



NEW HORIZONS at Aughton Village Hall

NEW HORIZONS is the name given to our much-loved coffee morning event. 'New' because it's at a new venue and 'Horizons' because it continues the best of our old coffee mornings.

Our **u3a** offers all members the opportunity to look beyond normal daily routines and find something new and interesting to do.

Could this be the time to try a new group activity?

Why not bring a friend or a neighbour who might wish join in too?

New Horizons will be open from

9.30-11.30 every Thursday morning at Aughton Village Hall, Winifred Lane, Town Green, Aughton. A 50p charge will cover tea or coffee and biscuits and the hall hire.

The Village Hall is served by two buses: the 5 and 310, and the Ormskirk to Liverpool train line. A car park is alongside the hall.

Town Green has rediscovered itself as a village centre and now boasts the Co-op, a butcher, cafe, beauty parlour and wine bar.

Following Government advice of 12th July, **New Horizons** will be open on **Thursday 22nd July**.



Our 18th Annual General Meeting is to be held at Aughton Village Hall on Thursday, 26th August, 2021 at 10.30am. The full Agenda and supporting papers will be available to members at New Horizons after 18th July, 2021, published on our website, or can be sent by email or posted out on request from The Secretary, P.O.Box 198, Ormskirk L39 6WY. Nominations are invited for election to the Trustees and Management Committee and for any Motions which must be received in writing by the Secretary by noon on Thursday, 28th July, 2021. Please contact the Secretary at New Horizons or by email, or any member of the Committee if you would like a Nomination Form. Please note that Nominees must have agreed to stand for election and each Nomination and Motion must be proposed and seconded by a member of Aughton & Ormskirk u3a.

See also item on page 2: Changes to our Constitution.

MEGAN TOMLINSON, Honorary Secretary secretary@oughton-ormskirk-u3a.co.uk

Changes to our Constitution

OUR parent body, the Third Age Trust (TAT) has issued a revised Model Constitution for all u3as to consider. There are aspects of this which Management Committee may well recommend to the AGM in 2022.

It includes a provision to allow 'hybrid' General Meetings, that is, meeting in person and/or by electronic or postal means.

This review gives us the opportunity to consider modifications to certain other clauses. More will be explained at the 2021 AGM.

Extra sessions at the Scout & Guide HQ

WITH some groups delaying their restart until September, there are a considerable number of vacant slots available at the Scout & Guide HQ until the end of August.

These vacant slots are available to any set of members who share a common interest, so long as someone takes on the role of coordinator and collects and deposits the session fees.

Further information is given in Group Leader Bulletin 4 on our website, including how to see the list of vacant slots and book them.

Groups Restart

THE u3a Restart Working Party (RWP) has been looking at how, when and where our activity groups might restart following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions at Steps 2, 3 and 4 of the Government Roadmap. With input from Group Leaders, the RWP has developed the enclosed **Groups Restart Schedule** listing all groups with their restart dates and times, venues, and contact details.

These dates are, of course, subject to change if the Roadmap changes.

Derrick Fewings, Treasurer

Some groups have made their plans!

SUNDAY SOCIAL IS BACK!

At our Scout & Guide HQ. Do come and join us, fourth Sunday of the month 2.00-4.00pm, for some light-hearted fun and chat over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits, plus something to hopefully interest and entertain you!

See below for our upcoming programme:

July 25: Welcome Back to the Sunday Social, followed by a 'Video Show', courtesy of our magazine editor, Bill Evans

Aug 22: Local guitarist Ken Waters returns to play you some songs ~ sit back and enjoy.

We look forward to seeing you!

'HELPING EACH OTHER' GROUP

Dorothy Harrison and Judy Ingman ask members to ring Judy on **01695 423 141** if they want a chat about the next meeting in the large room at the Scout & Guide HQ on **July 26**.

Quite a few groups have already started: Ballroom Dancing, Beer Appreciation, Bird Watching, Bowls, Golf, Cycling and Motor Cycling!

Fancy a new challenge?

OUR Membership Secretary's term of office expires within the next 12 months and we have found that it is a job best shared by two people. The current membership team is looking for two enthusiastic volunteers to take on this interesting opportunity.

The role involves basic office skills, some IT knowledge, collecting and banking membership money and attendance at weekly Horizons, and occasional management meetings. Full training and support will be given.

For more information please get in touch via our email address:

membership@aughton-ormskirk-u3a.co.uk . . . or phone

Doreen on **01695 424797** or

Deirdre on **01695 229094**

Speaker Meetings

THANK you to all who have supported our Zoom meetings over the past few months. Now that restrictions have been eased, we are returning to 'in person' talks. On **Thursday 19th August at 11.15am in Aughton Village Hall**, (*please note change of date and time*), Carolyn Kirby returns to speak about the background to her new book, *When we Fall*. The talk is entitled *Women with Wings* and tells the story of the lives and careers of four female pilots of World War 2. *Please see website for details.*

Other dates for your diary:

7th Oct: **Martin Lloyd**: *Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies*. 4th Nov: **Philip Caine**: *From Barrow to Baghdad*.

Chairman's message

THE time has finally arrived when we can rekindle old friendships and hopefully make new friends as we make tentative steps back to normality.

From 19th July we must all take personal responsibility, and if the roadmap does not change, we can restart indoor Group meetings with caution and in line with Government guidance. It will feel strange at first to mingle with several people after eighteen months of solitude, but I am sure that after a short time we will get into the swing of things again.

All through the pandemic, your Management Committee and sub-committees have worked tirelessly in the background so that when we can restart, arrangements are in place to ensure that venues are still available for meetings and that any health and safety requirements that may be stipulated can be met, ensuring the safe and seamless continuation of our activities.

On your behalf, I would like to thank them all for their sterling efforts.

In the mean time, have your jabs when invited to do so. Keep safe and let us look forward to happier times ahead.

Alan Starkie
Chairman

Email addresses

If you have received this newsletter in the post it means that we don't hold an email address for you. If you have one could you please let us know. Email us at: membership@aughton-ormskirk-u3a.co.uk or phone **424 797** or **229 094**

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2020-2021 Membership Year

A REMINDER that your membership has been extended by six months, free of charge, to 30th September 2021. The new membership year commences on 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022 and the fee remains at £15 per person. Details of membership renewals will be available in the next Newsletter.

FREE Aughton & Ormskirk u3a membership is offered to new and existing members aged 90 or over on 1st October 2021, but please note you must complete a renewal form each year to confirm your wish to continue in membership.

(Editor's note: You must actually be 90 years old . . . not just feel 90!)