

# April AGM Newsletter

## NEXT MEETING



From 2pm on Tuesday April 9th at Bannside Presbyterian Church, 21 Castlewellan Road.

Chair:	Veronica Barrett (Retiring at April AGM)
Secretary:	Sharon Henry
Treasurer:	Jill Noble
Membership:	Keith Roper

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### INFORMATION and INTEREST GROUPS

#### **General Meeting Speakers:**

**April 9:** Our AGM - Mavis Turner, Third Age Trust Volunteer.

**May 14:** Joy Smith - Granny's Postcards.

**June 11:** Our Summer Outing (Destination TBA)

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#### **Market Stall and Decision-Making Event.**

Sadly we were unsuccessful as not enough people voted for us! Many thanks to all who did support us!

### **PLEASE NOTE**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BANBRIDGE DISTRICT u3a AGM

**ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 AT 2:30pm IN BANNSIDE CHURCH HALL, BANBRIDGE.**

AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING PRIOR TO AGM

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Chair's Report on 2023/24
3. Secretary's Report on 2023/24
4. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts for 2023

AGENDA FOR AGM TO BE CONDUCTED BY Mavis Turner, Third Age Trust Volunteer.

1. Election of Officers to Executive Committee: Chairperson; Vice-Chair; Treasurer; Secretary.
2. Election of remainder of the Executive Committee up to a maximum of 8 members excluding officers.
3. Appointment of Auditor
4. Handover to the elected Chair to introduce our speaker.

N.B. Please forward any resolutions for the AGM to the Secretary (Sharon Henry).

N.B. Please forward any nominations for the above posts with a proposer to the Secretary or to any Committee member to pass to the Secretary (see below for form). The proposers may not be existing members of the Executive Committee. **The permission of the nominee must be sought before he/she is nominated.**

**In the absence of sufficient written nominations, these will be sought from the floor at the meeting when both proposer and seconder will be required having previously received permission from the nominee.**

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NOMINATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE U3A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I have permission to nominate..... for the post of Chairperson / Vice-Chair / Secretary / Treasurer / Member of the Banbridge District U3A Executive Committee for the year 2024/25 (Delete as appropriate)

Signed ..... Dated .....

Please print off the above or hand in a slip in this wording to the Secretary or another member of the Committee.

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**Art Group:** Our meetings are now scheduled for Wednesday 10th April 10:00am - 12:00Noon. Thereafter on the second Wednesday of each month in the Tesco Community room at the Boulevard. Contact Alwyn.



**Badminton Group:** Is continuing in the Leisure Centre every Wednesday at 12.30pm. Cost is usually around £1 depending on how many turn up! Newbie's always welcome. No previous experience required! Contact Peter or just turn up!



**Craft Group:** We meet on the first and third Fridays of the month in Bridgewater Tesco's community room at 2pm. Unfortunately there is a limit as to how many people can work safely and comfortably in the room. So I am afraid that the numbers are still capped at their current level. I have a waiting list for any other U3A member who wishes to join should a space become available. Contact Anne.



**Family History Group:** The Genealogy group has booked the Tesco community room at the Boulevard for 10:30am on the First and Third Wednesday of each month and new members would be welcome. We are also being joined by some young pupils from both High Schools for a particular event they are holding later. Contact Florence.



**Flower Arranging:** We flower arrangers usually describe ourselves as meeting on the last Friday of the month but March was a 5 Friday month so we met on the 4th Friday, the 22nd. This avoided a clash with Good Friday and everyone had the opportunity to produce Easter themed arrangements well in advance of the event. Most arrangements included either little bunnies, eggs or nests and those taking part enjoyed trying something a bit different. Our next planned meeting is 26th April at 2:30pm in Tesco Community Room (Boulevard). Contact Veronica.



