



Chair Report:

As we approach the end of our U3A year we need to consider who will run Wallasey U3A next year. Even if I say so myself, we have an excellent committee who are dedicated to ensuring our members have the best possible support but are also constantly striving to go bigger and better. However, there are restrictions on how long anyone is allowed to serve so we constantly need new members to come on board, learn the ropes and hopefully take over the various roles as the current incumbent has to retire.

The AGM to elect the new committee for next year is on Wednesday 22 October. There are currently 3 vacancies, but all positions are up for election. You will have recently received the nomination forms by email, so please give serious consideration to joining us for next year. All you need to do is complete the form and return it to me by 10th October 2025. Brian Redhead.

Chairman

Please note that our AGM will be held this year on Wednesday 22nd October.

Annual membership is due on the first of October, the cost is the same as last year, **£12** for a full year membership and **£5** for an associate membership. If paying by BACS, which is preferred. **Sort Code is 301552. Account number 04193019.** Please add your full name so we know who has paid.

Our next members meeting is on Wednesday 24th September. Our speaker this month is Mervyn Saunders. The title is "Sox, Drapes and Rock & Roll" He has had a lifelong interest in all aspects of entertainment and is an amusing and interesting speaker.

This email was recently received via our website:

An amateur operatic company who rehearse in the Crosby / Waterloo area of Merseyside on Wednesday evenings. We are a CiC registered with the Charity Commission.

We are committed to bringing opera to audiences across Merseyside, from Sefton, throughout Liverpool and in Wirral.

Our performances have been well received and won many awards since we were formed in 2010. We have a good educational track record, with former performers going on to study at the Guildhall, the Royal Academy of Music, DIT Conservatory, and Trinity Laban, and we have counted graduates of the RNCM and RCS among regular performers.

Our Patron is the actress Alison Steadman, OBE.

At present we are concentrating on performing an operatic repertoire via concerts and offering 'scenes from ...' rather than full-scale opera, as part of that post-COVID rebuilding of both audiences and personnel.

If you think you might benefit from joining, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Our regular

subscription fee is £80 per annum.

Solos and ensembles for concerts and roles in operatic scenes are by competitive audition - and are cast from within the company, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please contact **Ros Purcell**

What other U3As in our area are doing

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:

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:** 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. They run various trips for members including Short trips, Theatre visits and longer Coach trips.

Our Group Activities:



Art group: Great news! We have a new Art Group starting up on Friday 10th of October. It will run every Friday afternoon 1.00 till 3.00. at the Spire Community Cafe, on the corner of Mill Lane and Breck Road, parking nearby. We are not so much a teaching group but for anyone who just enjoys painting, drawing and sketching. No previous skills required.

Board Games Group: Boardgames has changed the day & time we meet, reverting back to Monday afternoons- 2-4 pm. We shall be alternating with Scrabble. Our next meetings are Monday 29th September, 13th October & 27th October. Olawa Bakery in Liscard. We shall be including Card games such as Cribbage, Canasta, Whist & Rummy as well as Boardgames. Hope to see you there. Please contact

Praveen by texting her

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

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

Bridge Group: The bridge group is thriving. We meet every week for 50 weeks of the year. We have 4 new members joining this month (September), which means we are full. We are restricted by the Cricket Club, to the number of people allowed in the room we hire. If anyone is interested in playing bridge, please contact **Stewart or Sue Everitt** and we will put you on a

waiting list.

Bus Buddies: Last month nine of us visited Port Sunlight and the Lady Lever Art Gallery using



both bus and train. We were fortunate enough to visit while Jim Moir's beautiful wildlife watercolour paintings were being exhibited and for sale, about £3,300 each. We then enjoyed a late lunch at the Bridge Inn before heading home. Our next outing is to the Liverpool Museum down on the Pier Head. 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. More photos on our website [Bus Buddies - Wallasey](#)

Cinema Group: 'THE ROSES'

This lively remake of the original 'War of the Roses' is well worth viewing. It could hardly fail with the incredible acting of Olivia Coleman and Benedict Cumberbatch delivering an amazing script.

