

CROSBY & DISTRICT U3A

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

WE MEET ON 2ND
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 & BISCUITS to follow

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GUEST EDITORIAL – FROM THE CHAIR

Many of you will have friends or family who are members of U3As in other parts of the country. It's interesting to see what they do differently - for instance, most other U3As are bigger than Crosby, though many of them do not get such a good attendance at monthly meetings. If you would like to meet people from other U3As there are two opportunities in the next 6 months. The first is the U3A Festival in York in July, which is a good opportunity to enjoy and celebrate all things U3A. The second is a Summer School for North West U3As, to be held in Manchester in August, where you can join one of the short courses such as photography, archaeology or ukulele. Further details on page 4. And... without having to travel so far afield, there will be further opportunities to take part in shared activities with other local branches, like the joint trip to Lancaster Castle that was organised by Meols (Southport) U3A. Look out for these in future newsletters.

Closer to home, we hope you will get involved in setting up new groups here in Crosby - Family History and Board Games have already got off the ground - as well as continuing to support our current groups.

Anne

Jane Clare – a local wine-columnist – has offered to run a wine-tasting evening for us. This would probably be in May, and a fee would be payable. We need to know how many would be interested. If so, please tell a Committee Member OR email us: crosbyu3a@gmail.com



COMMUNITY NEWS

SEFTON "OPERA" – Older Persons
Enabling, Resource and Action

Beating Loneliness Together – 1st
Wed in the month: 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Waterloo Community Centre, Great
George's Road, Waterloo L22 1RD

For more details: Ring 0151 330
0479 or 07452 867 648

WATERLOO COMMUNITY ASSCN.

Monday Melodies - Community
Choir – Mondays: 12:45 – 2:15 pm

Sacred Sound – Soundbath
Meditation – Mon. 2nd March: 6:30
– 7:30 pm

Beginners Line Dancing – Tuesdays:
10:30 – 11:30 am (£5 per session)

Knit & Natter – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays:
7:00 – 9:00 pm (Rear Room)

Singing for Lung Health – 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays: 1:45 – 2:45 pm

Old School Art Club – Fridays:
10:30am – 12:30 pm (Rear Room -
£1)

Community Hub Lunch – Fridays:
11:00 am – 2:00 pm FREE

ALL EVENTS HELD AT.....

Waterloo Community Centre, Great
George's Road, Waterloo L22 1RD
*Near Waterloo Rail Station & South
Road Bus Station. Parking available.*

For more details:

Ring **0151 920 2708**,

Mobile: 07955 282391

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER....

FEB. 9th - "LOCTUP" - a return of the popular singing Duo,
Chris & Ian.

NEXT MONTH'S EVENT....

MAR. 9th – MARION SMITH: "SLIDE SHOW OF ARTWORK"
– one of our own Members exhibits her artist talent.

"SCAMS & SCAMMERS" - Due to the non-attendance of
the scheduled speaker from the police, we ran the meeting
as a discussion, facilitated by Lesley, our Membership
Secretary. We had a lively meeting with contributions for
many members who had experienced a whole range of
scams - the "Hi, Mum! I've lost my phone," scam, the email
that appears to come from your bank, doorstep scams, and
the phone calls trying to sell you something, or steal your
identity. The most surprising thing I learned was that 80%
of the people who still have a landline are elderly or
vulnerable people, and the scammers target their scams at
these people, knowing they are the least tech savvy. We
discussed how to avoid being scammed and the main points
were:- don't click on a link unless you know who it's from;
if you get a phone call saying it's your bank, put your phone
down then ring your actual bank; and don't be rushed into
anything. Very good advice is available on the Age UK
website and also on the 'Which?' Website.

30th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Preparations are underway to celebrate Crosby U3A's 30th
anniversary, with a party in St Helen's Church Hall from
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm on June 8th. We will have a buffet,
provided by Gillions, followed by entertainment, quizzes,
prizes etc. Payment and dietary requirements will be taken
at the **May meeting** (collect forms in **April**). £10 per
member (guests will pay £10 plus the usual £2 visitor fee)

READING GROUP 2: There is one place available.

The Group meets at 10:30 am on the Last Monday in the
month at Lorna's home.

DETAILS: Lorna Rothwell: 07941 843 090

UKRAINE WELCOME CENTRE:

Methodist Church, Mersey Road,
Blundellsands L23 3AE

PLEASE NOTE: Café is ONLY open
until March.

Mons. to Sats. 10-4; Suns. 12-4.

EVENTS AT THE PLAZA CINEMA

FREE "WARM SPACE"

At The Plaza Cinema – Last Session
for members of the community.

The Cinema will be hosting the
Warm Welcome Community
Screenings, with snacks, a hot drink
and a film. Doors open at 1:00 pm
and films start at 1:30 pm

All Welcome Admission FREE.

Tues. 3rd March: Mamma Mia

FLICKS AND FRIENDS:

This is a monthly FREE film for over
60's provided by "Re-engage".

