



Chair's Ramble

What a lively and enthusiastic speaker we had in November. Rodney who spoke about his family's survival due to Step Dancing went down really well and had most of us tapping feet and hands along with the music and dancing. You missed a treat if you were not there!

December's meeting is our annual Christmas 'bring and share' buffet with in-house entertainment. Please try and support this meeting and also January's meeting when one of our members, Tony Poole, will be talking about Butch Cassidy and the Welsh emigrants to Patagonia. I know it is just after new year but it will be well worth listening to.

Our Philosophy Study Day at Lampeter University on Tuesday 7th November went very well despite the weather. 40 participants from 5 different U3As attended and enjoyed two excellent speakers and a lovely buffet lunch. Thanks must go to Jim and the rest of the Philosophy group members for organising such a good event. It made me feel very proud to be part of Newcastle Emlyn U3A.

The following week was our first 'new members' coffee afternoon to get to know new members and also let them see who the committee members are and ask any questions about the U3A. About 15 people turned up and there was a great deal of chatter and eating of cake!

I have had three volunteer so far (apart from the committee members) for the Victorian night in Newcastle Emlyn on Wednesday 6th December when we will be making popcorn to give out to passers by, along with information about our U3A. Further support on the stall, even for 15 minutes would be appreciated. Please let me know if you are able to help at anytime from 4.30 - 8.00pm.

I am pleased to announce that an inaugural meeting of the new table tennis group will take place on Thursday 7th December at Rhydlewis village hall. Please see further details in the newsletter.

It only remains for John and I to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy 2018. Thank you for all your work and support in 2017.

Hazel

Myra was going to the Christmas office party but needed a new party dress. In the clothing store she asked, "May I try on that dress in the window, please?"
"Certainly not, madam", responded the salesgirl,
"You'll have to use the fitting room like everyone else".

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

(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.

Table Tennis

A Table Tennis sampler is organised for Thursday 7th December

10.30am -12.30pm at Rhydlewis Village Hall

Everyone welcome, with and without experience

There is only one table but there are other 'Youth Club' activities to keep us young at heart, as well as a kitchen for teas etc.

Rhydlewis Village Hall, Llandysul, Ceredigion SA44 5SL, UK

The village hall is situated in the centre of Rhydlewis village, approx. 200 yards from the village shop (Bridge Stores) on a minor road that leads off the B4334

We will need a leader - to organise the hall and collect a fee as well as someone for the refreshments please

This is only a trial day and we must decide whether to establish a table tennis group along with where and when

Jim

Group Reports

Activity Group

The activity group is not one that meets every month but is used to doing anything that anyone wishes to organise! It is open to all members of the Newcastle Emlyn U3A.

We have done short mat bowling, ten pin bowling, a murder mystery and other visits. In November 10 members went to see Lord Arthur Savile's Crime at the Attic Theatre in Newcastle Emlyn. It was very funny and a lovely evening together.

Hazel

Book Club

The next Book Club is Tuesday 28th November when we will be discussing The Wind in the Willows. There is no book club in December and the next one is Tuesday 23rd January at Val's. The book is 'House of Hidden Mothers' by Meera Syal.

Ann

Crafty Crafters

For our November meeting, nine of us went to Croesgoch, near St. Davids, for a 2 hour mosaic workshop given by Maddie Janes in her studio. We were



welcomed with refreshments and Maddie explained in detail how to go about creating our masterpieces.

Maddie provided everything we needed - a small board for the base and ample small tiles, pieces of broken china, some small mirror tiles and the adhesive. Her explanations were excellent and, although 2 hours wasn't very long, we all left with a piece of work which needed 24 hours to dry before we could grout them. Maddie gave us the powder and instructions to complete the grouting, which we are intending to do at our January meeting.

Following the workshop, we all went to The Sloop in Porthgain for a well deserved lunch.

