

## Hesketh Park

*Author, Dominic Dickson.*



Some of the **Cycling Group** enjoying some autumn sunshine and a well earned break with refreshments in Hesketh Park, after a ride from Formby taking in the Pinfold Path, Rotten Row and Southport Marine Lake Bridge.

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*Your Committee would  
 like to wish a Merry  
 Christmas and a  
 Happy New Year to all  
 our members.*

Please remember that there is no January Newsletter. The deadline for the next Newsletter is midday, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

## From The Chairman

We are approaching the time of year when we hold our Annual General Meeting where any member of Formby U3A may seek election to the Committee positions listed each month in the Newsletter. Eight of our current committee have served their period of office and are not eligible for re-election and for the continuance and well-being of Formby U3A we are seeking nominations for all positions.

I am grateful that of the present Committee Frances Taylor has indicated she is willing to serve as Chairman during 2019-2020; Anne Rodmell as Treasurer; Keith Jacques as Secretary; Christine McIlraith as Membership Secretary and Derek Thomas as a committee member, but any other U3A member is able to stand for election to these posts and may wish to do so. In addition to these roles, the posts of Vice Chairman, Group Secretary and five Committee members (called Officers/Trustees), together with a Speaker Secretary for the monthly meetings held at Holy Trinity Church Hall all become vacant at the AGM.

I have found my time as Chairman of Formby U3A a pleasant one and urge you to put your name forward for one of the Committee positions.

Application forms will be printed in the February and March Newsletters, but should you wish to talk about the commitment do not hesitate to contact me or any Committee member.

Glyn Pike, Chairman.      Contact 0151 929 2996 or  
e-mail: [chairman@formbyu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@formbyu3a.org.uk)

## Staveley



**Author, Marcia Thompson.**

The recent **Fellwalking Group** was led by Tony Smith. We started at Staveley and went up steeply to Potter Tarn and Gurnal Dubs. Then the route took us through fields and lanes and back to the Dales Way into Staveley. Despite a dire forecast, which didn't deter us of course, the only serious rain we had was on the way home on the M6! Thanks to Tony for a good walk with fine views and pleasant paths. The Autumn colours were lovely.

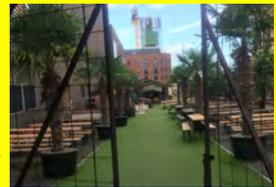
## Baltic Triangle

**Authors Ron & Barbara Marsh.**

**Local History Group 7** had a 90minute tour of the Baltic Triangle in Liverpool, led by the Blue Badge guide, Ann Marshall. After coffee we met Ann at the Sailors Home Gates which commemorate the Sailors Home which used to be where John Lewis is now. We then proceeded to Cleveland Square to the St Thomas's Church Memorial garden after which we zig-zagged to the Baltic Triangle area, eventually reaching the old Cains Brewery where we had lunch at the new Punch Tarmey's pub.



The tour was extremely interesting, with Ann providing lots of details on the history of the area, previously known as the Sailors Town with the old warehouses, pubs, railway, tunnels etc. In addition, she pointed out how the area has changed and continues to develop with the numerous apartment complexes, hotels, brewery, restaurants, bakeries and the increasing numbers of diverse small businesses in the area.



The old Cains Brewery site continues to develop, with pubs including The Brewery Tap, Punch Tarmey's, Peaky Blinders amongst them, cafes, music areas, food halls and an indoor craft market with many stalls selling a variety of goods. An enjoyable time was had despite the hailstones and strong winds and we would highly recommend this tour to other groups. Ann advised us that she would be more than happy to lead this walk if other groups are interested and we have her contact details if they are required by any Group leaders.

## Haunted Inns



*The Outings Group on their Haunted Inns of Lancashire visit (photo David Skelton).*



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## Extraordinary General Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Author, Keith Jacques, Secretary.**

As advertised, the Emergency General Meeting was held immediately before the November speaker presentation. Approximately 70 people were in attendance. As this was the second attempt to hold this meeting, there was no minimum attendance requirement.

The motion was introduced by the Chairman (Glyn Pike) who asked if anyone opposed it. Two people indicated that they did and one explained his objections to the meeting. Following that, the motion was voted on and passed with only two votes against.

