

Upper Bann U3A

Newsletter - May 2016

UPPER BANN U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Frances who was presented with a bouquet of flowers, wished Norma every success in her new role as Chairperson of Upper Bann U3A.

The well attended AGM took place on Tuesday 19th April in Lurgan Town Hall and the new Committee was elected.

Back Row John Trimble (Beacon Project) Middle Row (L - R) Graham Bass (Treasurer), Norma Galway (Newly elected Chair), Wendy Alexander (Assistant Secretary), Geraldine McIvor (Secretary), Frances McKeown (outgoing Chair/ Communications), Tom Young (Groups' Co-Ordinator), Front Row (L - R) Alix Jardine (Publicity), Laura McAdam (Membership Secretary), Ruth McKinley (Assistant Membership Secretary).

Below is a section of members who attended the AGM.



Out-going Chairperson, Frances McKeown reported on the year's activities and concluded by saying "It has been an honour and a privilege to act as Chairperson and I could not have asked for a more enthusiastic and willing committee to serve with. Thank you all and thanks also to all the members who have been so supportive."



DIGITAL DEVICE TRAINING PROVIDED BY 02 BANBRIDGE



TRAINING FOR IPAD USERS

More than 50 members of Upper Bann U3A availed of digital device training on iPads. A total of seven training sessions led by Leanne Chapman, took place in recent weeks. Leanne is from the Banbridge 02 Office and they gave this service free of charge. Participants were truly appreciative of the help given.



DID YOU KNOW?

If you turn your iPad/ iPhone to Airplane Mode before charging, the time taken to charge your device is reduced significantly. However, you will not receive calls or emails during the charging process when in airplane mode.

TRAINING ON ANDROIDS AND WINDOWS

John Trimble is currently organising training on android and window devices. Further information later.

CHANGE THE WALLPAPER ON YOUR IPAD/IPHONE

- 1) Tap the **Settings** button on the iPad home screen.
- 2) Tap on Brightness and Wallpaper on the left-hand side.
- 3) Tap on the pictures beneath the word 'Wallpaper' in the right-hand column of the screen.
- 4) You now have several options from which to pick a picture. Select the album of your choice by tapping on the album.
- 5) Once in the album of your choice, make the final selection and then simply tap on that picture.
- 6) Once you have tapped an option you'll be taken back to the home screen where you can see your changes.

MONTHLY GET-TOGETHER

The May monthly get together will take place in Lurgan Town Hall (upstairs) on Tuesday 17th May at 2.00 pm. Our guest speaker, Peter McClelland, will talk about his life and experiences on Coney Island where he has carried out the caretaker role for several years. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

BBQ 2016 This year's BBQ will take place on Tuesday 24th May. Plans are currently underway to book a bus. The venue is Kilbroney Forest Park. Rostrevor. Once again Tom and Valerie are planning a 'treasure hunt' for interested members. In the past these have provided a lot of fun and this year promises to be no different! The inclement weather last year has prompted us to book a room in Kilbroney but hopefully we will not need to avail of it. It is better to be sure than sorry but let's be optimistic, the sun will shine! More information to follow.

IN SEARCH OF THE 'BANGOR PENGUINS'

(Report and photograph supplied by Diane Caesar)

There was not a cloud in the sky when 8 members of the Nature group arrived in Bangor to visit Bangor Castle and Gardens.

The approach to the Castle was enhanced by a beautiful display of purple tulips already in full bloom. We decided, as it was so warm, to make straight for "The Walled Garden" which hid what in a few weeks time will be a beautiful inviting mass of colour. A lovely fountain is the centre point, approached by arches which automatically lead the eye into this interesting and beautifully manicured treasure trove of so many different plants, all named (also in Latin). The Hothouse was almost too hot!! But it displayed again a remarkable variety of species. The necessary refreshment break was taken sitting outside the small tea room located in the garden, with some of us having to move in to the shade.

The weather being too good to miss, we made a very quick visit to the Museum, and then headed into town to the Marina. Six members who were quick walkers headed straight off saying "meet us by the "Bangor Penguins". Well we didn't enquire further as we were sure EVERYONE would know of the "Bangor Penguins", however NOBODY we asked had ever heard of them and, judging by the looks they gave us, thought we were stark raving mad. Bemused the mobile phone was the answer! However Pat was in such hysterical laughter, directions were impossible. Finally we did meet up and sure enough a "Bangor Penguin" had been sighted. A super day with such amicable company.



Have any of you heard of the Bangor Penguins? They do exist. Answers please to Pat Flowerday. Thank you Pat for organising this trip.

Monday Walk Walk will be from Lambeg Railway Station to Dunmurry Railway Station via Lagan Canal Towpath and Sir Thos. and Lady Dixon Park. Train from Portadown at 09:45 (Lurgan 09:51, Moira 09:58). Change at Lisburn. New members welcome.

Tuesday Stroll With milder weather promised for May, Strident Strollers are planning to enjoy a coastal stroll between Cultra and Helen's Bay next Tuesday, 3rd May. Anyone interested in participating is invited to catch the 09:45 train from Portadown (09:50 from Lurgan) New members welcome.