

THE MEOLS MESSENGER

The Newsletter of the Meols (Southport)



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SOUTHPORT (MEOLS) U3A
Tuesday, 8 February 2011

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting
3. Reports from
 - (a) Chair
 - (b) Treasurer and Presentation of audited financial statement
4. Election of Officers
 - Chairman
 - Vice-Chairman
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
5. Election of Committee Members
6. Group Reports
7. Any Other Business.

GROUP CONTACTS

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| MUSIC APPRECIATION – Steve 536830 | Continues to meet 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays of each month. |
| THEATRE – Pam 549841 | 18 th Feb to 26 th Feb. 'The Rise and Fall of Little Voice' 9 th Mar to 12 th Mar. 'Toms Midnight Garden'. |
| CREATIVE NEEDLEWORK Eleanor 231966 | Next Craft Meeting - 23 February, 2 pm at 58 Rathmore Crescent |

Good News – Proposed New Interest Groups

(a) Doreen Blackburn has kindly offered to organize Line Dancing. It will take place between 12.00 and 1.00 pm before the monthly meeting. If you are interested in joining please let Doreen know.

(b) Avril Summers has suggested a Creative Writing group. If you would like further details, please contact Avril on 01704 214702 or Doreen Harwood on 01704 570008.

LUNCH CLUB

Contact - Eunice – 213419
Wednesdays' at 12 pm

9th March, Chez Moi Brasserie, 573, Lord St., Southport
23rd March The Barking Frog, 137, Manchester Rd.
6th April The Toby, 537 Liverpool Rd., Ainsdale
20th April Fylde Fish Restaurant, Fylde Rd.(alternative menu now available)

Please advise me by phone before Monday a.m. of the same week if you cannot attend.
Thank you.

WALKING GROUP

Contact - Nat - 224805

With the memory of the atrocious snowy conditions fading into the distance, the Walking group are turning their thoughts to the forthcoming walks during 2011. The recent Preston walk circling the River Ribble was done in Spring like weather and certainly lifted the spirits of the 15 who took part.

Back tracking to the Xmas period it must be said that in spite of the snow, Mersey Rail did a great job and 14 of us managed to get to the carol concert at St Georges Hall in Liverpool, which looks like becoming an annual event.

I am sure all the walkers will join me in wishing Fiona a speedy recovery from the injury she received during the bad weather.

Walks:

Feb 14. Thornton/Crosby Meet Southport Station. 9 -50 am. Leader: Shirley.
Feb 21. Ruff Woods. Eastbank St. 10 – 00 am for Bus. Nat.
Feb. 28. Moreton/NewBrighton. Southport Station 9 - 50 am. Jack.
Mar.7 Waterloo To Hightown. Lunch. Southport Station. 9 - 50 am. Anne/Jack.
Mar 14. Lytham to St Annes. Early Bus X2. Val/Pearl.

Mar 21. Mere Sands. Cars Churchill Ave. 10 - 00 am.Fiona.
Mar 28. Garstang Canal Walk. Early Bus X2. Anne/Val.

Alternative arrangements will be made if cars are unavailable

GARDENING CLUB
Contact - Sylvia – 224099

Past

Our joint Xmas Lunch with the walking Group was an enjoyable event at The Forge and I thank Nat for his co-operation in making the arrangements and wish a happy a happy and successful 2011 for all groups.

Present

Our first meeting of the season on January 20 took us to the Lawn Mower Museum and proved to be a popular and rather cosy one – the Museum being rather small! However this award winning collection of grass cutting machines – ranging from some very early ones right through to up to the minute remote controlled and solar powered models was well worth seeing and our personal guided tour given by Brian, the owner and curator was both interesting and informative.

Future

24 Feb 2011 Dobbies Garden Centre. Talk by well known gardening personality. Meet at main entrance at 1.50pm. £3.50p including refreshments.

If you know of any of our members who are sick or have been bereaved, please let the Secretary know.

OUT AND ABOUT

A personal appreciation from Sylvia Cornick.

As one who has had the real pleasure and benefit of being part of this group, visiting many interesting places which as an individual I would not have had access to, plus the added bonus of being with friends, I would like to say thank you to Margaret for all her efforts and hard work in organizing our outings .Much work goes on behind the scenes and which has been very much appreciated.