Our new objects clause is therefore: **CHARITABLE PURPOSES:** The charitable purposes of The U3A are: The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.

The committee would like to thank everyone for their interest and for taking part in the EGM.

## U3A DIARIES 2019



2019 diaries are still by available by emailing:  
[secretary@formbyu3a.org.uk](mailto:secretary@formbyu3a.org.uk)

If we have any left, they will also be offered at the Panto in December and on our coffee morning on Thursday December 13th. The cost is £2.50 each.



## **It's Nearly Time To Renew Your U3A Membership** **(£9 per member)**

Annual subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> January. In order to ensure that the insurance cover provided by our affiliation to the Third Age Trust is not compromised, all membership subscriptions should be paid by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**How to renew your membership:**

### **Standing Orders**

If you have already set up a Standing Order to be paid during February, it would be helpful if you would alter it to January. If your current Standing Order is payable after the end of February, please arrange for it to be paid in January. If you wish to set up a new Standing Order, please complete the Form printed in this Newsletter and send it to your own bank for processing **or** use the details to set up a Standing Order using on-line banking. Membership Cards will be posted to those paying by Standing Order.

### **Cheques:**

**We ask that all other renewals should be by cheque only**, as there is too much potential for error in handling cash. Please make your **cheque payable to Formby U3A** and write your membership number (as on your current membership card) on the back. (If you do not know your membership number, please write your name and address instead).

**Where? When?** Payment can be made at the Wednesday afternoon meetings in Holy Trinity Parish Hall (9<sup>th</sup> January and 13<sup>th</sup> February); or at the Thursday coffee mornings in Holy Trinity Workshop (10<sup>th</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> February).

**By Post:** Cheques may be sent direct to the Membership Secretary, Formby U3A, PO Box 216, Liverpool L37 1XQ. Please remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope to receive your Membership Card.

### **Collecting your 2019 U3A card**

**If you have a Standing Order in place**, your new 2019 Membership Card will be posted out once your subscription has been received from your bank.

**If you pay by cheque at the Monthly Meeting or Coffee Morning**, you can collect your Card at the same time.

**If you pay by post**, your 2019 card will be available for collection at the Monthly Meeting or Coffee Morning following receipt of your payment, unless you included a stamped addressed envelope with your payment.

**Please remember that from January onwards, you will need your 2019 Membership Card at all events, including group activities.**



## Standing Order Mandate

Please ask for details at the monthly meeting.

### Welcome To November's New Members

Glynis Bew	Jessica Birch	Joss Crosbie
Susan Doyle	Lynne Lancaster	Paul Lancaster
Anna Legget	David McCabe	Frances Pearson
Kathy Pearson	Brian Taylor	Linda Thomas
Ethel Webber		

**Formby Rotary Charity Carol Concert, *Author, Jan Owen*:** This festive event will take place on Friday 14 December, at St Luke's Church, St Luke's Church Road, Formby at 7.30. Once again the excellent Aughton Male Voice Choir will be leading the singing of traditional Carols and festive songs. Entry is by ticket only, £5 and includes a mince pie and mulled wine during the interval. All monies raised will go to Diabetes UK North West Section. Tickets can be obtained from Peter Connor, 382349.



## Thank You



The Chairman, Glyn Pike, presented a bouquet of flowers to Pat McCracken as a token of the U3A's thanks to mark her retirement from her role working at the monthly Coffee Mornings.

## Leighton Hall

*Author, Carol Robinson, photos David Skelton.*

On a cold, bright November day, the **Outings Group** set out from Formby on our trip to Leighton Hall, Carnforth. Late morning we stopped in Morecambe with sufficient time for refreshments, for many at the Midland Hotel, for some a spot of retail therapy at the Market or, for the brave few, a bracing walk, in the very cold wind along the Prom. We then travelled on to Leighton Hall, where we were greeted by the lady of the house, Mrs Gillow Reynolds. She then passed us on to our guide, Pam, who has been at the house for over 40 years.

Records show that there has been a house at Leighton since at least 1246. Since then, there have been 26 owners of the property and only twice has the ownership passed by sale. The current owner is a descendent of the first recorded owner. The façade of the house and additions have changed over the centuries depending on the current tastes. Through marriage, the house came into the ownership of George Towneley of Towneley Hall, Burnley. After his death, the property was sold, in 1805, by his nephew,



to Alexander Worswick, who was married to Alice Gillow. Their son, Thomas, failed in business after the Napoleonic Wars, but this was the start of the two hundred year association of Leighton Hall with the famous Gillow Family.

