

UPPER BANN U3A

APRIL NEWSLETTER



HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

Did you know?

In 2007, an egg covered in diamonds sold for almost £9 million. The egg is very special because, every hour, a cockerel made of jewels pops up from the top of the egg, flaps its wings four times, nods its head three times and makes a crowing noise!

The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever was made in Italy in 2011. At 10.39 metres in height and 7,200 kg in weight, it was taller than a giraffe and heavier than an elephant!

Colouring eggs became high art when medieval English kings dispersed hundreds of decorated, gold-leafed eggs throughout the royal household at Easter.

The White House hosts an Easter Egg Roll on the front lawn each year. This tradition was started by President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1878.

Welcome!

Over recent weeks the Committee, assisted by David Armstrong, embarked on a very successful marketing campaign with a view to advertising Upper Bann U3A activities. As a result, a large number has expressed an interest in joining. Our growing membership now exceeds 200.

We would like to extend a very warm U3A welcome to all new members and we look forward to meeting you in the weeks and months ahead. We are confident you, like existing members, will enjoy the camaraderie of U3A.

If you have ideas for additional activities we would like to hear from you.

STRIDENT STROLLERS

Due to popular demand the Strident Stroll will take place on Easter Tuesday. Interested members meet at the boat shed at Craigavon Lakes at 10.00 am

BRIDGE

The Bridge group will meet on Friday 1st April in Portadown Golf Club at 10.00 am
On that day look out for those April Fool Tricks from the Grand kids.

AGM

Upper Bann U3A plan to hold the Annual General Meeting in Lurgan Town Hall (upstairs) on Tuesday 19th April at 2.00 pm. Refreshments served



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th April 2016 in Lurgan Town Hall (upstairs) at 2.00 pm.

The Nomination Form for committee membership can be found on the webpage www.upperbannu3a.com or can be obtained from a committee member. It is important a nominee has given approval for his/her name to be put forward and the form must be signed by the nominee, the proposer and the seconder.

If there are matters you would like to discuss during the AGM, then complete the second section of the Nomination Form. Completed forms should be returned to the Secretary, Geraldine McIvor geraldine.mcivor@gmail.com or posted to Geraldine McIvor, c/o 37 Annaghmore Road, Portadown BR62 1NA, before Monday 4th April 2016.

DIGITAL DEVICE TRAINING

We are currently working with Leanne Chapman O2 to finalise details for the second session of digital device training. Forty members have expressed an interest in taking part and we are planning for dates in April.

When the planning stage has been completed I will be in touch with interested members with details of time, date and venue.



BRAY TRIP Nineteen members of Upper Bann U3A travelled to Bray on Monday 7th March for a two night break in the Royal Hotel. The more energetic members walked along the scenic cliff walk to Greystones whilst the less active took the easier promenade route, called into a sea front restaurant for welcome refreshments and put the world to right.

On day two, most of the group boarded the regular bus outside of the door of the hotel and travelled to beautiful Avoca for lunch but the more cultured group members visited the Maritime Museum in Dun Laoghaire.

In the evening, after a very tasty meal, we gathered in the foyer of the hotel for a song or two and a bit of craic. Fiona, don't give up those banjo lessons!

Ena, thank you for organising a great trip!

LIVE PERFORMANCE BEAMED INTO CRAIGAVON OMNIPLEX

Saturday 16th April at 18.00 - Met Opera Live – Robert Devereux

Saturday 30th April at 18.00 - Met opera Live – Elektra

LIVE PERFORMANCES BEAMED INTO MOVIE HOUSE DUBLIN ROAD, BELFAST

Wednesday 6th April at 19.15 - ROH – Giselle

Monday 25th April at 19.15 - ROH – Lucia Di Lammermoor

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