

u3a

learn, laugh, live

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at Hallfold Church Whitworth. Refreshments are served at 1.00pm and speakers start at 1.30pm. New members are welcome for an annual membership of £15 and £2 monthly meeting subs.

4th September 2024

AGM followed by Afternoon Tea

2nd October 2024

Siobhan Clarke talking about 'The Romanovs – last of the Russian Tsars.

6th November 2024

Nicky Patterson speaking about 'Working in Air Traffic Control'.

4th December 2024

Christmas Extravaganza

8th January 2025

The speaker is Iain Bowden talking about 'The History of Hollingworth Lake'.

Prospective Group for Card Games

Plans are progressing to start a new Card Games group at Whitworth Library on the second Friday afternoon of the month starting from 11th October. It will depend on how many people arrive at each session which games will be played. Hopefully members will be able to teach each other new games and I am sure they will have lots of fun. In the mean time anyone interested should contact me at illingworthhelen2@gmail.com

Helen Illingworth

Interest Groups Co-Ordinator

'Up, Up and Away with U3A'

Anyone interested in short holidays away with a group, looking at April 2025 please see Barbara Miller after the meetings.

Letter from the Chair

Dear all

I can't believe this will be my last letter as Chair. It has been a fabulous journey, over the last 7 years, working with so many wonderful people and seeing our membership grow and thrive. I stand down in some sadness at the AGM on 4th September but I feel that for our u3a to develop and grow we need to bring in new ideas and enthusiasms. We have one nomination, so I am hoping all will go well on the day and we will have a new Chair who I believe will lead and inspire us. Please give her your support. For myself, I will be in the background, totally willing to support committee and members, in whatever way I can (hopefully with a purely honorary role as President).

I have felt honoured to lead you over these years and thank you so much for the lovely feedback I have had over recent weeks. These comments were very special to me and made me even more proud to be a member of our u3a.

Hope to see you soon, at meetings, outings and special interest groups.

Pat



U3A Tappers at Riddiough Court party for the 60th Anniversary of Housing 21

Tap Dancing Group

The U3A Tappers on 10th August at the Riddiough Court party for the 60th Anniversary of Housing 21, they were also joined by the Ukulele Group.

'The Tappers' will be at Whitworth Library on Saturday 5th October 10-12 o'clock – a 'Taster Day' for various activities so people can have a go. The Ukulele Group will also be there.

The Tap Dancing Group meet twice a month and practice fun routines, its great exercise and everyone is welcome.

Interest Groups

For insurance purposes only members can join Interest Groups – details are available on our FB page, website or at the meetings. You can contact the Group Leaders for information on dates, times and venues for group activities. Lynne, our Groups Coordinator can be contacted on 07718913131

Group Leaders

Amblers:

Lynne Hutton 07718 913131
Helen Illingworth 07860 314968

Art:

Lindsay Fairhurst 07800 820096
Julie Latham 07801 306776

Birdwatching:

George Scaife 07956 294775

Book Club:

Helen Illingworth 07860 314968

Booklovers, Reading Classics & Modern Classics:

Emma Flook 0781 5862929
Julie Latham 07801 306776

Craft Group

Meg Starkey 07778017443

Creative Writing:

Kay Grayson 07903 570008

Family History:

David O'Reilly 07543655956

Flower Arranging:

Nina Gardner 07411 520771

Garden Inspiration:

Pat Matson 01706 853691

Learning Italian Together:

Meg Starkey 07778 017443

Luncheon Group:

Margaret Croxon 07790891962

Philosophy :

John & Shirley Hall john@firefly.me.uk

Photography:

Doreen Brown 07813 056481

Play Reading:

Mary Cawley 01706 356109

Tap Dancing:

Paula Bradbury

g-pbradbury@outlook.com

Walking:

Garry Bradbury 07486 009581

Wellbeing:

Sheila Daly 07762 757925

Ukulele:

Deborah Whitham 07776 332 666

Craft Group



The Craft Groups' first attempt at painting with alcohol inks.

Flower Arranging Group

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Whitworth Library. We like to do seasonal arrangements using foliage from gardens if possible. We sometimes do experimental arrangements as well as some of the more traditional ones, but most of all we like to have fun and enjoy what we do.

Nina



The Flower Arranging Group working with beautiful Hydrangeas

Interest Groups

Photography Group

A great day out with the Photography Group to see the Fleetwood Wrecks.



Book Club

The original Book Club having lost two or three members to the second group, Booklovers, Reading Classics and Modern Classics, is now back up to full strength of 14 having gained 3 new members.

For September we are reading *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin. The story follows 17-year-old Lenni, a patient living in the terminal ward of a Glasgow hospital. Fed up with her peers and seeking fun, Lenni joins the octogenarian art class, where she meets 83-year-old Margot. Lenni and Margot instantly become inseparable as they come to the realisation that together they have lived for one hundred years. To commemorate their lives, they decide to paint one painting for each year that they have lived.

I'm sure this novel will promote a lively discussion and there's always plenty of laughter.

Helen

Garden Inspiration

Garden inspiration meet once a month, on a Saturday to visit a garden which we hope will be uplifting and inspiring!

We are a hardy lot – who go, no matter what the weather and look for beauty and ideas. A nice lunch also goes down well! We have had some lovely outings so far this year – and look forward to doing more.

For information contact Pat on 07922593032.

Pat Matson



Amblers

The group continue to enjoy local ambles once a month on the second Wednesday morning. Unfortunately, due to work commitments Phil Ellis is no longer able to lead the ambles so we are looking for a new leader. It would not be a monthly commitment as Lynne and I are usually available to lead but another leader perhaps with knowledge of the Whitworth area would be great. If you are interested, please have a word with me or e-mail me on illingworthhelen2@gmail.com

The next amble on Wednesday 12th September will be led by Lynne and will probably be in the High Crompton area. Anyone not already a member of the group who would like to join, please get in touch with Helen at illingworthhelen2@gmail.com

Helen