

Waterloo



Members of **Local History Group 7** enjoyed a recent guided tour along the front of Waterloo. The tour started with a coffee in the Bistro "Waterloo Place" at the bottom of South Road, overlooking the Marina. It was here that we met our guide, James Gentles.

The tour started at the Royal Hotel and lasted about 1 and half hours. We walked along Marine Crescent, Adelaide Terrace and Beach Lawn, during which time our James talked about the history of Waterloo and some of the prominent people who lived in the houses bordering these roads overlooking the river. He noted the different types of architecture of the houses on the roads and the time frame over which they were built. The tour concluded with a walk through the gardens bordering the river and a brief history of their origin. Our James requested that the tour fee was donated to the "Friends of Waterloo Seafront Gardens" to help restore and promote

the local sea front gardens and Potter's Barn Park; James is a member of this group.

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We were very lucky with the weather in that it was very warm and sunny, which added to a very enjoyable morning. The visit

concluded with a meal in Wetherspoons, "The Picture House" in South Road,

Waterloo, where we had an area reserved for the meal.



John Adamson

Hot Ice Show Blackpool and Fleetwood



On Friday 9th September, the U3A Outings Group left Cross Green for Fleetwood. Our first stop was the North Euston Hotel, a large and comfortable hotel on the seafront at Fleetwood, where Ann had arranged for coffee, tea and biscuits to be served in the lounge.

We then travelled by coach to Freeport, the shopping outlet village in Fleetwood. There were 45 famous name stores offering up to 60% off men's, women's and children's clothes and footwear, household goods and gifts. We had lunch here at The Bay Tearooms and there was ample time to shop for bargains.

Late afternoon we departed for Blackpool and the White Tower Restaurant. Here, at 5:15pm, we were served the most delicious and piping hot Fish and Chip meal with bread and butter, followed by Apple Pie and Cream, then coffee or tea. All this was included in the price of our ticket.



We then had a short walk to the purpose built Ice Arena and eagerly awaited 'The Hot Ice Show 2016'. This for me was the highlight of the trip. It was a fabulous, spectacular, high energy show.

It starred a cast of world championship ice skaters. The performers wore Las Vegas 'showgirl' style costumes with fur, feathers and lots of sparkle. Graceful solos and high octane group routines followed in rapid succession and the impressive and amusing 'bath' routine was amazing. Fireworks and flying routines, with stunning special effects enhanced each performance. It certainly had the 'wow' factor!



Finally, as an extra surprise, Ann had arranged with the coach driver to drive us through Blackpool Illuminations, travelling North from the funfair, and culminating with the fabulous tableaux. It took just one hour to do this and we then headed home. All the Cinderellas and Prince Charmings on board the coach were home for midnight!

What a fantastic outing that was! Thank you Ann and your team of helpers for arranging these lovely days out.

Jean Higson



National Waterways Museum



Local History Group 4 recently visited the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum. The museum is situated at the northern end of the Shropshire Union Canal where it meets the Manchester Ship Canal. Our visit started with tea, coffee and biscuits in the Waterside Café after which we were split into two groups for the tour. We started in the blacksmith's forge where all the ironwork used by the canal workers was made. Next was the Power Hall and the Pump House full of various steam engines.

Walking around the canal docks we were shown many historic boats and barges used on the rivers and canals. There was even a barge made entirely of concrete and an ice breaker barge.



The tour ended up at the Porters Row Cottages. These four cottages showed domestic life in the 1830s, 1900s, 1930s and the 1950s. It proved amusing when members of our party recognised various items displayed in the cottages from their own childhood (all before my time of course!).

Thank you Joan for organising such an interesting trip and for arranging a taxi for those members who would have had difficulty with the 15 minute walk from the station.



Workshop

Different Approaches to Learning

Led by Gill Russell, Jenny Carley and members of the NW Regional Planning Team

Thursday 13th October, 10:30am - 4:00
 Quaker Meeting House, School Lane, Liverpool

How to support your members' needs

"Tell me and I forget; teach me and I remember; involve me and I learn" (*Benjamin Franklin*)

Explore different ways we learn, different types of groups, exchange ideas.
 Led by Gill Russell, Jenny Carley and members of the NW Regional Planning Team

Who is it for?