The movie is a piercing black comedy about a married couple in a tempestuous relationship who are trying to stay together. Although a comedy, serious relationship issues are raised as the film develops.

The 'strong' language used with abandon throughout the film might deter some but the delivery of a brilliant script compensates for this.

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



Craft Group: Craft group meet on the second Thursday of every month at New Brighton Cricket and Bowls Club at Rake Lane. We have some places if anyone would like to join.

Phone Jan

Busy making Xmas cards and blankets for the prem baby unit



Crown Green Bowls: 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. We finish for the season on Tuesday 30th September until April 2026. **Contact Brian** for further information.

Discussion Group: The Discussion Group continues to meet at 2pm in The Telegraph on the second Tuesday of the month.

14th October. Has Britain its own Halloween customs or has it just become happy to ape American ones? Should we even be celebrating Halloween?

11th November. Is it time to abandon Bonfire Night? After all we're celebrating someone being tortured to death because of a situation caused by religious differences. All welcome to come and air their views. **Contact Jenny Campbell**

Indoor Bowls: Every Thursday afternoon commencing 2nd October, 1.30p.m. to 4.00p.m, at

the United Reform church hall, Wallasey Village. The cost is £3, which includes refreshments. Please contact **Brian Cook** .

Lunch Group: 14 of us went to the Greek Taverna in Liverpool and had a very filling(!) excellent meal. We are going to Sheridan's (which has changed hands and chef) on Thursday 2nd October. We need to pre-book so please let me know on WhatsApp as usual if you wish to go.

Liz Booth

Scrabble: Scrabble dates for October as follows, Mondays 6th and 20th at OLOWA Bakery, Wallasey Road, Liscard. 2-4pm. For more information see website or email **Eddie Shiff**.

Social Committee:

Gillmoor Recycling Discovery Centre, Bridgehouse Lane, L10 5HG. 1 pm Wednesday, 5th November

This visit will last 90 minutes. The Centre can be reached by taking the 19 bus from Queens Square Bus Station, stand 6. They run every 12 minutes and it takes approximately 35 minutes. There are buses at 11.51 and 12.15.

Could you please confirm you are coming on this visit as we are limited to numbers. Either visit the Social Committee table at the next general meeting or contact Jean Taylor

We would like to receive suggestions for places to visit.

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

Strollers: If you would like to join us then Email **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: Ann and Paul Basnett will be helping Brian with the teas and coffees. We provide tea and coffee at each of our monthly meetings but we always need volunteers to help. If you would like to help with the teas and coffees in future please contact **Brian Cook**

Theatre Group: THEATRE GROUP are going to see "The Signalman" in October and our trip for November will be to see "The Full Monty" at the Gladstone Theatre. If you're interested in going to see the latter please phone/text me. **Liz Booth**

Walking Group: We continue to walk fortnightly with walks of around 5 miles. We are also looking for a new leader for this group. Anyone interested in joining us or leading the group should contact **Lesley Andrews**

Portuguese Custard Tarts (Pastel de Nata)

Ingredients (makes 8)

1 pk of buttery Puff Pastry rolled out into a sheet. Syrup 80g sugar 40ml water, 1 cinnamon stick, the peel from 1 lemon

Custard - 20g butter, 1 tbsp cornflour, 2 egg yolks, pinch of salt, 180ml milk or single cream, 1 tsp vanilla extract, 80g sugar

Method

- Grease individual tart tins or a muffin tray
- Roll out pastry into a rectangle. Roll up into a sausage
- Cut into 1 cm slices
- Turn each slice onto its side and roll out a little. Place into 8 moulds and press to the sides to

fully line each of them

- Leave to chill and then bake 180 ° C for 10 mins
 - Meanwhile make the custard. Warm the milk with the sugar until nearly boiling. Whisk the egg, cornflour, pinch of salt and vanilla essence in a bowl to form a paste.
 - Pour the warm milk over the egg & flour mixture whisking to make a smooth sauce. Place the custard back into the pan and stir constantly until it thickens.
 - Leave to cool. •
 - Make the syrup - melt the sugar until it forms a light brown caramel. Carefully add the water, cinnamon stick and lemon peel. Leave for the flavours to infuse
 - Spoon the custard into the pastry shells and bake again, Elec 160°C until set. About 15 mins.
 - Turn the grill on, and brown the top of the custard tarts
 - Melt the sugar with the water, cinnamon stick and lemon peel until it forms a light brown caramel.
 - Spoon onto each custard tart to add colour and give a shiny glaze
- Marina is very interested to hear from anyone who follows any of her recipes as to how they turn out. You can email her



Wallasey U3A Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday 21st August 2025 at 10.00am.