This is a lovely family home which, at our visit, was decorated for Christmas. Unlike most houses you visit, you were invited to sit wherever there was an available chair or sofa, whilst our guide, Pam, regaled us with information about the wonderful items of Gillow furniture and other possessions. We eventually ended up in the Music Room, which has a wonderful, rosewood Steinway Concert Grand Piano. In the past the house has hosted Elizabeth Schwarzkopf and Kathleen Ferrier. We were lucky enough to have with us our member, Jean Allen, who played a melody of WW1 & 2 songs. Our final stop was in the tea room, where we had a delicious afternoon tea.

Our thanks once again go to Anne and her helpers for organising a wonderful day.



## Music and Theatre Events

**Author, Eileen Jones.**

**These events are open to all paid up U3A members.** Can I remind you to please pay for tickets when the initial booking is made and to write the event name and your telephone number on the back of the cheque. This is extremely helpful to us. If you cannot attend an event let us know as soon as possible and we will attempt to sell your ticket to someone on the waiting list. The coach leaves The Cross House bus stop at 6:15pm and any variation on this will be specified with the event details.

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March, “Abigail’s Party,”** Playhouse. Mike Leigh’s classic comedy set in 1970’s suburbia. Beverly and Laurence plan to host an enjoyable, respectable, neighbourly party for newly weds, Tony and Angela. The disco is well under way, the cocktails flowing, but then, Susan, banned from her own daughter, Abigail’s party, decides to join them and events begin to take a definite turn for the worse. Tickets and transport £30.

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> April, Matthew Bourne’s “Swan Lake,”** Liverpool Empire. Tchaikovsky’s masterpiece is given an entirely innovative and contemporary twist resulting in over thirty international awards. The all male dancers and award winning designers create a powerful, passionate and beautiful ballet. Tickets and transport £38.

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> May, “The Mousetrap,”** Liverpool Empire. The longest running show in theatre history, classic Agatha Christie, full of nerve jangling suspense. A group of people in an isolated country house, cut off from the outside world by a severe snow storm, discover there is a murderer amongst them, but who dunnit? Tickets and transport £28.

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June, “The Comedy About a Bank Robbery,”** Empire. A smash hit in the West End, this is a follow up to the brilliant, The Play that Goes Wrong. A city bank should be the perfect place to house a priceless diamond. Unfortunately this is far from an ordinary bank with conventional staff and state of the art security systems. What could possibly go wrong? Tickets and transport £30.

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June, “Great Directors and Composers: Steven Spielberg and John Williams,”** Philharmonic Hall. Conducted by Vasily Petrenko, the programme includes some of the best known and much loved film music from the last five decades. Together with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and the wonderful digital effects, special lighting and cinematic visuals this will be a memorable experience. Tickets and transport £40.

Dave Irving can be contacted, if necessary, on 630192.

## Outings Group

**Author, Ann Blackman, Phone 871127.**

**Outings are open to all paid up members of the U3A.** All we ask is that you have the ability to get on and off the coach independently. We cannot be responsible for providing assistance. The coach can accommodate mobility aids which are kept in the luggage compartment on the bus. All departures are from Cross Green.

Owing to increased demand, we cannot reserve tickets: **Tickets will be allocated on a first come and paid for – first reserved basis.** A separate cheque is required for each outing and **it is essential that members include their telephone number with each booking.** Several cheques have been received with no information and I have struggled to identify what they are for. If no contact details are provided, I am unable to contact people when outings are fully booked.

Bookings and information are available at U3A monthly meetings, or coffee mornings. Alternatively please send a stamp addressed envelope to: Ann Blackman, 9 River Close, Formby, Liverpool L37 6DJ, enclosing a separate cheque for each outing made out to **Formby U3A Outings Group**, having your name, address and telephone number **on the back.**

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Party:** Depart Cross Green 11:00am.

**2019:** Our first outing in 2019 will be late February. Details have yet to be finalised. Please check the website for updates, or ask at the meetings/coffee mornings.

