



Chair Report: After canvassing members on which new activities they would like Wallasey U3A to organise we started the monthly coffee morning at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton. After an encouraging start it is now what I would call a slow burner. The coffee morning is the 2nd Wednesday of every month and is very informal, you just arrive on or after 10.30am, buy your refreshments at in the café on the ground floor and take them up to the panoramic lounge to meet up with old friends or make new ones. There will be board games available if you want to play or just enjoy the view over the river. The next one is Wednesday 9th July and we need members to give it a go so we can assess whether it will be a viable proposition going forward. **Brian Redhead, Chairman**

If you have any unwanted gifts cluttering up your cupboards and wasting space in your house then we would like to take them off your hands and put them in to our collection to be used as prizes at our Summer Party. Bring them along to our meeting on Wednesday .

Please note that as from May 28th, we have reluctantly increased our entry fee to £3 for our members meetings to cover the increased cost of our speakers. Please continue to remember to bring your own mugs and take them home again afterwards as we have no means of storing mugs at NBCBC.

At our next Members Meeting on Wednesday 25th June our speaker Bernard Nevin will be telling us about "Operation Fish" The rush to save Britain's gold from the Nazis 1939-1940 which starts with Martin's Bank in Liverpool.

Have you joined the U3A Friends Extra scheme yet? Friends Extra is a new benefits website exclusively for u3a members. **Friends Extra** provides access to a wide range of offers, discounts and additional services. They cover a wide variety of benefits such as:

- Health and wellbeing discounts on eye care, health tests, gyms, spa deals and golf courses.
- Shopping savings on major brands and retail discount cards.
- Travel discounts from selected partners.
- Lifestyle and leisure offers, like family days out, trips to the cinema and theatre.
- Insurance offers on home, car and travel insurance.
- Access to financial advice and a legal helpline.

Just Google U3A Friends Extra or click <https://www.u3a.org.uk/get-involved/u3a-friends/friends-extra-faqs>

As a new feature for our newsletter and website we are listing the various events that are planned at other U3As across the Wirral. If you wish to join in their events or meetings you can do so as an associate member of that particular U3A. Just get in touch with them to let them know your intentions.

Wirral U3A: Meetings:

They meet every other Monday in Upton Victory Hall Tennis and Bowls Club which is off Rake Lane, Upton Village. Wirralu3a.org.uk

Oxton and Prenton U3A:

Speakers:

3rd July: Elvis - That's the Way it Was

17th July: Social Meeting

11th September: The Apostle of Sanitation,

Saviour of Chester' - John Walker

25th September: – Social Meeting

9th October: – Liverpool's Historic Pubs

23rd October: – Social Meeting

6th November: – Bogs, Baths and Basins

20th November: – Social Meeting

4th December: – The 1903 Daniel Adamson

Steamship Talk

18th December 2025 – Social Meeting

Neston U3A: Visit their website to learn more about them. [Welcome – NestonU3A.org.uk](http://Welcome-NestonU3A.org.uk)

Heswall U3A: [Events | Heswallu3a.org.uk](http://Events|Heswallu3a.org.uk)

Short Courses: These are usually a one-off session on a variety of topics for circa 30 pre-booked members. See their Newsletter on their website for booking details.

Trips: They run various trips for members including Short trips, Theatre visits and longer Coach trips. See their Newsletter or enquire at a Member Information Session for the latest information.

Southport Show. U3a members qualify for discount tickets but need to be bought by July. Please check u3a Southport's website for more information. [Welcome! - Southport U3A](http://Welcome!-SouthportU3A)
We still need a new group leader for our walking group. **Marina.**

Board Games Group: Boardgames are now on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings of the month, 10.30-12.30. Olawa Bakery, Wallasey Road. We'd love you to come along and give it a go. Please contact **Praveen** by texting her, or by emailing her. Please do not phone her.

Book Club: The next book choices (based on members suggestions).

THERE WILL BE A SUMMER BREAK IN JULY AND AUGUST

3/9 'Snow falling on cedars ' David Guterson

1/10 'The big sleep' Raymond Chandler

5/11 'An awfully big adventure' Beryl Bainbridge

3/12 'Orbital' Samantha Harvey

1st Wednesday of the month, 2-4pm, Telegraph pub, MT Pleasant Road, New Brighton. Contact **Jo Loughlin.** (text) as she has to inform the management regarding numbers.

