



Chair's Ramble

Spring, I love this time of year when the snowdrops, daffodils and primroses start to come out along the roadside and there is definitely a more cheerful feel to everywhere. There are even a few young lambs in the fields. We have certainly had some warmer weather although at the time of writing this many areas are suffering from the effects of storm Doris.

We have now been to the various meetings I mentioned in February and they proved to be quite interesting. The West Wales Network is really beginning to work together for the benefit of the member U3As and study days and workshops are being supported well. We have 13 people going to the Martin Bell talk later in March and can I remind you about the Astronomy study day being held in Cardigan on Friday 31st March at 10.30am, entitled 'Space for Everyone'. If you're interested in going to this please see Malcolm as soon as possible. The price is £10 to include lunch and two excellent speakers.*

The Third Age Trust consultation meeting led to animated discussion and a vote which was in favour of some minor changes being needed. Nothing has been finally decided yet as it all has to go now to further discussion and review by the trustees.

Our wine appreciation group will be visiting the Da Mhile distillery this month. It is near Ffostrasol and specialises in Gin and Whisky. Please see further details elsewhere in the newsletter.

I have been privileged to visit two of our groups this last month, the German group who meet at the woollen mill and one of the Philosophy groups. I will hopefully get to see some more of you this month.

** (editors comment!) - Sorry but unfortunately, I understand, you will have to return the 'two excellent speakers' at the end of the event.*



Saying Bon voyage to Gill McMillan, a member of the Book Club and French Group. She and Frank are moving to Morriston

Our Subject Groups

Activity Group

(every 2-3 months. Activity and location varies)
More details contact Annabelle

Art Group *(Please note change of dates)*

(1st and 3rd Thursdays from 10.00am to 12.00 at Penboyr Village Hall)
More details contact Amanda

Astronomy

(2nd Wednesday from 2.00pm at Coracle Hall, Llechryd). Joint with Cardigan U3A
More details contact Malcolm

Book Club

(4th Tuesday from 10.30am at Ken & Val's in Horeb)
More details contact Ann

Crafty Crafters

(2nd Wednesday from 11.00am at Annabelle's in Penboyr)
More details contact Ruth

Creative Writing

(2nd Thursday from 10.30am at Carol's in Penrhiwllan)
More details contact Carol

Digital Photography

(2nd Tuesday from 10.30am at Coracle Hall, Llechryd). Joint with Cardigan U3A
More details contact Denis True

Family History

(4th Wednesday from 10.30am at Coracle Hall, Llechryd). Joint with Cardigan U3A
More details contact Harold Bellamy

French Group

(date varies - from 11.00am at Peggy's in Croeslan)
More details contact Ann

Games Group

(3rd Tuesday from 10.30am to 12.30 at Hazel's in Waungilwen)
More details contact Hazel

German Group

(1st and 3rd Thursday from 11.00am at National Woollen Museum, Drefach Felindre)
More details contact Steph and Terry

Lunch Club

(last Wednesday - venue varies)
More details contact Mags

Philosophy am

(3rd Thursday from 11.00am at Lesley's in Henllan)

More details contact Lesley

Philosophy pm

(2nd Monday from 2.00pm at Susan's in Pontgarreg)

More details contact Susan

Scrabble

(2nd Friday from 2.00pm at Margery's in Waungilwen)

More details contact Margery

Strollers

(last Friday of the month from 10.30am, venue varies)

More details contact Jim

Wine Appreciation

(3rd Thursday from 7.00pm - venue varies, amongst the group)

More details contact Hazel

Note: Circumstances may require these details to change occasionally. Please refer to the current monthly calendar to see if there are any changes to date, venue and time.

HUTS Workshop

Many, many thanks to Lesley and Les Groves and Silas for the donation of 2 Kindles and a Kindle Fire tablet.

It was lovely to meet you both and the infamous Silas and I can't thank you enough for the kindles.

Thanks from us all at HUTS.

Sally

(Dyfed IT ran a facebook photo competition to find the 'cutest puppy' - and Silas won a Kindle and some Bonios)



Lesley and Silas presenting Kindles to HUTS . . . and Silas with his bag of Bonios.

What do you call an alligator that's wearing a vest?
An investigator.

Group Reports

Art Group

Our next meeting is Thursday 2nd March. Our meeting dates are changing from March to the first and third Thursday each month, same time and location, between 10.00am and 12.00, in the hall at Penboyr (by the red phone box).