# Crosby Capriol Singers present their Christmas '18 Concert

**2pm Sunday  
9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christ Church Hall  
Alexandra Road L22 1RJ  
(opposite Crosby Police Station)**

Accompanist  
**Julie Oade**

Musical Director  
**Richard Pomfret**



**Tickets £10 (concessions £8, under 19s free)**

from Pritchard's Bookshop (L23 2SE), Harmonics Music (L22 4QD) & on door

A U3A member is reported to be well following an incident at her bank. It is reported that he asked another customer for help checking his balance and was surprised to be pushed over.

At the recent monthly meeting a member asked his friend, "What rhymes with

orange?" He looked surprise when his friend replied, "No it doesn't!"

A member of the Gardening Group reports someone has been adding soil to one of their gardens. The plot thickens.

A U3A member went to the beautician the other day and asked for her eyebrows to redrawn. It is reported that she looked surprised to see them drawn too high.

## To Help You

An **audio version of the Newsletter** is available for members who are visually less able and is distributed through the post. If you are aware of any Formby U3A member who would prefer to receive an audio version of the Newsletter, please let a member of the Committee have their details.

**If you:** have changed your address, telephone number, or e-mail address, or now have an e-mail address and wish to subscribe to electronically receiving the Newsletter, or no longer wish to receive e-mails from Formby U3A, or have an enquiry about your membership card, or subscriptions,

**please contact [membership@formbyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@formbyu3a.org.uk) or tel: 872879.** Please remember to include your full name and address, or your membership number.

**Discounts:** Formby U3A has negotiated discounts for members with local firms. A list is on the website or available from the Secretary.

**Previous Newsletters:** are available at: [www.formbyu3a.org.uk/newsletters.html](http://www.formbyu3a.org.uk/newsletters.html)

**Reminder:** A number of e-mails containing the Newsletter have bounced back because members have accidentally, or deliberately blocked the Newsletter Editor's e-mail address from sending them messages. When these members send a message asking why they are no longer receiving the Newsletter they may wonder why they receive no reply; it's because the Newsletter Editor is blocked from replying by these members! If you no longer wish to receive e-mails from Formby U3A, please let the Membership Secretary know (contact details, see above & below for details).

## Formby U3A Committee,

2018-19

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\* year each Committee Member first took office

### **Monthly Meetings**

Are at 2:00 pm in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, the second Wednesday of each month.

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**            **Christmas Show; PLEASE NOTE this is at The United Reformed Church, Church Road,** and not the usual location of the monthly meetings.

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup>**            **Life experiences**, Roger Blaxall. Roger is a freelance journalist who started his career as a Junior Reporter on the Ormskirk Advertiser and was appointed Editor of the Greater Manchester Police Force magazine "Brief." He later joined the Lancashire Constabulary as News Editor for the force magazine "The Journal."

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**            **Confessions of a Registrar**, Carol Codd.

**Please remember to bring your current RED membership card to all events, including group activities.**

**Coffee Mornings are from 10:30 to 12:00 on Thursday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** and each Thursday, the day after the monthly meeting, except August. These are held in the Workshop, Holy Trinity Church, with free coffee and the chance to pick up information about other groups and meet some of your Committee.

### **Contributions**

Contributions informing members of your group and its activities are always welcomed.

Please send contributions to the Editor, e-mail: [newseditor@formbyu3a.org.uk](mailto:newseditor@formbyu3a.org.uk) No e-mail providers guarantee 100% delivery rate and if, 7 days after submitting an article you have not received an acknowledgement one of the e-mail systems failed, so please try again.

Formby U3A Committee would like to remind contributors that it is their responsibility and not the Editor's to check their submitted articles for the grammar, spelling, punctuation etc.

Contributors' names should be given.

**Photographs:** Photographs submitted must be members own photos as copyright of third parties' photos remains with the owner and the Newsletter cannot publish such photos.

Please ensure that all people shown in photographs are aware that photographs are being taken for inclusion in the Newsletter.

**Please remember that there will not be a Newsletter in January.**

**The deadline for articles for the next Newsletter is midday Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January at the latest.**

**The next Newsletter is due** to be distributed by e-mail and be on the website early February. Paper copies can be collected at the monthly meeting & coffee morning.