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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the ninth issue of the Neston U3A Newsletter

By the time that you read this newsletter, my period as chairman of Neston U3A will be at an end. I have had the last two years as your chairman and two years as vice-chairman immediately prior to that. It has been a great privilege to hold these offices. I am proud of what we have all achieved in Neston U3A since its formation.

Highlights for me have been the steady increase in our membership, the growing number of successful interest groups, the range of trips, lectures and other activities. We have a successful website and newsletter. Links have been forged with the Wirral and Deeside network of U3As and with the North West Region of U3As. Both of these organisations have provided opportunities for additional interests and outings for some of our members.

None of this could have been achieved without the hard work of your extremely effective committee. I am grateful to all of them. I am also indebted to the increasing number of members who regularly help to run our activities and support the

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Chairman - Gardening

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committee and to our interest group leaders. I should also like to thank the staff of the Neston Civic Hall, of Hallwood and of our other venues as well as members who offer their homes for interest group meetings for their warm welcome and efforts on our behalf.

Ian Searle, the newly elected chairman of the Third Age Trust, said at the North West Regional Conference that U3A members are motivated by curiosity (to continue learning) and comradeship. I agree. I have always found Neston U3A members to be a welcoming and friendly group of people. I would like to encourage a third criterion: confidence. I cannot think of a single one of you who does not know something about a subject that I don't and that is of interest to me and to other members. What we don't always do is find the time to share that knowledge and interest as much as we might. I hope to co-ordinate our interest groups for a while when I stand down from the chair. If you have an idea for a new group or activity, do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the committee.

Thank you all for your support in my time as chairman.

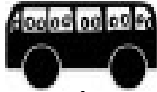
Dave Starling.

GARDENING GROUP 2 is still a viable group.

There are no vacancies at present, however if anyone who has attended previously but no longer wishes to be part of the group would let Pat know on 342 2101, that could make space for an active member. Thank you



OUTINGS



Unfortunately the coach trips to Barton Grange and Settle Carlisle railway have been cancelled due to lack of support. Apologies to those people who were looking forward to these outings and had booked their place.

The trip to Holker Hall has however been well supported.

An opportunity will be available at the next open meeting for you to make suggestions regarding possible outings. All contributions gratefully received.

Poetry, Prose and Plays Group 2.



The group would be very pleased to welcome new members.

We meet at Hallwood Court, 2.00pm, on the first Wednesday of the month.

We are not an academic group - just people who enjoy listening to and reading good poetry and prose.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th May, when we will be looking at children's literature, then we will meet on 2nd June and 7th July.

If you want to know more about us, please ring 336 6466.

Some U3A websites

Neston

www.nestonu3a.co.uk

North West Region

www.nwu3a.web.officelive.com

National

www.u3a.org.uk

Interest Groups & Symbols

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Look for the group & symbol in which you are interested

Antiques & Ceramics
336 2821



Armchair Travel
336 4386



Art History
336 4625



Barn Dancing
327 4667



Bird Group
336 6466



Bridge 1 & 2 336 3877
Bridge 3 336 1574



Computing
336 1072



Craft
342 4414



Cycling
336 2630



Discussion 1 342 1243
Discussion 2 342 6077



Exploring Music
342 3587



Family History
342 2589



Gardening 1 342 2589
Gardening 2 342 2101



German Conversation
327 5424



History
336 4783



Holidays
353 0610



Indoor Bowls
336 5281



Literature 1 336 5706
Literature 2 336 2746



Outings
336 1577



Painting 1 336 3321
Painting 2 336 3459



Photography
353 1777



Pilates 1 & 2
342 2101



Play Reading
327 4125



Poetry Prose & Plays
1. 336 3459; 2. 336 3377



Rummicub1 & 2
336 2667



Science & Technology
342 2589



Scrabble 1 336 3321
Scrabble 2 336 1095



Spanish Beginners
336 5674



Spanish (intermediate)
342 6077



Table Tennis
336 3459



Thai Cookery
327 4667



Theatre & Concerts



Walking - Short & Long
342 1744



Wine Appreciation
336 6242



Regular Meetings

Find the symbol to know when the group meets. If it is not there, you may find out more by calling the number shown with the symbol opposite

