

# CROSBY & DISTRICT U3A

NOVEMBER 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

[www.crosby.u3asite.uk](http://www.crosby.u3asite.uk)

e: [crosbyu3a@gmail.com](mailto:crosbyu3a@gmail.com)

Facebook Group: Crosby u3a

PRESIDENT: David Atherton

MEMBERSHIP FEES (£15) are  
now due and should be paid at  
**THIS** meeting, by CASH, or by  
CHEQUE payable to "CROSBY  
u3a", or by Bank Transfer, as  
follows:-

Sort Code 20-10-84

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Reference: Your Full Name

**If you do not renew it will mean  
you will be unable to take part  
in any further u3a activities.**

## EDITORIAL

**Your 2025/26 Committee:**

CHAIR, PROGRAMME SEC. & WEB MANAGER: Anne Handley

VICE-CHAIR: Richard Hackford    TREASURER: Carole Firth

SECRETARY: June Chetter            MEMBERSHIP SEC: tbc

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Irene Pepp

GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR: Maggie Goodrum

**A VERY WARM WELCOME** to our new u3a members and we hope you enjoyed our first presentation and look forward to the next one on November 10th about someone whose distinctive voice provided the background to many of our teenage years - *Roy Orbison*. It will be fascinating to learn more about him.

Also, just a reminder that this is the last date to renew your membership for 2026 if you haven't already done so - and to bring cash to pay Joan for the Christmas lunch.

The photo shows some members of the needlework group enjoying time together. As our featured Spotlight group this month you will also find examples of some of their work later in this newsletter. There will be an opportunity to buy many varied, smaller items at this meeting. They make great gifts and stocking fillers!

Finally, please think if the membership secretary's role might appeal to you. There's more information and help is readily available, so see a committee member if you think you might like to get involved in this way.

Irene



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### EVENTS AT THE PLAZA CINEMA

#### FREE "WARM SPACE"

**At The Plaza Cinema** for members of the community from October 2025 to March 2026.

During this time they 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.

**Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: *The Holiday* [12A]**

#### FLICKS AND FRIENDS:

This is a monthly FREE film for over 60's on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm., provided by "Re-engage".

*Tea and biscuits are served.*

Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. "Good Fortune" – a fantasy comedy-drama with Keanu Reeves – (Donations Welcome)

#### EXCLUSIVE SCREENING:

Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. @ 7:00 pm

*"The Two of Us"* - a moving documentary followed by a Q & A session with principal characters:

**Owen Ward & local guy John May**

RING: 0151 474 4076 to BOOK.

#### MAYOR OF SEFTON'S CHARITY FUND – CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – 10:00 pm.  
(Doors Open 7:00 pm.)

*"It's a Wonderful Life"*.

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

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

NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> – JOHN COVENTRY: *"ONLY THE LONELY – The Tragic Story of Roy Orbison"*

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

DECEMBER 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

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#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....

In order for Crosby U3A to continue as a mutual aid group, we need volunteers to come forward. In particular, we need a **Membership Secretary**. This is an absolutely essential role for the continuation of Crosby U3A. [The previous Membership Secretary, Anne Handley, is "Acting Membership Secretary" for the time being, until another member can take it on.]

In order to attract new, recently retired members, who might take on essential roles in the future, we must take recruitment seriously. A **Recruitment Subcommittee** has been set up for this purpose but with only two members on it currently we need more volunteers to get involved. For more information about either of these roles, please email [Crosbyu3a@gmail.com](mailto:Crosbyu3a@gmail.com) or speak to a member of the committee.

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#### I.T. GROUP:

The IT group for beginners has spaces for new members. We meet on alternate Tuesday afternoons and cover the basics, such as connecting to a WiFi network, using WhatsApp, basic security, emails and photos - mainly for for phones and tablets. Contact a member of the committee or email [crosbyu3a@gmail.com](mailto:crosbyu3a@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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#### THEATRE TRIP:

*"White Christmas - the musical"* by Maghull Musical Theatre at **The Little Theatre, Southport**

Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 7:30 pm. Tickets: £20

TRAIN: Blundellsands Stn. to Southport

*Details: Lorna Rothwell – 07941 843 090*

## **COMMUNITY NEWS Contd.**

### LUCILLA DRAMATIC SOCIETY

**Lucilla Theatre** have a new play “Last Throw of the Dice” - a comedy about ex-performers now in a retirement home. There are five performances from Thurs 20th Nov - Sat 29th Nov. Doors open at 7:30 pm for 8:15 pm curtain-up. Cost £8.

