exhibition**

Wednesday 16th September 2026, 2-4pm
at Hollywood Library, High Street, Hollywood

The next History Group meeting is on Wednesday, 2nd September at 10.30am.

Venue: The Con Auld Gallery, Hollywood Library.

Topic: Pox, Plagues and Paupers: an exploration of medical history of the Belfast work-house.

Speaker: Dr Robyn Atcheson

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

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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 September. If anything is arranged a separate email will be sent out.

Joy

POINTS OF VIEW

This group meets on the last Monday of each month at 10.30 in the old School House Church Road.

August 31st: 'How can you achieve discipline in modern schools?'

September 28th: 'Has Andy Burnham made a difference?'

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TAI CHI QIGONG

Tai Chi, Qigong class will resume on Tuesday September 1st at 10:30 in the Old School House. This class is currently full and cannot accept any more new members due to space constraints.

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

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YOGA

The Yoga class is on hold for now.

Barry