



HOLYWOOD & DISTRICT U3A MONTHLY MEETING

U3A GENERAL MEETING by ZOOM

AGM followed by the premiere of

**Redburn House and the Dunville
Family**

Friday 23rd April 2021

@10.30 via Zoom

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

I had hoped we should be able to meet in April but as the Executive are reluctant to encourage more than two families getting together I think it is safer to wait until May for our first outing.

Do keep walking on your own - the daffodils in Belmont Park are amazing at the moment.

Joy

BOOK READING GROUP

The Book Group is not currently meeting due to the lockdown. Hopefully Holywood will be opening up sometime soon! Fingers crossed!

BOWLS

On behalf of the Outdoor Bowling Section good luck ahead as It looks that we will be able to start again in mid to late April.

I will contact all outdoor bowlers with details as soon as possible.

Hope we will get together again soon.

Brian Cheyne

CANASTA

Still no word on the club house opening. At this rate we will need lessons on how to play Canasta when we do get going again! Keep practising on your iPads.

Joy

CHOIR

Sadly there seems little prospect of choirs meeting face to face in the near future.

Some more technically minded people than me seem able to put together virtual choir performances and we have seen many of those on Facebook and u tube.

Singing together over face time or Zoom just doesn't work due to the time lag so singing in the shower it is for now !

Barbara

COFFEE AND CHAT

How I miss our chats. Hopefully by May the coffee shops will be open again and if not I have a gazebo in my back garden!

Joy

CREATIVE WRITING

A big congratulations to our writers who once again made the effort and took the time to produce work for the Hollywood@Home e-magazine! We hope our u3a have enjoyed their pieces.

For April, the writers will be focusing on describing a place, a scene they either witnessed or conjured in their imagination, such is the freedom of fiction writers that they could do either or mix the two. A reader would most likely never know the difference!

We will be meeting via Zoom link on the 21st of April, from 2-4 pm. New members are always welcome, complete beginners or experienced writers! Please contact the convenor for more details.

EXPLORING THE SHORT STORY

During our April Zoom meeting we will be tackling the highly acclaimed (and violent) short story, 'A Good Man Is Hard to Find' (1955) by the American writer, Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964). O'Connor belongs to the Southern Gothic writers of the mid-20th century, which include William Faulker, Tennessee Williams and Carson McCullers. O'Connor's work, and especially the story we will be discussing, has deep roots in the Southern Gothic, and its subgenre, the grotesque.

Our group has explored many difficult short stories since we first began in the autumn of 2016—the execution of African Americans in the Deep South during the Jim Crow laws, life in Nazi concentration camps during the Second World War, and the violent conflicts between Muslim Hausas and Christian Igbo in Nigeria. O'Connor's story will be just as challenging but equally rewarding as it explores society and class, family and manipulation, religion and the concept of Grace. Our discussion should prove lively!

We will be meeting via Zoom on the 14th of April, from half ten to half twelve. Due to high subscription, we will not be accepting new members at this time.

FILM CLUB

Hopefully members are able to enjoy watching films at home, even though it's definitely not the same experience.

FINE DINING

Very little hope of us resuming our lovely dining experiences any time soon. We live in hope we can all meet up in the very near future. In the meantime stay safe and happy.

GARDENING GROUP

Our Zoom gardening talks continue on the 3rd Monday of the month at 10.15am. The Zoom e-mail invites are issued closer to the date of the talks. All Gardening Group members are very welcome to join in these virtual meetings. Please note the following dates:

- **Mon 19th April:** "Gardening on Air" – BBC Ulster Gardeners' Corner presenter David Maxwell reflects on his life, garden and career.
- **Mon 17th May:** "Garden Design – An approach to design with plants" – Linda Murphy, a garden designer who works at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin.

If you would like to join our Gardening Group please see the Gardening Group section on the Holywood District u3a website.

LOCAL HISTORY

The next History Group Meeting is on Wednesday, 7th April at 10.30am. The topic is The History of Bloomfield House by David Byers.

Zoom log in details will be sent out 2 days before the meeting.

LOOSE ENDS

Due to continuing restrictions, there will be no Loose Ends events for some time. Meanwhile, we wish you all a very Happy Easter, and look forward to better times ahead.

Sandra and Valerie

Points of View

So far this year we have had very interesting discussions on topics of interest and concern, namely '*So what do you think of the USA now?*' , '*Should I have two passports?*', and '*Cancer treatment or Covid 19 -Who decides?*'.

The next meeting of the Group will be on Monday 26 April 2021, at 10.30 am, when the topic will be - '**Are Older People Value for money?**'

The May meeting will be held on Monday 31 May 2021, at 10.30, when the topic will be - '**Should it be compulsory to be vaccinated for Covid -19?**'.

Unfortunately, we are still faced with restrictions on having our meetings in the usual way. so these will once again be held on Zoom. A link for Zoom will be sent out to members nearer the time. 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

Photograph Challenge with U3A Eye

- Do you like a challenge?
- Take a picture on the challenge theme and send it to U3A Eye.
- You can use your iPhone/mobile camera You don't need a fancy camera.
- You don't need to be a budding photographer!
- Keen to learn a new skill or simply interested in the world around you and how it appears?

The U3A national site is running a rolling fortnightly project to encourage members to take and submit pictures of their surroundings during this unprecedented time.

They post a different theme each fortnight and invite you to submit your photo on that topic. The current challenge theme is

'Change'

This is not a competition and it is not about your photographic skill – **what they want are interesting photos, possibly different ways of viewing things, anything which has captured your imagination or caught your eye. The photograph must have been taken during the coronavirus pandemic.**

Please only submit **one photo** per person. Your photo should **not** include any people. Deadline for submissions:

1pm on Thursday 8th April 2021

At the end of every fortnight they will choose and publish up to 15 photos on an on-line gallery for each theme. All you need to do is upload your photo using the form below (you will receive an acknowledgement once submitted).

Submit your photo on this form <https://u3auk.wufoo.com/forms/z1yozfoh06yv7xb/>

Or

Login to the national U3A site and *click* - Learn, then *click* - National programmes then *click* - U3a EYE

Zoom

We are waiting to hear from National U3A for details of the Zoom tutorial. I have a good list of interested people and will let you know when I know.

Anyone else interested contact groups@hollywoodu3a.org

Sharyn

SPANISH

We have an offer from a Spanish teacher to run a series of 10 beginner classes on Zoom at a cost of £2pp per lesson.

Would anyone interested contact me on groups@hollywoodu3a.org

Thanks

APRIL ZOOM

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
		Local History. 10.30am.The History of Bloomfield House by David Byers		
12	13	14	15	16
		Exploring the Short Story. 10.30am		
19	20	21	22	23
Gardening. 10.30am. Gardening on Air” – BBC Ulster Gardeners’ Corner presenter David Maxwell		Creative Writing. 2.00pm		General Meeting. 10.30am. AGM .Redburn House-the Dunville Family.
26	27	28	29	30
10.30am U3A Points of View. 'Are Older People Value for money?'				

