



# Newcastle Emlyn U3A

**Newsletter - August 2017**

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## Chair's Ramble

What's happened to the summer? The weather has taken a turn for the cooler and wetter variety and I do hope we get some sunshine and warmth back soon. Hopefully in time for our trip to Aberglasney!

Thank you to everyone who came to our AGM in July. It was well attended and we had great fun with two quizzes at the start of the meeting and then got down to the business part. John's quiz on the newsletter threw up some interesting thoughts! Just how well do you read your newsletter. It also showed that some groups perhaps need to do more to promote themselves and maybe put a report in occasionally! The chocolate quiz, by Julia, showed that we do know our chocolate varieties! Thank you to both of them.

2017-18 is my final year as chair so I hope it is a good one and I can hand over a thriving, vibrant U3A to the next chair. Please start thinking of who you would like as your next chairperson!

The AGM of course marks the end of one year and the start of another which means, of course, that your membership fees are due! We have again held the fee at £14 per person but please can you let Ruth have the money as soon as possible. If for some reason you do not wish to remain a member this year can I also ask that you let Ruth or myself know so that we can keep our records up to date and don't pester you for money!

The summer months are always a difficult time for groups as many people are away. Please can you let your group leaders know if you are not going to be able to attend so that decisions can be made about the running of meetings. I for one am very grateful to Vicki for volunteering to run the games group in August as we are not available. It is a shame if we have to cancel groups but it can happen if not many members can make it or the host is themselves away.

Welcome to our new 'Gardeners Get Together' group which is starting in August. It is not for actual gardening but to share tips and tricks and to appreciate other's gardens. Please see elsewhere in the newsletter for more details.

The end of August is the Third Age Trust National Conference in Nottingham and also the final date for the short story competition entries. I know some of our creative writing group are planning on putting in an entry. Good luck to them!

*Hazel*

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## Our Subject Groups

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### Activity Group

(every 2-3 months. Activity and location varies)

More details contact Hazel

### Art Group

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

More details contact Amanda

### Astronomy

(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 Betty's in Waungilwen or Barbara's in Cenarth)

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

### 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

### Garden Group

(date, time and location varies)

More details contact Tony

### 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 Group

(last Wednesday - venue varies)

More details - temporary contact Jim

## 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.

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### Answers to 'The Captain of Your Ship'

1. Golden Hind	<i>Francis Drake</i>	12. RMS Titanic	<i>Edward Smith</i>
2. HMS Bounty	<i>William Bligh</i>	13. The Black Pearl	<i>Jack Sparrow</i>
3. Pequod	<i>Capt. Ahab</i>	14. MV Maersk	<i>Capt.</i>
4. The Black Pig	<i>Capt. Pugwash</i>	Alabama	<i>Richard Phillips</i>
5. HMS Endeavour	<i>James Cook</i>	15. Millenium Falcon	<i>Han Solo</i>
6. Santa Maria	<i>Christopher Columbus</i>	16. HMS Victory	<i>Capt. Hardy</i>
7. The Nautilus	<i>Capt. Nemo</i>	17. Gypsy Moth IV	<i>Francis Chichester</i>
8. The Jolly Roger	<i>Capt. Hook</i>	18. HMS Sutherland	<i>Horatio Hornblower</i>
9. Endurance	<i>Ernest Shackleton</i>	19. USS Enterprise	<i>James T Kirk</i>
10. Kon-Tiki	<i>Thor Heyerdahl</i>	NCC-1701A	
11. Orea	<i>Quint</i>	20. Queen Anne's	<i>Blackbeard</i>
		Revenge	

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I just got lost in thought - It was unfamiliar territory

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I stepped on a cheerio this morning . . . Does that make me a cereal killer?

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## Group Reports

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### Astronomy

We covered a variety of Subjects from finding out how we know that the planet Saturn would float . . . if we could find a bath big enough. We also looked at many of the ongoing space projects, with some stunning images.

There is consideration to a night trip to the Space Watch Centre at Knighton.

August we see a return of Dr. David Bacon presenting 'The Dark Universe an Update' on Wednesday 30th August at 7.30pm in Aberporth Village Hall. Do come and join us. Dr. Bacon is a talented lecturer explaining some of the very recent research.

Two quick questions to be answered on Wednesday;

1 - Is Earth the only body in the Solar system that has tectonic plate geology?

2 - Is Earth the only body in the Solar system that has flowing rivers?

*Jim*

### Book Cub

The July book, Girl on the Train, received mixed reviews. We all seemed to have struggled to get into it but it had also kept our attention and we wanted to know what happened. We all agreed that none of the main characters was likeable.

The next book club will be on Tuesday 22nd August at Val's. The book is Aberystwyth Mon Amour by Malcolm Pryce.

September's book is The Crow Road by Iain Banks. Date to be arranged.

*Ann*

### Crafty Crafters

July saw only a small group for Crafty Crafters but we had a very pleasant morning at Hazel's starting our Hardanger project. Everyone decided they would like to stitch an angel for the Christmas tree. Although getting started proved a little trickier than expected, everyone took their angel home to continue working on them.

We had two offers of venue from Betty Dibbens and Barbara Elliott for future meetings and decided that we would alternate between the two.

August's meeting will be held at Betty's in Waungilwen - if you need more information please contact Ruth. Hazel has said she will show us Encaustic art. As we will only have equipment for one person at a time, we will continue with our Hardanger as well.

The outing to a mosaic workshop, provisionally booked for September, will now take place in November. More details later.

