



Chair's Wanderings

Hoping everyone is coping with our changeable weather, swinging from warmth, floods to frost. Memory recalls regular snowy winters, with frost on the inside of the windows as well as cold hands from snowballing and sledging as a child. Thank goodness for central heating and double glazing.

Ruth our Membership Secretary has announced that we have over 100 members. The Group is getting something right as our membership slowly grows. Our thanks must go to the members as the increase seems to be related to personal recommendations. We do hope we can remain as open and friendly as we are now. One downside for me is there are more names to mis-remember, my apologies for that.

We wish every member recent and long standing or sitting, a very enjoyable Christmas and a Healthy Successful 2019.

Jim



Lampeter University Humanities Workshops - 2018 Programme

Wednesday, 5th December - Religion and Culture - II

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We are very grateful that Lampeter University is continuing with their Workshops next year - *see page 7*
The workshops are open to everyone

Lampeter University Humanities Workshops - 2019 Programme

Wednesday, 16th January - Medieval Wales

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What's On In Newcastle Emlyn U3A - December 2018

December

Monday	3	French Group - at Peggy's in Croeslan	10.30am
Tuesday	4	Welsh Group - at Vicky's in Capel Iwan	10.30am
Wednesday	5	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn Xmas celebrations with buffet	10.30am
Wednesday	5	Lampeter University - Humanities Workshop Religion and Culture - II http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/humanities-workshops/	
Thursday	6	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Monday	10	Philosophy (pm) - at Susan's in Pontgarreg	2.00pm
Tuesday	11	Book Club - at Betty's in Adpar	10.30am
Tuesday	11	Digital Photography - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	10.30am
Tuesday	11	Table Tennis - at Rhydlewys Village Hall, Llandysul	2.00pm
Thursday	12	Creative Writing - at Carol's in Penrhiwllan	10.45am
Wednesday	12	Crafty Crafters - at Betty's in Waungilwen	11.00am
Friday	14	Scrabble - at Margery's in Waungilwen	2.00pm
Tuesday	18	Games Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.30am
Tuesday	18	ICT Support Session - at Hazel's in Waungilwen	2.00pm
Wednesday	19	Wine Appreciation - at Les & Lesley's	7.00pm
Wednesday	19	Astronomy - at Coracle Hall, Llechryd	2.00pm
Thursday	20	Art Group - at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	20	Philosophy (am) - at Penrhiwllan Village Hall	10.30am
Thursday	27	Table Tennis - at Rhydlewys Village Hall, Llandysul	10.30am
		Family History - email support group, see 'Our Subject Groups'	
		Lunch Group - <i>no meeting this month</i>	
		Strollers - <i>no meeting this month</i>	
		Gardens Group - <i>in winter recess until March 2019</i>	

January (2019)

Wednesday	2	Monthly Meeting - at Community Hall, N. Emlyn Speaker - Jim Sibley - Through the Microscope	10.30am
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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*).

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 Betty

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 Penboyr Village Hall)

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 Rhydlewys Village Hall

More details contact Ali

Welsh Group

1st Tuesday from 10.30am at Vicky's in Capel Iwan or Liz's in Cenarth

More details contact Vicky

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.*

It was a cold and misty Christmas morning in the very depth of winter after a heavy fall of snow and only Farmer Evans and the Reverend Joseph Lancaster managed to arrive at the church for the morning service.

"Well", said the Vicar laconically, "I guess there's no point in having a service today".

"Well that's not how I see it", said Farmer Evans smartly,

"if only one cow turns up at feeding time, I still feed it".

Just before Xmas, an honest politician, a generous lawyer and Santa Claus all got into the lift at the Ritz Hotel in London. As the lift travelled from the 5th floor down to ground level, one-by-one they noticed a £50 note lying on the lift's floor.

Which one picked up the £50 note, and handed it in at reception?

Santa of course, the other two don't actually exist!

Group Reports

Book Club

The next Book Club will be on Tuesday 11th December, 10:30am at Betty's in Adpar. We will be discussing 'Conclave' by Robert Harris. For more details please contact Ann.

The Book Club is now mainly based at Betty's and she has offered to lead the group.

(Thank you Anne for all your work in the past).

Ann

Crafty Crafters

Novembers meeting was held at Betty's. Ruth brought along a Christmas bell made from fabric and examples of Christmas cards she had made over the previous couple of months using small cross stitch pictures, quilling and beads. Hazel brought along her examples of iris folding which are waiting to be made into Christmas cards. Hazel and Carol then helped other members to get started with their own iris folding.

December's meeting will be at Barbara's in Cenarth. We will be making the Christmas bells from fabric. Requirements are 1/4 yard of fabric, either a long quarter or a fat quarter, needle and thread to match, fabric scissors and a short length of cord for the hanging loop. I will provide templates and a bell. If anyone wants to finish their cards, I will also have the stamps and inks and some decorative bits and pieces.

As it's our Christmas meeting, if you would like to bring along some nibbles, please do so (forgot to mention it at the last meeting) but please remember there are only a few of us, so not too much.

ps. We need ideas for the coming months, so please put your thinking caps on.

