

# THE MEOLS MESSENGER

## The Newsletter of the Meols (Southport)



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### NEWS FROM THE LANCASHIRE LINK OF THE U3A

#### **North West Region Residential School, Myerscough College, Bilborrow**

This will take place 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

This event is offered at a very good price and will start late morning on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> April and run till after lunch on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Accommodation will be in modern en-suite single rooms close to the lecture theatre and study rooms.

The all inclusive cost for full board, including lunch on both Saturday and Wednesday, morning and afternoon refreshments and the study courses will be £215 (except the golf option which will cost a total of £260).

Day participants can attend with lunch, dinner and refreshments for £160 (or £215 for the golf option).

Courses on ARCHAEOLOGY, FAMILY HISTORY, LOCAL GEOLOGY, IMPROVING YOUR GOLF, HISTORY OF ART, MEMORY & MENTAL WELLBEING, PHOTOGRAPHY. JOHN RUSKIN and WORDSWORTH are offered.

Many courses will include an excursion, usually by coach.

In addition there will be various activities in the evenings and a horticultural event, all included in the cost.

Further details and application forms are available from Tony Barber at the Hall.

#### **2010 U3A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

The theme is "COAST" - the coastline of Great Britain throughout the seasons.

Winning photographs will feature in the U3A engagement calendar for 2011

Formal competition details and rules will be available in October and will be announced in the October issue of U3A News and on [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk)

#### **THE LANCASHIRE SINFONIETTA**

The Lancashire Sinfonietta is giving public concerts in Lancaster on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct and Preston on October 25<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Sinfonietta's Principal Oboe Rachael Clegg will give a recital and talk related to the concert at St Cuthbert's Church Centre, Lytham Rd, Fulwood, Preston 21<sup>st</sup> October at 1400.

The Preston concert will take place at The Minster at 1930 and includes music by Handel and Haydn. The event is supported by the Lancashire Link of the U3A.

## NOTES FROM PAUL HALSALL, OUR CHAIRMAN

We had 46 people on the trip to Bowness (I didn't go because of a bad bout of gout). I have since spoken to some of the attendees who said it was a great day out. They were able to use their bus passes on the local buses once they arrived. It's a pity we had to ask non members to fill the coach, because at £5 a head for members it was a bargain! After the next meeting there will be a committee meeting to discuss, amongst other things, finalizing arrangements for the Xmas party. Also at the October and November meetings tickets will be on sale at £5 each for the Xmas buffet, a glass of wine and a chance to hear a singer. Tickets will be sold at the door by Audrey Halsall at our next meetings. It is important that we know how many will be coming to the party so that we can inform the caterer, so please buy your tickets ASAP.

Once again I am asking members to donate raffle prizes for the Xmas Party, as the raffle and bookstall help pay for the hall which is expensive. Hope you can oblige.

Finally I must thank Tony Barber for all the work he put in arranging the trips. Thanks Tony.

## GROUP CONTACTS

<p><b>GARDENING –</b> Sylvia 224099</p> <p>See list of dates for Garden visits in Diary Column.</p>	<p>Our September Harvest meeting saw a fine display of produce grown by members – judged by a celebrity guest and followed by afternoon tea. Photographs by Dierdre were on show.</p> <p>The first coach outing to the Harrogate Autumn Show was a great success enjoyed by all.</p> <p>In October we visited Dobbies Garden Centre where we were treated to a very interesting talk on Bees – given by Barbara Roderick – an expert and a Beekeeper.</p> <p>Tea and scones were served courtesy of the management.</p>
<p><b>MUSIC APPRECIATION –</b> Steve 536830</p>	<p>The Music Group meets fortnightly, <b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3rd Tuesday of the month.</b></p> <p>At each meeting we listen to CDs of classical music, rather like a concert.</p> <p>Members of the group who have CDs take turns to bring the music of their choice.</p> <p>There is an interval for tea and a chat (30p for tea and biscuits).</p> <p>There is a break in summer, from July to September.</p> <p>We have been meeting for over 10 years now with the same format and several of the original members. Occasionally, there is space for new members, who enquire through members they know or direct to the host.</p>
<p><b>WALKING –</b> Nat 224805</p>	<p>The Autumn/Winter programme opened with a walk at Whalley and attracted a group of 16 walkers.</p> <p>In bright sunshine we climbed to the top of Nabs Head. From there we were treated to matchless views over the Lancashire countryside and the river Calder snaking its way to the distant hills. The descent took us down winding lanes and fields to the impressive Accrington brick built viaduct and over a bridge spanning the river. We then made our way to Whalley</p>