Next month's meeting will be at Barbara Elliott's in Cenarth. The plan is to make wreaths using Christmas fabric and to indulge in seasonal nibbles.

Ruth



Creative Writing

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th December at Carol's.

Jim

Family History

Unfortunately this group is taking a break for a while. Numbers attending have dwindled and therefore paying for a venue has become difficult. It has been decided to try and run an email help group with members staying in touch and asking for support via email. More details of this once I know it.

I have thought that maybe in the new year we could organise another visit to the Mormon church in Newcastle Emlyn to look at their records again. If you would be interested in this please let me know.

Hazel

French Group

Will continue French Stories and the next one is on Monday December 4th, 10.30am at Peggy's.

Ann

Garden Group

Our little group met at Hazel's at the beginning of November and enjoyed a ramble around her garden. We were impressed with all the hard work she and her husband had put into the garden since moving in some four years ago, especially the restoration of their large pond. The work done in the planting out of their borders was obviously going to pay dividends by spring next year.

Our usual tea and buns went down well with some Parkin and fruit cake particularly well received.



Our group takes a break now until early February when we will be deciding on which public gardens we intend to visit during 2018. The meeting on 2nd February will be at Tony's, Gelligatti, Newcastle Emlyn.

Tony

Philosophy am

The next meeting is as in the November Newsletter - on Thursday 30th November at Lesley's. We will be following on from discussions at the Study Day. Plus any thoughts for a programme.

Jim

Philosophy pm

The next meeting is a week later on Monday 11th December, 2.00pm at Sue's. We will consider - 'If a head or brain transplant was possible, whose would you like swap with and would you be able to keep your personality?'

Jim

Wine Appreciation

Our November meeting was a slightly different one and didn't contain any wine! 12 of us enjoyed a lunch at Ty Newydd Country house and then a tour at Penderyn Whisky Distillery. It was a really enjoyable day as the pictures show!

December's meeting is a



Christmas social and is on Thursday 21st December at Hazel's when members will be bringing some food to share and a bottle of choice. Mulled wine will be served on arrival. We will also be joined by members of Cardigan's Wine Appreciation group.

Hazel

Strollers

There will be no Strollers in December.

Jim

Cardigan U3A

NEW Piano Group for all piano musicians - from complete beginners to advanced - all music genre. Meet once a month in each others houses to play pieces we are working on, swop music, discuss techniques and tips, help for developing players etc.

Trips to play pianos in different locations - visit piano music concerts and maybe organise our own.

Interested? . . .

Please contact Richard Sheen

Richard



Some NE U3A members and a few of the 40 participants from 5 different U3As attending the successful Philosophy study day at Lampeter University. Many thanks to Jim and his team for a very popular event.



Some of the new members at the coffee afternoon meeting committee members and discussing the U3A.

What's On In Newcastle Emlyn U3A - December 2017

December

Monday	4	French Group - at Peggy's in Croeslan	10.30am
Wednesday	6	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn Xmas celebrations with buffet	10.30am
Thursday	7	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	7	Table Tennis - at Rhydlewis Village Hall, Llandysul	10.30am
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 Pontgarreg	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 Penrhiwillan	10.45am
Tuesday	19	Games Group - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	10.30am
Tuesday	19	ICT Support Session - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	2.00pm
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 <i>(please park on the road to allow space for cottage guests)</i>	10.30am
Thursday	21	German - at The Woollen Museum	11.00am
Thursday	21	Wine Appreciation - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	7.00pm
		Book Club - <i>There will be no meeting in December</i>	
		Family History - <i>This group is taking a break due to low numbers</i>	
		Garden Group - <i>Winter recess, no meeting until February 2018</i>	
		Lunch Club - <i>There will be no meeting in December</i>	
		Strollers - <i>There will be no meeting in December</i>	

January (2018)!

Wednesday	3	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, Newcastle Emlyn Speaker - Tony Poole, Butch Cassidy and the Welsh Emigrants to Patagonia
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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: 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).