



Tell's More

3Ls Association Newsletter



WINTER 2017

President's Foreword

As I write this, it is November 2017 and I am about halfway through my second year as President, for those of you keeping track. I can sincerely say I am still very much enjoying the role...and the work.

What has the 3Ls been up to recently?? Well, we now have 1,040 members. If you remember the last issue, it took us 28 years to reach 1,000 members and by November, we managed to surpass that figure.

We have held another very successful Senior Summer Academy, a new series of Lunch Time Talks is underway and a trip is being planned to Orvieto in September next year.

At the invitation of Christine Kelly of Dublin City University (DCU), which is an Age Friendly University along with Strathclyde University and other universities across the globe, Gemma Gilliland of the Centre for Lifelong Learning and I visited Dublin in October to talk about our respective organisations. The senior students at DCU wish to establish their own Association and being aware of the expertise and status the 3Ls has built up over the years, felt our assistance would be valuable. We should be rightly proud of all we have achieved over the years and that we can help a similar organisation. I am sure this relationship will develop in the future. While there, I was able to see CLL Art Tutor, Gareth Reid's prize-winning portrait of Graham Norton at the National Gallery of Ireland.



Visit of Strathclyde Age Friendly University to DCU Age Friendly University Campus Thursday 7th September 2017

Back row L-R : Mike Morris, Kathryn Fetherston, Paddy Fetherston, Margaret O'Doherty, Darryl J. Christine O'Flynn, Nora Buggy, Leo "George" Devitt, Catherine Clancy.
Front row L-R : Dr. Cathy Fowley Age Friendly Coordinator DCU, John Parkhill, 3Ls President, Age Friendly Strathclyde University, Gemma Gilliland Age Friendly Strathclyde University, Shay Scanlon, Stephen O'Brien
Photograph Leo "George" Devitt

The future continues to be very bright for the 3Ls and I hope you experience and enjoy all there is on offer within the Association. I wish you a great time over the Festive Season and Best Wishes for 2018.

John Parkhill, 3Ls President

President's Charity

As all members will be aware, every two years a charity is selected by the President and 3Ls members have most generously supported it in a variety of ways. The charity I have nominated is the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme that aims to provide breaks for children and families from the Greater Glasgow area who are disadvantaged or socially excluded - a very worthy local cause.

This year enthusiasm to support the charity is again proving to be the case and I would like to thank you for your ongoing generosity.

The first event, a Charity Walk involved an intrepid group who braved the November weather on a walk alongside the Forth & Clyde Canal. We hope that further walks will take place next year.

A programme of other events will be organised so do watch out for more details.

The amount raised so far is...well that would be telling!



Italian Club Holiday to Lucca – 2017

On 14th June, 16 members and friends from the Italian Club met to enjoy a week's holiday in the beautiful city of Lucca. Several group meals and activities were organised, leaving folk free time to explore or relax.

We were privileged to be led on a walking tour of Lucca's architecture and sculptures by a knowledgeable local guide, featuring the old Roman Amphiteatro and city walls and discovered why Lucca boasts so many beautiful churches!

Florence was visited, with tours of the Uffizi and Galleria dell'Accademia, plus a walking tour. Pistoia and Barga were favourites too.

One evening we attended a concert in an old church, converted into a performance venue with excellent acoustics where arias from Puccini's operas were sung by professional singers, after which we had an excellent meal in Ristorante Undici Undici – fabulous name!

Puccini lived and worked in Lucca so we visited his birthplace museum with its musical scores and costumes, then admired statues of Puccini and Boccherini in the nearby square.

The old Roman city walls offered a popular venue for walking, cycling and running, affording panoramic views of the city and the surrounding countryside.

A highlight of the holiday was enjoying the very tasty local food and wine, in temperatures in the high twenties – and visits to every gelateria in Lucca!

The holiday was enjoyed in great company, with much laughter! Roll on 2019 and our next holiday!



Social Events

The first outing was to the Wigtown Book Festival, acknowledged by the Scottish Parliament in 1999 as Scotland's National Book Town. It is a book lover's paradise with more than a dozen bookshops, venues for "readings" from well-known authors and other attractions.

Our second visit was to Newhailes in the East of the country. Firstly, we had morning coffee at Carberry Tower aptly named "Edinburgh's Castle in the Country" which has been transformed into a magnificent hotel. We feasted on scones with clotted cream and jam before heading to our main destination. Newhailes is now owned and managed by the National Trust for Scotland. On our guided tours, we found many fabulous features and fixtures, including a huge library that looked like something out of Harry Potter. Group sizes are strictly limited so three groups lunched and toured separately.

