

Ambleside



Author, Gwyn Jones.

This year **Walking Group 4** visited Ambleside and stayed at the Salutation hotel. The hotel, with its excellent food, comfortable accommodation and friendly staff, did not let us down. Our cars were parked at the hotel on the first day and not used until we were ready to come home. The 1st walking day we used our bus passes to get to Windermere station. From here we climbed to Orrest Head. At the top we received a short shower; the only one of our holiday. We then made our way back to Ambleside via Troutbeck and Jenkins Crag. The 2nd day we took the bus to Higher Hawkshead. From here we made our way to Coniston via Tarn Howes. We were blessed with dry weather and enjoyed lovely views on both walks. The whole break was organised by Kay and Bill Farr. So a big thank you to them from all the group for doing such a brilliant job.

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Reminder: There will be no January 2019 Newsletter. The deadline for the next 2 Newsletters is midday Thursday 22nd November and midday 24th Thursday January, at the latest.

Holcombe Moor



Author, Marcia Thompson

The **Fell Walking Group** was led by David Poole. We started near Holcombe Village and walked up on to Holcombe Moor and to the Pilgrims' Cross. After this some of us went on to the Trig point at Bull Hill before we all descended to the Irwell Valley, along a disused railway line, through Stubbins estate and up to the Peel Tower. After that it was a short sharp descent back to the car park. It was a lovely varied walk; country lanes, moorland, field paths and woodland. Once again, it was good to be introduced to a new area

Invitation from the Science Group

Author, Jim Crawford.

The topic at the Science Group meeting on **Wednesday 5th December** is "**The Star of Bethlehem**". The speaker is Dr. Steve Barrett of Liverpool University. He is an excellent speaker with a knack of explaining his topics clearly to people without a scientific background. His talk explores the various theories of what might have caused the Star of Bethlehem to appear in the sky around the time that Jesus is believed to have been born and comes up with a fascinating conclusion. The room capacity is limited but the Science Group would like to invite U3A members who are not members of the Science Group to join us on this occasion. Advance booking is essential by emailing formbyu3ascience@gmail.com or phoning Jim on 879998. The meeting is at 2pm in the Holy Trinity Tennis Club pavilion. We charge £1 a head for room hire and refreshments.

Hurricane Ali



Author, Jeremy Swinson.

Walking Group 3's annual holiday this year was to the Southern Lakes and coincided with one of the worst weeks of stormy weather for some time but this did not stop us walking every day and having great fun.

On the Monday we walked around Grange over Sands where we were based. A bracing walk along the promenade included a visit to the Lido, which was being surveyed prior to a refurbishment, so future visit to the resort may include a sea swim! The Tuesday comprised of a walk around the woods surrounding Cartmel and a visit for many to nearby Holker Hall. On the Wednesday, aware of the weather forecast, our group leader David Taylor wisely decided in view of the impending storm any walk through woods would be unsafe and therefore a decision was made to hike instead around the head land around Flookburgh. It was there that the group met Hurricane Ali. Gust of wind up to 60mph assaulted our intrepid walkers but we were not giving up. Holding onto each other in attempt to stay upright we battled onwards along a raised embankment in what must be one of the most exposed areas of the Cumbrian coast till we reached the safety of Flookburgh once more. The following day was less eventful, a short but fascinating walk from Milnthorpe around Dallam Tower, including a section through the deer park where we saw a herd of Japanese Menil Deer and were able to visit Beetham Mill, a 17th century working flour mill. Our holiday ended on the Thursday evening with what has become a tradition for our group, a folk session in the bar of the Cumbrian Grand.

Many thanks to our holiday organiser David Taylor and to all members of our group who didn't let a little bit of wind and rain get in the way of our enjoyment.

Saltaire



Authors, Roy and Jean Allan, photos David Skelton.

Members of the **Outings Group** travelled through heavy rain, bad visibility and motor way spray to visit Saltaire. Salts Mill was the brainchild of Sir Titus Salt and opened in 1853. The largest factory in the world, 3000 woollen mill workers using 1200 looms produced 30,000 yards of cloth every day. By 1868 Sir Titus had built workers houses including 45 alms houses and provided pensions for employees, opened fully equipped schools which today is part of Shipley College. By 1871 he had opened sports facilities, library, dance hall, gymnasium, meeting rooms and a builiard hall. He had already opened the URC Church which is now a Grade 1 listed building. Sir Titus is interned in the mausoleum. The Salt Mill closed in 1986 was sold in 1987 and has now reopened as exhibition halls. Its main attraction is works by David Hockney, dozens of them. Salt Mill and Saltaire are UNESCO Heritage sites. We all had a very interesting day.