Each Month		Morning		Afternoon		
First in Month	Mon	9.30	1 11.45	2 1.45	1 & 2.00	
	Tue	S 10.00	2 12.00			
	Wed	9.30		2 2.00	1 & 2 2.00	
	Thur	1 10.00	10.30			
	Fri			1 1.30	ENQUIRE 3 2.00	
Second in Month	Mon	9.30	1 10.00	1 11.45	2 1.45 2.00	
	Tue		2 12.00	1 2.30	Oct-Apr	
	Wed	9.30		2 2.00		
	Thur	B Wkly	10.00	2.00		
	Fri			1 1.30	3 2.00	
Third in Month	Mon	9.30	1 11.45	2 1.45	2.00	
	Tue	2 10.00	2 12.00		Oct-Apr	
	Wed	9.30	ENQUIRE	2.00	1 & 2 2.00	
	Thur	1 10.00	ENQUIRE			
	Fri				3 2.00	
Fourth in Month	Mon	9.30	1 11.45	2 1.45	2.00	
	Tue		2 12.00		Oct-Apr	
	Wed	9.30				
	Thur		10.00	SEE BELOW *		
	Fri			2 1.30	3 2.00	
Last in Month (4th or 5th)	Mon	9.30	1 11.45	2 1.45	2.00	
	Tue		2 12.00	2.00	Oct-Apr	
	Wed	9.30				
	Thur			* Open Meeting 1.45		
	Fri	Fri after Open Meeting Even when 1st Friday		L 10.00-5.00	3 2.00	

Pilates - Walking

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PILATES has recommenced with a fourteen week course which will continue until the end of July. The autumn session will commence at the beginning of September. Anyone interested in joining the afternoon session (1.45 - 2.45) please contact Pat 342 2101.



Walking Group

The bad weather in February resulted in a cancellation of the February short walk but the sun shone on us in March and we had glorious weather for our perambulation along the sea wall from Leasowe lighthouse. John Pollard led a super long walk in March in the Daresbury area and Mel led the April short walk around Irby and Thingwall.

I am still struggling for walk leaders, particularly for the long walks and we will be linking up with Heswall U3A for some of them.

The April long walk has been cancelled as most long walkers are away. Jill Carlson is doing the May short walk (4th May). Meet at the Royal Oak at 10 o'clock and drive to Burton for a "3 village" walk.

We are off to Anglesey on the 11th of May for our 3 day walking break. We have managed to take all the rooms in the hotel so we just need good weather for the perfect break.

*Marjorie
342 1744*

Scrabble



The makers of Scrabble have introduced an alternative set of rules in the hope of tempting a new generation of players. The rules, as reported, appear to be so slack as to permit almost any sequence of letters to be used!

Our two Scrabble Groups will continue to use the original rules.

Scrabble 1 will go through the Summer without a break.



The PAINTING CLASS continues, but will not meet in August. Members are exhibiting their work at the AGM.



TABLE TENNIS

We have reached the end of our third season at Little Neston Methodist Church. With 20 members and an average turnout of 14 it has been a very successful year with the highlight being the delivery of 2 new tables at the beginning of January. These were purchased with a grant from EPNVCO and Western Cheshire PCT (NHS).

The 2010/2011 season will start on the 23rd September and anyone interested should sign-up on the interest-group table. For further information contact me on 336 3459.

Peter Chadwick

Cleaning Poem

*I asked the Lord to tell me
Why my house is such a mess
He asked if I'd been 'computering',
And I had to answer 'yes.'
He told me to get off my butt,
And tidy up the house.
And so I started cleaning up...
The smudges off my mouse.
I wiped and shined the topside.
That really did the trick...
I was just admiring my good work.
I didn't mean to 'click.'
But click, I did, and oops - I found
A real absorbing site
That I got SO way into it -
I was into it all night.*

*So nothing's changed except my mouse.
It's as shiny as the sun.
I guess my house will stay a mess.....
While I sit here on my bum.*

(Thanks to Pat Mann)

Interest group leaders' telephone numbers may be found on the meetings schedule which is on the centre pages.

The closing date for contributions for Issue 10 is Monday 18th October. PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW. Contributions in the 7/10 days before would be very helpful and welcome.

The next issue will cover the months of

November, December 2010 and January 2011

Contributions may be e-mailed, ideally as a Microsoft Word attachment, but will be welcomed in any format.

For e-mail or postal address ring 336 1095 if you need help.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Many thanks to the few who have contributed items for this issue.

Contributions are not confined to Interest Group Leaders. If you have an urge to write, on a topic which might be of interest to members (see Chairman's letter) or any prose or poetry, please send it in for the next issue, which will be in six months time.

Without your contributions, the Newsletter will die.