

# CROSBY & DISTRICT U3A

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

WE MEET ON 2<sup>ND</sup>  
MONDAY OF THE  
MONTH – Excl. August

ST. HELEN'S CHURCH  
HALL, ALEXANDRA ROAD,  
CROSBY L23 7TQ

(Opposite Nat-West Bank and near  
various bus-stops.)

DOORS open at 1:45 pm.

MEETING starts at 2:00 pm.

TEA/COFFEE & BISCUITS to follow

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## YOUR 2025/26 COMMITTEE

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## EDITORIAL

As Christmas is just around the corner[!] it's appropriate that our speaker this month is Barry Humphries with a talk on 'A History of Christmas Songs'. Sounds fascinating, don't you think? Also, there's another table-sale of many hand-made items\* from the Needlework Group, which make lovely small gifts and stocking fillers: proceeds for the Crosby Food Bank.

We've all noticed the cold weather recently and I'd like to remind you of the 'Warm Space' at the Plaza Cinema until March 2026. All are welcome - so if you, or anyone you know, might benefit from this, please pass on the word.

Finally, the meeting in January will be about scams and scammers. This should be especially interesting as older people often seem to be the favoured targets.

*May we all have a peaceful Christmas and New Year  
and a lively and inspiring 2026 with our Crosby u3a  
growing from strength to strength.*

Irene



\*Sample of Lovingly-made Items for Sale

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### EVENTS AT THE PLAZA CINEMA

#### FREE "WARM SPACE":

**At The Plaza Cinema** for members of the community from now until March 2026.

The cinema will be hosting **monthly Warm Welcome Community Screenings**, with snacks, a hot drink and a film. Doors open at 1pm and films start at 1:30pm. Admission FREE. All welcome.

**January 6<sup>th</sup> "Bridget Jones' Diary"**

#### FLICKS AND FRIENDS:

This is a monthly FREE film at the Plaza Cinema for over 60's on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm., provided by "Re-engage". Doors Open 12:15 pm for 1:00 pm prompt start.

*Tea and biscuits are served.*

**Tues. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> "White Christmas"** starring Danny Kaye & Bing Crosby

**Tues. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> - 12:15 for 1:00pm**  
(Donations Welcome)

#### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

**Sun. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - Andre Rieu**  
2:30pm £12

#### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SHOWS:

**Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. – The Nutcracker** (Royal Ballet & Opera)  
£12 (Check cinema for times)

**Thur. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. - A Christmas Carol** (2020) 7:40 pm. £4.90 at the door.

#### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FILMS:

**Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - 7:45 pm - Love Actually** (£5)

#### THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER....

DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup> – BARRY HUMPHRIES: "*HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS SONGS*" - We are happy to welcome back Barry, with his unique combination of musical history and entertainment.

#### NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER.....

JAN. 12<sup>TH</sup> – Sgt. AMY PATTON: "*SCAMS & SCAMMERS*" - We need to ensure we don't become a victim.

#### LUNCH CLUB:

This month it takes the form of the annual **Christmas Lunch** on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at the *West Lancs. Golf Club*. Meet at 12:30 pm. for drinks before the 1:00 pm. Festive Meal. Once again, dozens of members will be there to enjoy the meal, for which Menu choices have been already submitted. UNFORTUNATELY, if you haven't already booked and paid for your meal, you will not be able to attend. Further details from Joan Sheerin (0151 928 5383).

If you feel you have missed out you can contact Joan about the January Lunch Club meal which is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, at 12:15 pm. And there's always the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in June to look forward to!

#### CROSSROADS CAFÉ:

**Tuesdays from 10:45 am**, some of us meet at the *Crossroads Café* ( behind St. Luke's Church) for tea/coffee and a chat. It's a good chance to meet other Members in a social setting. (SEE Photo on Page 4.)

**"There are no strangers here, only friends you haven't yet met."** *William Butler Yeats*

#### NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER:

We are delighted to welcome **Lesley Iwanejko** to our Committee, and she will be our Membership Sec.

#### COMPETITION WINNER!

The Winner of last month's email Competition is.....  
*Margaret Moreton*

## COMMUNITY NEWS Contd.

### More Events at The PLAZA

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FILMS Contd.

**Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** - 5:10 pm - *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (£5)

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec** - 5:10 pm - *Arthur Christmas* (£5)

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** - 7:45 pm - *Die Hard* (£5)

**Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec** - 5:10 pm - *Bell, Book & Candle* (£5)

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec** - 1:20 pm - *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* (£5)

13:50 - *Jingle All The Way* (£5)

**Sat Jan 17<sup>th</sup>** - *The Making of Once Upon A Time In Hollywood*

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If you wish to receive the Plaza Cinema's weekly Newsletter, sign up with your email via their website:

<https://plazacinema.org.uk/contact-us>

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### CROSBY & DISTRICT HISTORY Soc.

Moor Lane Methodist Church Hall, Crosby L23 2UH (Opposite the old Windmill)

This usually meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

*December:* NO MEETING

**Mon. Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>** – Well-known, local social historian KEN PYE: *“Liverpool Murders & Misdemeanours?”*

For more information contact *Bernard Nevin* – 07534 685 774

## UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT..... Discussion/Current Affairs Group

I am the facilitator of the **Discussion/Current Affairs Group**. We are a mixed bunch! We consider recent local, national and international topics and we look at newspaper articles as well as items from TV, Radio and Online. Although some topics are serious, they are often discussed with a touch of humour. I hope that we enjoy sharing our thoughts together, as it's a safe place. We have plenty of room for new members and we meet at Crosby Library fortnightly on Fridays at 2:00pm. Membership is free. If you would like to join us, speak with any committee member or email us at [crosbyu3a@gmail.com](mailto:crosbyu3a@gmail.com)

Irene Pepp



### NEW GROUPS

#### **FAMILY HISTORY GROUP**

Meeting at Crosby Library on the 4th Monday of every month. First meeting is **26 January 2026 at 10:00 am**.

Max. no. is EIGHT, so please contact a committee member OR [crosbyu3a@gmail.com](mailto:crosbyu3a@gmail.com), rather than just turn up.

OTHER GROUPS that are being considered include:

A Quiz Group; Board Games Group; Live Music Group and Conversational French/Spanish Group

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#### UKRAINE WELCOME CENTRE:

*Methodist Church, Mersey Road,  
Blundellsands L23 3AE*

*“Together we are many”*

A safe place for sponsors / hosts  
and their Ukrainian guests

PLEASE NOTE: The charity shop  
will close on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.

#### FREE LOCAL HISTORY TALKS

**Sefton’s Information Service Unit**  
provides FREE monthly talks on a  
wide variety of topics at *Crosby  
Library*. (These are held upstairs –  
lift available.)

December: NO Meeting

January: Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00 –  
3:00pm

Dave Evans: *“Queue Up and  
Dance – Remembering Quadrant  
Park 1990-91”*.

Quadrant Park was the first legal,  
all-night rave in the country,  
based in Bootle from 1989-1991.

**N.B. Please reserve your free  
seat by contacting Crosby Library**  
[information.services@sefton.gov.  
uk](mailto:information.services@sefton.gov.uk)

Tel: 0151 257 6401

#### TEA AND TUNES

This is a FREE monthly event held  
at *Crosby Library*, featuring live  
music and conversation, often as  
part of a reminiscence session,  
with Gordon.

No booking is required:  
participants can just show up.

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 2025,  
from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

#### DEAR DIARY:

The u3a Members’ 2026 Diary is selling fast! This handy  
planner incorporates a note-book with a traditional  
diary. It includes a page for the week’s appointments  
on one side and a ruled page for notes on the other.  
With a soft, red cover and rounded corners, elastic  
closure and a ribbon book-mark, it’s smart and  
practical! Limited Stocks are available from: [www.u3a-  
shop.co.uk](http://www.u3a-shop.co.uk) only £7.70 ea.

#### THEATRE TRIPS:

*With it being the Pantomime Season, there are no  
Crosby u3a Theatre Trips planned this month – but  
don’t let us stop you taking your grandchildren for a  
theatrical treat!*

As it’s the season of coughs and colds, remember the  
advice of a well-known Sefton GP:

*“If you do nothing, your cold will be gone in seven days.  
If you treat your symptoms, it’ll drag on for a whole  
week.”*



**Some Crosby u3a Members Enjoying Coffee and Chat  
at the Crossroads Café – Tuesdays from 10:45 am.**

PLEASE NOTE: Any Articles, News Items or Photos for  
the January Newsletter, to be submitted to  
[crosbyu3a@gmail.com](mailto:crosbyu3a@gmail.com) by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