Welcome To October's New Members

Rick Branton

Raymond Hosie

Catalyst Science Discovery Centre

Author, Bill Farr.

Members of **Local History Group 9** recently visited the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre in Widnes after reading an article about it in last May's Newsletter and we weren't disappointed.

After coffee/tea and biscuits in the cafe overlooking the river and the new bridge we were invited to the theatre where we were given an illustrated talk on "Development of the Chemical Industry in Runcorn and Widnes in the 19th and 20th centuries." The talk was given by Dr Diane Leitch a trustee of the centre and also an ex resident of the area. She was a very engaging speaker with a lot of local information on how the area became so industrialised then its decline, including her family connections with the industry.

We then went up to the rooftop Observatory Gallery where we had a panoramic view of the river over to Runcorn, the new bridge and the ship canal. We were provided with interactive tablets which allowed us to see how the landscape was then, and how it is now. After lunch in the cafe we had time to explore the many hands-on exhibits. The Centre is located on Spike Island overlooking the Marina on the St. Helens canal. If you are looking for somewhere to take the grandchildren they would love the hands on experience, or it's just a pleasant place to take a stroll along the river bank after visiting the Centre.

Group News

Author Linda McAuley, Group Secretary.

We encourage and are always on the lookout for new activity groups and we strive to tempt out members with any talent or skill, which they might be prepared to share with other members. This is the philosophy of the U3A. If you are able to lead any groups, or suggest any activities, please contact the Groups Secretary.

French Improvers Group 1: The group meets on a Tuesday morning at member's homes and knowledge of French, preferably up to O level is desirable. The group is continuing to work through French material by reading and listening to CDs. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Joanne Desforges on 871844.

Gardening Group 1: The group currently has 2 vacancies. We meet fortnightly on a Friday morning in each other's homes with occasional outside visits. We are a genuinely a very friendly group of individuals with varied interests and gardens and our discussions are not confined to gardening matters, though of course that has priority. Garden problems are shared and advice and encouragement are freely given. As long as you have a garden you will be given a warm welcome. Contact Mike Belshaw on 874940.

The Welsh Borders



Author, Geraldine Hughes.



This year the weather was kind to **Amblers 1 Group** as we met at Cross Green for our 16th holiday (sadly Kath and Norah both had to cancel at the last minute). Our coach driver was Paul who was again very happy to be taking us, this year to Hereford and the Welsh Borders. Our coffee stop was at the Grosvenor Garden Centre and then on to Ludlow for a lunch break and time to explore this beautiful town with its narrow roads, its medieval castle where Prince Arthur, Prince of Wales and son of Henry VIII, died. Paul managed to weave his way through the Bull Ring past the 17th Century Black and White coaching Inn "The Three Feathers" to the square and its busy market. Blue sky-white clouds and glorious views of the mountains as we went on to Hereford and the Three Counties Hotel. Time to relax then meet for drinks before dinner. Jean had arranged for us to meet in a private room and after our meal each evening to gather for a social hour. We thoroughly enjoyed that nights "Musical Bingo" 20 circles with names of songs on our quiz paper listening to Jean's CD and trying to pick them out! Not easy but fun to do. Breakfasts each day were a veritable feast: so much choice and no rush. Tuesday and off to Abergavenny the "Gateway to Wales" at the foot of the Black Mountains. Chilly 8 degrees as set off at 9.30. Our walk with Jean was through the Linda Vista gardens with lovely autumn tints eventually leading down to the River Usk. So peaceful. Jean told us the area had inspired the verses of the hymn "All things Bright and Beautiful". Time to visit The Priory Church with its unique 15th Century Jesse Tree carved from one solid piece of oak, and see the magnificent carvings in the choir stalls with several Misericords: one with a Tudor Rose and feathers of Prince Arthur. Nearby is the Tithe Barn now displaying the 24 x 6ft Millennium Tapestry. Time to browse in the market before going on to Monmouth. By now in 18 degrees sun. Our walk was up through this historic town, with its Medieval Bridge, to Agincourt Square so named for its famous son Henry of Monmouth who was born in 1387 in the castle - the future Henry Vth victor of the Battle of Agincourt. Also in the Square another famous son,

