

WALLASEY STAYING INTOUCH JULY

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**Chairman`s Report:** For those of you who could not make it to our Summer Party I`m afraid you missed a great event. 78 members, who braved the heat, had a very enjoyable time meeting old friends and making new ones. We all played fun games, competed in teams for the title of quiz champions and joined our very own ukulele group, Ukeeblinders, in singing some famous songs from our youth. Our friends and Coffee Aroma put on a fantastic buffet lunch catering for all eating preferences. I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for the planning, organisation and execution that made the party such a success.

This party and the Christmas party are funded by the members who attend our monthly meetings. I encourage all of you to come to our meetings, the last Wednesday of every month, and see what we get up to. We have some very entertaining artists, raconteurs and fascinating speakers as well as refreshments and a chance to chat to other members from other groups.

What more could you want? **Brian Redhead, Chairman**

At our next meeting on Wednesday August 26th we will enjoy the ever popular speaker Billy Hui who will be talking to us about his year as High Sheriff in his usual inimitable style combining information about the role with witty anecdotes.



Art Group: We've decided we'll carry on through the summer because we enjoy it! Come and join our friendly group at the Inspire cafe. New members are very welcome. We meet at 10.30 - 12.30 every Friday at InSpire Community Cafe, Mill Lane/Breck Road. No charge but please buy something to drink or eat from the cafe. Contact **Mary Hartley**

Board and Card Group: Board and Card games will be taking a break for August - meeting up again on Monday 14th September. Olawa Bakery 2-4 pm. Please contact **Praveen**. Please do not phone her.

Book Club: 'The Book Club' has now broken up for 2 months over the summer and will resume in September.

The following books have been chosen for reading and discussion by members:

2/9 'The land in winter' - Andrew Miller
7/10 'Cloud Atlas' - David Mitchell
4/11 'Dream Count' - Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche
2/12 'Raising hare' - Chloe Dalton
4/1 'Intermezzo' - Sally Rooney
3/2 'Yellowface' - R F Kuang

We meet at The Telegraph pub in Mt Pleasant Rd, New Brighton on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm (until 4pm). If you are interested in joining the Book Club, then please contact **Jo Loughlin** for further details.

Bridge Group: The bridge group is thriving. We meet every week for 50 weeks of the year. We are restricted by the Cricket Club to the number of people allowed in the room we hire so if anyone is interested in playing bridge, please contact Stewart or Sue Everitt and we will put you on a waiting list.

Bus Buddies: For our next visit we are planning to go to Ness Gardens, weather permitting. If you would like to join in any of our brilliant BusBuddies outings then please contact me, Cathy Morgan with your mobile phone number and I will add you to our Whatsapp group. More photos on our website **Bus Buddies - Wallasey**

Cinema Group: DISCLOSURE DAY. Despite the poor reviews 'Disclosure Day' delivers everything you expect from a Spielberg movie.

The film follows a whistle blower and a psychic weather forecaster to expose a massive alien cover up. The star, Emily Blunt, gives an excellent, convincing performance in a particularly demanding roll.

It's a dazzling sci-fi thriller which is packed with adventure, mystery and leaves you with, 'food for thought'. We found it to be a very entertaining two hours. Well worth seeing.

If you would like to join the Cinema Group contact, **Angie Swann**

Craft Group: We will be taking a break for summer and return on Thursday 10th September. **Contact Jan Jenkins**

Crown Green Bowls: Bowls is every Tuesday at 10am on the middle bowling green at Harrison Park. If any members are new to bowls and wish to have a go we have 2 sets of bowls for you to try it out. Please ring me first and I will bring them with me. There is no cost to play. We meet just before 10 am so we can start on time, and play for about an hour. Contact **Brian Cook** for further information.

Discussion Group: The Discussion Group is taking a break until September when our discussion will, appropriately, be about the lengths of school terms and holidays. Is the summer break too long, and if so why? You have the summer to muster your arguments! We continue to meet at 2pm in The Telegraph on the second Tuesday of the month. **Jenny Campbell.**

Golf Group: Golf Group tees off every Tuesday at 13.10 pm at the Warren Grove Road. If interested contact **Terry McMullan.**

Guitar Group: We meet at Atherton Court, New Brighton, Wednesday mornings 10.30 - 12.30 am. We are growing in size so if you are interested please contact Marina Ashton

Indoor Bowls: This group has now finished until next October. Thursday afternoons 1.30p.m. to 4.00p.m, at the United Reform church hall, Wallasey Village. The cost is now just £2, which includes refreshments. Please contact **Brian Cook**

Lunch Group: Lunch group took a vote and decided to continue throughout the summer. Seventeen of us are going to the Nelson on Thursday 6th August at 12:30 pm. If you wish to join us I need £5 deposit by 27th July. We also need to preorder our meals- for current members please look on WhatsApp. If you would like to join please contact **Liz Booth**

Murder Mystery Book Club: Murder Mystery Book Club is going to have a break during August. We shall be meeting on Tuesday 22nd September rather than the 15th. As well as each of us talking about a Murder Mystery of our choice we decided that we shall all read 'Dead Simple' by Peter James to discuss at September's meeting. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6.30 pm at Foxleigh Grange. New members are welcome. There will be a charge of £2 to cover the cost of room hire & tea & coffee. Contact **Praveen**.