Ruth

French Group

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd December, 10.30am at Peggy's. We are continuing using 'Learning French through Stories' and welcome three new recruits to the group. For more details please contact Ann.

Ann

Games Group

In November we had our first meeting at our new venue in Penboyr Hall. 15 members came and we enjoyed playing our games in the lovely light and very warm hall. The size of the venue, while not being quite so cosy as a home, does mean that people can move around easier, try new games and meet the other members more easily.

One group tried Triominos for the first time this month. This is similar to dominoes but with triangular shaped pieces with three numbers.

Many thanks to Paul for providing some mugs for us to use.

In December we will meet on Tuesday 18th December when members will also bring along some Christmas food to share.

Hazel

Gardens Group

The group will be having a winter break and the first meeting in the new year will be at the beginning of March, day to be confirmed.

Tony

Lunch Group

There is no Lunch Club in December. The January meeting will be at The Three Horseshoes in Cenarth.

More details to follow.

Tracy



*Lunch Group at
Cardigan Golf Club*

Philosophy am

We looked at Identity this time and how we identify ourselves and how we would describe ourselves. Is it just our personality or is our race, culture, appearance, status etc? There was no consensus as usual.

We will be meeting again on the 20th December, with no particular subject in mind. It will be interesting to see where we go!

Jim

Philosophy pm

Unfortunately there was no November meeting.

Our next meeting will be Monday 10th December - a look at Gaia, though we could wander onto other pressing problem.

We will make a New Year's vow to return to 'proper Philosophy'.

Jim

Strollers

This month (November!) we will be walking along the river at Henllan.

We will meet on Friday 30th November, 10.30am at Celteg Winery. The winery is in the centre of Henllan village with plenty of parking.

The walk is about 3 - 4 miles, a pleasant river and woodland walk, not steep or muddy, with only a couple of stiles. There is some roadway walking but it is suitable for dogs. After we can get light refreshments at the winery coffee shop. Hope to see you there.

Though not decided yet it is unlikely we will have a December Walk on the 29th, though perhaps we should.

Jim

Table Tennis

On Thursday 22nd November we had another enjoyable Table Tennis session. It was the first time back for me since early September and it was very nice to get back into the swing of things again. I would like to thank Ruth very much for holding the fort as Group Leader and sorting out the refreshments for so long, you're a star.

Our next session will be on Tuesday 11th December, 10.30am at Rhyd Lewis Village Hall and will be a Christmas Tournament! So will all those that can come, have with them as much tinsel as they can play with . . . and a Christmas hat! I hope it will be a bit of competitive fun!



Ali

Wine Appreciation

November's meeting was at the home of Tony and Liz in Cenarth where we tasted Languedoc Roussillon wines. This region of France is actually one of the largest producers of wine in the World and yet we were none of us sure what wines were from there until we studied it further. We found that many of us had been drinking wines from that region without really knowing. We had one rose wine which was not actually well liked but was in a fascinating faceted bottle. Then we had 6 reds, all of which were well received and scored similarly.

In December we are meeting at Les and Lesley's house near Henllan and our hosts are choosing 3 wines from the same grape or region for us to try. The wines will cost £5, £10 and £15 approximately. The aim is to see if cost makes a difference and can we tell that difference!

Hazel

Welsh Group

At our November meeting we practised counting up to one hundred in Welsh, learned the days of the week and other expressions relating to times and dates. We had fun with numbers and days by throwing dice and we even did some arithmetic.

The December meeting will be at Vicky's on Tuesday 4th December at 10.30am. We are going to practice what we have learned so far, including Lessons 1-3 of saysomethinginwelsh.com and also try some Season's Greetings in Welsh.

The January meeting will be on Tuesday 8th January, 10.30am at Liz and Tony's in Cenarth.



Please note the change of date, this is the second Tuesday of January.

Vicky

What has 34 legs, 9 heads and 2 arms? Santa Claus and his reindeer...
What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? A rebel without a Claus
Name the child's favorite Christmas king? A stocking
What do you get if you cross a duck and Santa? A Christmas Quacker

Lampeter University Humanities Workshops - 2019 Programme Preliminary Programme of Workshops

Wednesday 16th January 2019 - Medieval Wales

10.45 - 11.00	Arrival, Tea & Coffee
11.00 - 12.00	Dr. Harriett Webster 'City Witness: Place and Perspective in Medieval Swansea'
12.00 - 1.00	Prof. Jane Cartwright 'Highlights of Medieval Welsh Literature'
1.00 - 1.45	Lunch
1.45 - 2.30	Prof. Janet Burton 'Monastic Wales'
2.30 - 3.30	Tour of the Medieval manuscripts in the Roderic Bowen Library and Archives

Full details, costs and how to book can be found at:-
<http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/humanities-workshops/>

We do realise this is occurring during the winter, but our weather is so variable and we need to fit in with the University. If the weather should be inclement the workshop will be postponed and monies either returned or carried forward.

*Please support this venture and have a fascinating informative day.
More subjects and dates will be confirmed in due course.*