

# WALLASEY u3a STAYING IN TOUCH OCTOBER



**Chair Report:** This being the first newsletter of our new year and the first since the new Committee was elected, I am keen to look forward to where we want Wallasey U3A to go in the next 12 months. That is up to YOU.



*Graham and Jean receiving their leaving presents from the committee as thanks for their many years work for the Wallasey U3A*



As you know we are currently running a poll to ascertain what new groups you would like us to try to create but we also need you to tell us what else you want from Wallasey U3A. You can give the committee this information by using the

suggestion box, available at every monthly meeting, you can speak to any committee member or myself. You can email any of us or use our new Facebook group. Whichever method you

prefer we need your feedback so we can ensure Wallasey U3A continues to be the place where members can Learn, Laugh & Live. **Brian Redhead Chairman**

Annual membership was 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** on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of November will offer us the intriguing title of A Morning of Oriental Delights.

**We have a new Wallasey U3A Facebook group** to replace the old one which will be closing. We have opened it to the public this time to make it more inclusive for our community so that anyone can join, at the discretion of the admin team. To join us just search Facebook Wallasey U3A or click this link <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1YEX4iW9tT/>

## **What other U3As in our area are doing**

**Wirral U3A: Meetings:** [Wirral](#)

They meet every other Monday in Upton Victory Hall Tennis and Bowls Club which is off Rake

Lane, Upton Village. Wirralu3a.org.uk **October 17<sup>th</sup>**: Tour of the Royal Court Theatre. Cost £10

### **Oxton and Prenton U3A:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> October:** Social Meeting. **6<sup>th</sup> November:** Bogs, Baths and Basins. **20<sup>th</sup> November:** Social Meeting. **4<sup>th</sup> December:** The 1903 Daniel Adamson Steamship Talk. **18<sup>th</sup> 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)

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** – Japan -Bowling to Tradition Jim Holmes

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** - “How Can We Possibly be Free” Ray Challis

**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: You don't have to be an artist, just enjoy painting or drawing.**

Join us every Friday, no charge but please buy a coffee/tea/cake from the cafe. Every Friday at The Spire Community Cafe, Mill Lane/Breck Road. **Please note the new times of 12.00 – 2.00.** This is not a teaching session but for those who enjoy painting and sketching. Please bring your own materials. Contact **Mary Hartley**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, 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**. Please do not phone her.

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

'An awfully big adventure' - Beryl Bainbridge (5/11/25)

'Orbital' - Samantha Harvey (3/12/25)

Villette - Charlotte Bronte (7/01/26)

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

**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.

**Bus Buddies:** Nine of our group recently visited the Liverpool Museum, we were planning to use the ferry but it was cancelled due to a technical difficulty just as we arrived at Seacombe so we had to catch the bus to Hamilton Square. After a couple of hours looking around the museum we decided to have lunch at the Pump House. 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](http://BusBuddies-Wallasey)

**Cinema Group:** DOWNTON ABBEY 3

Downton Abbey: The Grande Finale' is the third and final movie in the Downton series.

The film follows the Crawley family as it navigates a new chapter in the 1930's and delivers a heartfelt farewell to the much-loved saga. Serious issues, such as divorce, financial difficulties,

fraud, retirement, all contribute to a great storyline.

The movie is a pleasure to watch. The cinematography is amazing and the costumes are delightful. The scenes in the theatre and at the races are breathtaking.

At the end of the film a flashback montage lingers and reminds the audience of the family history. There is much to enjoy in this feel good film. If you would like to join our Cinema Group, text or email Angie

**Craft Group:** Busy afternoon at Craft Club making cards and Christmas table decorations. 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**



**Crown Green Bowls:** This group has finished now until next April 2026. **Contact Brian (Monday) or Jen (Tuesday)** for further information.