## HISTORY



**History Group:** On 14/3/2024, eight members of the History group travelled to Drogheda. Our mission, to discover some of the history of this mediaeval fortified town. We commenced our tour at Millmount Museum where we viewed both domestic and commercial artefacts which had been donated to the museum over the years. Next then to the Martello tower, where we learned about Cromwell's siege and inspected the lie of the land from a very windswept viewing platform. While in the tower, we were given a demonstration of the type of weapons used during Cromwell's time. Following lunch, a walk around Drogheda led us to the St. Lawrence Gate and St. Peter's Cathedral, the resting place of the head of the martyr Oliver Plunkett. More photos can be seen on our website link ....

<https://banbridgeu3a.weebly.com/general-meeting--groups.html> All agreed that the trip was most enlightening.



It is important to note that the next outing of the History group will be on the first Friday in April, ie, April 5th. This change is due to the fact I shall be unavailable on 12th inst.

The trip is to Loughgall, to visit Dan Winter's cottage, where we will avail of a tour of the premises and a talk about the history of the Orange Order. The tour costs £40 which will be divided between each participant. Travel will be by car share, usual rates apply. It is important that those wishing to attend contact me beforehand to confirm and we will rendezvous at Tesco's small car park at 10.a.m. on Friday 5th. April. I should be obliged if those intending to come confirm with me in advance. Contact Margaret.



## Photography Group: [U3A Photography Flickr Page](#)

Thanks to all who sent me your 'Waterways' shots. You can see the results for yourself on our Flickr page, the link is above as usual. If the link isn't working for you just copy and paste the following into your browser please:- <https://www.flickr.com/photos/184673260@N06/albums>

Project for April for emailing to me Before April 20th – 'Changed Perspective'.

Classic mistake is that everyone takes photos from their eye level. Either get up higher or lower, try and find a more interesting angle. Take your 6 different images on any subject or subjects with a unique perspective (or point of view). Be freely creative. Contact Keith



**Pickleball Group:** Pickleball continues each week. We play each Wednesday from 10:30 to 12:30 in the Leisure Centre. There is a small charge of £2 to cover court costs. Everyone is welcome to come and try this exciting new sport. Hope to see you soon.

Contact Deborah, or Roberta.



**Walking Group:** The Walking Group meets every Monday morning at 9:15 at Tesco small car park where we arrange car share to take us to the starting point of the walk. No car? No problem. We aim to start walking at 10am with the walk taking approximately 3 hours before returning to Banbridge around 2pm. The walks are easy to moderate. Walking boots and poles will be necessary for some of the walks. Everyone needs to consult the weather forecast and dress appropriately. Hi viz jackets will be provided when a walk includes short stretches of public road. We bring our own light refreshments with us. We have a large membership with about 13 walking each week. The walking group experienced 4 lovely invigorating walks in typical March weather. We walked in Castlewellan Forest Park, Bessbrook, Warrenpoint and in Murlough. Everyone enjoys the fresh air, exercise and chat. It's such a friendly group. Contact Helen.



## INTEREST GROUP FACILITATORS AND CONTACT DETAILS


For queries about any group please get in touch directly

### Your Committee Members

Veronica Barrett; Anne Buggy; Florence Chambers; Sue Dale; Gabrielle Graham; Sharon Henry; Peter Kearns; Anne Lavery; Cathal McAlister; Jill Noble; Keith Roper.

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Treasurer:	Jill Noble	07868316688	<a href="mailto:noblejye@yahoo.co.uk">noblejye@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Membership:	Keith Roper	07941520202	<a href="mailto:banbridgeu3a@gmail.com">banbridgeu3a@gmail.com</a>

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The Danske Bank account details are:

**Name: Banbridge District u3a** **Sort Code: 95-06-79** **Account No: 80261866**

You may also bring cash or a cheque (made payable to [Banbridge District u3a](#)) to our general meetings. See Jill or Keith on arrival please.

**ALL Facilitators Please READ this** and please contact the editor by email before the first of the month and update necessary information for all YOUR members and maybe attract new ones!

Thank you! Keith: [keithroper27@gmail.com](mailto:keithroper27@gmail.com)