



Chair's Ramble

Those of us that went to Llandrindod Wells on the 9th May for the conference 'Learning Together' had a great day. There were some great discussions and information sharing about how other U3As Learn Together and the time flew by which we decided meant we had all enjoyed it! We took contributions for the Coastline project from the Strollers, Creative Writing and Crafty Crafters groups. They were well received and looked really good. There are a few photos in the newsletter. This isn't the end of the project and you can still take part and we will be having another display at our AGM in July and maybe later in the year at an open day. There are also plans to have one large exhibition organised by the Coastline Project, which may travel around all the areas in Wales.

Our new projector, with many thanks to the Big Lottery Fund, worked well at last months talk by Anita and I hope the better picture and the updated speaker system (with thanks to Cardigan) was appreciated by members. This month is another of our members, John Piggott, talking about Guatemala. It is great to hear from our own members and it never ceases to amaze me just what varied backgrounds, skills and experiences we all have. If you think you have something that you could talk about please speak to Julia or Lesley - our programme secretaries.

The Third Age Trust are adding many new subject advisors to their list. It is always worth asking for their help with your groups so please don't forget they are there. The list of advisors can always be found in the magazine (Third Age Matters).

Hazel

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 4th July

10.30am for 11.00am start

This is open to all members so please try to attend

What's On In Newcastle Emlyn U3A - June 2018

June

Friday	1	Garden Group - at Aberglasney Gardens	10.00am
		<i>(see group report for travel details/arrangements)</i>	
Saturday	2	Lampeter University - Humanities Workshop	
		Archaeology - A Guided Tour of the Archaeological Dig at Llanllyr	
		http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/humanities-workshops/	
Wednesday	6	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn	10.30am
		Speaker - John Piggott - Guatemala – history, culture, wildlife	
Thursday	7	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
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
Tuesday	12	Table Tennis - at Rhydlewys Village Hall, Llandysul	2.00pm
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	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 Penrhiwllan Village Hall	10.30am
Thursday	21	Wine Appreciation - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	7.00pm
Tuesday	26	Book Club - at Vicky's in Capel Iwan	10.30am
Wednesday	27	Lunch Club - at TBA	12.30pm
Thursday	28	Table Tennis - at Rhydlewys Village Hall, Llandysul	10.30am
Friday	29	Strollers - at Dinefwr and Newton House, Llandielo	11.00am
		Family History - email support group, see 'Our Subject Groups'	
		French Group - no meeting this month	

July

Wednesday	4	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, Newcastle Emlyn	
		AGM - with 'in-house' entertainment (subscriptions due!)	

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).

Lampeter University Humanities Workshops - 2018 Programme

Saturday, 2nd June	- Archaeology
	A Guided Tour of the Archaeological Dig at Llanllyr
Wednesday, 4th July	- History and Culture
Wednesday, 8th August	- Philosophy

<http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/humanities-workshops/>

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 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 Betty's in Adpar)
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

(currently an email support group) - 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 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

ICT Support Sessions

(3rd Tuesday from 2.00pm 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 Penrhiwllan Village Hall)
More details contact Jim

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

Table Tennis

(2nd Tuesday from 2.00pm and 4th Thursday from 10.30am at Rhydlewis Village Hall)
More details contact Ali

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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Our AGM is also the start of our financial year
which means that subscriptions are due in July

Ruth will be at the AGM to relieve you of your £14 for the year!
Please note that we have kept the same fee as last year

We are setting up a new system whereby you can pay by
direct transfer from your bank account
if this suits you better

Group Reports

Crafty Crafters

May's meeting of Crafty Crafters was another quiet get together. Ruth and Hazel were at the All Wales Conference in Llandrindod Wells where the fabric panel of Mwnt, that members had helped to create, was put on display. Several attendees of the conference were noticed looking closely at it. The following week, I took the panel to show Helen Elliott, the artist whose painting we had used. She was very impressed with what we had created.

The meeting on 13th June will be at Barbara's in Cenarth. I am hoping to have something arranged for the meeting and will be in touch with members nearer the time.

Ruth

Ruth with Helen Elliott



Creative Writing

This month we were given the task of writing a complete story of only 100 words! . . . very tricky to get a start, middle and end in 100 words . . . but we managed . . . then we read them out . . . had a short critique, then had to pass our own to another person.

