



Newcastle Emlyn U3A



Newsletter - September 2017

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Chair's Ramble

Well the weather tried for a brief moment over the August Bank Holiday and they say September might give us some last minute good weather so here's hoping! However, the weather did not deter the intrepid explorers at Aberglasney and I think everyone enjoyed the trip. If you can think of anywhere we can put on the calendar for next August's trip please let the committee know.

The main meeting programme for next year is now finalised and will be published with your new membership card. That is as long as you have paid your membership for 2017-18! Please do so as soon as you can.

August was quite a quiet month as far as U3A was concerned and many groups took a break. We are now back up and running in full strength for September. We have a committee meeting on the 5th September so if there is anything you wish to bring up please see one of the committee. Thanks go to Tracy for stepping in as co-ordinator of the lunch group. She will need support with the booking of venues.

I have plans to arrange a small social gathering for new members to meet the committee and get to know people so watch this space. No details as yet but the idea is formulating!

The wine appreciation group again invite you to join them on the 21st September at 4.00pm at the Spring Hollow Vineyard in Cwmpengraig. This is a newly set up vineyard that we visited a while ago and we are going back to see how things are growing.

John and I would also like to invite people to our 'open home and garden' on Saturday 23rd September anytime from 2.00-7.00pm. This is not a U3A event but we would love U3A friends to join us. There will be garden games, teas, coffees and cakes available and donations are welcome in aid of the South West Wales Methodist Circuit.

Hazel

When cheese gets it's picture taken what does it say?

I'm not crazy, my reality is just different from yours

If I'm not back in 5 minutes . . . Wait longer . . .

I'm not a complete idiot - Some pieces are missing

Our Subject Groups

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 - see back page of this newsletter)

(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 contact Tracy

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.

This is the true story of George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, who was going to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the shed.

George opened the door to go turn off the light but saw there were people in the shed in the process of stealing things.

He immediately phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house"? and George said "No" and explained the situation. Then they explained that all patrols were busy and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be there when available.

George said "Okay", hung up, counted to 30, then phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them all". Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three squad cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up. Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them"!

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available"!

Group Reports

Crafty Crafters

We had an interesting meeting in August. Hazel brought along her encaustic art kit, explained how to do it, showed some examples and then helped those present each create their own picture on special card. Encaustic art (also known as encaustic painting) is the art of melting wax on the smooth plate of a special hot iron and transferring the wax to the chosen surface. The wax is beeswax to which coloured pigments are added and you choose which section of the iron plate to add the wax to, depending on the effect needed.

We were only a small group for this meeting but that meant that everyone had plenty of time to be creative and everyone enjoyed the session. Thanks to Hazel for bringing her kit to the meeting.

September's meeting will be at Barbara's in Cenarth.

Ruth

Garden Group

The first gathering of the new garden group met at Cwmbach Cottage in Newcastle Emlyn on Friday 11th August and, despite a pretty depressing weather forecast, we at least stayed dry during our wander around the garden. There were eight members attending and it was soon evident that there was a considerable enthusiasm for all things garden as well as a not inconsiderable expertise amongst this small group.



The garden prompted discussion of several topics including how to be successful in taking cuttings, what to do with a currently empty greenhouse, the necessity of letting light into the garden and avoiding having too many plants crowded together.



The way in which the group will function as time goes on was discussed and it was decided to hold meetings monthly with members volunteering to host on a rotating basis on the first Friday of each month, usually in the afternoon.

Interspersed with this we intend to visit other gardens as the opportunity arises or the monthly meeting may be replaced by one of these visits. The tour of the garden took about an hour and the meeting concluded with refreshments taken in the conservatory, again with discussion prompted by what had been seen outside.

Tony

Lunch Group

The September Lunch Club is on Wednesday 27th. Venue is the Seven Star at Llechryd and the meal is booked for 12.30pm so please arrive suitably in advance.

There is a choice of two or three courses - 2 courses £10.95 and 3 courses for £13.95.

The menu will be available at the monthly meeting for you to make your choices but here is an advanced copy . . .

- Starters:** Tomato & Sweet Pepper Soup
Prawn Cocktail
Pate & Toast
- Mains:** Topside of Beef & Yorkshire Pudding
Chicken & Homemade Stuffing
Nut Roast with Cranberries
- Sweets:** Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake
Spotted Dick & Custard
Golden Syrup Sponge & Custard

Tracy

Philosophy Study Day

It is intended to have a Philosophy Study Day on Wednesday 8th November, 2017.

Preliminary notice of a Philosophy Study Day with Lampeter University on Wednesday 8th November, 2017. Full details will be available very soon. The intention will be to have a programme suitable for members with little or no knowledge of Philosophy. Please keep the date free.

Jim

Wine Appreciation

We had a lovely evening at Chris's house in Brongest for our August meeting. Chris is a very talented man and showed us woodwork, photography and other items he has produced before we got down to the business of the evening.

