



Chair's Ramble

For those of you that did not get to join us on the walk at The Botanic Gardens, you missed a treat. The weather was glorious and I for one did not know of all the hidden gems beyond the more formal gardens. Work is due to begin in September on the re-generation of the parkland and it will be intriguing to visit again over the next few years to see the progress.

June seems to have been a very busy month for us, with visitors, trips away and meetings. There was a West Wales Network meeting at which all the participating U3As reported on their varied programmes and all seemed to be thriving which is great news. If you are travelling around the area and wish to visit another U3A's monthly meeting you would be very welcome. Details can be found on our website and on the West Wales link.

I did however manage to fit in a visit to the morning Philosophy group. Despite the road works outside Carol's house nearly everyone managed to get there. There was an interesting discussion about further education and I was made to feel very welcome. I only have a couple of groups left to visit and have really enjoyed meeting members and seeing what goes on in the groups.

Please do your best to attend the AGM and quiz on Wednesday 5th July. It is very important that you can have your say in the running of our U3A. If you feel that you can help in any way please come forward. This does not mean that you have to be on the committee! It can just be helping with the setting up of the room, giving lifts, hosting or leading a group etc. Every member is important and should be involved in the U3A.

Our August trip, instead of the monthly meeting, will be on Wednesday 2nd August and will be to Aberglasney gardens. We will be having a talk and tour of the gardens with the head gardener and a history tour of the house and grounds. The cost will be £8.75 a head for entrance to the gardens and the history tour and the U3A will fund the head gardeners talk. There will be chance to have lunch in the café or take a picnic. We hope as many members as possible will join us on this day. As it is holiday season we appreciate that some of you may have visitors and this trip will be open to them as well. Lifts can be arranged for those who need them. Please sign the form at the monthly meeting or speak to Hazel or Ruth. We need to know numbers by Wednesday 5th July with money please.

Hazel

Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected expected

Our Subject Groups

Activity Group

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

Art Group

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

Astronomy *(please note: change of date from July to 3rd Wednesday of the month)*

(3rd Wednesday from 2.00pm at Coracle Hall, Llechryd). Joint with Cardigan U3A
More details contact Malcolm

Book Club

(4th Tuesday from 10.30am at 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 Penrhiwillan)
More details contact Carol

Digital Photography

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

Family History *(suspended until September)*

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

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

ICT Support Sessions

(3rd Tuesday from 1.30pm to 3.30 at Hazel's in Waungilwen)
More details contact Hazel

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.

Possible New Group

The Metal Detector Group in Cardigan are very low in numbers and were wondering if there might be anyone interested in Newcastle Emlyn who would like to join them.

They could organise a taster session for anyone interested. No equipment is needed.

Anyone interested please contact Jim.

Jim



Your Annual Membership fees are due in July

£14.00 for a full year's membership

Please pay at the desk at the July monthly meeting

The July meeting is the AGM

I wonder if anyone knows what the big stick at the bottom of the keyboard is for?

Group Reports

Crafty Crafters

June's meeting was a relaxed group doing their own work. We met at Hazel's and sat outside on the patio enjoying the sunshine while doing knitting, cross stitch, appliqué or just chatting. Before we got down to our craft work we discussed ideas for the rest of the year and came up with the following program:

- July - Hardanger (also called drawn thread work)
- August - Encaustic art and continuing hardanger
- September - outing, if one can be arranged
- October - card making using the encaustic art
- November - felt Christmas puddings and other Christmas baubles
- December - table decoration using candles

Ruth

Creative Writing

This month we had 2 tasks. The first was a very enjoyable game, we each had a blank piece of paper and Hilary asked us to write the first line of a poem (a poem to be made up on the spot). We were then to fold the paper over the written line so that it couldn't be read, and pass it to the person on our left - then write the next line of our poem - and so on. After we had all written a line on each sheet of paper we read out the 'new' poems. Some worked surprisingly well, others were plain hilarious!

The second task was to write a short story beginning with the line - 'I'm really not surprised that you murdered him' . . . again there were some very funny and gruesome tales composed!

Ali

Family History

Mike has now confirmed the visit to the Mormon church, Newcastle Emlyn for the opening of the new season of our activities in September, They will require to know, nearer the date, the number of persons who will be attending so please keep it in mind and let us know in good time. The date will be the 27th of September and I suggest we meet up there at our usual meeting time of 10.30am.

Harold

Games Group

Our games group continues to meet each month and members enjoy a variety of board and card games. During the summer months if the weather is good we also have a selection of garden games such as croquet, boules, garden dominoes etc. Why don't you join us for a bit of fun, laughter and good company.

We meet at Hazel and John's house in Waungilwen. Contact Hazel for further details. We also have a dedicated Scrabble group which meet on the second Friday of the

month at Margery's, also in Waungilwen. This group is quite low in numbers and would love to have a few more members (refer to 'Our Subject Groups' for contact details).

Hazel

Monthly Meeting

Instead of the August monthly meeting, will be having an away day trip on Wednesday 2nd August to Aberglasney gardens.

More information is included in the Chair's Ramble on the front page.

Please sign the form at the monthly meeting or speak to Hazel or Ruth. We need to know numbers by Wednesday 5th July - with money please.

Hazel

Philosophy am

We were grateful to Carol for hosting our meeting and for everyone else for negotiating the extensive road works to get there.

