

NEWSLETTER MARCH-JUNE 2019

Welcome to our March Meeting. A warm welcome to new members.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO ORIGINAL 2018/2019 PROGRAMME*

5 MARCH 2019 MEETING_ *SPEAKER: FRANK RODGERS, DALRIADA and GLENS U3A

Stained glass expert Frank Rogers will give a talk on the history and intricate details of viewing stained glass. Frank is originally from Belleek, Co Fermanagh and currently lives Ballycastle. He is the History Group Convenor at Dalriada and Glens U3A.

(Apologies from Katie Mullan who has been recalled to Hockey Training abroad).



*Date changed to FRIDAY 22 MARCH, at the BROWN TROUT INN,

12.30 PM for 1 PM (Menus available at March meeting and via email)

“GREAT CRAIC – ARCHERY IS BACK”

CAUSEWAY ARCHERY RANGE AT BENDOORAGH, IS OFFERING “TASTER SESSIONS”



TO BALLYMONEY U3A, ON WEDNESDAY 13/27/ MARCH/10 APRIL

FROM: 4 - 5.30 pm

COST: £10 PER SESSION (including tea/coffee) CERTIFICATE AT THE END!!

CONTACT FRANCES ON 07857218150 OR EMAIL frances.bach@btinternet.com

2 APRIL 2019 MEETING SPEAKER: PETER JACK, “Mountains and Marathons”

Limavady Solicitor, Peter Jack, completed his “ironman challenge” back in 2012, comprising of *152 lengths of 25 metre pool *180 km on a gym bike *42.195 km on a running machine. In doing so he successfully completed Ireland's first ever Indoor Ironman attempt. Peter has been raising money for charities for many years. His 3rd published book “My Journey”, the proceeds supported a Rotary Project in Kenya. He is a member of Triangle Triathlon Club, in NI and has travelled the world as MC for major events, in some 58 countries around the world.

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NEW ACTIVITY



DO YOU LIKE A
GOOD QUIZ?

BU3A Teams at BALLYMONEY INNER WHEEL QUIZ.



INTER-U3A QUIZ – 15 MARCH, BELFAST – BU3A Team attending. Lunch at 12.30 pm followed by QUIZ at 1.45 pm.

QUIZ NIGHT at RBL – THURSDAY 28 MARCH – 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm. All teams welcome, or come along as an individual and join a team on the night. Entry fee: £3.00 per person

ALL QUIZZERS WELCOME! –ACTIVITY LEADER: Marion. For further information:

Contact: mob: 077 1400 9460 e: marion-14@mail.com

7 MAY 2019 MEETING – AGM, and MEMBERS' LUNCH in The Old Courthouse.
(Holmes Memorial Hall under renovation) SPEAKER: JOE MAHON

(TV Presenter – Lesser Spotted Ulster)



After AGM business, we will hear from Joe Mahon. If anyone knows a good yarn when they hear one it is Joe and the popular TV presenter is not just a first-class listener but knows how to tell one or two tales of his own.

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Members, do you have a hobby you would like to offer to other members as an activity? That is how most activities start! Do you have “a talk” you would be willing to share at a meeting, or can you recommend a speaker?

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP/JOIN ONE OF OUR TEAMS?

- 1 **HALL -** – Open Up, Set up speaker requirements. Tidy Check. **TEAM LEADER: Davy Smyth**
- 2 **MEET & GREET** – Welcome and assist members. **TEAM LEADER: Marie**
- 3 **SIGN-IN/ADMISSION FEE** – Record names/£1. **TEAM LEADER: Julie Hudson (stepping down)**
- 4 **REFRESHMENTS -** Making/serving tea, coffee. **TEAM LEADER: Donal Gillan**
- 5 **HEALTH & SAFETY** – First Aiders (Qualified), Fire Wardens. **TEAM LEADER: Davy Smyth**
- 6 **VOTE OF THANKS** – Making presentation to Speaker. **TEAM LEADER: Frances Bach**
- 7 **MEMBERSHIP TEAM** – Membership Renewals Sept/Oct. **TEAM LEADER: Sam Cochrane**
- 8 **PUBLICITY/PHOTOGRAPHY – MAIN TEAM LEADER, CHAIRPERSON**
 - ✚ **Press. Reports** for press/website. **TEAM LEADER: Joan Shannon (stepping down)**
 - ✚ **Photographs:** Press/Website etc – **TEAM LEADER: Trevor McCloskey (stepping down).**
 - ✚ **Publicity/Marketing** – Organising BU3A Programme with assistance from Activities Co-ordinator/ Chairperson. Speaking at events/radio. **OVERALL TEAM LEADER: Chairperson**
 - ✚ **Social Media – Website/Facebook.** Maintain and update BU3A website/Facebook. **TEAM LEADER: Brendan Gillen**
 - ✚ **Proof Reader:** Checking BU3A Programme/Newsletter. **TEAM LEADER: Liz Hoy**

HELP GROUP CO-ORDINATOR is DONAL GILLAN and he organises the Teams for each Monthly Meeting.

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or complete attached HELP TEAM LIST.

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A COMMITTEE MEMBER – PLEASE CONTACT Marie on 07515068303, e: newsu3a@gmail.com, or speak with Marie or any Committee Member.

ACTIVITIES

MAJORITY OF ACTIVITIES FINISH in May, and resume in 2nd/3rd week –September.

Some activities continue during the Summer months (eg Coffee-Catch-up, Bridge, Out to Lunch). Activity Leaders will keep members informed. Updates via emails and “buddy system” will keep members informed.

NORTHERN IRELAND REGION OF THE U3A DUPLICATE BRIDGE CONGRESS 2019

The 2019 U3A Bridge Congress will be hosted by Causeway U3A on Tuesday, 7th May 2019. It will be held in The Lodge Hotel Coleraine BT52 1NF.

*4 JUNE 2019 PLEASE NOTE: NO MEETING

*4 JUNE 2019 ANNUAL OUTING

Itinerary and cost to be confirmed asap.

Bookings can be made at April/May meetings.



U3A BEACON is an on-line facility for managing U3A affairs. It is a secure system. Due to recurring problems with our existing system and in compliance with GDPR requirements, BU3A intend to use BEACON in 2019/2020. Reports from current U3A BEACON users, indicate that it is an “easy system” to use. Membership, and Activity Groups benefit most.

One-to-one support/Training will be provided, and we would encourage Activity Leaders and Administrators to give it a try!

We have two Committee Members who are working on BEACON with the aim of minimising time and effort for users.