



**10am, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Elm Bank M30 9BA**  
**Jennifer-Anne Smith: an update on Buile Hill Mansion**

**Last month's meeting**



We had a bumper turnout for our Christmas festivities.

Left, you can see the triumphant quiz team – Tinsel 10 – plus our entertainers, Quiz Queen Carole and David Roughley bringing back Christmas memories.

We were delighted to welcome some of the 15 members who have been with Salford u3a for 20 years and are now honorary members. Thanks to them for all they have contributed over the years: on the committee, as convenors, leading walks, giving talks and much more. Photos below....





## Forthcoming trips

At our **January meeting**, Janet Ball will announce forthcoming trips, including a day trip and a 6-day holiday: names will be taken for the holiday at the meeting. These trips are often fully booked on the day so, if you are interested, **do come along ready with your diaries**.

### Remembering Lesley Valentine: tributes from her friends



*Lesley was a valued member of Salford u3a since joining in 2007. She served on the committee as Treasurer and was active in the Theatre, Table Tennis and Walking groups. She had her health problems but her positivity was inspirational.*

*We have known Lesley for many years on the committee, walking groups and walking group holidays. Lesley suffered some ill health problems where she needed renal dialysis, and Lesley was offered a new kidney 12 years ago and has done extremely well since. BUT she wanted all of us to know all those years ago how thankful she was to the donor family and very sad for the loss of their loved one, for the new life she had gained.*

Lesley at table tennis, just before Christmas

## Updates from groups

The **Science and Technology** group has a planning meeting on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January. Convenor Geoff Anthony has stepped down after several years in the role, so the group needs someone to take over. So long as members are willing to share the lead in meetings, the convenor will just need to do the co-ordinating and, all being well, there will be a programme for the year at the end of this meeting.

Anyone interested is very welcome to attend. Science and technology are huge, broad subjects and there will be something of interest to everyone, in the news or in everyday life. Bring along your ideas, they will all add to our wide interests.

Contact **Geoff Anthony**

**Book Club 2** has vacancies for a couple of new members. They meet at Walkden Congregational Church from 12-1 on the first Wednesday of the month.

Their February choice is *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier

Contact **Liz Hallsworth**

## ??? Any new group ideas for 2025 ???

**Something active?** Pickleball? Walking netball? Darts? Badminton?

**Something social?** Coffee morning? Lunch club? Treasure hunt? Early-bird dining?

**A special interest book club?** Crime? Non-fiction? History? Classics? Short stories?

**A new language** from scratch? Portuguese? Dutch? Irish? Korean?

**A discussion group?** Current affairs? Philosophy?

**History?** Social? Political? Military? World?

**Short term – long term – occasional**

**Whatever interests you may well interest someone else**

**– just let us know and we'll see what interest there is**

## u3a News: national and regional

The North West Region **u3a Summer School** will be in Manchester this year from 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August. There's an interesting programme with overlap with some of our groups – literature, local history, art, music.

### **u3a online events**

JANUARY Some forthcoming highlights include Essential driving and vehicle checks; Secrets of the human brain; Staying safe online; and Artificial Intelligence – Zoom meetings, all free and bookable via Eventbrite

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