We were then asked to change just 5 words of our colleague's work to completely change the meaning of their story. This proved quite difficult to manage by changing only 5 words, but after looking at changing various parts of the text it became clear that changing the end was the most successful. Quite a brainstraining exercise, but as usual it was good fun.

Ali

French Group

Our next meeting is Monday 2nd July. There will be no French Group in June as many of the group will be doing their homework on the Continent.

Ann

Gardens Group

The April Garden Group meeting, held at Hazel's, was attended by five loyal members and a visitor from Swansea U3A, with apologies from several others. Hazel and John's garden shows what a year can do as the pond is maturing well and several of the borders are becoming more established. Thanks go to our hosts for the refreshments.

It was decided to make our next meeting a visit to Aberglasney Gardens on Friday

1st June. By this time the gardens should be in full colour if the recent improvement in the weather continues. Car share will be organized so all those wishing to go should contact Tony in good time.

Looking ahead to July it was thought that a visit to Duffryn Gardens near Fishguard would be worth while. This would be on Monday 6th July, again with car share. Duffryn has been highly recommended by The Times and Gardeners World as well as other august organizations so it should be a very worthwhile trip out. Refreshments may have to be pre booked, otherwise we could take picnics.

Both visits would start from NE around 10.00am with return around 4.00pm. Should the weather forecast look inappropriate for either of these visits it may be necessary to amend the dates and notifications would be sent out in good time.

Tony

Philosophy am

For the May meeting we looked at Gender and discussed the increasing range of genders and sexuality. We did reach a conclusion that the UK had done very well in managing coming to terms with the changing society. We all found it difficult to understand the range of the subject, but we all felt special care needs to be taken with children.

For the Thursday 21st June meeting, 10.30am at Penrhiwllan, we are moving on to the National Health Service - Can it be affordable? Can it be all things to everyone?

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Please note that the Lampeter University Humanities Workshop for August is about Philosophy - Wednesday, 8th August. Booking details can be found at . . .

<http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/humanities-workshops/>

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I will send full details out to both Philosophy Group's members.

Jim

Philosophy pm

We looked at Decision Making with the Windrush episode in mind. After a wide ranging discussion eventually did conclude that it is almost impossible to make an effective decision taking into account all relevant information, full responsibility for the action



Gardens Group at Hazel and John's

and subsequent outcomes.

On Monday 11th June, 2.00pm at Sue's, we will look at Immigration - Can we develop a workable, fair immigration policy?

Jim

Strollers

Unfortunately the weather intervened and there was no walk in April.

We hope to walk round Caemas Head on Friday 25th May, 10.30am - meeting at Poppit Sands. Here's hoping the mist clears so we can enjoy the views!

Jim

Table Tennis

The table tennis at Rhydlewys Village Hall is proving to be a lot of fun and good exercise! Last week we had the curling out as well so there was plenty going on.

Ali

Wine Appreciation

The June meeting will be on Thursday 21st June at Hazel's house in Waungilwen. We have decided to take as our theme for tasting 'Wines from Aldi supermarket'. Choose your favourite wine from Aldi and bring it along.

Hopefully in July we will be organising a visit to the Gwaun Valley brewery.

Hazel



Would you like to see Beavers near Carmarthen

The Bevis Trust has a small colony of Beavers and we have arranged a visit to see them. There are 3 families of Beavers, free to roam within the boundaries

They are best seen in the evening

We have arranged a Tour for Wednesday 18th July

The Tour starts at 6.30pm and can continue till not able to see!

The cost is £10.00 per person

Full details at <http://www.bevistrust.com/BeaverWatching.html>

If you are interested in coming please contact Jim

There is also a leaflet attached with this month's email distribution

How many gorillas can fit into a car?

Eight

How many chickens can fit into the car?

None, the car is already full of gorillas

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I've always thought my neighbours were quite nice people

But then they put a password on their Wi-Fi

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Police officer talks to a driver: "Your tail light is broken, your tyres must be exchanged and your bumper hangs halfway down. You realise that will be £300"

Driver: "Alright, go ahead. They want twice as much as that at the garage"

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I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper

She told me that newspapers are old school

She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad

The fly didn't stand a chance

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I just got a photo from a speeding camera through the mail
I sent it right back - way too expensive and really bad quality



NE USA members at the Llandrindod Wells 'Learning Together' conference