**Discussion Group: 11th November.** Bonfire night; should we still be celebrating it? What other historical events do we feel worthy of an annual celebration? The Telegraph, 2pm, Tuesday. The Discussion Group continues to meet at 2pm in The Telegraph on the second Tuesday of the month. **Jenny Campbell.**

**Indoor Bowls:** Every Thursday afternoon commenced on 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** if interested in joining us.

**Lunch Group:** The lunch group is going to The Pilot Boat in New Brighton for a meal on Thursday 6th November at 12:30. Please vote in the Whatsapp poll to let me know if you are going or not.

There were 17 of us went to Sheridan's this month. It would have been better if we had pre ordered but the food for all bar one person was excellent and plentiful. **Liz.**

**Scrabble:** Scrabble meet dates are 3rd and 17th Nov at OLOWA Bakery, Wallasey Road, Liscard. 2-4pm. For more information see website or email **Eddie Shiff**

**Social Committee:** Gillmoss Recycling Discovery Centre, Bridgehouse Lane, Liverpool L10 5HG. 1 pm Wednesday, 5th November.

This visit will last approximately 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. Alight at Stonebridge Lane just after the Viking Landing pub. Walk back towards the pub and turn right, round the roundabout and up Bridgehouse Lane. The Centre is on your right and it takes about 7 minutes. If you would like a map please email Jean Taylor. She will be getting the 11.27 train from Grove Road  
We would like to receive suggestions for places to visit.

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

**Strollers:** If you would like to join us then Email **Graham**

**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:** Alan Love and Sonia Freeman 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:** The theatre group is off to see The Full Monty at the Gladstone theatre in November - then we will break until January unless someone posts on WhatsApp about something they really want to see in December? Please phone/text me. **Liz.**

**Ukulele Group:** Continues to meet at the UR Church in Wallasey Village, next door to the Lighthouse pub every Monday afternoon, 2.00 – 4.00. Contact **Phil.**

**Walking Group:** The last walk for this group is 25th October. We are scheduled to walk around Sefton Park. Anyone interested in joining us or leading the group should contact **Marina.**

### **“Halloween Biscuits” (Serves 10)**

#### **Ingredients :**

Biscuit Dough: 100g butter softened, 100g sugar, 1 egg, 275g plain flour  
Flavourings: 1 teaspoon vanilla essence or Spices: ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon/nutmeg/mixed spice or a combination of the grated rind of an orange, lemon or, 1 teaspoon of poppy seeds, 25g cocoa for the bat shapes or witches' hats  
For the decoration: - Google eyes (edible) Glace icing - 100g icing sugar, sifted + 4 tsp water to cover the ghost shapes  
Orange food colouring for the pumpkins, 1 small block of milk or plain chocolate (59p) Tube of black coloured ready-made icing for piping, eyes, mouth etc

**Method :** Preheat the oven to 190°C, centre shelf; 180°C fan oven; Gas 5.

Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper and lightly grease

Cream the butter and caster sugar together until pale and fluffy

Beat in the egg and vanilla extract or citrus zest.

Gently fold in the sieved flour and spice, mix gently until a dough is formed. Divide the dough into 2 or 4 balls.



Colour one in orange to make pumpkin shapes. Add cocoa to another ball for bats/ witches hats. Keep one for plain for ghost shapes Lightly flour your work surface and roll each biscuit dough out until it is 1cm/½in thick Cut out the biscuits using your Halloween cutters and place onto the tray Bake the biscuits until they are pale golden, about 8-10 minutes Leave them on the tray to rest for 5 minutes and then transfer to a cooling rack to cool. Gradually mix the icing sugar with 4 tsp of cold water until the consistency is like cream. Use immediately to cover the ghost shaped biscuits and pipe the ready - made black icing to decorate eyes and mouths for the ghosts and pumpkins when it has set. Melt the chocolate in a bowl and microwave in 30 sec intervals. Spread over the chocolate flavoured biscuits and decorate the bats with green colouring, the witches hat with a coloured ribbon effect.