In November we had our first Saturday outing. The journey through rural Perthshire, resplendent in its autumnal colours, was spectacular. Blair Castle was hosting a Highland Craft Fair and was decorated for Christmas. We had access to the Christmas Fair as well as guided tours of this beautiful venue. The Duke of Atholl who has the only private army in Britain owns it. The Sculpture Garden in the extensive grounds was especially worth visiting.

Our December theatre event is Mamma Mia.

All our autumn events have been well attended. My thanks to everyone who helped.

Remember if you have any suggestions or recommendations for future events please let us know.

Dot Sim, Social Convenor

Community Engagement Manager

August and September were particularly busy months at the Centre for Lifelong Learning, as bookings for the new programmes commenced. We have had great feedback from students on our new online booking system – MyCLL – which allows students to book classes from the comfort of home, around the clock. Autumn classes are well underway at the Centre and we are currently taking bookings for January classes.

We have an exciting programme for 2017/18 led by our team of enthusiastic and dedicated tutors. There are literally hundreds of classes to choose from including our new Open Studies Certificate in Psychology which allows CLL students the unique opportunity to attend a selection of elective psychology classes on offer to undergraduate students. We also have a number of classes in collaboration with a wide variety of partners such as Lambhill Stables, Kelvin Hall, Mugdock Country Park and Cappella Nova.

To celebrate 30 years of the Daytime Programme, the Centre is running an art competition. Any medium can be used and any subject but there is one rule: all entries must reflect Glasgow in some way. The winner and the runner up will have pride of place at the new look CLL Art Exhibition in March 2018. More information on this can be found on our website www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/centreforlifelonglearning

I am delighted to announce that we will be holding the very popular Festive Voices concert, featuring the CLL Morning Choir on Wednesday 20th December from 1pm – 3pm in the Assembly Hall. Please join us for an afternoon of seasonal songs with audience participation to get you in the mood for Christmas. Tickets can be purchased through the Centre for Lifelong Learning.

Finally, very best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and we hope to see you again in January when our classes return.

Lynda Scott

Creative Writing Club

In August 2017, The Creative Writing Club became the 17th 3Ls club. At our very first Open Afternoon in September, three members spoke with a good number of interested and interesting people - some of whom decided to join us on our adventure. We had proposed a maximum of 16 members in order to give appropriate time to workshop our writing. Membership quickly reached 16, and we have a further five people wishing to join.

Also at the Open Afternoon, (see photograph), people braved our "Hemingway Challenge." Hemingway's writing displays the power of literary compression. It is said that he made a bet at a lunch with some other writers, claiming that he could write a novel in six words. After penning the line on a napkin, he passed it round the table, and collected his winnings. His six-word story was; 'For sale: baby shoes. Never worn.'

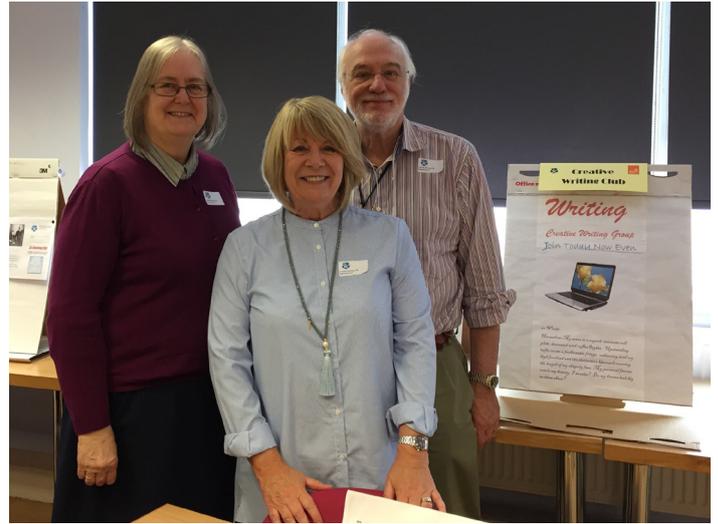
Our Hemingway Challenge produced the following gems:

'He arrived. I left. Rubbish party.' 'Celebratory holiday. Home burgled. Early flight.'
'Scary film. Lights off. Creaky staircase.' 'Family time. Empty nest. New beginnings.'
'Travelling through France. Romance. No regrets.' 'Midnight. Capisce? I've got the car.'

