

Narberth U3A Newsletter March 2019

February monthly meeting

This meeting on 9 March was attended by 45 members. Maren Hamre from Natwest bank gave a very informative and useful talk on how to avoid scams - whether online, by telephone or letter, on the doorstep or ID theft. 50% of over-65s are likely to be targeted, and she gave very useful advice on recognising and dealing with fake callers and messages. Scams should be reported to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 and a good website to look at is friendsagainstscams.org.uk. Your bank can always give you more advice. With recent bank closures, it's also useful to know how many banking procedures you can carry out at the post office - withdrawing and paying in money with just your debit card, paying in money with your preprinted credit slips, checking your balance, and more.

Subscriptions

The annual subscription will be due on 1st April. A notification with full details will be sent out towards the end of March.

Garden Group and Summer Outings

Jo Thomas is collecting names for a trip to the Greenway Nursery in Pembroke on Tuesday 2 April, leaving at 9.30am. Please let Jo know if you would like to go. To allow more time for garden trips in the summer, these will in future take place on the morning of the 4th Friday of each month, beginning on Friday 24 May.

Other Events Coming Up

- **Narberth Museum 01834 860500 Thursday 21 March 7.30 pm:**
Terry John will be giving a talk on 'Women of the Civil War'.
- **RHS Show Cardiff**
Pembrokeshire U3A is running a trip to this on 13 April and our members are welcome to go along if there are spaces. Contact Penny Thomas on 01437 766775.
- **St Fagan's National Museum of History**
Pembrokeshire U3A is also running a trip to St Fagan's on 29 April. Again, if you would like to be included, call 01646 692064 or email helen@tedds.co.uk
- **Leonardo da Vinci Exhibition**
A trip might be organised to this exhibition in Cardiff, which is on until 6 May. If you are interested, please contact Kay Howells on 01834 861550 or email karo18@gmail.com.
- **All Wales U3A Conference**
This will be held at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells, on Wednesday 8 May from 10.30-3.30. Tickets are £13 to include coffee and lunch, and the day will include a talk on castles in Cadw's care.

Ukuleles

Not a U3A group, but some members might be interested. A local musician and music teacher is setting up a ukulele band, for both beginners and people with experience of playing music. He will teach how to play the ukulele using different types of music, with some singing involved for those who want to. The sessions will probably be on each Wednesday morning. There would be some initial outlay as you would need to buy a ukulele and music stand if you don't already have them - ukuleles cost from about £20 upwards and a music stand is about £10. There would be a small fee per session - probably about £5 - to cover the cost of room hire and music, but no other charge. There will be an introductory session where he will demonstrate the types of ukulele and talk about what will be involved, so that you can decide if it's for you before committing yourself to any expense. If you are interested, please email or phone Juliet Burgess (julietfrances28@gmail.com 01834 218601) so that we have an idea of potential numbers.

Monthly Diary

There is a slight change to the format of the diary. So that it can still fit on two pages with a reasonably legible font, where a group has several meetings in a month these have been put on just one line.

Subjects of talks etc in the next few weeks:

Architecture & Design on 12 March: Charles Rennie Mackintosh; on 9 April Charles Annesley Voysey
Music on 12 March: Michel Legrand; on 9 April Music and songs from the wars
Film on 13 March: 'The Ladykillers'; on 10 April 'Temple Grandin'
Science on 14 March: What is Time?; on 11 April Climate Change
History on 20 March: The Cambridge Five; on 17 April The Cotton City
Art Appreciation on 26 March: The Canaletto Family and the Grand Tour
Jazz Study on 4 April: Jazz Piano (NB change of date)
Lunch Group on 12 April: The Begelly Arms