	Abbey. After refreshments in the well kept grounds our party continued to the town and a short hunt around the shops. The walk was ably led by Eleanor Bowden and everyone agreed Whalley is a gem.
THEATRE – Pam 549841	<b>We do need new members so please contact me as soon as you can.</b> <b>The price is £39.50 and covers 8 plays for the price of 6.</b> The next programme - - <b>30<sup>th</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> November - "September Tide".</b> - <b>27<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December - "Tom' Dick &amp; Harry"</b> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to 10 <sup>th</sup> January - Pantomime - "Beauty and the Beast"
OUT AND ABOUT Margaret 380012	Tuesday 3 November – Liverpool Synagogue, Princes Road. Meet at Chapel St station 0950 for 0958 train. Admission – donation of £3.50 per person.
LUNCHEON CLUB Eunice 213419	14 October The Falstaff Hotel, Southport 28 October The Bold Hotel, Lord Street, Southport 11 November Cloisters Restaurant, 239 Lord Street, Southport 25 November Auberge Brasserie, 1b Seabank Rd off Lord St 9 December The Shrimper, Fylde Rd Marshside, Southport (party spirit required, party hats supplied) 23 December The Barking Frog 137 Manchester Rd <b>(Prebooking required, ticket only)</b>

### DIARY DATES

### WALKING GROUP

<b>Oct. 19</b>	Burscough Bridge	Southport Station 9 -50 am	Pat
26	Lytham	Bus X2 Preston	Walter
<b>NOV 2</b>	Appley Brdg / Fairy Glen	Southport Station 9 - 50 am	Fiona
9	Chester Canal / River	Southport Station 9 - 50 am	Anne
16	Melling	Meet Eastbank St 10 - 00 am for Bus	Deirdre
23	Clarks Grds / Calderstones	Southport Station 9 - 50 am	Nat
30	CHRISTMAS	LUNCH	
<b>Dec 7</b>	Ashurst Beacon	Cars Churchill Ave 10 - 00 am	Pat / Pearl
14	<b>Owd Nells</b>	<b>Cars Churchill Ave 10 - 00 am</b>	Vera
21	Waterloo To Hightown	Southport Station 9 - 50 am	Owen
28	Crossens To Southport	Meet Round-About 10-15am Plough	Walter

**Alternative arrangements will be made if cars are unavailable**

## **GARDENING CLUB**

5<sup>th</sup> November

Margaret Jacklin's 2p.m

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Christmas Lunch – Southport Old Links Golf Course 12 noon

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### **AND ANOTHER THING.....**

#### **THE BATTLE OF WOUNDED KNEE!!!**

(not South Dakota 1890 but Ormskirk and Southport 2009)

So many kind people have enquired about progress since my total knee replacement operation on June 9 this year that I have decided to issue a medical bulletin charting my progress (or lack of it)! Nearly 18 weeks and 2 operations later I'm still attending twice weekly physiotherapy sessions and using vast quantities of ice (aka bags of frozen peas) at home, plus 3 exercise sessions a day to reduce the swelling and strengthen the muscles – not much opportunity for walking or gardening then!!

However I am now able to drive and there has been some improvement in flexibility so we live in hopes of a short holiday soon.

More news later this year!!!

*Mike Kedzlie Editor.*

**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

#### **BOOKSTALL**

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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#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Deadline for copy for next issue is November 26<sup>th</sup>, if possible by e.mail.

Mike Kedzlie