



Newcastle Emlyn U3A

Newsletter - October 2017

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Chair's Ramble

The weather man announced this morning that today (September 22nd) is the Autumn Equinox so Autumn has officially now begun. It seems to have been with us for a while now! Our field maple is full of colour and there are lots of leaves on the road already.

The summer months are quite a quiet time for the U3A and things are now getting back to normal with most groups meeting in September. Please support your groups as much as you can and let group leaders know if you cannot make it. Some groups seem a little low in numbers at the moment but hopefully will pick up again soon. Group leaders, remember to send in reports to the newsletter to promote your groups and let people know what is going on. Also remember to let John know in good time any details that need to go in the newsletter calendar.

Please note that Margery Mould's phone number is wrong in your membership cards and use the one in the newsletter if you wish to contact her about the Scrabble group. I have just received my copy of Third Age Matters and it states that there are now more than 400,000 U3A members! We have reached 90 members, a small but still important part of that huge total. Lets see if we can make it 100 this year. Sadly some members have felt that they cannot rejoin this year for one reason or another. This is mainly due to health or age but I hope friends will keep in touch with them and make sure they are ok.

I am very pleased to report that John and Malcolm attended a Newsletter Workshop in September run by the U3A in Llandrindod Wells. Both of them enjoyed the day out and came back with some ideas.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

There will be a 'new members coffee afternoon' on Tuesday 14th November from 2.00-4.00pm at my house. This will be for anyone who has joined Newcastle Emlyn U3A since July 2015. It will be a chance to meet the committee, put names to faces and ask any questions about the U3A or the Third Age trust. Plus there will be tea, coffee and cake! I will be sending out personal emails soon to everyone this includes so watch your inbox if this includes you!

We will again be having a stall at the Newcastle Emlyn Victorian Evening on Wednesday 6th December and will be asking for help and support with this.

Philosophy study day – Tuesday 7th November from 10.30am onwards. This event is a joint occasion with The University of Wales, Trinity St David at Lampeter. A flyer and application form are included in this newsletter. If you are interested in going please apply as soon as possible as numbers are limited and are already filling up. With two excellent speakers this should be well worth going to.

Hazel

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 *(please note NEW permanent venue)*

(4th Wednesday from 10.30am at Cardigan Bowling Club). 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

(1st Friday, generally pm - venue & time varies amongst the group, or other gardens)

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 2.00pm 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.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go on a camping trip, set up their tent, and fall asleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes his faithful friend.

“Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see.”

Watson replies, “I see millions of stars.”

“What does that tell you?”

Watson ponders for a minute. “Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three.

Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?”

Holmes is silent for a moment, then speaks

“Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen the tent.”

Group Reports

Crafty Crafters

No report for the newsletter with regard to September's meeting as there were only 4 of us and the member who was bringing card making bits and pieces had to cry off at the last minute so all we did was natter.

In October we are going to make a start on Christmas decorations by making Christmas puddings from polystyrene balls and felt. The meeting will be at Betty's in Waungilwen at 11.00am. If you need directions, please contact myself or Betty.

Ruth

Garden Group

Eight members of the garden group met at Vicky's in Capel Iwan at the beginning of September when we were again blessed with fine weather in which to appreciate her extensive and well stocked garden.

She and her husband have a wide variety of shrubs with many substantial trees along the boundary. Some of the ash trees were showing signs of dieback which presumably will eventually leave gaps. After the wander around the garden the conservatory provided a comfortable place for refreshments and discussions as well as distribution of home grown produce from the garden, something which was much appreciated by several members.

The next meeting will not be the usual visit to the home of a member but will be a trip



to Picton Gardens near Haverfordwest on Friday 6th October. For all those interested in going there is a car share available, meet in the NE car park at 10.00am. Those wanting to go direct should be at Picton for 11.00am. We will have lunch at Picton and probably be back around 3.00pm. Contact Tony if you have any queries.

Tony

Games Group

Unfortunately, due to various reasons, only 3 members managed to make it in September but we still had great fun playing Sequence. I am sure numbers will pick up next month when a variety of games will be enjoyed. The next meeting is on Tuesday 17th October at 10.30am in Waungilwen.

Hazel

ICT Support Group

This month did not see any takers for computer support so Ruth and I had an afternoon nattering and crafting instead! If you do want any help with laptops, tablets, phones etc please get in touch and we can book you in! The next session will be in Waungilwen on Tuesday 17th October with a new starting time of 2.00pm.

Hazel

Lunch Group

The October Lunch club has been booked at Cardigan Golf club on Wednesday 25th October - 12.30 for 1.00pm as this allows the family history group time to get to us!

It is quite an extensive menu so I won't include it in the newsletter. I will have my list ready for the October 4th monthly meeting.

Tracy

Philosophy Study Day

The Philosophy Study Day at Lampeter is well on track and there has been a great deal of interest from several other U3As. Attached with this newsletter is the latest flyer, for your information, with an application form included. Please be aware, the date has changed from the one advertised in last month's newsletter - it is now

Tuesday 7th November

If you have any earlier editions of this document there may be an error in Jim's telephone number.