The Honourable Charles Stewart Rolls, of Rolls-Royce partnership, pioneer of motoring and aviation. He died aged just 32 when his Wright Biplane broke up during a Flying competition in 1910. An action packed day with expert planning and timing. Wednesday to Hereford to visit the 12th Century Cathedral where the Mappa Mundi is displayed, the largest surviving World map. It is drawn on one single piece of vellum (calf skin) using pens made from goose quill feathers, ink made from oak apple, brushes of animal hair and paints made from pigments mixed with egg and made around 1300. Nearby is the Chained Library with manuscripts dating from the 8th Century. Too much to see in a morning. More recent additions are the tapestries of John Piper commissioned in 1976 using traditional dying and weaving techniques in Namibia S.W. Africa. The theme of the 3 Tapestries is The Tree. A more recent installation in 2017 was the stained glass window "Ascension" dedicated to the Special Air Service Regiment's 75th Anniversary by John Maine RA. The light shining through its 3,000 pieces of glass onto the aisle in ever changing patterns. For the afternoon Jean had booked a Guided Tour with Robert, to take us through the Black and White Village Trail. As we left Hereford, crossing the River Wye, Rob pointed out the Cider factory, a section of the city wall still standing but much of it destroyed to create the ring road. He told us of the land of cider apple orchards spread on either side pointing out the mistletoe growing on some of the trees: the woodlands of oak and of the ash trees now stricken with disease: hops for ale and beer: the rich red soil: local sandstone used to build Worcester Cathedral: ploughed fields already sown with winter wheat: a red kite soaring above us and the rolling hills across to the Cleve Hills and Ludlow and as we descended to Weobley there were pear orchards for Peri. Rob recommended we taste it! He walked with us through Weobley with the main street lined with black and white houses the date 1442 on one and 1540 on another. Back on the coach to crawl at 15mph behind 2 huge tractor waggons of felled trees on a narrow twisting single road before Paul could overtake. We had passed fields of harvested potatoes and Rob asked if we'd tried Tyrell hand baked crisps pointing to the factory. We then stopped in Eardisland to walk through this Georgian village with its 17th century dovecot in the upper storey of the village shop. The weather was perfect, the setting idyllic beside the stream and time to purchase goodies in the tiny shop and eat fruit on the lawn. Bliss! On then to Eardisley and a tea and biscuit stop at "The New Strand" and 30,000 secondhand books, an outlet of Hay on Wye. What a wonderful way to end our tour with Rob and learning so much about the area. Time to rest before our social get together and enough energy for more quizzes after dinner. To Hay on Wye on Thursday. The book town and the jewel in the crown of Wales said Jean and yes it was market day and sun all day. Such a busy friendly town with steep narrow roads and everyone seemed to have a dog, or 2 or 3! On to Brecon in the Brecon Beacons National Park with its Georgian houses and a lovely promenade to stroll along under an avenue of trees. Our pick up point was beside an antique shop who "kindly" had chairs facing the bus stop and 2 of my friends just had to test them at no charge. Before we left on Friday having boarded the coach, we sang Happy Birthday to John with a card and a gift and also to Barbara for her birthday yesterday. Dot Standley asked if we could remember Marie Harris at 11 o'clock as it was her Memorial Service in Aughton at that time. Marie was a Committee Founder of our

group. Dot also passed round a spindle shaped wooden object for us to guess what it was, "a porridge stirrer"! Our lunch stop was at Morton Park Garden Centre. We all agreed it was a great holiday in such a beautiful area: so much to see and do. Our special thanks to Jean for all her hard work, she is such a bundle of energy! To Paul our driver, a marvel at driving us through 6 ancient market towns. Paul paid us a tribute saying how much he has enjoyed being with us and whatever it is we are taking or doing; keep doing it!

Formby U3A
Formby United Reformed Church,
111 Church Road, Formby

Wednesday 12th December 2018 Tickets £2.00

2 shows:

Doors open 1:00pm	Show commences 1:30pm
&	
Doors open 4:00pm	Show commences 4:30pm

Newsletter and Publicity

Author, Newsletter Editor.

As Formby U3A received 12 requests to publicise non-U3A events in the past 2 editions, the Committee re-visited what should be published in its Newsletter. They believe the Newsletter should, ideally, only contain information about Formby U3A, its groups and its activities, although they accept that it is sometimes necessary to fill otherwise empty space with additional material. Committee members decided that the following guidelines should apply to inclusions for the Newsletter.

Adverts for business The Committee decided that it remains inappropriate for the Newsletter to publicise businesses.

