



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The election is over, thank goodness I hear you all say!! We seem to have heard nothing much except about the election since the beginning of the year.

Of course the election that mattered to us happened in April, when our members voted for some new committee members to replace those long standing members who are taking a break from committee work. Your new committee has now met and as a result the following posts have been filled:-

Judy Whaley shares the vice chairman's role with Sandra Lakin. Judy will have special responsibility as group's co-ordinator, the role previously undertaken by Brenda George. Brian Gill is the new speaker secretary, Colin Stredder will work with Sandra on communications and Jean Mawdsley will work with Judy on group's co-ordination.

Thank you everyone who showed interest in the committee work prior to the election, particularly David Peate who stood for election but was unsuccessful. As promised I will return to you all next year when we will have a similar number of committee vacancies to fill.

Colin Burkitt

TUESDAY LUNCH CIRCLE 1

The Lunch Circle is off again !!!!

😊😊😊 A taste of Italy with any 3 tapas dishes for £8-95 each 😊😊😊

Come and join us at The Pesto Pub, Dibbinsdale Hotel, Bromborough

Tuesday 16th June 12-15pm for 12-30

Would you all please let Carol Burkitt or Pauline Pinnington know if any of our members are ill and unable to get to the meetings? Thank you.

TUESDAY LUNCH CIRCLE 2

The Tuesday Lunch Circle are organising something very different for their venue in July and guess what?? It's not even at lunchtime!! But it does sound so delicious I, for one, am very tempted.

DATE	Tuesday 14 th July at 2-30 pm	VENUE	Home Cafe Woodside Ferry Terminal
OCCASION	Afternoon Tea	PRICE	£18-00 per person



Wonderful views of The Mersey with terrace seats if the weather is fine



MENU ; Glass of Prosecco, Sandwiches, Jam & Cream Scones, and Homemade Cakes and unlimited tea and coffee.

!! PLEASE BOOK AND PAY IN FULL AT THE SOCIAL DESK AT THE NEXT MEETING !!

SOCIAL OUTINGS

REMINDERS

Thursday 4 th June 2015	Visit to Tatton Park coach leaves TWPG at 9.30am
Tuesday 16 th June 2015	Tuesday Lunch Circle at The Pesto Pub, Dibbinsdale Hotel 12-15 for 12-30
Wednesday 17 th June 2015	Visit to Sudley House with History of Art group - limited places Meet @ 10.00am at Liverpool Lime Street Station under clock on main concourse
Friday 3 rd July 2015	Annual boat trip going to Lake Windermere for cruise and a meal in Wild Boar Inn Reserve list only !!!!Full payment now due please !!!!

THEATRE

Thursday 23 rd July 2015	Curious Incident of the dog in the Night-time Liverpool Empire at 2.30.pm Tickets will be available shortly
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LUNCH CIRCLE SPECIAL SUMMER OUTING

Tuesday 14 th July 2015	Afternoon Tea @ Home Woodside 2.30pm Cost £18 payable on booking
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Full booking details available at meetings please see your social organisers at the back of the hall
OR e-mail barbara@oxtonu3a.co.uk

MEETINGS and SPEAKERS

- Thursday 11th June WW1 Lusitania & Liverpool – Ken Roach
- Thursday 25th June Our very illustrious member Kathleen Stansfield will talk to us about meeting the Queen and The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust
- Thursday 9th July Muck & Money – Mike Murphy

WALKS

Our next walk is on Friday 26th June when we will meet outside the concourse in West Kirby at 10-30 am to walk to Hilbre Island. Anyone wishing to avoid paying the high parking charges in West Kirby can leave their car at Hoylake Station Car Park (always plenty of spaces) free of charge and catch a train to West Kirby. We will leave Hilbre after a shortish visit, and return for lunch at The Dee Hotel in West Kirby. If you prefer to stay on at Hilbre for a picnic lunch be aware that to avoid being stranded on Hilbre you must leave the island by 4.15 pm at the latest.

Please sign up for this walk at the next meeting and make sure you indicate if you are lunching at the Pub.

Letter from the Past Chairman

Strange title isn't it – Past Chairman? Yes, but one that was very worthwhile and thoroughly enjoyable. Until recently I had been on the Committee of Oxton and Prenton's U3A since its inception back in 2007. My roles have been many and varied culminating with last year's role of Past Chairman. It was thought that it would be useful to have me around in order to seek my advice when necessary. Colin, our present Chairman, has very wisely changed our rules so that most (or all) of the Officers now have a 'Vice' who works alongside the owner of the full title so that at the end of the term of office the 'Vice' will be fully conversant with the role. Standing down from the Committee after such a long period of time was a bit like admitting that your baby has grown up and can do perfectly well without you. I am still very much involved in U3A work and apart from being involved in several groups at Oxton and Prenton I am currently our representative on the Wirral and Chester Network of U3As. I wish the new Committee Members the best of luck and hope they will enjoy it as much as I have.