*Ruth*

## Creative Writing

This month numbers were down a bit . . . but not the quality! :) :). Hilary set us, what seemed, a fairly simple task but ended up being harder than we thought it would be. We were given 10 words, and all had to be fitted into a short story. Sounds simple but as they appeared to have very little connection with each other I found it quite difficult to get a story with a good flow . . . others in our group faired much better! Again there was much variation . . . and one particularly racy number!

We will not be meeting in August, so our next session is Thursday 14th September.

*Ali*

## Games Group

Vicki Pawsey has kindly said that she could host the August meeting so there will be no need to cancel that one just the July one.

*Hazel*

## Garden Group

There has been a good response to the announcement of the group and the first meeting will be on Friday 11th August at Tony's Cottage just outside Newcastle Emlyn, starting at 2.30pm.

The object of the group is not to 'do gardening' but to be inspired by each other's gardens, learn from our successes and failures, discuss which jobs are needed to be done and generally enjoy a social gathering with people with the same interest.

Each meeting will be hosted by a member of the group on a rotating and voluntary basis and arrangements will be made for refreshments. It is hoped that everybody will gain something from visiting gardens whether large or small, pristine or wilderness.

For details of how to get to our first meeting call Tony.

*Tony*

## ICT Support Session

There is no group in August. If anyone is desperate for help get in touch with Hazel.

*Hazel*

## Lunch Group

Our meal at the Netpool Inn in St. Dogmaels was the last meal Mags was organising. Everyone going to the Lunch Group thank Mags for all her work in arranging, organising venues, menus and exploring local eateries. It is our most popular group and has been running, in its various forms, from the start of our U3A. So, thank you Mags for keeping us well fed.

It does mean we need 1 or even 2 members to take over running the Lunch Group please.

*Jim*

## Philosophy am

We looked at Educating our babes, toddlers & Preschool, but we wondered far and wide and we were not very philosophical. I had selected too large a subject, it needed to be divided up. My apologies.

In September we are looking at Forgiveness, which will keep us busy.

*Jim*

## Wine Appreciation

July found us sitting in Tony & Liz's garden appreciating the sunshine and enjoying a cheese and wine afternoon/evening. We had a very relaxed time socialising and enjoying the wonderful selection of cheese and biscuits that Tony and Liz had provided and the wine (or soft drinks) that the group members brought. When it cooled down we moved indoors and continued putting the world to rights.



This meeting of the wine group had been opened to all members of our U3A as a social event, so it was a little disappointing that only members of the group turned up.

*Ruth*

The choice of wine for our August meeting is a wine of your own choice from Chile. Venue is at Chris' in Brongest.

*Members of the Wine Appreciation Group enjoying cheese and wine in the sun*



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To learn you must make mistakes;  
When you make a mistake you often will get in trouble.  
So then why do teachers punish you when you get into trouble if you  
are only learning, which is exactly what they want you to do?

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If common sense is so common why is there so many people with out it?

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POLICE STATION TOILET STOLEN

Police have nothing to go on

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CARDIGAN U3A & NEWCASTLE EMLYN  
U3A ASTRONOMY GROUP

"THE DARK UNIVERSE  
- AN UPDATE"

AN EVENING WITH  
DR. DAVID BACON

SENIOR LECTURER AT THE INSTITUTE OF  
COSMOLOGY AND GRAVITATION  
UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH

ABERPORTH  
VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH  
7.30PM

ADMISSION & REFRESHMENTS  
£3

DR. BACON IS A MEMBER OF THE SQUARE KILOMETRE  
ARRAY COSMOLOGY WORKING GROUP, AND THE  
EUCLID SPACE TELESCOPE CONSORTIUM

What's On In Newcastle Emlyn U3A - August 2017

August

Wednesday	2	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> - Visit to Aberglasney Gardens	10.30am
		Meet in the Aberglasney Gardens Car Park at 10.30am <i>(If you don't have your transport organised, please contact Hazel)</i>	
Thursday	3	<b>Art Group</b> - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	3	<b>German</b> - at The Woollen Museum	11.00am
Tuesday	8	<b>Digital Photography</b> - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	10.30am
Wednesday	9	<b>Crafty Crafters</b> - at Betty's in Waungilwen	11.00am
Friday	11	<b>Scrabble</b> - at Margery's in Waungilwen	2.00pm
Tuesday	15	<b>Games Group</b> - at Vicki's in Adpar	10.30am
Thursday	17	<b>Art Group</b> - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	17	<b>German</b> - at The Woollen Museum	11.00am
Thursday	17	<b>Wine Appreciation</b> - at Chris' in Brongest	7.00pm
Tuesday	22	<b>Book Club</b> - at Val's in Horeb	10.30am
Wednesday	30	<b>Astronomy</b> - The Dark Universe an Update <i>An evening with Dr. David Bacon at Aberporth Village Hall</i>	7.30pm
Monday	TBA	<b>French Group</b> - at Peggy's in Croeslan	11.00am
		<b>Creative Writing</b> - no meeting this month	
		<b>ICT Support Session</b> - no meeting this month	
		<b>Lunch Club</b> - no meeting this month	
		<b>Philosophy (am)</b> - no meeting this month	
		<b>Philosophy (pm)</b> - no meeting this month	
		<b>Strollers</b> - no meeting this month	
		<b>Family History</b> - suspended until September	

September

Wednesday	6	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn	
		Speaker - TBA	

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.

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