Publicity material for events organised by local voluntary non-U3A organisations Committee members decided it remains appropriate to alert members of forthcoming one-off events that are local and which may be of interest to

members, **where space permits**. Examples given here are based on previous inserts and are for illustrative purposes only and are not exclusive: Harry Whitehouse Players; Formby Choral; Crosby Capriol Singers; Auctions by local charities.

Advertise volunteering opportunities Committee members confirmed they consider it still appropriate for the Newsletter to publish local volunteering opportunities, **where space permits**.

Local non-U3A groups that aim to recruit new members and/or provide lessons Committee members consider it inappropriate to promote outside organisations wanting additional members and/or providing lessons.

Requests by academic students asking for volunteers for research projects, above first degree level Committee members confirm they believe it continues to be appropriate for the Newsletter to publish such requests, **where space permits**, where the study may be beneficial to current, or future members and/or members may be interested.

Members' articles about local non-U3A organisations Committee members consider it inappropriate for the Newsletter to publish articles about local non-U3A organisations even where such articles may be of interest to members.

Red Squirrels

Editor's note: The authors approached the Chairman to ask about writing and publishing this article. The Chairman gave his permission before the Committee revisited the Newsletter inclusion policy, above.

Authors & photos, Patricia Bird and Rachel Cripps.

I suppose that living in and around Formby, people are used to seeing red squirrels either in the pinewoods, or if lucky, like me, in your own garden. My husband and I first visited Formby a few years ago from the Midlands for a weekend away, recommended by our daughter who said we would enjoy seeing the red squirrels and the beach. We live here now and we're volunteers with Lancashire Wildlife Trust which is working with great success to conserve red squirrels throughout north Merseyside and west Lancashire.

Garden Visitor (credit PB)



Red squirrels have been declining in the UK mainly due to the introduction of the grey squirrel. Grey squirrels carry the squirrel pox virus to which they are immune and do not suffer any symptoms but if passed to a red squirrel it is usually fatal. In 2008, the population in north Merseyside and west Lancashire suffered an outbreak of pox and the population declined by 80%. Since then, red squirrels have been fighting back with the help of Lancashire Wildlife Trust dedicated staff and volunteers. Contrary to popular belief, red squirrels aren't confined to Formby, but in actual fact there are populations in Blundellsands, Churchtown, Scarisbrick and Halsall.

Lancashire Wildlife Trust (LWT) have been helping to conserve red squirrels in the area for over 20 years now and are currently a partner in the Red Squirrels United

Project, a national red squirrel conservation project funded by EU LIFE and Heritage Lottery Fund, uniting partners from northern England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The project runs for 3 years until September 2019 enabling LWT to employ 2 members of staff: Ryan, the Red Squirrel Ranger and Rachel, the Community Engagement Officer.

With the help of over 30 volunteers locally we help our red squirrel population however we can, from our bi-annual monitoring programme to grey squirrel control; from hand rearing and releasing orphaned red squirrels, to working with local schools and running events and training workshops. We also like to contribute to scientific research into red squirrel conservation. LWT are currently working with Kat Fingland who is completing her PhD, based in Formby. Her research will help us better understand how red squirrels use urban habitats and resources.



Hand reared baby squirrel (credit RC)

As a result of all of this hard work a steady increase in the red squirrel population has occurred since the devastating crash of 2008, particularly around Formby. But red squirrels still need our help! This summer we have seen an increase in the number of sick and dead red squirrels reported to us and the risk of another squirrel pox outbreak is always present. Even though many residents in Formby only see red squirrels, grey squirrels regularly migrate in from the surrounding landscape and it only takes 1 grey squirrel carrying the virus to start another epidemic in our red squirrel population.

The outlook for our red squirrel population is bright however. We hope that by working in the wider landscape we can not only prevent the incursion of grey squirrels into areas such as Formby and Ainsdale, but also promote the expansion of the red squirrel population and one day you will be able to enjoy seeing red squirrels in Botanic Gardens in Southport or Alexandra Park in Crosby too.

We hope that U3A members will make every effort to protect and sustain the red squirrel population which benefits us all in the Formby area. If you would like to get involved in red squirrel conservation, there are lots of volunteering opportunities. If you live in Formby, your participation in a supplemental feeding questionnaire would be greatly appreciated to assist Kat's research. It can be found online at: <https://ntusurvey.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/formby-red-squirrels> Even if you do not feed the squirrels or get any coming into your garden, your response will still provide useful information. You can also help by simply reporting your sightings of red and grey squirrels, or if you have a bit more time to commit you could assist with the monitoring programme or at fundraising events. More information can be found on our website at: www.lancswt.org.uk/red squirrels or you can contact Rachel on 075 9074 5862. You can also find out more about the Red Squirrels united programme by visiting: www.redsquirrelsunited.org.uk



LOTTERY FUNDED

Lancaster, Manchester & Merseyside

London



Author, Ken Porter.