Scrabble: Scrabble club has now finished for the summer. Our next meeting will be the 7th of September. For further details, contact **Eddie Shiff**

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

Table Tennis: Table tennis continues at the Belvidere Centre, Belvidere Road 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: 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 went to see Ladies Day" by the Woolgatherers amateur dramatic society at the Little Theatre. We are booked in to see Moulin Rouge on 4th August. Looking ahead we are going to see The Mousetrap and 12 Angry Men. No tickets left for the Mousetrap but if anyone is interested in seeing 12 Angry Men next March please get in touch. **Liz Booth**

Ukulele Group: After our gig at the Wallasey U3A Summer Party our group will be taking a break until Friday 4th September. We have recently changed our practice venue to the Serpentine Road Family Church, on the corner of Serpentine Road and Liscard Road. We now meet every Friday afternoon 1.30 till 3.30. Contact **Cathy Morgan**

Walking Group: Walking Group still needs a group leader or someone willing to organise a walk next month. Anyone interested in joining us contact **Margie or Marina**.

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

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

Heswall U3A: [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.

Summer Strawberry Buckle (Featured from "Morning Live" BBC

Buckles are named because the cake portion falls, or buckles, around the fruit during baking. This Strawberry Buckle has a moist, soft and fluffy cake, succulent ripe strawberries and a delectable streusel topping. Other soft stoned fruits could also be used e.g. damsons, plums, rhubarb, raspberries, blueberries etc

Ingredients

260g plain flour, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking powder or Self Raising Flour

85g butter, 2 eggs, 1 tsp vanilla essence, 120ml milk, 375g strawberries, (1 punnet)

Streusel Topping:

60g butter, melted and cooled, 50g sugar, 55g light brown sugar

45g plain flour, 1 tsp mixed spice/ cinnamon

Method: Preheat oven to **160°C fan. Gas 3**

- * Cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Mix in the eggs and vanilla until well combined. Into a bowl, sieve the flour & baking powder.
- * Add half the flour mixture until just combined, followed by the milk and then the remaining flour mixture.
- * Fold in half the strawberries. Pour the batter into a greased pie dish and top with the remaining strawberries.
- * To make the streusel, melt the butter in a pan and allow to cool a little. Combine all streusel ingredients in a bowl, pour over the melted butter, mix with a fork until well combined and sprinkle over the fruit.
- * Bake for 45 minutes until lightly browned and until a skewer comes out mostly clean. Serve with custard or pouring cream



A time table of our Wallasey U3A Groups

Monday

- Board and Card Games: Olawa Bakery. Fortnightly on Monday afternoons 2:00 pm-4:00
- Cinema: The Light Cinema. Monthly on Monday afternoons
- Scrabble: Olawa Bakery. On Monday afternoons 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Alternate Mondays
- Table Tennis: Belvidere Centre. Weekly on Monday afternoons

Tuesday

- Bridge Club: New Brighton Cricket & Bowls Club. Weekly on Tuesday mornings 10:00 am-12:00 pm

- Contraband: Atherton Court. Status: Full but needs a percussionist. Weekly on Tuesday afternoons 1:30 pm-4:00 pm
- Crown Green Bowls: Harrison Park. Weekly on Tuesday mornings 10:00 am-12:00 pm
The group runs Tuesday mornings from April to September
- Discussion Group: Telegraph Inn. Monthly on Tuesday afternoons 2:00 pm-4:00 pm
second Tuesday of the Month
- Golf: The Warren. Weekly on Tuesday afternoons 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Every week, weather permitting
- Murder Mystery Book Club: Foxleigh Grange. Monthly on Tuesdays 6:30 pm. Third Tuesday of the month

Wednesday

- Book Club: Telegraph Inn. Monthly on Wednesday afternoons 2:00 pm-4:00 pm, 1st Wed of Month
- Guitar: Atherton Court. Weekly on Wednesdays 10:30 am

Thursday

- Craft: New Brighton Cricket & Bowls Club. Monthly on Thursday afternoons 1:30 pm-3:30 pm. 2nd Thursday of the month
- Indoor Bowls: United Reform Church Wallasey Village. Weekly on Thursday afternoons 1:30 pm-4:00 pm. Runs from October to March
- Lunch: Various. Monthly on Thursday afternoons. 1st Thursday or Friday of Month

Friday

- Art Group: Spire Community Cafe. Weekly on Friday mornings 10:30 am-12:00 pm
- Quiz: Members House. Monthly on Friday mornings 10:00 am-12:00 pm. 1st Friday of the month
- Ukulele: Serpentine Family Church. Weekly on Friday afternoons 1:30 pm-3:30 pm
We play music from the 60s, 70s and earlier

Unspecified: Bus Buddies: Strollers: Theatre Group

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Our website is Wallasey U3A