Amanda

Book Club

The book for March is a biography of Edith Cavell 'Silent in an evil time' by Jack Batten.

Hazel

Astronomy

Last month, the ladies of the Astronomy Group bested their male counterparts in part one of Adrian's lively and entertaining quizzes. This month, Adrian finished the second half of the quiz, and the men triumphed.

Martyn turned a mystifyingly unique subject into a clear explanation on the subject of Lagrange points: points in space where the interaction of forces create a point of equilibrium, where space craft can be 'parked'.

There are 5 Lagrange points, around major bodies, such as a planet, or a star. For Earth L1 lies between the Earth and the sun, and is occupied by the SOH Observatory and Deep Space Climate Observatory. L2 lies in the opposite direction of the sun, and allows a spacecraft a clear view of deep space. The James Webb Space Telescope will move into this region in 2018. L3 lies behind the sun, opposite Earth's orbit. Though science hasn't found a use for this point, science fiction has in terms of Earth's evil twin planet. L1, 2 and 3 are unstable, but points L4 and L5 are stable, and dust and asteroids tend to accumulate in these regions. L4 and L5 are possible points for a space colony, due to their relative proximity to Earth.

Ann brought in a most interesting article from the Telegraph, regarding the birth of a star within the constellation area of Cygnus, which we put on our group's Google Drive site.

As always, new members are welcome in the Coracle Hall, Llechryd, 2nd Wednesday of the month 2.00 - 4.00pm.

Galileo

Crafty Crafters

February's meeting saw 12 members eager to learn how to do kumihimo, a form of Japanese braiding. Carrie gave very good instructions and, although we all managed to get in a tangle at the start, having 8 separate threads to contend with, by the end of the morning we were making good progress with our braids and went home with determination to have them finished by the next meeting.

March's meeting (8th March) we will be 'doing our own thing'.

Ruth

Creative Writing Group

This month we welcomed 2 new scribes, Carol B and Vicky, we enjoyed their company and hope they enjoyed the session. Our task was to create a short story to include the following; 'Who's coming around the corner? What are they carrying? What is their secret?' As usual we had a lovely variety of interpretations. Good fun and lovely refreshments from Carol S as always.

Alison

French

Please note change of date to Monday 20th March, but please check with Ann.

Jim

German Language Group

The German language group is thriving and all members enjoy the meetings at the National Woollen Museum in Drefach Felindre. It is a very good venue with excellent facilities.

On Friday 27th January the group enjoyed a German lunch at Felin Newydd the home of Steph and Terry. The menu consisted of the following; Bratwurst-Sausage, Frikadellen-Meatballs, Rotkohl-Sweet Red Cabbage, Rotebeete Salat- Beetroot Salad, Schwäbischer Kartoffelsalat-Warm Potato Salad, Käse-Cheese, Rogenbrot-Rye Bread, Sauerteigbrot-Sourdough Bread, Senf-Mustard. The main meal was followed with Stollen-Sweet Marzipan fruit Bread. Drinks included Warm Getränk-Warm Drinks, Bier-German Beer and Liebfraumilk-White Wine. The afternoon ended at 5pm with a warm German Tschüß! - goodbye.

Steph

Philosophy am

We had a long look at the Human Relationship with animals, mainly about exploitation of circus, farm, puppy farms, hunting and poaching animals. There was some understanding as to why this occurs in certain circumstances. It was difficult to focus in one direction, so we will continue with the same topic next month.

Both groups are thinking of a Philosophy Study Day especially about the place for philosophy in today's world. More details later.

Jim

Philosophy pm

We continued to look at Freedom of the Press, Media and at freedoms on the internet. We felt that freedoms of reporting in all media are very important but marked anxiety about bias, ownership concentrated in few hands and limited coverage, but the world would be poorer without a free press. The internet, we felt needed some controls, but

how & who would do that was beyond us.

Our next subject is ART - what is it? Who decides what it is? what is it worth? etc.

Jim

Strollers

Ffynnone and Cilgwyn Woodland Walk - Friday 24 March.

Meet at 10.30am at the car park for the woods. As you approach Newchapel from Newcastle Emlyn direction, 50 yards before the village sign and 30mph sign, turn left on the road sign posted for Cwm Ffynnone. Follow this road for just over a mile to the bottom of the hill and the car park is on the right.

