

# THE MEOLS MESSENGER

## The Newsletter of the Meols (Southport)



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**Issue 10 – October 2010**

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

We have a new Chairman – Eleanor Bowden has volunteered to take over from Eric Newton at today's meeting, as you will read in Eric's notes below. I am sure that everyone will wish her well and support her in everything she does in her new role.

### **REMINDER –**

Don't forget the North West Seminar Day on running your U3a – 29<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am at St. Cuthbert's Church Centre, Lytham Road, Preston. Details from Eleanor and also see Issue 9 of the Messenger.

### **U3A Xmas Party, Emmanuel Church Hall - buffet & entertainment. Tuesday, 14th December, 1 p.m.**

Tickets - members only £5 each from Audrey Halsall or any Group leader.

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### **Collection for Clatterbridge**

The collection for Clatterbridge at the last meeting realised £7.40. Thanks to all those who contributed.

### **CHAIRMAN'S NOTES**

As I mentioned at the last monthly meeting, I have been holding the position of Chairman in a temporary capacity in anticipation of someone, with the drive and initiative that I find I am unable to give, willing to put themselves forward to fill this post. I am pleased to announce that Eleanor Bowden has volunteered to take up the reins as your new Chairman, with your approval of course. I propose at the October monthly meeting to regard it as an Extraordinary General Meeting and to put it to the membership that Eleanor be formally voted to the Chair.

Eleanor came to Meols with a wealth of experience of the U3A in other places, and from the start has immersed herself in the life and activities of our branch both at Committee and Group level. She has also done sterling work behind the scenes arranging the monthly speakers, in fact right through to the end of 2011. In this last respect, however, she would wish to relinquish this task when she is Chairman, and so we must look for a volunteer to carry on her good work with immediate effect. Whilst the programme may be in place for next year, it is necessary to have someone available to liaise with those speakers who have been already engaged.

I am pleased to recommend Eleanor to you as our next Chairman, (or Chairwoman, or Madam Chairman, whatever she would think most fitting) and trust that you will give her all the support she deserves.

Finally, may I thank you for your support and tolerance of me whilst I have been in the Chair. It has been a privilege to serve you.

## GROUP CONTACTS

MUSIC APPRECIATION – Steve <b>536830</b>	Continues to meet 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month
THEATRE – Pam <b>549841</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct. to 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 'Humble Boy' 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov. to 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 'Going Straight' 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. to 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 'Babes in the Wood'
CREATIVE NEEDLEWORK GROUP Eleanor <b>231966</b>	The Craft Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 58 Rathmore Crescent at 2pm. Whether you are a beginner or skilled at needlework you will receive a warm welcome.

## LUNCHEON CLUB – Contact Eunice - 213419

### Wednesdays' at 12 pm

- 13th October : Fylde Fish & Chip Restaurant, Fylde Rd.
- 27th October : Reuters, 26, Hoghton Street, Southport
- 10th November : The Richmond, Scarisbrick New Road
- 24th November : The Barking Frog, 137, Manchester Road
- 8th December : The Bold, Lord Street. 3-course Xmas lunch

As usual, please advise me if you cannot attend, especially in regard to booking for 8<sup>th</sup> December at The Bold.

**Meols U3A Xmas party tickets**, Tuesday, 14th December - 1 pm to 4 pm. Buffet & entertainment. Tickets on sale to members at £5, please see Audrey Halsall or any group leader.

## OUT AND ABOUT GROUP - Contact Margaret Wright - 380012

### Liverpool Seafarers Centre - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Members will meet at 1. 50pm – Chapel Street Station  
Situated in Crosby Road, Waterloo, The Centre extends a hand of friendship to thousands of seafarers from all over the world.

Charities that minister to seafarers in the port of Liverpool joined forces to provide a state-of-the art ecumenical centre. It is run jointly by Anglican Mersey Mission and Catholic Apostleship of the Sea charities.

### The Old Dock Experience - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010

Members will meet at 1.50 pm – Chapel Street Station.

The Old Dock, located underneath Liverpool One shopping area, was the world's first commercial enclosed wet dock, and was built in 1715.

The development on the mouth of the Pool saw a small village transform into a major port within 100 years. "This is where Liverpool started"

**Visit to Southport Town Hall - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

Members will meet outside the Town Hall at 2.25pm

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Maureen Fearn JP and her Consort Mr. Frank Winrow are delighted to host our visit and look forward to attending the event  
As all the above visits have limited numbers it is essential to let me know ASAP.  
First come first served basis is used.

**WALKING GROUP**  
**Contact - Nat 224805**

The current walks programme contains no walks where cars are to be used, the trend to use public transport has returned. Cars will be used in the future but not as frequently.