Our first meeting took place on Friday, 27 October 2017. We workshop three pieces of writing per meeting. Workshoping begins with the author giving a short background to the piece and then reading aloud their writing. A session of suggestions follows the reading, supporting and challenging each other on aspects of our writing.

Also, at each meeting, we have great fun with quick, practical writing sessions. There are also regular updates about competitions, publishing opportunities and events.

Eileen Kidd



History Club

I find it somewhat ironic that the "History Club" is one of the newest clubs in the 3Ls portfolio. I had never given the existence or non-existence of a History Club a thought until Tom Ward stood up in a history class and suggested we should form a club. Tom's enthusiasm and energies led to a series of planning meetings and before we knew it we had a committee and a varied, exciting programme.

A good response to our email circular resulted in a successful launch at the 3Ls open day. Others joined at our inaugural meeting where a very busy GH742 listened to an interesting presentation from Tom O'Hara on "American Exceptionalism and the Thanksgiving Myth". We were delighted when Tom agreed to be our first speaker and even more delighted at the turnout. 3Ls Office bearers and CLL tutors have been incredibly supportive of our efforts and we look forward to hearing from Barbara Graham on the origins of Strathclyde University. Hanan Atalla will round off our year with her personal story of growing up as a Coptic Christian in an Islamic society.

Off campus a visit took place to the Scottish Jewish Archives (see photograph) and a trip to Glasgow Women's Library is planned as well as tapping in to some of our members' expertise as we strive to address as many aspects of History as we can. We may be new kids on the block but we will strive to highlight the relevance of history to as many people as we can.

Contact hisclubstrath@yahoo.com for more details.

Jimmy Reid



3Ls Obituaries

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Ruth Forrest. Ruth was a long-standing office bearer and member of the Computer Club and wife of John, the President of the Club. We know she will be greatly missed by John and her family and friends.

Alex Annear who attended many classes at the CLL, the first Senior Summer Academy and was a staunch supporter of the 3Ls is also sadly missed.

We also remember Melvyn Ruddocks and Walter Simpson who also sadly passed away this year.

Sharing Childhoods 2 (SACHI2)

In July this year, The Centre for Lifelong Learning (CLL) hosted the 2nd meeting of the Sharing Childhoods 2 (SACHI2) intergenerational project with our partners from Spain, Portugal and Poland. The planning for the project, funded by Erasmus +, is now well underway within CLL, with the sessions officially starting in schools in January 2018.

Several CLL students and 3Ls members have volunteered for the intergenerational project, which will involve older adult volunteers working in schools with small groups of P6/7 children, with the aim of increasing positive interaction and improved relationships between children and older adults, as well as positively contributing to the development of foreign languages in schools.

The project will run weekly from January 2018 for 8 weeks in three Primary Schools within Glasgow City Council. Each week will focus on a different theme each week, from games and hobbies to heroes and idols, and will culminate with a celebration event to include parents, grandparents and the wider school community.

We are delighted by the support and enthusiasm for the project so far and look forward to updating you on the results from Glasgow and from the projects being run simultaneously in our partner countries.

For more information, please contact Gemma Gilliland: Gemma.Gilliland@strath.ac.uk

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Lunchtime Talks

The first Lunchtime Talk took place in October on the subject of Brexit and Professor Brian Girvin very ably presented this ongoing process.

This month, Dr Bruce Peter made an informative and entertaining presentation. Some of you will remember his session on Transatlantic Liners during the Senior Summer Academy last year, in the Anchor Line Restaurant in Glasgow. Hotel Rooms and Cruise ship cabins will never be regarded in the same light again!

Spaces are still available for the remaining two talks next year and you can see details on the 3Ls website.

Orvieto 2018

Following recent discussions with the Dante Alighieri Society, we have agreed a date for a 3Ls visit to Orvieto for the week of 17-21 September 2018.

Management Council 2016-2017

Membership this year:

Lesley Hart MBE, Honorary Patron; Lady Eileen McDonald, Honorary President; John Parkhill, President; Diane Campbell, Vice - President; Grace Gray, Convenor of Council of Clubs; Elaine Paterson, Secretary; Winnie Mallon, Treasurer; Dot Sim, Social Convenor

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