This year, 21 members of **Walking Group 11** spent their annual 4 day walking holiday in London. Thanks to our member Richard Watson and his wife Maureen we were able to stay in the Civil Service Club in New Scotland Yard. The Central location, near Trafalgar Square and the Thames Embankment meant that we could easily walk to many of the prime London attractions.

Our walks included a great visit to the Houses of Parliament at Westminster and the Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace. A more adventurous walk on Saturday took us along the Thames Embankments, visiting Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral, the Shard and, in the evening, a number of us attended the show "Les Miserables" at the Queens Theatre. A final Thames river cruise to Greenwich completed a great holiday, before returning to Liverpool by rail.

We were a tired but happy group, perhaps glad to be back to the relative peace of Formby, after the crowds and traffic in the Capital.

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

As not enough members were in attendance, we were unable to hold the Extraordinary General Meeting of Formby U3A on 10th October. This meeting will now be held at 2:00pm on **Wednesday 14th November 2018** in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Rosemary Lane, Formby (immediately before the speakers talk).

Agenda

Approval of a replacement Charitable Purposes Clause in the constitution of the Formby University Of The Third Age. (This is the only item for consideration)

Current Clause: CHARITABLE PURPOSES: The charitable purposes of The U3A are: To advance education and in particular the education of people not in full time gainful employment who are in their Third Age (being the period of time after the first

age of childhood dependence and the second age of full time employment and/or parental responsibility) residing in FORMBY and its surrounding locality. In this constitution "people in their Third Age" has the meaning set out above

Proposed Replacement Clause: CHARITABLE PURPOSES: The charitable purposes of The U3A are: The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development

Background: The parent body of U3A's nationwide, the Third Age Trust, have been advised by the Charity Commission that all activity carried out by a U3A must be charitable and within the object clause of its constitution. They have agreed with the Charity Commission that the proposed replacement clause is acceptable and should cover our activities and have requested that all U3As adopt this replacement clause.

The Chairman identified this issue and the need to remove territorial restrictions on membership at our AGM in March. The Committee of Formby U3A believe that adopting the proposed replacement clause will not impact on our activities and are therefore happy to recommend it to our members for adoption.

Proposer:

This proposal is made by Keith Jacques, Secretary of Formby U3A and is seconded by Glyn Pike, Chairman.

It's another space that needs filling!

Where's your group's report?

"How was your blind date?"

"Terrible! He showed up in a 1932 Rolls-Royce."

"What's so terrible about that?"

"He was the original owner."

My diminutive Aunt, just four feet, nine inches tall, accepted an offer to visit a health club for a free session. After being greeted heartily, she was shown where she could change and told an instructor would soon be with her.

Having changed her clothes, my Aunt went back to the exercise area. Along one wall she noticed a silver bar that was not in use, and decided to try her hand at chin-ups while she waited. She jumped up, barely reaching the bar, and managed to strain through two chin-ups before the instructor came to her side.

Smiling politely, the instructor said, "If you want to let go of the coat rack and follow me, I'll be glad to help you get started."

The Harry Whitehouse Players

present two short comedy plays:



Something to Hide
by Bryan Darby
and
Gilly's gem
by Sandy Taylor



Both plays are amateur productions by arrangement with Stage Scripts Ltd



On Thursday 15th & Friday 16th November at 7:45pm
And a matinee on Saturday 17th November at 2:30pm



In the Fisher Hall, Formby United Reformed Church,
111 Church Road Formby L37 3ND

Tickets £5 including refreshments from Sheila - 01704 879998

The **BILL TASKER** Story

The Life of a Formby WW1 Soldier

A WW1 MUSICAL

Narration by David Davies

Bill Tasker played by Phil Carroll

and

The Formby U3A Folk Group

Tuesday 13th November 2018

6.30 pm for 7.00

At Formby Hall Golf Club

If you wish to attend, please phone Oliver Whittaker on 01704 877209
£12 Entrance (Hot Buffet Included)

Even at age 88, my mother was vain about her looks. At a party, an old friend exclaimed, "Edith, you haven't changed in 20 years."

"Oh," said Mum, horrified. "I hope I didn't look like this 20 years ago."

Music and Theatre Events

Author, Eileen Jones.

