



# HOLYWOOD DISTRICT U3A MONTHLY MEETING

## U3A GENERAL MEETING by ZOOM

Tuesday 19th January 2021

@10.30 via Zoom

Slimline AGM followed by  
Dot Blakely 'Overwintering Birds'

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**

With the N.Ireland Executive requesting we limit our journeys and contact with other people for six weeks I think it would be unwise for the Amblers, Coffee & Chat or the Canasta group to meet in January.

Can I wish everyone a happy and safe 2021.

Roll on the vaccine.

Joy

## **BOOK READING GROUP**

The Reading Group has not yet met via Zoom since the beginning of the pandemic in March, 2020. There has been very little interest expressed by current members of the group for Zoom and also due to the difficulties obtaining copies of the book for so many during a pandemic. Hopefully the New Year will bring new possibilities and soon! Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

## **BOWLS**

As Convener for Bowling I am sending Best Wishes and hope that we will meet again for Outdoor Lawn Bowling in May 2021.

Keep washing your hands and wearing Face Masks. Best Wishes to all. Brian Cheyne

## **CANASTA**

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 had as good a Christmas as was possible given the restrictions. I am sorry I have not been able to organise getting us together in person but even with social distancing there are so many precautions to take before and after any kind of face to face meeting it really is not possible.

Sadly I don't envisage the choir meeting in person before September but I will keep in touch with everyone in the meantime .

Some sad news ....as most of you know Carol Bowden passed away earlier in the year (not from Covid) and sadly Kathleen Galloway, who had returned to America to be with her son, was diagnosed with cancer shortly after her return and died in October. Thankfully, despite Covid restrictions her son was able to be with her when she passed away . Two lovely ladies who will be greatly missed.

I will keep in touch with everyone as things progress with the vaccine but in the meantime please take care and stay safe.

Happy New Year !

Barbara x

## **COFFEE AND CHAT**

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## **CREATIVE WRITING**

The Creative Writing group will meet for the first time in January via Zoom, on Wednesday, the 20th. The December meeting was cancelled due to some member cancellations - busy time of the year so close to Christmas - and due to new commitments by the convenor. Hopefully we will all be ready and raring to go in January! New members are welcome. Please contact the convenor for more information. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

## **EXPLORING THE SHORT STORY**

Exploring the Short Story will be meeting via a Zoom link on Wednesday, the 13th of January. Current members who are interested in meeting via Zoom will be emailed the short story for discussion early in the New Year. All current members are welcome to join. Please contact the convenor for more information. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

## **FILM CLUB**

Wishing all members a Happy New Year.

## **FINE DINING**

I hope all fellow diners are keeping well and enjoyed what was a very different Christmas. Dining out is a far distant dream but hopefully with the vaccine we will soon be looking forward to seeing each other and enjoying some gastronomic delights.

Liz and I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

## **GARDENING GROUP**

**Good News** - We are restarting our meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month with Zoom talks for our Gardening Group members. Email invites will be issued closer to the time but in the meantime **SAVE THE DATES** for these talks.

- Mon 18th Jan 2021: Trevor Edwards – “Thrills and Spills – Garden tours in India and Japan”
- Mon 15th Feb 2021: Averil Milligan – “Back to my Roots”

New members are very welcome. To join, see the Gardening Group section on the Holywood District U3A website.

*Looking forward to seeing everyone again (via Zoom) on Mon 18<sup>th</sup> January at 10.15am.*

## **LOCAL HISTORY**

The next online talk for the History Group is on Wednesday, 6th January at 10.30am.

David Clark will talk about 'My Mysterious Grandmas'.

It is a genealogy talk with a difference! A fascinating story that reveals the mysteries of two obscure Victorian grandmothers.

If you want to hear this talk, please register via <https://mirthy.co.uk/u3a-hollywood-history-group/>

You need to fill in your name and email address.

Once registered you will receive a confirmation email with a unique link in it to access the talk. Mirthy will also send you a reminder email 24 hours before and again 15 minutes before the talk is due to start. If you register and do not receive the confirmation email, please check your junk or spam folders, or email me.

Following the talk at 11.15am, Robin would like you to join us via zoom for a short discussion about the presentation and suggested topics and outings for History Group meetings during 2021.

If you want to join the discussion, please let me know and I will send you the Zoom log in details.

Contact us at [secretary@hollywoodu3a.org](mailto:secretary@hollywoodu3a.org)

## **LOOSE ENDS**

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2021. Our events will be on hold for some months to come but we will keep in touch, once it is safe to meet up again.

Sandra and Valerie

## **Points of View**

The Points of View Group will meet by Zoom until further notice. Topics for the next two meetings are as follows:-

Monday, January 25, 2021 at 10.30. Topic "So what do you think of the USA now?"

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 10.30. Topic "Should I have two passports?"

In order to receive the necessary Zoom invitation, participants are asked to contact Eric on [groups@hollywoodu3a.org](mailto:groups@hollywoodu3a.org) or through the contact button on the Holywood U3A web site.