Bus Buddies: More photos on our website [Bus Buddies - Wallasey](http://BusBuddies-Wallasey) If you would like to join in any of our brilliant bus outings then please contact me, Cathy Morgan with your mobile phone number and I will add you to our Whatsapp list.

Cinema Group: THE FINAL RECKONING

Tom Cruise continues to defy age and gravity in this fitting conclusion to the final episode of the Mission Impossible series (if it really is the last one!!)

Cruise as Ethan Hunt continues to deliver physically demanding scenes with intensity and determination.

The amazing sequences keep you on the edge of your seat, particularly when he hangs upside down off the end of a plane and when he deep dives under water to search a wreck.

The plot is intriguing and it isn't necessary to have seen the previous films in the sequence. The photography and cinematography are outstanding and the suspense never stops. If you like action adventure films this is not to missed.

If you would like to join our Cinema Group please contact **Angie**

Craft Group: We made pressed flower bookmarks and did latch rug at craft this month.

We have some places if anyone would like to join. Contact Jan.



Crown Green Bowls: commenced for the season on Tuesday 1st April. Sessions are on a Monday & Tuesday from 9.50 to 11.30 at Marine Park New Brighton.

We have a spare set of bowls if you want to try the sport. **Contact Brian (Monday) or Jen (Tuesday)** for further information.

Discussion Group: The Discussion Group meet at 2pm at The Telegraph.

There are no discussions scheduled for July or August so we shall reconvene on Tuesday 9th September, subject to be announced. The Telegraph Pub, 2p.m. As always, all welcome.

Jenny Campbell.

Indoor Bowls: - finished Thursday 24th April and recommences Thursday 2nd October. **Brian Cook**

Lunch Group: On Thursday July 3rd the LUNCH GROUP will be going to The Indian Hive in Poulton. I know there has been publicity about their hygiene rating but that was April and they have done a lot to improve since then. Several people have been there recently and have had good experiences. If you wish to join us please phone **Liz** by Friday 27th June

Scrabble: Dates for July as follows
Monday 14th and Monday 28th at 2pm to 4pm at Olowa Bakery, Wallasey Road, Liscard.
For more information see website or email **Eddie Shiff.**

Social Committee:

Speke Hall visit : Friday, 5th September 2025.

Entrance £15.00 : Coach £10

Could we please have your deposit and/or balance at the June meeting. We will not be collecting money at the July meeting as it is our Summer Party. We therefore only have one meeting (August) before the visit. We also need to know if you are a National Trust member.

Do you have any suggestions of places to visit? Contact Jean Taylor (638 7845)

[Social Committe \(Outings\) - Wallasey \(u3asite.uk\)](http://u3asite.uk)

Strollers: We had a lovely stroll on Friday 13th on Bidston Hill. If you would like to join us then Email or Mobile phone **Graham Clayton.**



Table Tennis: Table tennis continues at the Belvidere Centre, Belvidere Rd on Mondays from 1:30pm. We play doubles, are not experts, but all are improving! Any members interested in joining us, please contact **Ruth Harrison**

Tea Rota: Helping with the tea and coffee this month are Lesley Andrews and Carole Walsh. If you would like to help with the teas and coffees in future please contact Brian Cook

Theatre Group: Theatre Group's next outing will be to see Romeo and Juliet at the end of this month. We had an excellent evening watching the Thirty Nine Steps at Gladstone Theatre a very funny adaptation. If anyone else is interested in going to this please phone or text **Liz.**

Walking Group: The Walking group continues to meet once a fortnight, we have recently walked around Maghull and Willaston. Future walks will include Whitegate and Heswall and Parkgate. We are still looking for a leader for this group which will fold in October if nobody comes forward. Anyone interested in joining us or leading the group should contact Lesley Andrews 07758498756

Anyone wishing to join us should contact **Lesley Andrews**

Non Alcoholic champagne.

Ingredients: 1 gallon of water or 5 litres.
11/4 sugar



1 lemon peel and juice,
8 heads of red roses or
elderflower or a
combination of both.

