

HOLYWOOD & DISTRICT U3A MONTHLY MEETING

U3A GENERAL MEETING by ZOOM

Tuesday 23rd February 2021 @10.30 via Zoom Professor Annie Tindley Irish Questions: The first Marquess of Dufferin, Clandeboye & Ireland in the 19th Century

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

AMBLERS

Hope everyone is well and walking within the regulations.

BOOK READING GROUP

The Book Group is not currently meeting.

BOWLS

Bowling both Outdoor and Indoor are conserved there will not be any play. Hopefully we will have more information for April Newsletter.

Brian Cheyne

<u>CANASTA</u>

With the club house closed and inside gatherings not allowed it may be sometime before the Canasta Group returns.

It is possible to play on line - if you type play Canasta into your search machine several sites will come up.

CHOIR

I hope everyone is well and coping with these very strange times. It looks as though it is going to be a while before we can actually meet up again so I was thinking that as most of you should have the Cool Choir Book of Popular Songs with the CD why not pop the CD on and have a wee bit of a sing ?! In the meantime stay safe . Barbara

COFFEE AND CHAT

Enjoy a take away!

CREATIVE WRITING

Creative Writing had its first Zoom meeting in January and it was a resounding success, due to many of the members contributing work to be discussed. We are a small group at the moment and welcome more members, so long as they are able and willing to meet via Zoom. Our next meeting is on the 17th of February, from 2-4 p.m. For more information, please contact the convenor.

EXPLORING THE SHORT STORY

EtSS, as it is affectionately known by the group, meets again on Wednesday, the 10th of February, from half ten to half twelve via Zoom. We will be discussing a story by the Canadian writer, Alice Munro, a master of the form of short stories. New members are not currently being sought but those members who were signed up prior to the pandemic and lockdown are welcome back, if they would like to try out Zoom! Contact the convenor for more details.

FILM CLUB

Hoping all well. Will be a while yet before cinema trips are allowed.

FINE DINING

We wish.

GARDENING GROUP

Our next ZOOM meeting is on Mon 15th Feb (see below). As we have 133 members in our Gardening Group, registration is required (restricted to members only). The e-mail invite will be issued to those who have registered the day before the meeting but in the meantime SAVE THE DATES:-

- Mon 15th February: Averil Milligan "Back to my Roots"
- Mon 15th March: The Insomniac Gardener aka Rosemary Maye "Colour for all seasons"

Please note that new members are very welcome. To join, see the Gardening Group section on the Holywood District U3A website.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Mon 15th Feb at 10.15am.

LOCAL HISTORY

The next History Group meeting is on Wednesday, 3rd February at 10.30am.

Local historian Richard Holmes will talk to us via zoom on Thomas Sinclair and Liberal Unionism. Everyone is welcome! I will send out Zoom log in details on Monday, 1st February.

If you are not a regular member, please contact Audrey Lockhart - secretary@holywoodu3a.org

LOOSE ENDS

Dear Loose Enders. I hope you are all keeping well, and, like me, hoping to get our first vaccinations soon.

Some news, The Michelin Guide to GB and Ireland announced its awards yesterday. Their" Welcome and Service" prize went to Saul McConnell of Noble. Congratulations to him and his team. We will return, some day. Until then, stay safe. Sandra and Valerie"

Points of View

The 'Points of View' group has resumed using the Zoom facility. The next two meetings will be as follows:

22 February at 10.30-11.30. Topic "Should I have two passports?"

29 March at 10.30-11.00. Topic "Cancer treatment or Covid-19? Who decides?"

In order to receive the necessary Zoom invitation participants are asked to make contact with Eric on <u>groups@holywoodu3a</u> or through the Holywood U3a website.

Best Eric

Zoom Etiquette

https://zoom.us/download

1. Be aware that as soon as you log on to zoom everyone else can see and hear everything going on in your house.

2. You can mute yourself on an iPad by touching the screen and then the the microphone icon at the top right of the screen. A line will show through the microphone indicating it is switched off. If someone rings you or you are conversing with someone in your house, put yourself on mute - saves any embarrassment. If required to unmute yourself, just touch the microphone button again.

On a laptop most of the icons are along the bottom of the screen.

3. If you wish you can also turn the camera off so no-one can see you. Or back on when it suits you. Same method but touch the icon of a camera.

4. If its a large gathering and you would like to speak it's a good idea to put your hand up.

5. I'm sure you are all aware that you can see everyone at the meeting by touching the screen and then touching the circle with a grid through it (top left on an iPad), to get gallery view. Allows you to see everyone at once although, if too many participants they will be on different pages. The person speaking will have a green light around their image. To see other pages of the people attending flick the screen to the right.

6. Don't have two devices using zoom in the same room. They'll scream!!!

7. The meeting will be open from 15 minutes prior to the start to allow time for participants to join, before the talk begins at 10.30am.

It is a good idea to click on the link a few minutes ahead of the lecture to give you time to sort out any problems before the meeting.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4	5
			10'30am Local History Richard Holmes on Thomas Sinclair and Liberal Un- ionism.		
7	8	9	10	11	12
			10.30am U3A Exploring the Short Story.		
14	15	16	17	18	19
	10.30am U3A Gar- dening Group. Zoom. Averil Milli- gan " –Back to my Roots"		10.30am. U3A Creative Writing		
21	22	23	24	25	26
	10.30am U3A Points of View. Zoom Topic "Should I have two passports?"	10.15am U3A General Meeting Zoom. Prof Annie Tindley. The First Marquis of Duf- ferin. Clandebuoy and Ireland in the 19th Century.			
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