The walk is 3-4 miles, undulating with a couple of steeper places, all on forest tracks so not too muddy.

Afterwards we can make for The Nags Head, Abercych for refreshments.

Tony

Wine Appreciation

The wine appreciation group met at Ruth and Malcolm's house in February and enjoyed tasting some Chilean wines. There were only 6 of us but we had a very enjoyable meeting.

The meeting in March is a change to the usual schedule as we will be visiting the Da Mhile distillery near Ffostrasol. The visit will take place on Wednesday 22nd March at 2:45pm. If you would like to join us on this visit please let Hazel know or sign the visit sheet at the monthly meeting on the 1st March.

There is no charge for this visit.

Hazel

Whenever I'm sad I just read
my blood donor ID.

It always says "B positive".

If I were to choose between
dating and eating a soup –

I think I'd rather eat the
soup.

Not much point in dating it.



*Philosophy pm Group during the Chair's
visit to their February meeting*

Cardigan U3A and Newcastle Emlyn U3A

present an Astronomy Workshop

'SPACE FOR EVERYONE'

Friday, March 31st, 2017

at the
GUILDHALL, CARDIGAN SA43 1JL

with

Dr. David Bacon of Portsmouth University - 'Gravity in the Universe'

and

David Grace, B.Sc. 'How light tells us everything we know about stars'

featuring advice on setting up a U3A Astronomy group, a practical workshop,
and access to Astronomy websites

10.00am to 3.30pm

Tickets £10 each to include a buffet lunch

A man asks a farmer near a field, "Sorry sir, would you mind if I crossed your field instead of going around it? You see, I have to catch the 4:23 train."

The farmer says, "Sure, go right ahead.

... and if my bull sees you, you'll even catch the 4:11 one."

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: HIJKLMNO

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O.



*Three little Angels
entertaining their ladies on
Valentines night at the
Cliff Hotel*

Don't they scub up well !!!

What's On In Newcastle Emlyn U3A - March 2017

March

Wednesday	1	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn	10.30am
		Speaker - Simon Cousins - Surveying & the Art of Building Maintenance (<i>Please Note change of speaker</i>)	
Wednesday	1	Lunch - at Emlyn Arms (after monthly meeting)	12.30am
		If you wish to attend, please order from the menu at the meeting	
Thursday	2	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	2	German - at The Woollen Museum	11.00am
Wednesday	8	Crafty Crafters - at Annabelle's in Penboyr	11.00am
Wednesday	8	Astronomy - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	2.00pm
Thursday	9	Creative Writing - at Carol's in Penrhiwllan	10.45am
Friday	10	Scrabble - at Margery's in Waungilwen	2.00pm
Monday	13	Philosophy (pm) - at Susan's in Pontegarreg	2.00pm
Tuesday	14	Digital Photography - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	10.30am
Thursday	16	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	16	Philosophy (am) - at Lesley's in Henllan	10.30am
Thursday	16	German - at The Woollen Museum	11.00am
Monday	20	French Group - at Peggy's in Croeslan	11.00am
Tuesday	21	Games Group - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	10.30am
Wednesday	22	Family History - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	10.30am
Wednesday	22	Lunch Club - at (TBA)	12.15pm
Wednesday	22	Wine Appreciation - at Da Mhile Distillery, Ffostrasol	2.45pm
Thursday	23	Activity Group - War Zone Reflections by Martin Bell	2.30pm
Friday	24	Strollers - at Ffynnone and Cilgwyn Woodland Walk	10.30am
Tuesday	28	Book Club - at Ken & Val's in Horeb	10.30am
Friday	31	Astronomy Workshop - at the Guildhall, Cardigan	10.00am

April

Wednesday	5	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn	10.30am
		Speaker - Brian Jones - The history of Castell Howell Foods	
Wednesday	5	Lunch - at Emlyn Arms (after monthly meeting)	12.30am

To add events to this monthly calendar please contact John, giving date, venue and time plus any further information to assist those wishing to attend. Closing date for newsletter contributions will be on the 24th of the month. Sorry, later than this and I cannot guarantee its inclusion.

Contact John via email at: neu3anewsletter@hotmail.com
It's easy to remember - *n* (Newcastle), *e* (Emlyn), *u3a* (catching on!)
newsletter (I think you've got it!) - @hotmail.com (*gets it to me*).