3tbsp apple cider
vinegar.

Equipment sterilised. 1
bucket, jug, funnel,
strainer, cloth.

Method:

Inspect the flowers for
browning, insects & dirt and remove them, but
do not wash them away as it will remove natural
yeasts, which will create the fizz.

Take 2 pts of water out of the gallon and heat
up to boil. In a bowl, add the sugar and dissolve.
Add to the rest of the water in the bucket. Now
add the flowers, vinegar, lemon rind and juice.
Stir well. Cover with a lid or a cloth. Leave in a
warm place for 2 days. Stir well. Strain through a
muslin cloth and a funnel 2 - 3 fill soda bottles.
Leave for 2 weeks in a warm place. Then chill to
consume

[Wallasey \(u3asite.uk\)](http://u3asite.uk) Please send any items for
the newsletter or website to me **Cathy Morgan**

For all future newsletters we will be including the
Minutes of the committee meetings for that
month. The Minutes are also available to be read
on the blue notice board at our monthly
members meetings.

Wallasey U3A Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday 19th June 2025 at 10.00am.

Present : Brian Redhead (Chairman), Marina
Ashton (Vice Chair/Group Coordinator), Jan
Jenkins (Secretary), Tony Jenkins (Treasurer),
Eddie Shiff (Members Secretary), Praveen
Waddell (Committee Member), Graham Clayton,
Christiane Ambler (Committee member),
Margaret Andrews (Committee member).

Apologies – Liz Booth, Cathy Morgan.

Minutes of the last meeting – Approved.

Matters Arising – None

Chairman's Report – Coffee morning – Not many
attended the last one only 5 people. We had no

feed back from any of them. We will have one
next month on the 9th July and then have a
break till September when we will launch it
again.

Summer Party - Brian will do a survey of
different groups our club might like to set up
with the understanding that they must have a
group leader to come forward to run them. He
will leave this on each table at the party.

The room will be laid out on the Tuesday
evening and Eddie, Tony & Jan will go in early
on the Wednesday to check all is correct.

Tony is going to do an up-to-date power point
of all our activities to run in the background. The
party starts at 11.00am – 2.00pm. Price of
admission will be £3.00. For this you will receive
a raffle ticket, a tombola ticket and a bingo
ticket.

The committee have drawn up a timetable of
what is going on throughout the day.

We still need volunteers to help with the tea and
coffee just to do a 15 minute slot. Marina will be
at the monthly meeting next week to take
names if you would like to see her.

Treasures Report – We were justified to raise the
monthly entrance fee to £3 as the cost of the
speakers and the hall has gone up. We so far
have had no complaints about this from any of
the members.

Regarding payment for trips out. The social
committee put the money in the club bank
account. Tony the treasurer will keep abreast of
what is in there and when they give him the
relevant information of who needs paying, will
make a bank transfer to the relevant people or
venue's.

They need to send him any emails of payments
needed and receipts that are sent to them
regarding booking each outing so he can keep a
paper trail for the accountant when the books
are audited.

207 members, 2 associate members. No new
members last month.

Secretary's Report – The committee agreed to all proposals that Liz Booths who now represents our Wallasey U3A on the regional board, needs to make on our behalf.

The window for the TAMS magazine has now closed for the year and this needs to be removed from the newsletter

Speakers Secretary– None.

Group Co-ordinator – Still looking for a walking group leader to take over in November or we might close this group. When Liz meets at the next regional meeting she will ask if any other U3A groups would be willing either to join together or if anyone in their club would be willing to be a leader for our group. If you join another group from a different U3A then you will have to pay the yearly subscription of £5 to cover insurance.

Community day at the cricket club – August Bank Holiday. We are hoping to have a stall there to show what we do within our U3A club. This will be discussed at next months committee meeting.

Website and Newsletter Editor – None

Membership Secretary – Eddie is going to send a group leaders WhatsApp to ask for a copy of the names on their register so he can compile a spread sheet of who attends groups out of our 207 members.

Suggestion Box – None last month.

A.O.B. –

Date of next meeting – 21st August

Close of meeting – 11.40am.