

CROSBY & DISTRICT U3A

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

MEETS 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/COFFEE & BISCUITS to follow

<https://crosby.u3asite.uk>

e: crosbyu3a@gmail.com

Facebook Group: Crosby u3a

PRESIDENT: David Atherton

MEMBERSHIP FEES (£15) are
now due and should be paid
asap at the October or
November meetings, by
CASH or by CHEQUE payable
to "CROSBY u3a" OR by Bank
Transfer, as follows:-
Sort Code 20-10-84
A/c No. 402 216 35
Reference: Your Full Name

EDITORIAL

WELCOME to our 2025/26 Committee:

CHAIR, PROGRAMME SEC. & WEB MANAGER: Anne Handley

VICE-CHAIR: Richard Hackford TREASURER: Carole Firth

SECRETARY: June Chetter MEET & GREET: Joan Murphy

OUTINGS ORG: Lorna Rothwell MEMBERSHIP SEC: tbc

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Irene Pepp

GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR: Maggie Goodrum

2026 will see Crosby & Dist. celebrate our 30th Year and we will
be holding a special event in **June 2026**.

ERIC MIDWINTER - It is with great sadness that we have to
report the death of Eric Midwinter, Co-founder of the
University of the Third Age. He lived in Crosby for many years
and was known personally to our members as a very caring
man. We are proud to be associated with him. The u3a
movement has flourished over the years and now has 1,000
Branches, in all parts of the world, with a total of 400,000
Members.

Irene

ERIC MIDWINTER – Co-founder of u3a



COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE I.T. ASSISTANCE:

Derek, a volunteer from *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.

FLICKS AND FRIENDS:

This is a monthly FREE film on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm., provided by Re-engage: “Reducing Loneliness in Later Life”. Films are shown at the *Plaza Community Cinema*, 13 Crosby Road North, Waterloo L22 0LD. Tel: 0151 474 4076

2015 Dates:

14 October

11 November

9 December

For Film Titles: Search for “Flicks and Friends” on any Social Media of your choice.

THIS MONTH’S SPEAKER....

OCTOBER. 13TH – DR. STEVE BARRETT:

“THE GREAT MOON HOAX”

NEXT MONTH’S SPEAKER....

NOVEMBER 10TH – JOHN COVENTRY: *“ONLY THE LONELY – The Tragic Story of Roy Orbison”*

NEXT YEAR’S PROGRAMME

If you have any suggestions for speakers or presentations at our Monthly Meetings, please have a word with any Committee Member.

OUT-GOING COMMITTEE: We would like to acknowledge all the hard work, over many years, provided by the retiring committee members and our President, in helping to keep Crosby u3a as a viable self-help organization.

CHAIR & SPEAKER BOOKINGS: Doreen Thomas

TREASURER & WEB MANAGER: Phyllis Booth

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Audrey Dawson; Joan Sheerin; Lorna Rothwell and David Atherton

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, led by Gordon.

Friday, October 31st, 2025,
from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

PLEASE NOTE: There is FREE parking (at the rear) for those attending CROSBY LIBRARY and “Paid For” parking (opposite) for those attending the PLAZA CINEMA

NEEDLEWORK GROUP:

If anyone is interested in joining the Needlework Group, which meets monthly on a Monday morning in Crosby Library, please email: crosbyu3a@gmail.com and we will be in touch about joining the Group.

CROSSROADS CAFÉ:

Each **Tuesday**, some Members meet at the *Crossroads Café*, behind St. Luke’s Church, for tea/coffee and a chat . We meet around 10:45 am – a good chance to meet other Members in a social setting.

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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

Community room & kitchen: meet friends, eat, relax, help each other, knit, sew, crafts, repairs – we want it to be your place -your ‘village hall’.

Internet café with free Wi-Fi: keep in touch or work and learn online.

Advice: Organisations and charities that may help you

Information: local services, schools, doctors, transport

Clothes Bank: Clothes, shoes + bedding, toiletries £0:00

Children’s Room: activities, toys, social games and play

Games Room: Pool, table tennis, badminton, volleyball, video games

Out and about: outdoor trips and activities, beach, parks, gardening & games

Opening times: Sunday 2-5; Monday 10-2; Tuesday 12-4
More times if needed.