Everyone who believes that "Learning never exhausts the mind" (*Leonardo da Vinci*)

Programme

Refreshments and registration from 10.30

10:50 am Welcome and Introduction

11:00 – 12:00 Guest speaker- Sean Orford: "The 'Psychology' of learning"

12:00 –12:15 Question time

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch –bring your own or visit local cafes

Afternoon workshop sessions: How do you prefer to learn; Project based learning;
 Different types of groups, 3 sessions, each lasting 45 minutes

3:30 – 3:50 Plenary

3:50 Close

----- ***There is no charge for this event.*** -----



Registration Form

Different Approaches to Learning, Thursday 13th October 2016

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email:

U3A:

Please return this form not later than Monday 10th October to: G. Russell, 71 Barn Hey Crescent, Wirral, CH47 9RW. For more information email Joe: u3ajoe@gmail.com

This application form is also available for you to register online at:
www.u3asites.org.uk/north-west

Group News

You should show your green 2016 membership cards when you attend group meetings. All groups are for current, paid up members, so please remember your 2016 subscription was due on January 1st, £9 per annum. Any members who have not renewed their subscriptions by 28th February will be removed from membership lists and should not attend any U3A activities or groups.

Basic Italian:

We are looking for someone who would like to teach Basic Italian to an enthusiastic group. Please contact the groups secretary.

Chess by e-mail:

This national chess club, which has members from over 50 different U3As, invites others to join them. The wide range of grades of members on the "players list" means that anyone from a recent learner to a county player can find someone of their own level to play. The group operates by a page in the members' area of www.u3a.org.uk and moves are exchanged by e-mail, members playing someone who plays at a compatible speed, e.g. 1, 2 or 3+ moves a day, by desire/agreement. For further details contact Dick Chapman, Watford & District U3A by e-mail: dick.chapman@ntlworld.com

Creative Writing, Poetry and Prose:

This new group has started.

The group meets fortnightly on a Monday morning. Contact Patty Hearne on patty.hearne@outlook.com

Darts for Fun:

Would you like to try your hand at darts and join a sociable group for fun? Anyone interested please contact the Groups Secretary.

Folk and Country Music:

The group started its new season in September and is preparing items for this and next year. There are some vacancies and if you play an instrument and would like to join please contact the group leader, David Davies, tel. 875563 or e-mail davkar@tiscali.co.uk for more details. The group meets fortnightly each month on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons at St Peter's Church Hall on Paradise Lane. Particularly welcome would be banjo, ukulele, tin whistle, harmonica and bass guitar players.

Painting Group:

This group, run by Dot Owen, has changed premises to St Peters Hall. The Group meets on the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm to 4pm. Dot would welcome new members. Tel. No. 879332 or davidowen@sky.com

UNO:

The Uno Group, which meets in the afternoon, fortnightly, has been in action for almost a year and is currently full. People still telephone to see if they can get in, having heard of the group by word of mouth. If anyone is willing to set up an additional group, please contact Audrey Silvester, tel. 873466.

The full list of group vacancies is on the website. Contact group leaders if you are interested.

To all Group Leaders:

Please remember to let the Group's Secretary know if you have any vacancies in your group.

Linda McAuley, Groups Secretary

Tel: 871890 or e-mail: groups@formbyu3a.org.uk

Fell Walking Group



Pictured above are members of the U3A fell walking group on a recent walk.

The walk was blessed with wall to wall sunshine from the start near Todmorden, then up to Stoodley Pike with amazing views of the surrounding countryside. Then back along the Pennine Bridleway and Rochdale Canal.

Many thanks to our excellent leader, Peter Warren.

Marcia Thompson

Theatre and Music Group

(Events are open to all members of Formby U3A)

We have some great events in store for you for the long Autumn and Winter evenings and remember everyone who is a U3A member is welcome to join us. Can I take this opportunity to request that payment for tickets is made when the initial booking is made with us. This enables us to ensure that you get the best possible deal including transport to and from the event. We would also like to remind you, if you are unable to attend the event, that you notify us as soon as possible. Dave Irving's phone number is always included at the bottom of this article.

Thurs. 1st Dec. "Nutcracker" (English National Ballet), Liverpool Empire, 7:30pm. Over 100 dancers and musicians bring Nutcracker to life with exquisite dancing, beautiful sets and Tchaikovsky's glorious score played live. Expect enchanted toys, mischievous mice and sparkling snowflakes in a colourful ballet. Centre rear stall tickets, including transport cost £35. The coach will leave The Cross House bus stop at 6:15pm.

Thurs. 15th December, Andre Rieu, Echo Arena, 8:00pm. Andre Rieu, with his 60 piece Johann Strauss Orchestra and many international soloists, returns to Liverpool to enthuse fans with his humorous and colourful new programme, full of the best known and most beautiful melodies of musical, opera, movie, world music and pop. Tickets including transport £80. and they are going fast. Seats are in the Upper tier on the right hand side). The coach will leave the Cross House bus stop at 5.45pm. This is an earlier time than usual.

Thurs. 19th Jan '17, The Commitments, Liverpool Empire, 7.30pm.