Southport (Birkdale) U3A have vacancies for a coach trip on 1 April 2011 to see Aughton and Ormskirk U3A's production of "That Terrible U3A" at Ormskirk Civic Hall at 7.30 pm
The cost is £10. .
Coach pick-up point Emmanuel Church Hall at 6.30 pm.
If you are interested attending, please contact June Mills on 01704 578 415

Items from the latest edition of the NW Newsletter - including details of the Lancashire Link Day Meeting as follows -

Day Meeting - Arts and Crafts in the North West

Tuesday April 12 2011 10.00 - 4.00 at Howarth Art Gallery, Accrington BB5 2JS

Programme

10.00 Arrival and Refreshments

10.30 The Tiffany Collection Introduction by Jennifer Rennie, Curator

11.30 First Group Guided Tour of the Collection Second Group Tour of Exhibition

12.15 Second Group Guided Tour of the Collection, First Group Tour of Exhibition

1.00 Lunch

2.00 Presentation of items selected from the Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth Textile and Embroidery Collection Gawthorpe Hall by Gail Marsh, Curator

3.00 Viewing exhibits and refreshment

4.00 end of Meeting

Meeting is being organised by Burnley and District U3A primarily for U3A Lancashire Link

Contact Rod Wilshaw 01282 770544 Cost £15.00 including lunch and refreshments. If demand is high, it may be possible to organise a second session at a later date.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH WEST U3A

The January Regional Conference at Lancaster had to be postponed as numbers were low. There will be a conference later.

The Trust has commissioned a new DVD called 'This is U3A' for promotional purposes. It should soon be available on the web (link to utube from National U3A website).

20th May 2011 Distinguished Lecture and NW AGM at Liverpool.

The lecture this year will be given by Prof. Carole Mundell on 'Black Holes'. She has an excellent reputation both as an experimental Astronomer and for her talks to lay audiences. The event will be held at the Liner Hotel behind Lime Street Station. More details later or from Sue Watkinson wandsw@uk2.net.

U3A Sources Magazine

The Sources Magazine is issued free to all U3A members and is published by the Third Age Trust. It is published in January, June and October and is an educational journal. Each issue covers subjects of interest to U3A study groups. Contributions are made by individual U3As. The last issue covered Gardening and the theme of the next issue in June 2011 will be Archeology and Geology. The October issue will focus on Art Appreciation. Back numbers can be viewed on line and printed. Visit the Third Age Trust website at www.u3a.org.uk. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded free. Alternatively, contact by telephone the Bromley Head Office at 020 846 66139.

Residential Schools

There is still time to book for the North West Region Residential School at Myerscough from 26 to 28 April. Accommodation is in modern single en-suite room with a shared kitchen. In addition to the daytime courses there will be evening activities including a walk, social evening and presentation on "The Halle and me" by a former member of the orchestra. As mentioned before, the courses offered are Archeology, Astronomy, Creative Writing, Family History, Geology, Looking at Pictures and The Victorians. The all inclusive cost for full board, morning and afternoon refreshment and the study courses will be

£185. Deposit £30. Why not give it a go by contacting Kathleen Mercer, 9 Pipers Court, Caroline Place, Prenton CH43 1TR

In addition there are the following Summer Schools

Harper Adams University College Newport, near Telford
18 July to 21 July 2011

Subjects covered: Cinema History, Drama, Geology, History, Poetry and Storytelling.
Full Board £315 per person

Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester
22 to 25 August 2011

Subjects covered : Dancing, History, Literature, Singing, Writing Fiction
Full Board £315 per person.

If you would like further details of these courses and the application form please contact Eleanor Bowden at 01704 231966

AND ANOTHER THING.....

The holiday to Northumberland has been cancelled as not enough interest was shown.

PLEASE NOTE - *Please amend your programme.*

Canon Brunswick is free to come to speak to us on the 2nd August instead of the 9th April.

Our Webmaster– Eunice Owen, *wants to see more input onto our Website from Group Leaders, particularly up to date information that cannot wait for the next Messenger to be published. Any problems regarding input please contact Eunice on 213419*

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

Deadline for copy for next issue is April 1st if possible by e.mail.

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