

NEWSLETTER

A BIG WELCOME TO
ALL NEW MEMBERS
OF UPPER BANN U3A



BBQ HELD IN
TOLLYMORE FOREST
PARK - JUNE 2014



WALKERS MEET -
MONDAY MORNING
AT 10.00 AM



GET-TOGETHER HELD
ON 2ND TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH

UPPER BANN U3A



Mike's Bikers

Summer break comes to an end!

The weather has been very mixed, a good July and a disappointing August to date. Regardless of the weather, hopefully everyone enjoyed the summer break. We look forward to seeing you once again in the weeks and months ahead.

Mike's Bikers meet
on Tuesday
morning at 10.00
am and Tom's Easy
Riders meet on
Wednesday
morning at 10.00
am

Resumption of activities

A number of activities continued throughout the summer months, viz Bridge, Mike's Bikers, Tom's Easy Riders and the Strident Strollers. Members wishing to take part in these or any other group activity please contact the group convenor (see Activity Sheet attached).

Other Activities

French for Improvers begins Wednesday 10th September in Lurgan Town Hall at 10.00 am. (Convenor Helen Rawlings 02838841798 or dhrawlings@btinternet.com)

Genealogy - Trips by this group take place as and when required. If you wish to join the Genealogy group contact Geraldine 07775512297 or geraldine.mcivor@gmail.com

Monthly Get-Together - The first 'Get-together' after the summer break will consist of a talk on 'Garden Birds' given by member Pat Flowerday. The meeting will take place on 16th September in Lurgan Minor Town Hall. Refreshments served.

Luncheon Club - The Luncheon Club will reconvene on Thursday 28th August at 12.30 pm Stonebridge Brasserie, Armagh Road (formerly Mangos). If you are interested please ring Frances 07715046187 or email fmckeown@ionology.com.

Poetry Appreciation will reconvene in Lurgan Library on Monday 1st September at 2.00 pm. (Convenor Frances Sparkes 38820457)

Theatre Outing - Edith Davies and Ruth McKinley will keep us informed of future theatre outings.

Walks restart on Monday 8th September. The convenor is Bob 07983 164914 or email rande2oca@aol.com

Watercolours for beginners will run from Thursday 25th September for 8 weeks ending 20th November. The class is restricted to 8 members so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you are interested please ring Anne on 02838325001/07950795639 before 29th August.

Existing activities



Top Right - Watercolour class 2013/2014

Middle - The Bridge Club held in Portadown Golf Club now has in excess of 50 members.

Bottom - the Luncheon Club visits different restaurants monthly

UPPER BANN U3A ACTIVITIES 2014/2015

ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	VENUE	DAY	TIME
BRIDGE	Maureen Carroll maureen.carroll1548@gmail.com 07714470786	Portadown Golf Club	Friday	10.00 am
CYCLING Mike's Bikers	Mike Taggart taggartmtfg@hotmail.com 07787789165	Various venues - agreed weekly	Tuesday	10.00 am
CYCLING Tom's Easy Riders	Tom Young thomasy04@me.com 07712667732	Various venues - agreed weekly	Wednesday	10.00 am
FRENCH (Improvement)	Helen Rawlings dhrawlings@btinternet.com 02838841798	Lurgan Town Hall (Minor)	Wednesday	10.00 am
GENEALOGY	Geraldine Mclvor geraldine.mclvor@gmail.com 07775512297	Visits to relevant venues	As Required	
GET-TOGETHER (Monthly meeting)	Des Rawlings dhrawlings@btinternet.com 02838841798	Lurgan Minor Town Hall	Third Tuesday of the month	2.00 pm
LUNCHEON CLUB	Convenor Required	Visit a different restaurant each month	Last Thursday monthly	12.30 pm
POETRY (Appreciation)	Frances Sparkes rogersparkes@yahoo.co.uk 38820457	Lurgan Library	First Monday monthly	2.00 pm
THEATRE OUTINGS	Edith Davies38362267/edith@davies3213.orangehome.co.uk Ruth McKinley 07753615993 ruthmck@talktalk.net	Various theatres	Venues advised by email	Varies
WALK (lasts approx 2 hrs)	Bob Anderson rande20ca@aol.com 07983164914	Various walks advised by email	Monday	10.00 am
WALK (2 - 3 miles) Strident Strollers	Teresa Corr corrs.ballyhegan@gmail.com	Various walks advised by email	Tuesday	10.00 am
Watercolours	AnneMcMinn ann.mcminn@hotmail.co.uk	Lurgan Minor Town Hall	Thursday	2.30 pm

Additional outings include trips by train, a Christmas lunch and a June Picnic/BBQ. You will be kept informed of all events by email or via a 'contact tree'.

PROPOSED NEW ACTIVITIES

As the membership of Upper Bann U3A increases it is important to review activity provision and to identify possible new groups. A minimum of three is required to convene an activity. Have you a skill you would like to share or can you help with activities requiring a convenor? Convenors are vital to the success of U3A. We could not exist without them. If you have a skill and are willing to share your skill or if you would like to see the formation of a particular group, please contact a member of the committee.

ACTIVITY	CONVENOR	ACTIVITY	CONVENOR
BOOK CLUB	Christine Marley	CHESS	Convenor Required
DAY/OVERNIGHT TRIPS	Convenor Required	SPANISH	Convenor Required
THE LAST WORD DISCUSSION GROUP	Ann McKinley	NATURE GROUP	Des Rawlings

Further information later. A convenor is also required for the monthly luncheon club.

Monthly Get-Togethers

16th September 2014

Garden Birds - Pat Flowerday

21st October 2014

Halloween Traditions - Roddy Hegarty

18th November 2014

Origami - Maureen Carroll

16th December 2014

Christmas Lunch - Venue to be decided

20th January 2015

Newry Canal - Past, Present and Future - G Foley

17th February 2015

Poetry for All - Upper Bann U3A Poetry Group

24th March 2015 - To be arranged

21st April 2015 - AGM

19th May 2015

Nature/Fish - Des Rawlings

16th June 2015 - Picnic/BBQ

Committee Members

OFFICE BEARERS

Chairman - Des Rawling 38841798

Minute Secretary - Geraldine McIvor
07775512297

Treasurer - Maureen Carroll 07714470786

Membership Secretary - Laura McAdams
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Committee Members

Norma Galway - 38871757

Frances McKeown - 07715046187

Tom Young - 07712667732

THE EARLY YEARS OF UPPER BANN U3A

A photographic record of the early years of Upper Bann U3A is being collated. If you have any photographs to contribute to this project please forward to fmckeown@ionology.com