These events are open to all paid up U3A members. Can I remind you to please pay for tickets when the initial booking is made and to write the event name and your telephone number on the back of the cheque. This is extremely helpful to us. If you cannot attend an event let us know as soon as possible and we will attempt to sell your ticket to someone on the waiting list. The coach leaves The Cross House bus stop at 6:15pm and any variation on this will be specified with the event details.

Thurs 20th December, *Sold out* - "Rock 'n' Roll Panto," Everyman. ***The coach will leave at the earlier time of 5.45pm.***

Sat 29th December, "The Snowman and The Bear and the Piano," Liverpool Cathedral. The classic story, The Snowman, describes the magical adventure of a young boy and a snowman who comes to life. An animated film on the large screen is accompanied by live orchestra playing and featuring the much loved, Walking in the Air. Also included is The Bear and the Piano, Festive Overture, The Sleigh Ride and the Snowman Waltz. There are a couple of tickets, £22 including transport, remaining for this event.

Fri 14th June 2019, "Great Directors and Composers: Steven Spielberg and John Williams," Philharmonic Hall, 7.30pm. Conducted by Vasily Petrenko together with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and the wonderful digital effects, special lighting and cinematic visuals, the programme includes some of the best known and much loved film music from the last five decades. Tickets £40, including transport. Tickets are selling fast.

Dave Irving can be contacted, if necessary, on 630192.

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Please remember that the Newsletter space is limited to 4 page multiples; the earlier items are received the more chance there is of them being included and that articles for inclusion need to be received ***at the latest*** by:

midday Thursday 22nd November and

midday 24th Thursday January.

Outings Group

Author, Ann Blackman, Phone 871127.

Outings are 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. All departures are from Cross Green.

Owing to increased demand, we cannot reserve tickets: **Tickets will be allocated on a first come and paid for – first reserved 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.**

Tuesday, 20th November, Leighton Hall: Tickets £29.00 include return coach travel via Morecambe allowing time to visit the indoor market or promenade. Arriving at Leighton, we have a guided tour of the hall decorated for Christmas prior to a sumptuous afternoon tea. **Depart Cross Green 9:00am.**

Friday, December 14th, Christmas Party at Briars Hall: Tickets £25.75 include a short drive to the lovely Briars Hall for an excellent three course Christmas lunch plus tea or coffee, This is followed by entertainment by your favourite entertainer Tony Ravel, lots of music, dancing, fun and laughter. **Depart Cross Green 11:00am.**

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2018-19

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Monthly Meetings

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

Nov 14th The Secrets of Your Tesco Till Receipt Janice Atfield. Just when you thought you were safe to go shopping. Find out what your till receipt discloses about you.

Dec 14th Christmas Show, PLEASE NOTE this is at **The United Reformed Church, Church Road**, and not the usual location of the monthly meetings.

Please remember to bring your current RED membership card to all events, including group activities.

Coffee Mornings are from 10:30 to 12:00 on Thursday, Nov 15th 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.

To Help You

An **audio version of the Newsletter** is available for members who are visually less able and is distributed through the post. If you are aware of any Formby U3A member who would prefer to receive an audio version of the Newsletter, please let a member of the Committee have their details.

If you: have changed your address, telephone number, or e-mail address, or now have an e-mail address and wish to subscribe to electronically receiving the Newsletter, or
no longer wish to receive e-mails from Formby U3A, or
have an enquiry about your membership card, or subscriptions,
please contact membership@formbyu3a.org.uk or tel: 872879. Please remember to include your full name and address, or your membership number.

Discounts: Formby U3A has negotiated discounts for members with local firms. A list is on the website or available from the Secretary.

Previous Newsletters: are available at: www.formbyu3a.org.uk/newsletters.html

The next Newsletter is due to be sent by e-mail and be on the website early December. Paper copies can be collected at the monthly meeting & coffee morning.
Please remember that there will not be a Newsletter in January.

Contributions are always welcomed. Formby U3A Committee would like to remind contributors that it is their responsibility and not the Editor's to check their submitted articles for the grammar, spelling, punctuation etc. and that contributors' names should be given. Members submitting photographs must ensure that all people shown in photographs are aware that photographs are being taken for inclusion in the Newsletter. No e-mail providers guarantee 100% delivery rate and **if, 7 days after submitting an article** you have not received an acknowledgement one of the e-mail systems failed, so please try again.

The deadline for articles for the next Newsletter is midday Thursday, 22nd November at the latest to: the Editor, e-mail: newseditor@formbyu3a.org.uk