



# HOLYWOOD DISTRICT U3A MONTHLY MEETING

## U3A GENERAL MEETING

**There will be no General Meeting at the end of July.**

**Next meeting  
Friday 27 August 2021  
@10.30  
Speaker  
Martina Purdy**

### GROUPS INCLUDE:

*AMBLERS    CREATIVE WRITING    COFFEE&CHAT*

*CANASTA    OUTDOOR BOWLS    GARDENING*

*FINE DINING    LOCAL HISTORY    LOOSE ENDS*

*EXPLORING the SHORT STORY    POINTS of VIEW*

## **AMBLERS**

Ambles take place on the second and forth Thursday of the month at 10.30  
Everyone is welcome to come along.

8th July. Cairn Wood. Ballysallagh  
Meet in car park at Cairn Wood.

22nd July. Shaws Bridge  
Meet in car park beside Shaws Bridge.

12th August Orangefield Park  
Meet in car park at Dixon playing fields on Grand Parade.

26th August Bangor coastal walk  
Meet at the McKee clock at the bottom of Main Street.  
Train leaves Sydenham at 9.51. and Hollywood at 9.56.  
Parking beside McKee clock.

Walking not too strenuous and coffee always good.

## **BOOK READING GROUP**

The Book Group is not currently meeting.

## **BOWLS**

U3A Lawn Bowls has started again @ Seapark Bowling Green on Tuesday 4th May  
commencing at 1.30 pm.  
Looking forward to seeing past and new members.

Brian Cheyne - Convenor

## **CANASTA**

Golf is back but unfortunately no word yet from the club house.  
I imagine it won't be long.

Joy

## **CHOIR**

I am sorry that the U3A Choir has not been able to meet since last March. Much has changed for all of us in that time.

I have 2 more grandchildren, increased private teaching and I have also stepped back into a part time role in the family business.

I am very happy to be busy but feel I cannot give the commitment to the choir when it starts up again.

I enjoyed the 3 years I spent with the choir and I hope that by the time the restrictions on choral singing are lifted there will be someone who can take over and experience the same fun and enjoyment making music as I did.

In the meantime I wish everyone a happy and healthy summer .

Barbara x

Thank you so much to Barbara for the wonderful work she has done with the choir. She will be very missed. If anyone knows of someone willing and able to take over please ask them and let the committee know.

## **COFFEE AND CHAT**

Not meeting July/August.

## **CREATIVE WRITING**

The Creative Writing group is currently on hiatus and will start up again in September, meeting at the usual time of the third Wednesday of the month from 2-4 pm via Zoom. New members are always welcome! Contact the convenor for more details. Have a lovely summer until then

Denise

## **EXPLORING THE SHORT STORY**

Exploring the Short Story is currently on hiatus until September. Present members will be sent the short story for September by the end of August, if not shortly thereafter. We will be meeting via Zoom at the usual time of the second Wednesday of the month from half ten to half twelve. Members will also be sent a Zoom link closer to the time. Until then, have a great summer and see you in September!

This group is fully subscribed and not able to take on new members unfortunately.

Denise

## **FINE DINING**

Not meeting July/August.

## **GARDENING GROUP**

**July:** No meeting in July.

**Aug:** **Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** – Garden visit to Kilcoan Gardens, Islandmagee, Government guidelines permitting. Details will be emailed to members closer to the time and booking will be required at that stage. There will be separate morning and afternoon garden tours.

**Sept:** **Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** - Garden visit to Hillsborough Castle Gardens, again Government guidelines permitting. Booking will be required when details are emailed to members closer to the time.

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

## **LOCAL HISTORY**

**The History Group have planned 2 outings to places of historical interest.**  
They are as follows:

**Wednesday, 7th July at 10.30am. A guided walk around a part of Holywood.**  
For further information and booking a place please contact Audrey Lockhart: email - [lockhart440@btinternet.com](mailto:lockhart440@btinternet.com)

**Wednesday, 4th August at 10.30am. A guided walk around Donaghadee .** For further information and booking a place please contact Robin Masefield email - [rmasefield@hotmail.com](mailto:rmasefield@hotmail.com).

*All u3a members are welcome but places are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served basis'!*

## **LOOSE ENDS**

While it has been impossible to organise any events up to now, we are keeping an eye on the easing of restrictions. We will email the Loose Ends Membership should it become possible to book a restaurant for lunch or to arrange any other activities in the next couple of months. Meanwhile, stay safe and well.

Sandra and Valerie

## **Points of View**

Following our summer break, the next meeting will be on Monday, 30 August, 2021, at 10.30, when the topic will be – **'Facebook, Twitter, Tik Tokk, Instagram- Social Media are here to stay. Good or bad?'**

Who knows, by then we may be able to meet face to face, and I will in touch with group members nearer the time when the situation becomes clearer.

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

## **ZOOM**

No calendar for July or August. At present only the General Meeting on 27th August and Points of View on the 30th. But it may be that circumstances will have changed by then, so information nearer the time.