Contact: Mob: 07360152886
E:crosbyuacentre@gmail.com

“SEFTON LOOKING BACK”

This digital archive is the most comprehensive “window” into Sefton’s colourful past.

www.sefton-digital-archive.org

LUNCH CLUB:

This meets at the *West Lancs. Golf Club* on the 3rd Monday of the month. This month’s lunch will be held at 12.15pm on 20th October. The **Christmas Lunch** will be held on 15th Dec. Forms will be available at today’s meeting (13th Oct.) interested in the **Christmas Lunch**, together with menu choices. These forms must be returned at the November meeting (10th Nov.) together with menu choices and *Cash Only* payment. Further details from Joan Sheerin (0151 928 5383).

GROUP SPOTLIGHT:

Each month we will be spotlighting one of our Crosby u3a Groups, detailing where and when they meet and what happens at their meetings. Our Groups Co-ordinator (Maggie Goodrum) will advise Group Leaders when it is their turn to be **Under the Spotlight**. If you have any photographs of your Group and its activities, please include them with your Spotlight Report. (If you are submitting photos of Members, you must have their permission first.)

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT.....

READING GROUP 1 –

Meets: *CROSBY LIBRARY* on the LAST THURSDAY of the month at 10:30 am.

The Group chooses books from a variety of genres, providing an opportunity to introduce us to new authors we may not have considered reading. We read a new book every month, supplied free of charge by the Library, and we have a very informal, but lively discussion on our views of the book.

Books we have recently read are:

Sense of an Ending - Julian Barnes. This was a Man Booker prize winner and considers how one man comes to terms with the mutable past.

The Man Who Forgot His Wife – John O’Farrell. Based on a true story of a man who did just that! A very amusing but serious book.

You Deserve Nothing – Alexander Maksik. A captivating tale about teachers and students, involving moral uncertainties and the coming of adulthood. Set in an International High School in Paris.

Contact: JOAN MURPHY - 0151 931 5130

DID YOU KNOW.....

The colours of the Ukrainian Flag and u3a’s logo are the same?

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PLAZA COMMUNITY CINEMA

13 Crosby Road North,
Waterloo L22 0LD

0151 474 4076

e: info@plazacinema.org.uk

With only three paid members of staff, this is mainly run by volunteers, from 15 years and upwards. The cinema shows mainstream, foreign-language and cult films on three screens, eg: *"Downton Abbey: the Grand Finale"*. Adult tickets cost only £5.95.

They also have monthly screenings that are Autism- and Dementia-friendly.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the cinema, as above.

CROSBY & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Moor Lane Methodist Church
Hall, Crosby L23 2UH

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

Oct. 27th – *"The Life & Death of
Confederate Sailing Ship
'Alabama'"*

Nov. 24th – *"Liverpool Murders
& Misdemeanours"*

NEW GROUPS:

Any suggestions for New Groups are very welcome. Please speak with any Committee Member.

We are considering forming new groups for **Handbell Ringing; Family History** and **Board Games**.

If any of these suggestions interest you, please speak at any Committee Member or email: crosbyu3a@gmail.com

FRIENDS EXTRA:

Register for a Friends Extra account and you can use u3a's Click and Save to obtain discounts at various retailers, supermarkets and restaurants (e.g. M&S; Sainsbury's and Costa Coffee). Others discounts are available for Eye Care; Gyms; Spas; Golf Courses; Lifestyle; Leisure; Travel; Home, Car and Travel Insurance; Financial Advice and a Legal Helpline.

Go to www.u3a.org.uk and Click on 'Members Area' to Register and then go to 'Friends Extra'.

**Any SUGGESTIONS or ITEMS for this Newsletter,
please email crosbyu3a@gmail.com**

If you have any comments (positive or negative!) about this Newsletter, please let any Committee Member know – either at our Monthly Meeting or via an email to crosbyu3a@gmail.com