Access restricted by stairs – no lift. Lucilla House, Victoria Road West, Crosby L23 8UQ. (Bus Stop outside)

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lucilla-dramatic-society/e-rygvbr>

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2:00 pm.

David Hearn: “*Christmas Traditions in Britain and Across the World*”

December: NO Meeting

**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

### FREE I.T. ASSISTANCE:

Derek, a volunteer from *Include-IT Mersey* will be at *Crosby Library* every **THURSDAY** from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to drop in for IT support, including Mobile Phones.

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### LUNCH CLUB:

This meets at the *West Lancs. Golf Club* on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. This month’s lunch will be held at 12.15pm on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

The **Christmas Lunch** will be held on **15<sup>th</sup> December**. Forms will be available at today’s meeting (10<sup>th</sup> Nov.) for those interested in the **Christmas Lunch**, together with menu choices. These forms must be returned **TODAY**, together with menu choices and *Cash Only* (£23) payment. Further details from Joan Sheerin (0151 928 5383).

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### DAY TRIP:

*HARRIS MUSEUM, PRESTON* – recently-refurbished Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. (Make your own way there.)

BUS: ‘X2’ at 10.06 - St Luke's Church + Moor Lane (“Southport then Preston”)

TRAIN & BUS: Blundellsands Stn. to Southport and then changing to the ‘X2’ in Southport (“Preston”).

*Details: Lorna Rothwell – 07941 843 090*

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### DEAR DIARY:

The popular u3a 2026 Diary is now available to members. This handy planner incorporates the freedom of a notebook with a traditional diary, with a page for the week’s appointments on one side and a ruled page for notes on the other. It has a soft, red cover with rounded corners, elastic closure and a ribbon book-mark – smart as well as practical! Available from: [www.u3a-shop.co.uk](http://www.u3a-shop.co.uk) £7.70 ea.

### THEATRE TRIP:

“*A Murder is Announced*” by Southport Dramatic Club at **The Little Theatre, Southport**

Thurs. 13<sup>h</sup> Nov. at 7:30 pm. Tickets: £15

TRAIN: Blundellsands Stn. to Southport Stn.

*Details: Lorna Rothwell – 07941 843 090*

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

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### 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.

Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 2025,  
from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

### UKRAINE WELCOME CENTRE

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

“Together we are many”

A safe place for sponsors / hosts  
and their Ukrainian guests

SAT: 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 11.00 am - 3.00 pm.  
*Autumn Sale – Bargains to be had!*

PLEASE NOTE: The charity shop will  
close on 12th Dec., so NO MORE  
donations after Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.

\*The Ukraine Welcome Centre will  
CLOSE DOWN in March 2026.\*

## **COMMUNITY NEWS Contd.**

### CROSBY & DISTRICT HISTORY Soc.

Moor Lane Methodist Church Hall,  
Crosby L23 2UH

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

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Roger Baxall: “*How  
Much Do You Know About the Red  
Rose County?*”

December: NO MEETING

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

## **UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT.....**

### **NEEDLEWORK GROUP –**

“We are a group of 6-9 people meeting at Crosby library usually 3rd Monday of the month. We share and demonstrate a variety of techniques and interests from sewing, knitting and crochet, patchwork, cross stitch, mindful sewing projects etc. There is no charge for joining us and we have space for new members of u3a.

“In 2023 we received compensation money from Sefton council for their loss of a local history tapestry we finished in 2013. In the last 2 years we have used this money to fund educational trips made to link with our fabric interests. We visited the Quaker Museum in Kendal, the Silk Museum in Macclesfield, the Tapestry Exhibition in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, a Gawthorpe textiles day in Nelson, a talk in the museum store at Craven Museum in Skipton and a recent visit to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral to observe a goldwork embroidery workshop. We have also made financial donations to charities from our compensation fund - dogs for deaf people, the foodbank, Marina Daghish cancer charity and given sewing decorations to the Ukraine Welcome Centre in Crosby.

We have made a wallhanging demonstrating our many different skills -Crosby library hung it from their balcony, briefly, early this Summer.

“We plan to make some decorations for Crosby u3a 30 year anniversary party in June 2026!

“We are now making small Xmas decorations to sell for charity at our monthly Monday Crosby u3a meetings in November and December. Bring some cash please!

We are the Crosby u3a needlework group [not to be confused with some other sewing groups who also meet in the library.]

“If you would like to join us please contact us  
at [crosbyu3a@gmail.com](mailto:crosbyu3a@gmail.com)”

*Maggie Goodrum*