We were tasting Chilean wines and had two whites and two reds to sample. All favoured quite well but the favourite on our tasting notes system was an Andara Sauvignon Blanc from central Chile. It was purchased in Aldi and proves that wine does not have to be expensive to taste good!

For September's meeting we have arranged a second visit to Spring Hollow vineyard

in Cwmpengraig. We first visited them nearly two years ago when they had just planted the vines so we are going back to see the progress they have made. The visit will take place on Thursday 21st September at 4.00pm and everyone is welcome to join the group on this occasion. Please sign the form at the monthly meeting or notify Hazel on hazeltowle@hotmail.com if you would like to come so we can let them have some idea of numbers.

Hazel

Newcastle Emlyn U3A outing to Aberglasney Gardens

Chilly winds and rain did not prevent 27 members and friends from enjoying our August outing to Aberglasney Gardens. Everyone was suitably dressed for the weather and in the morning we enjoyed a wonderful walk and talk from the head gardener, Joseph Atkin, who is so enthusiastic about the garden and gave us many hints and tips.

Lunch was enjoyed in the garden café and as the weather began to perk up slightly we then had a talk about the history of the house and gardens. It was a fabulous day and we very much appreciated the time and effort taken by the staff at the gardens, especially in accommodating two wheelchair users.

Where shall we go next year?

Hazel



Hilary Jones our Third Age Trust Wales Trustee talks in Cardigan

Hilary Jones our Third Age Trust Wales Trustee will be visiting the area at the end of the month. Hilary is well worth listening to and will be available to ask any questions you may have about the Third Age Trust and U3A's.

Cardigan U3A have invited her to talk at their monthly meeting on Thursday 28th September at 2.00pm in the Catholic Church hall in Cardigan (next to Aldi) and they have extended an invitation to any Newcastle Emlyn members who would like to join them then.

However, this is not the only opportunity to meet Hilary as she has agreed to meet and speak in a more open meeting to any members of the West Wales Network (that includes Newcastle Emlyn U3A) at 10.30am on Friday 29th September at the Cliff Hotel in Gwbert. This could be followed by a lunch in their restaurant!

So you have two opportunities to meet and listen to Hilary and as she has always supported and helped the West Wales Network it would be good to have a good attendance at the meetings. Transport can be arranged if needed to either of the events. It would be good to have some indication of numbers attending either venue so a signing sheet will be available at the monthly meeting at the beginning of September.

Lampeter Music Public Concert Series

Elena Urioste (violin) and Tom Poster (piano)

Arts Hall, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Lampeter Campus

Saturday 16th September at 7.30 pm

This stunning violin and piano duo will be performing works by Grieg, Dvorak, Gershwin and others

Single tickets: £11.00 - Concessions: £9.00

Membership for the season
gives admission to six concerts: £50 Concessions: £40
Students free with a union card
Two children free with a paying adult

Tickets and membership at the door, by phone (01558 650569) or online
Lloyds Bank, Lampeter; sort code 30 94 85; a/c no. 00131594

When making a payment please inform our treasurer
carolcook377@gmail.com www.lampetermusicclub.co.uk

What's On In Newcastle Emlyn U3A - September 2017

September

Wednesday	6	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn	10.30am
		Speaker - John Wake - The Cruel Streets of Cardiff 1890-1910	
Thursday	7	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	7	German - at The Woollen Museum	11.00am
Friday	8	Scrabble - at Margery's in Waungilwen	2.00pm
Monday	11	Philosophy (pm) - at Susan's in Pontegarreg	2.00pm
Tuesday	12	Digital Photography - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	10.30am
Wednesday	13	Crafty Crafters - at Barbara's in Cenarth	11.00am
Thursday	14	Creative Writing - at Carol's in Penrhiwllan	10.45am
Tuesday	19	Games Group - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	10.30am
Tuesday	19	ICT Support Session - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	1.30pm
Wednesday	20	Astronomy - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	2.00pm
Thursday	21	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	21	Philosophy (am) - at Lesley's in Henllan	10.30am
		<i>(please park on the road to allow space for cottage guests)</i>	
Thursday	21	German - at The Woollen Museum	11.00am
Thursday	21	Wine Appreciation - at Spring Hollow vineyard	4.00pm
		<i>in Cwmpengraig (see group report for more information)</i>	
Saturday	23	Open House and Garden - at Hazel and John's	2.00pm
		<i>(see Chair's Ramble for details)</i>	
Tuesday	26	Book Club - at Val's in Horeb	10.30am
Wednesday	27	Lunch Club - at Seven Stars, Llechryd	12.30pm
Wednesday	27	Family History - at Mormon church, Newcastle Emlyn	10.30am
Friday	29	Strollers - TBA	10.30am
		TBA French Group - at Peggy's in Croeslan	11.00am

October

Wednesday	4	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn	
		Speaker - Mererid Jones, Waste Communications Officer - Recycling	

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).