We were looking at epistemology - philosophy of knowledge and started with tertiary and further education. It was felt that the direction at that age should be related to future employment. Everyone felt the marked expansion of the Universities at the expense of other forms of further education was unwise especially in view of the financial implications to the taxpayer and students. The serious lack of Tech. and less academic courses caused dismay.

We are continuing with same theme next time and concentrating on education for the 0 to 3yr olds looking at all aspects of aiding development of that age on the 20th July at Carol's again.

Jim



The chair's visit to the Philosophy am group at their June meeting

Philosophy pm

Sylia started our discussion on Justice and the Law. We ranged far and wide and over some instances where justice wasn't present and there was no law there to enable justice such as the refugee children vulnerable to abuse in northern France and to where it seemed impossible to find justice such as the disabled baby whose parents want to take him to the USA for unproven treatment.

A conclusion was reached - that justice is different and separate to the law, though the Law at times brings Justice.

It showed our lack of knowledge especially on how our laws came into existence, so next time we will seek more facts then look at the way the law is enforced, applied and altered.

The next meeting is on Monday 17th July.

Jim

Scrabble

The Scrabble group which meets on the second Friday of the month at Margery's, meets in Waungilwen. This group is quite low in numbers and would love to have a few more members.

Hazel

Wine Appreciation

The last meeting took place at Les and Lesley's house and we decided to try something different. One member bought three wines from the same Cotes Du Rhone region but priced approximately £5, £10 and £15 (the bottles arrived covered). We then proceeded to try the wines and scored them on our usual tasting notes sheet. Finally we each chose which one was which price bracket! Three members managed to choose correctly but the actual preferred wine on our scoring system was the £10 bottle. As we all keep saying if you like the wine it doesn't matter what it costs!

The July meeting is at Liz and Tony's house in Cenarth and is open to all members of our U3A. The date is Thursday 20th July and is a cheese and wine event hosted by the group. Please feel free to call in any time between 4.00 and 9.00pm and join us in enjoying some local cheeses and some wine, or soft drinks if you are driving.

To give us some ideas of numbers please sign the form on the table at the monthly meeting or let Hazel know you will be attending. Details of venue on request.

Hazel

Inside me is a skinny person screaming to get out . . . but he shuts up when I eat cake

Whenever I find the key to success, someone changes the lock

Dear maths . . . Please grow up and solve your problems yourself

The Captain of Your Ship

Can you match the following ships with the Captains that commanded them?

	Ship	Captain
1	Golden Hind	_____
2	HMS Bounty	_____
3	Pequod	_____
4	The Black Oig	_____
5	HMS Endeavour	_____
6	Santa Maria	_____
7	The Nautilus	_____
8	The Jolly Roger	_____
9	Endurance	_____
10	Kon-Tiki	_____
11	Orea	_____
12	RMS Titanic	_____
13	The Black Pearl	_____
14	MV Maersk Alabama	_____
15	Millenium Falcon	_____
16	HMS Victory	_____
17	Gypsy Moth IV	_____
18	HMS Sutherland	_____
19	USS Enterprise NCC-1701A	_____
20	Queen Anne's Revenge	_____

Captains:-

Captain Ahab, Blackbeard, Willam Bligh, Francis Chichester, Christopher Columbus, James Cook, Francis Drake, Captain Hardy, Captain Hook, Horatio Hornblower, Thor Heyerdahl, James T Kirk, Captain Nemo, Captain Richard Phillips, Captain Pugwash, Quint, Ernest Shackleton, Edward Smith, Han Solo, Jack Sparrow

What's On In Newcastle Emlyn U3A - July 2017

July

Wednesday	5	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn AGM preceeded by a quiz	10.30am
Wednesday	5	Lunch - at Emlyn Arms (<i>after monthly meeting</i>) <i>If you wish to attend, please order from the menu at the meeting</i>	12.30am
Thursday	6	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	6	German - at The Woollen Museum	11.00am
Tuesday	11	Digital Photography - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	10.30am
Wednesday	12	Crafty Crafters - at Annabelle's in Penboyr	11.00am
Thursday	13	Creative Writing - at Carol's in Penrhiwllan	10.45am
Friday	14	Scrabble - at Margery's in Waungilwen	2.00pm
Monday	17	Philosophy (pm) - at Susan's in Pontegarreg	2.00pm
Tuesday	18	Games Group - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	10.30am
Tuesday	18	ICT Support Session - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	1.30pm
Wednesday	19	Astronomy - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	2.00pm
Thursday	20	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	20	Philosophy (am) - at Carol's in Penrhiwllan	10.30am
Thursday	20	German - at The Woollen Museum	11.00am
Thursday	20	Wine Appreciation - at Tony and Liz's (<i>cheese and wine</i>) <i>(open house from 4.00 to 9.00pm - All NE U3A members welcome)</i>	4.00pm
Tuesday	25	Book Club - at Val's in Horeb	10.30am
Wednesday	26	Lunch Club - at (venue TBA)	12.15pm
Friday	28	Strollers - TBA	10.30am
Monday	TBA	French Group - at Peggy's in Croeslan Family History - <i>suspended until September</i>	11.00am

August

Wednesday	2	Monthly Meeting - No Monthly Meeting this month Visit to Aberglasney gardens (see Chair's Ramble for details)	
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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: neu3newsletter@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*).