Present : Brian Redhead (Chairman), Marina Ashton (Vice Chair/Group Coordinator), Jan Jenkins (Secretary), Tony Jenkins (Treasurer), Liz Booth (Speakers Secretary), Eddie Shiff (Members Secretary), Cathy Morgan (Website & Newsletter Editor), Christiane Ambler (Committee Member), Graham Clayton (Committee Member), Praveen Waddell (Committee Member).

Apologies – Margaret Andrews has taken a sabbatical for a while from the committee. We thank her for all she has done and wish her well.

Minutes of the last meeting – Approved.

Matters Arising – Liz Booth is now secretary for the U3A North West region and has been co-opted on for 1 year.

Christine Garraty – Chairman of U3A North West.

Neill Stewart – Treasurer of U3A North West.

Both have been voted on by Majority.

Liz has spoken to the secretary at Oxton U3A about a walking group but they don't have one.

Wirral have a group but as yet has not spoken to them.

Chairman's Report – New group survey. This went out at the summer party from the 70 people that attended 39 were returned filled in. Eddie has collated them and we have interest in some new groups. We will now be sending this survey out to all our U3A members in an email to gather more information of what new groups we would like to see going forward in the future. Eddie will add these to the ones already received and we can start to try and get them up and running.

Treasures Report – Annual Income and expenditure report was handed out. This will be available to see on our notice board at the monthly meeting.

It has been decided and voted on by the committee to keep the annual joining fee at £12 for the

next year.

The charges the bank has informed us will occur in the future will not apply to our U3A as we are a charity and so we do not incur these changes. Tony to inform the bank that they need to make sure we are registered with them as a charity.

Secretary's Report – The A.G.M. is set for 22nd October. So we must send out the notification letter via email and post to all our member by 24th September. We then have to send the nomination form out and ask them to return it by Friday 10th October. We then have 7 days before the A.G.M. send out the form of who has been nominated and also the Agenda for the A.G.M.

The Christmas party is to be held on 10th December. We are looking at booking Barry Humphrys to entertain us. Liz is going to contact him.

Website & Newsletter Editor – Sometimes Cathy has difficulty sending the newsletter as email to some Members. She will now put the newsletter on our website. As well as sending it out to you by email.

Group Coordinator – Still no word of anyone willing to take on the walking group.

Summer party for 2026. Will be held on 15th July.

Group leaders meeting will be held on 4th February 2026

Speakers Secretary – Rob Jones this month. The History of Tobacco Industry in Liverpool.

Membership Secretary – we have 20 active groups within our U3A who have more than 4 members.

We have a total of 218 members of which 167 do one ore more activity within our U3A.

Some do as many as 8 different groups.

Of the 60 who do not attend any groups 23 don't go to anything including monthly meetings.

A.O.B. – Summer party was a great success. Maybe give our members more time to socialise rather than try and fill every minute of the party. We need to purchase a new microphone as we are having so much trouble with the one at the club. Eddie will speak to the club to make sure we can get one that is compatible with their system.

We were sent an email by the National U3A about being Energy Wise. We all read it and thought it was not applicable for our group.

Opera group in Liverpool are looking for people to join. It would cost them £80 for a year. We will put the information in next months newsletter.

Social Committee – Tony needs to take Graham Clayton off the bank records as a signatory.

Liz booth is going to go back onto the Social Committee and herself, Tony and the rest of the Social Committee will meet and report back as to how they go forward in the future.

It was agreed that they would send a monthly email to Jan the secretary for her to send out to the members about all the trips that will be happening throughout the next year.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 18th September 10.00am.

Close of meeting – 12.00p.m.