The Forge Brasserie at Queen Anne St., Southport is the venue for the Xmas Meal and will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 12 - 00 Noon, when Walking and Gardening Groups will join to celebrate the Festivities.

Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	Chester country Walk.	Meet Southport Station 9-50 am	Leader,Pearl.
25 <sup>th</sup> .	Fresh field / Ainsdale	Southport Station 9-50 am	Margaret Wright.
Nov 1.	Ormskirk walk	Meet Eastbank St, 10-00am for Bus.	Sue/Dorothy.
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Runcorn/Hale Village.	Southport Station 9-50 am	Margaret Wright.
15 <sup>th</sup> .	Haskayne to Lydiate.	Meet Hoghton St 9-45 am for Bus	Nat.
22 <sup>nd</sup> .	Sefton Park	Southport Station 9-50 am.	Pearl.

**GARDENING CLUB**  
**Contact - Sylvia 224099**

**9<sup>th</sup> September** Fiona's Garden

We were able to sit out in the sunshine and enjoy this lovely garden - it still had lots of interest and colour, with a new feature of ornamental grasses.

**26<sup>th</sup> September** Calder Vale Harvest Festival

Walter writes: A bright and warm morning, as several members of the group took up an earlier invitation from the vicar to attend the harvest festival service, when the group visited the nearby bluebell woods. The church was packed and the group were made very welcome. The local school children all brought harvest gifts, baskets of fruit etc., to lay at the foot of the alter. During the service the children sang to the congregation accompanied by some lively accordion music. Afterwards homemade lunch was served whilst outside several stalls sold homemade produce.

We all very much enjoyed our day out!

## **DATES FOR YOUR GARDENERS DIARY**

**14<sup>TH</sup> October** Lady Green Garden Centre. 6.30pm. An evening of extravaganza!!!

**4<sup>th</sup> November** 2.00 p.m. Sylvia's garden. Plans with a T.

**29<sup>th</sup> November** 12.00 noon. Festive lunch at the forge.

**20 January** 1.50.p.m Lawn mower museum, Shakespeare Street, Southport.

### **OUR WEBSITE**

[www.meols-u3a.org.uk](http://www.meols-u3a.org.uk)

#### **From our Webmaster– Eunice Owen,**

New advice has been issued with regard to the input of information, would all group leaders add their information to the relevant section on the website. This will keep members up-to-date with what's happening and give new members an idea of what's most appropriate and interesting for them.

**Once you have registered with your name and password and it has been accepted, leave the site and wait until you receive an acknowledgment e-mail confirming your login name & password. It gives you a link which you must activate to use your account. When you click the link in the e-mail the Meols u3a site will open in your web browser and confirm that your account has now been activated.**

#### **LOG IN**

**You must always use the same format with your name and password, i.e. if you've used lower cases, spaces when registering, make sure you keep to them exactly, otherwise it will not let you in**

**You now log into the site, using the user name and password you provided and is shown in the e-mail.**

**That's it! You are registered and logged in. Next time you come to the site, all you need to do is log in. The site will regard official group leaders as "Moderators"**

**For your information and peace of mind.. We do not give out your personal details to anyone. By default, your e-mail address is not shown on the site. You can change your personal settings once logged in to show it, IF YOU WISH OTHER MEMBERS TO BE ABLE TO VIEW IT. Your password is encrypted and secure. DO NOT FORGET TO " LOG OUT" BEFORE LEAVING THE SITE.**

#### **BOOK STALL**

Thanks to those of you who have donated books to the bookstall in the past and we hope you will continue to do so. However, for the future we are only accepting fairly new, good, clean hardbacks and paperbacks which can be sold to our members. Of particular interest are gardening, arts & crafts, wildlife and autobiographical books.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**Contact Doreen for the Raffle, and Eunice for the Book Stall.**

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#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to welcome the following 3 new members –  
Lilian Blundell, Barbara Willmore and Ann Margaret Hazelhurst.

**AND ANOTHER THING (especially for the majority of our members).....**

**11 PEOPLE ON A ROPE !!!!**

Eleven people were hanging on a rope  
Under a helicopter.  
10 men and 1 woman  
The rope was not strong enough to carry them all  
So they decided that one had to leave  
Because otherwise they were all going to fall.

They weren't able to choose that person  
Until the woman gave a very touching speech  
She said she would voluntarily let go of the rope,

**BECAUSE AS A WOMAN**

She was used to giving up everything  
For her husband and kids or for men in general,  
And was used to always making sacrifices  
With little return.

As soon as she had finished her speech  
**All the men started clapping.....**

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

Deadline for copy for next issue is December 5<sup>th</sup> preferably by e.mail.

Mike Kedzlie