A fantastically feel good celebration of soul, direct from a record breaking run in London's West End. This is the story of Jimmy Rabbitte, a young, working class music fan, who shapes an unlikely bunch of amateur musicians and friends into an amazing live act, the finest soul band Dublin has ever produced. Placing an advert in a music paper, Jimmy auditions a number of wannabes before finalising the new line up who he names, The Commitments. The seats are centre rear stalls and the cost is £40. The coach will leave The Cross House' bus stop at 6.15pm.

Dave Irving can be contacted directly, if necessary tel: 630192.

Eileen Jones

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Outings Group

Outings are only open to all paid up members of the U3A. All we ask is that you have the ability to get on and off the coach independently. We cannot be responsible for providing assistance. The coach can accommodate mobility aids which are kept in the luggage compartment on the bus.

Owing to increased demand, we cannot reserve tickets: **Tickets will be allocated on a first come and paid for – first served basis.** A separate cheque is required for each outing and **it is essential that members include their telephone number with each booking.** Several cheques have been received with no information and I have struggled to identify what they are for. If no contact details are provided, I am unable to contact people when outings are fully booked.

Bookings and information are available at U3A monthly meetings, or coffee mornings. Alternatively please send a stamp addressed envelope to:
Ann Blackman, 9 River Close, Formby, Liverpool L37 6DJ, enclosing a separate cheque for each outing made out to ***Formby U3A Outings Group***, having your name, address and telephone number ***on the back.***

Wednesday, October 26th, Salford Quays Shopping Mall & Imperial War Museum. Tickets £11.00 include coach travel only. Salford Quays has an indoor shopping outlet with cafes and easy access to the canal and War Museum which is free entry. Depart Cross Green 9:00am

Monday, November 28th, Bartle Hall Celebration. Tickets £30.00 include coach travel, meal and excellent entertainment. Dress to impress for an outing/party to celebrate over 50 coach tours over the past 5 years by the Outings Group. We will have a brief visit to Barton Grange to see their splendid Christmas decorations before continuing on to Bartle Hall Hotel for an afternoon of fun, music and mirth. We begin with a two course lunch with tea/coffee. Our entertainer for the afternoon is Judith Hibbert, an extremely popular and versatile artiste who travels far and wide to entice you back to the beguiling Good Old Days of English comedy. Having performed in opera in America and numerous pantos in UK, her singing will have you begging for more. To enhance the event you may like to bring along a small gift which we can use in the free raffle. Depart Cross Green 9:00am.

Sunday December 11th, Palm House, Christmas Military Band Concert. Tickets £10.00 each includes return coach journey, and reserved seats for the concert. Refreshments of tea, coffee, or mulled wine (**not included**) will be on sale. Depart Cross Green 12:30pm.



Wednesday December 14th, Palm House, Carols by Candlelight, Liverpool Hospital Choirs. Tickets £14.00 each includes return coach journey and reserved seats for concert, before returning late evening. Refreshments of tea, coffee, or mulled wine (**not included**) will be on sale. Depart Cross Green 6.00pm.

Ann Blackman, Tel: 871127

Welcome To September's New Members

Sandra Bruce	Sylvia Chadwick	Ivy Chappel
Sue Finnesey	Patricia Hawkins	Peter Kehoe
Jean Kehoe	Elizabeth Kubicka	Kathleen McCully
Colin McLennan	Denise Nairn	Jackie Robinson
John Seaman	Pauline Seaman	Lorraine Starkey

Manners - An Observation

It has been noticed recently that it is becoming increasingly a 'free for all', when boarding the coach at Cross Green for Outings. It would be nice if people could show respect for others in the group by being aware of those who had arrived before them. Some members are not so 'sprightly' as they used to be and to end up near or at the back of the coach just adds to their discomfort.

Remember, you may not be so able one day.

It would assist Ann greatly if you were to have your ticket in your hand as you board the coach. Many thanks.

Monthly Meetings

Are at 2:00 pm in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, the second Wednesday of each month

October 12 th	Iceland - Fire and Ice	Frank Nicholson
November 9 th	A History of Cartoons	Ian Barclay
December 14 th	Christmas Concert	

Please remember to bring your current (green) membership card to all events, including group activities.

COFFEE MORNINGS are from 10:30 to 12:00 on Thursday, October 13th and each Thursday, the day after the monthly meeting, except August. These are held in the Workshop, Holy Trinity Church, with free coffee and the chance to pick up information about other groups and meet some of your Committee.

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If you need **information about your membership card, or subscriptions** please contact ***treasurer@formbyu3a.org.uk***

The next edition of the Newsletter is due to be sent by e-mail and be on the website on 1st November. Paper copies can be collected at the monthly meeting & coffee morning.

Contributions are always welcomed. **The deadline for receiving articles is the penultimate Thursday of each month; midday 20th October at the latest to:**

The Editor, Email: ***newseditor@formbyu3a.org.uk***

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