

# THE MEOLS MESSENGER

## The Newsletter of the Meols (Southport)



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### FROM THE EDITOR

As many of you are probably aware, our Chairman Paul Halsall has been unwell for some time and has not been able to attend some recent meetings. I am very pleased to tell you that he is feeling better and will be in attendance at some future events. However he has decided to stand down as Chairman of Meols U3A with effect from the AGM on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

In the last issue of the Messenger Paul intimated that there has never been a lady Chairperson but in fact there has!! The very first Chairperson was a lady called Avril Summers who played a prominent role in the setting up of Meols U3A (the Southport Group was oversubscribed) and became our Chairperson about 13 years ago.

Today, February 9<sup>th</sup> is our AGM and it would be nice to be able to announce the election of one of our lady members as our new Chairperson.

### NORTH WEST REGIONAL NEWS

The number of news items received from the North West HQ continues to grow and flow!! Alex McMinn who represents the NW on the National committee of the Third Age Trust has resigned his position following his appointment as Chairman of the U3A National Research Committee.

He sends all members his best wishes and, *to quote*, asks us to... "live long, live well, die quickly and keep out of the hands of Social Services" !!!

An interesting event due to take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> May is the NW Region AGM and special Lecture by Dr. John Page at the Friends Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester at 11.30a.m.

Dr. Page is a world renowned authority on the reconstruction of ancient faces from skeletal remains and his talk is entitled "Eyes, Teeth and Arthritis: Reconstructing Ancient Faces".

More information from Trevor Cheetham, 40 Boat Lane Court, Brett Street, Northenden, Manchester M22 4EZ or e.mail: [t.cheetham2@btinternet.com](mailto:t.cheetham2@btinternet.com)

The U3A website in the North West has been restructured – try it on <http://NWU3A.web.officeline.com> and the Lancashire Link also has a website which may be of interest <http://U3ALANCSLINK.web.officeline.com>

**Ormskirk & Aughton U3A** presents a new musical comedy “That Terrible U3A” at the Civic Hall, Ormskirk, Thursday and Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.  
No further details available at present!!

## **GROUP CONTACTS**

MUSIC APPRECIATION – Steve 536830	Continues to meet 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month
THEATRE – Pam 549841	12 <sup>th</sup> February The Wilmslow Boy 19 <sup>th</sup> March Abigail’s Party 23 <sup>rd</sup> April Stepping Out
LUNCHEON CLUB Eunice 213419	17 <sup>th</sup> February Swan Fish & Chip Shop, West Street 3 <sup>rd</sup> March The Falstaff, King Street. 17 <sup>th</sup> March The Curzon, 519 Lord Street. 31 <sup>st</sup> March The Shrimper, Fylde Road 14 <sup>th</sup> April The Toby Carvery, 537 Liverpool Road Ainsdale

## **GARDENING GROUP CONTACT – Sylvia – 224099**

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> in true festive goodwill, Gardeners and Walkers joined together at the Old Links Golf Club for a most enjoyable Christmas lunch.

January 14<sup>th</sup> with weather conditions being difficult, a small group of gardeners visited Lady Green Nurseries hoping for some bargains in the sales. Meeting up again and refreshments made our journey worthwhile.

February 18<sup>th</sup> Greenhouse Sensations, Mawdesley 2p.m  
Details available from Sylvia. Restrictions on car parking so we need to car share.

March 18<sup>th</sup> Botanic Gardens 2p.m – Main Gates for a Treasure Hunt – Fun for all – join us if you can.

April 15<sup>th</sup> Walter’s Garden – numbers restricted.

Garden Group Bank Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 £ 145.95

## **OUT AND ABOUT GROUP - CONTACT – Margaret – 380012**

23<sup>rd</sup> February Huntapac Museum – visit commencing at 1p.m  
Mr. Hunter will take us on a tour of his Vintage Vehicles and this will be followed by a short concert on the Compton Organ. The organ is quite famous and used to be installed in the Grand Cinema on Lord Street. Entrance for the visit is free but donations to one of Mr. Hunter’s charities will be much appreciated.  
Afternoon tea will then be served for which there will be a charge.

It will be necessary to go by car – north along the A565 (dual carriageway).  
 Just before the dual carriageway ends turn right into Blackgate Lane.  
 Immediately turn left into Taylors Lane then right into Higher Lane – past the white house on the left.  
 There is parking space in the field by the white house if the weather is fine.  
 Limited parking at either side of the museum.  
 IT IS IMPORTANT to turn into Taylors Lane before the Huntapac Factory and Office.  
 Maps will be available from Margaret.

23<sup>rd</sup> March St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church, Marshside Road.  
 Meet at the church at 2.30p.m. Father Tom will give a guided tour followed by refreshments.

6<sup>th</sup> April Bootle Town Hall.  
 The Mayor and Mayoress, Councillors Alf Doran and Gillian Cuthbertson will be delighted to host our visit.  
 We will catch the 12.43 train at Chapel St. Station and the tour will commence at 1.20p.m.  
 Due to Health & Safety regulations only members who are on the booking list will be able to join this visit.

**WALKING GROUP CONTACT –Nat – 224805**

Following a walks reshuffle because of snowy conditions, 14 walkers headed to Liverpool for a tour of the Penguins Trail.  
 The penguins are four foot high fibreglass models and are painted in many different colours and themes, by local artists and school children. The whole project is an effort to make people aware of global warming.  
 After refreshments at the Blue Coats Museum, the group continued the penguin trail, before moving on to the majestic St. George’ Hall for a carol concert. The concert proved to be a real treat – the resident organist playing popular carols and classics to a packed hall.  
 Finally with the shadows lengthening, the group exchanged seasons greetings, bringing the curtain down on a really festive day.

Feb 18	Preston River Walk	Early Bus X2	Anne
Feb 22	Hoylake to Moreton	Southport Station 9.50	Pearl
March 1	Lytham	Early Bus X2	Jack/ Walter
March 8	Burscough/Latham Chapel	Cars Churchill Ave 10a.m	Pat
Mar 15	Formby Circular	Southport Station 9.50	Owen
Mar 22	Tockholes	Cars Churchill Ave 10a.m	E & M
<b>Mar 29</b>	Clieves Hill	Eastbank Street 9.54a.m bus	Sue

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

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

Eleanor Bowden is thinking of starting a Craft Interest Group. She will obviously need names, phone numbers, which craft is of interest to you , most suitable day to meet etc.

See Eleanor at the AGM who will have a list available, and also at the next meeting.

**ADVANCE WARNING** OF SOME POSSIBLE DATE CHANGES FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS –

August – now likely to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Christmas meeting and Party – now likely to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

FULL DETAILS of these and any other changes will be confirmed and announced (and published) well in advance.

**NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

The levy to HQ has been increased. It is likely therefore that our annual subscription will also have to be increased. Details will be announced at the AGM.

**AND NOW FOR A JOKE !!**

***My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.***

***Always Remember this: You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.***

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Happy faces at the Luncheon Club Christmas party -



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**PLEASE NOTE:**

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