Ann Hillier

GOODBYE & HELLO

Following our AGM in April, we have unfortunately had to bid farewell to some of our very well known committee members. All members of the committee are bound by our constitution to take a break from committee duties after the specified time. We give huge thanks for sterling service from;

Ann Hillier previous Chairman. Serving Oxton U3A from the moment of its inception and still serving us all as our representative on the Wirral and Chester Network of U3As. Thank you so much Ann, you have been such a welcoming inspiration to us all. (see Ann's article above).

Brenda George. Brenda we will all miss you very much, you have done a wonderful job in ensuring full support for all the groups. Thank you so much Brenda.

Barbara Winstanley, the hostess with the mostest. How can we say thank you for all those wonderful Christmas Lunches, visits and social occasions you have organised. Thankfully you will be still organising them in the future but at least you won't have to take down all those minutes for a while! Thank you Barbara, for all those special events.

Of course none of these wonderful people are actually leaving Oxton U3A just taking a breather from Committee duties but still active within the Group, especially Barbara who will continue to organise us all from the social desk.

So now a very big welcome to;

Brian Gill who will now be our speaker secretary. Hope you've got some good ones lined up Brian.

Colin Stredder who will now be helping me as Communications Support. Hope you are better than me at attaching files ☹️ Colin.

Jean Mawdsley who will be helping Judy with Group Support, a huge job for anyone and I am sure Judy will welcome your assistance.

Don't know who all these people are? Why not visit www.oxtonu3a.co.uk and click on Committee for the rogue's gallery.

You can also find full information about forthcoming events, speakers and groups on the website, why not have a look?

WILLIAMSON ART GALLERY

Just to remind you all that The Williamson is hosting a series of FREE Summer Serenades. These are 1 hour long and start at 2-00 pm each Sunday, just go along and enjoy.....

7th June Gwilym Jones Jazz Trio - an exciting young jazz ensemble from Birmingham Conservatoire

14th June Members of the Orchestra dell'Arte, playing Salon Music in the manner of end-of-pier ensembles of years gone by.

21st June Ian Buckle solo pianist recital

28th June Ensemble of St. Luke's, Elgar String Quartet

Marriage Allowance

I don't know how many of our members are aware that since April this year there has been a new marriage tax allowance available to all married couples including civil partnerships, although it is restricted to couples who both earn less than the higher rate tax threshold. If one partner earns less than £10,600 per year then they can transfer up to £1060-00 of their unused tax free allowance to the other partner which will mean that in effect they will pay up to £212-00 per year less in income tax.

To register your interest go to www.gov.uk/marriage-allowance Once you have registered your interest you will eventually be contacted by HMRC. They will then ask you to verify your identity using an outside party. You can choose from the several agencies HMRC offers, but in my experience the best option to choose is the Post Office. Once you have verified your identity you complete a simple form and HMRC do the rest. It is a fairly painless way of paying less tax.

I understand that you can also request a copy of form 575(T) from HMRC if you are unable to apply online.

GET IN TOUCH

I am always pleased to hear from any of our members, so if you've got anything you would like to add to your newsletter please get in touch with me newsletter@oxtonu3a.co.uk

NETWORK NEWS

Annual Conference Day Thursday 4th June 2015 11:00am – 3:45pm (coffee from

10:30am) at Crewe Arms Hotel, (directly opposite to the station) Crewe, Post Code CW2 6DN



Residential Summer School: 1–4 September 2015
Newton Rigg College, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0AH

An opportunity to learn in the inspiring setting of the Lake District



The eight Courses include the following that have proved popular at previous Residential Schools:

Creative Writing; Digital Photography

Geology (Lakeland Fire & Ice)

Introduction to Medieval Archaeology

and four new courses:

Architecture Explored,

Egyptology (Introduction to ancient Egypt)

Introduction to Philosophy

Full Board Residential Delegates: £300 but bookings confirmed with £50 deposit by 31 March 2015 will qualify for an Early Bird Discount of £40; the balance of £210 due by 31 May 2015

Non-Residential Day Delegate: £150; £130 with Early Bird Discount; as above, £50 deposit by 31 March 2015 with the balance of £80 due by 31 May 2015

Anyone who misses the Early Bird discount should send full payment by 31 May 2015

Booking forms available at:

www.u3asites.org.uk/north-west If you have a query, contact:

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