

Chelmsford u3a Travel Group Holiday to the Isle of Man.



Twenty-six Members of the Chelmsford u3a travel group had a holiday on the Isle of Man at the end of September 2022. The trip up to Heysham had its trials and tribulations as the debris on the motorway was not kind to us resulting in a call out to have new tyres fitted. Thankfully we were having an overnight stop in Blackburn before our ferry crossing to the Island.



The morning of the ferry crossing we first had a visit to Morecombe where many of us saw the statue of Eric Morecombe for the first time. After a very smooth ferry crossing we arrived on the Isle of Man to transfer to our hotel on the sea front of Douglas.

The next morning we woke up to gale force winds and lashing rain which rather put a damper on our days itinerary. We did have a train trip which was spoilt by the rain obscuring the wonderful scenery which I'm sure was out there.

Highlights of our trip included seeing basking seals when we visited the Sound Café before visiting the Folk village and seeing the Manx cat at Cregneash.

A ride on the Snaefell Mountain Railway afforded us with the most spectacular scenery on the way up and at the top. We also were able to see the Lady Isabella (The Laxey Wheel) but unfortunately not many were able to go up to see it close at hand due to time restraints. Museums and Castles were also enjoyed by many.



Our group had many laughs and plenty of chat over the 6 day tour. Plus a 90th birthday for one of our group. Cake and candles were enjoyed. Our travel group has two holidays running for next year and hope they will be as great a success as all our other holidays have been.

The first is to Shropshire and the Black country on the 15th May for five days. The second is to Crete for eight days on October 5th. Both holidays have some vacancies for singles and double rooms. If you are interest please contact Chelmsford travel group. cu3atravelgroup@outlook.com .

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