



Hamilton and District



June Newsletter 2024

Monthly Meeting

Our last monthly meeting for this session took place on the 20th of June and our speaker was a representative from The Haven in Blantyre. The Haven provides practical and emotional support to anyone of any age who is dealing in any way with life-limiting illness, caring responsibilities and bereavement. We were very privileged to hear from a couple of our own members who were present at the meeting who had received support from The Haven in the past. They shared their stories and could not speak highly enough of their experience with this facility.

New Session Registration

We are currently working on this at the moment and we shall send out an email giving you details how to go about this once we have finalised everything. Anyone who does not have an email address will be contacted by letter.

Open Day

Our Open Day will be on Thursday 15th August in St Johns Centre between 2.00 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. It was suggested by committee that we make this more of 'drop-in' session and group leaders and committee members could be there to interact with members and be more 'visible'.

Committee Meeting

We had a committee meeting on 28th May and decided that we would run with 11 committee members - this is one less than the maximum allowed as per our constitution. Unfortunately since then one of our committee, Phil Brown has intimated that she is standing down from committee. This is, of course, her own personal decision and thanks go to her as a committee

member for her contribution over the past couple of years. We shall now be looking to co-opt a committee member for the next year.

Syllabus

Our programme of speakers is in place for next session and we can now arrange to have membership cards printed which will be available to members on registration.

Costs

I have spoken with the Facilities Manager of St Johns Centre and she has confirmed that the costs of each of their halls will be being raised again this year. This is not the best news for us and after discussing this at committee a decision was made that we have to raise our fees for next session. We unfortunately fall into the position of not being able to hire council facilities which are central for members. Council facilities are becoming rarer as well as many are closing or are on part-time opening hours.

Our fee for next session will therefore be £25.

Summer Break

July and August is our summer break from u3a and we do not take up again until September. I know some of you have already been on holiday and may even be going again. For those of you who may have still to go I hope you have a very enjoyable time no matter whether it is in this country or further afield.

I look forward to welcoming you back at the start of our new session.

Regards

Alice