Doors open at 12:15 pm

Film starts at 1:00 pm

Tea and biscuits are served.

FREE but Donations Welcome

Tues. 10 Feb. – "The Housemaid"
(Based on the best-selling book)

[Apologies for giving an incorrect
date for January's screening.]

CULT CLASSIC FILM NIGHT:

"Big Trouble in Little China"

Thurs. 12th Feb. - Doors Open at
7:00 pm for 7:30 pm screening.

£7.30 inc. booking fee.

RING: 0151 474 4076 to BOOK.

**"They are ill-discoverers that think
there is no land, when they can see
nothing but sea."**

Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT....

EMBROIDERY GROUP – led by Audrey Dawson

The Crosby U3A Embroidery Group was started in Sept. 2024 and meets fortnightly at Audrey's home on Tuesday afternoons - for about two hours. It's a small, enthusiastic group with experience varying from novice to expert. Each member chooses and works on their own projects. One complete novice is now creating a serviette box with a beautifully embroidered Stumpwork top.

Another member has completed a delicate picture of purple lilies in cross-stitch and is now working on an exquisite picture employing surface embroidery that will be a much-desired prize in the Crosby U3A 30th Birthday raffle in June! All members are encouraged to explore and try new styles and types of embroidery - nothing is too great a challenge under Audrey's experienced tutelage.

We are a friendly and welcoming group, chatting and laughing together whilst we work on our pieces and get to know each other - sustained by the provision of a welcome cup of tea with biscuits. The need for checklists (risk assessments) and sharing of key medical information and emergency contacts with group leaders was highlighted when one member showed signs of having a stroke. Prompt action and information shared probably saved the member's life. A less-serious scenario involved a member accidentally setting fire to a pair wellington boots!

If you would like to join us, contact a Committee Member or crosbyu3a@gmail.com



Stumpwork



Surface Embroidery



Jacobean Crewelwork



Goldwork

COMMUNITY NEWS Contd.

MAYOR OF SEFTON'S CHARITY FUND – GALA BALL

(Hosted at Formby Hall Golf Resort & Spa, Southport Old Road, Formby, L37 0AB)

**Welcome Drink – 3 Course Dinner –
Guest Compere (Tony Ravel) PLUS
3-piece Group - "Soul Jam"**

Sat. 14th March: 6:00pm for 6:30pm
Tickets: £50 - from 0151 934 2062

Raising funds for: Plaza Cinema,
Sefton Children's Trust, St. Joseph's
Hospice & SWACA (Sefton Women's
& Children's Aid.

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.)

Wed. 11th Feb at 2:00 pm.

Bernard Nevin: *"Brian Epstein and
George Martin - the men who made
the Beatles"*

**N.B. Please reserve your free seat
by contacting Crosby Library**

information.services@sefton.gov.uk

Tel: 0151 257 6401

CROSBY & DISTRICT HISTORY Soc.

Moor Lane Methodist Church Hall,
Crosby L23 2UH – Meets: 7:30 pm.

Feb. 23rd – Rachel Rick: *"The 250
Year History of the Leeds &
Liverpool Canal."*

Mar. 23rd - *"The Lunt Meadows
Archaeological Dig"*

*For more information contact
Bernard Nevin – 07534 685 775*

THEATRE TRIP:

"The Gondoliers" – Enjoy a touch of Venice with this joyful
Operetta presented by Crosby Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

The Little Theatre, Southport

Thurs. 26th Mar. at 7:30 pm. Tickets: £16

TRAIN: All Stations to Southport

Details: Lorna Rothwell – 07941 843 090

(Apologies for an incorrect phone number in January.)

LUNCH CLUB:

This meets at the *West Lancs. Golf Club* on the 3rd Monday
of the month. This month's lunch at 12:15pm on 16th Feb.

DAY TRIP – Advance Notice:

MEOLS HALL – a rare chance to visit this 12th Cent. House
in Churchtown.

Mon. 25th May - *Full details to follow in later Newsletters.*

ANOTHER NEW GROUP! "BOARD GAMES"

4th Monday in the Month – Crosby Library – 2:00 pm.

First Meeting: Mon. 23rd February

INTERESTED? Contact a Committee Member or email

crosbyu3a@gmail.com

NW REGION – SUMMER SCHOOL – MANCHESTER

Tues. 11th August – Fri. 14th August – Resident or Non-
Resident Applications available.

Manchester Metropolitan University – M15 6GX

TOPICS ON OFFER: Archaeology; Mathematics; Geology;
Photography; Art; UK & USA Politics; Opera and Ukulele

DETAILS:

<https://northwestregion.u3asite.uk/summerschool-2026/>

NATIONAL u3a FESTIVAL – YORK UNIVERSITY

Wed, 1st July – Fri. 3rd July - Details to follow

PLEASE NOTE: Any Articles, News Items or Photos to be
submitted to the Editor (crosbyu3a@gmail.com) by
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