Jim

Strollers

A small but select group met in September to walk from Newcastle Emllyn towards Cenarth on what is apparently known as the Military Road. If anyone knows why please let me know! We wound our way back into Newcastle Emllyn to the Emllyn Arms for coffee and to discuss a programme for the next few months. Thanks to Jim for organising the walk this month.

Hazel



Strollers - Provisional Programme for October to December 2017

October 28th

Welsh Wildlife Centre Cilgerran. Walk from Cardigan to the Wildlife Centre to Cilgerran and return by different route. Meet at the Cattle Market Cardigan - go past the Cattle Market, turn left after the tile shop, then turn right and park along the road.

November 24th

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December - No walk planned at present.

We usually meet on the 4th Friday of the month 10.30am.

Jim

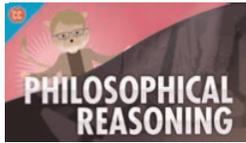
Wine Appreciation

Due to the inclement September weather we had to cancel the visit to Spring Hollow Vineyard in Cwmpengraig. As Sally is back off to University again soon we have decided to leave it until September next year when we may even be able to help with their first harvest!

Next months meeting will be on the 19th October, 7.00pm at Ruth and Malcolm's house and we will be tasting Eastern European wines.

Hazel





PHILOSOPHY STUDY DAY
With NEWCASTLE EMLYN U3A on
TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2017

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES
TRINITY SAINT DAVID - LAMPETER
in The OLD HALL and The FOUNDERS LIBRARY**

The day is designed for U3A members with some experience of Philosophy and those with no experience.

For further information read the flyer and booking form included with this newsletter - if you wish to attend please complete the form and return to Jim

Cardigan U3A presents

"ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE"

A Lecture and Lunch on Friday 3rd November at 11.00am
in the Radley Room, Cardigan Guildhall SA43 1JL

Dr. Alan Cameron Wills, former consultant and lecturer in software development, will cover topics such as self-driving lorries and big brother surveillance

He will sift the news from the nonsense and compare artificial intelligence with the real thing

£8 per person, to include a light lunch

*There is a booking form included with this newsletter
if you wish to attend please complete the form and return to Cardigan U3A*

Two gold fish are in a tank

One looks at the other and says, "You know how to drive this thing?!"

Do you know why you never see elephants hiding up in trees?

Because they're really good at it.

Internet Safety and Addressing Online Risk Course

We are contacting you to let you know of an exciting opportunity which you may be interested in. Having spoken to Dysgu Bro Ceredigion, they have indicated that should there be sufficient interest, they intend on running a course on Internet Safety and Addressing Online risks.

To register your interest in attending, please contact Dysgu Bro Ceredigion directly on 01970 633540 or email them at admin@dysgubro.org.uk at your earliest opportunity. They will then contact you with confirmation of dates and locations, should there be sufficient numbers to hold a course/s.

For your information, the day course will cover the following areas:

- Protecting your Computer
- Software Updates
- Downloading & File Sharing
- Firewalls
- Viruses / Spyware
- Webmail
- Spam and Scams
- Phishing
- Spam Text Messages
- Preventing Identity Theft
- Copycat Websites
- Safe Browsing
- Parental Control Software

Enfys James, Administrative Officer Lifestyle Services, Ceredigion County Council

What's On In Newcastle Emlyn U3A - October 2017

October

Wednesday	4	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn	10.30am
		Speaker - Mererid Jones, Waste Communications Officer - Recycling	
Thursday	5	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	5	German - at The Woollen Museum	11.00am
Friday	6	Garden Group - at Picton Gardens near Haverfordwest	11.00am
		<i>(see group report for more information)</i>	
Monday	9	Philosophy (pm) - at Susan's in Pontegarreg	2.00pm
Tuesday	10	Digital Photography - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	10.30am
Wednesday	11	Crafty Crafters - at Betty's in Waungilwen	11.00am
Thursday	12	Creative Writing - at Carol's in Penrhiwllan	10.45am
Friday	13	Scrabble - at Margery's in Waungilwen	2.00pm
Tuesday	17	Games Group - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	10.30am
Tuesday	17	ICT Support Session - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	2.00pm
Wednesday	18	Astronomy - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	2.00pm
Thursday	19	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	19	Philosophy (am) - at Lesley's in Henllan	10.30am
		<i>(please park on the road to allow space for cottage guests)</i>	
Thursday	19	German - at The Woollen Museum	11.00am
Thursday	19	Wine Appreciation - at Ruth and Malcolm's in Bryngwyn	7.00pm
Tuesday	24	Book Club - at Val's in Horeb	10.30am
Wednesday	25	Family History - at Cardigan Bowling Club	10.30am
		<i>(please note NEW permanent venue)</i>	
Wednesday	25	Lunch Club - at Cardigan Golf club	1.00pm
Friday	27	Strollers - at Cardigan, then through the Wildlife Park	10.30am
Monday	TBA	French Group - at Peggy's in Croeslan	11.00am

November

Wednesday	1	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn	
		Speaker - Rodney Webb, Stepdance to Survive	

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).