



Chair's Ramble

A very Happy, Peaceful and hopefully more 'normal' 2021 to you all. I hope you all had a good Christmas even if it was not quite what you would have planned. Things changed quite drastically just before Christmas and I am sure there were lots of people rearranging plans. I know we had to.

I hope all of you who managed to attend the Christmas Shenanigans December meeting, enjoyed it. The committee had great fun doing it and we were quite amazed at what you can do if you put your mind to it. Thanks must go to Julia who master minded the whole thing! There were 52 members joined in the meeting so that is just under half of us and matches the numbers we were getting at our monthly meetings before Covid. Well done and thank you.

Well, despite thinking we might get some of our groups going again in January, the Welsh Government have had other thoughts and we will all be in lockdown again so everything is on hold again apart from the groups that meet on zoom or communicate via email. Hopefully as the vaccine is rolled out things might ease and we can meet again physically before too long.

The January monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 6th January at 10.30am and will be a slightly less glamorous affair than December. It will be a coffee morning style and hopefully people can have a chat, ask any questions about what is going on and enjoy a coffee. Link on page 6 or via email before the meeting.

I am very pleased to say that we currently have 113 members. We started the year with 127 so allowing for a couple of members who have passed and a couple who have moved away we are less than 10% down due to Covid. Thank you so much for your support. Let's hope we can have our 25th+ Anniversary Dinner at some point this year.

Finally - Congratulations to Margery who reaches a milestone birthday in January
Hazel

<i>Why does Santa go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?</i>	<i>Because it 'soots' him!</i>
<i>What do you call a bankrupt Santa?</i>	<i>Saint Nickel-less!</i>
<i>What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?</i>	<i>Claustrophobia!</i>
<i>What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?</i>	<i>Holly Davidson!</i>
<i>What did the sea say to Santa?</i>	<i>Nothing! It just waved!</i>

Our Subject Groups

Activity

Date, Activity and Location will vary - see 'What's On In Newcastle Emlyn U3A'
For details contact Hazel

Art

Every other Thursday from 10.00am at Penboyr Village Hall
For details contact Amanda

Astronomy

3rd Wednesday from 2.00pm at Coracle Hall, Llechryd - Joint with Cardigan U3A
For details contact Malcolm

Book Club

4th Tuesday from 10.30am at venue to be advised (currently Zoom meetings)
For details contact Vicky

Bowls

1st Tuesday and 3rd Monday both from 1.00pm at Newcastle Emlyn Bowling Club
For details contact Julia

Bucket List

Date, Activity and Location will vary - see 'What's On In Newcastle Emlyn U3A'
For details contact Helen

Crafty Crafters

2nd Wednesday from 10.30am at Penboyr Village Hall
For details contact Ruth

Creative Writing

2nd Thursday from 10.30am at Carol's in Penrhiwllan
For details contact Carol

Croquet

1st and 3rd Friday from 2.30pm at Sue's in Penrhiwllan
For details contact Sue

Digital Photography

2nd Tuesday from 10.30am at Coracle Hall, Llechryd - Joint with Cardigan U3A
For details contact Denis

Family History

4th Tuesday from 2.30pm at The Church of Latter Day Saints, Newcastle Emlyn
For details contact Margaret

French

Date varies from 10.30am at Peggy's in Croeslan
For details contact Ali

Games

3rd Tuesday from 10.30am at Penboyr Village Hall
For details contact Hazel

Gardens

Date, venue and 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

Last Wednesday - venue varies
More details contact Tracy

Patchwork and Quilting

2nd Friday from 11.00am at Penboyr Village Hall
More details contact Ruth

Philosophy am

3rd Thursday from 10.30am at Penrhiwllan Village Hall
More details contact Ali

Philosophy pm

2nd Monday from 2.00pm at Susan's in Pontgarreg
More details contact Susan

Science and Technology

4th Monday from 2.00pm at Penrhiwllan Village Hall
More details contact Jim

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 to be confirmed
More details contact Cyndy

Table Tennis

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

Welsh

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.

Group Reports

Book Club

In December the book club met on Tuesday 22nd via Zoom and discussed Camino Island by John Grisham. The novel was about the theft of original manuscripts of F. Scott Fitzgerald and the hunt by an insurance company assisted by an aspiring author and then the FBI to recover them. The book met with mixed reviews and it was generally felt that John Grisham's earlier work was better. But mostly we found something to enjoy in the book and some of us will look up a second in the Camino Island series.

Next meeting, Tuesday 26th January, we will be discussing 'The Foundling' by Stacey Halls'.

Vicky

Family History

We had our Zoom meeting earlier than usual in December and were able to demonstrate certain aspects of Ancestry searching and the additional information that is available if you look further than the first bit of the search page, or actual record, as well as some examples of how we store our findings.

Our January meeting will be at the usual time of 2.30pm on Tuesday 26th. As a few regular members were not able to be at the December meeting, we shall continue the theme of Questions & Answers and Useful Tips, with ScreenSharing when possible. In fact anything that comes up with hopefully somebody able to demonstrate on their screen how to proceed.

In the meantime, I hope everyone is able to have as happy a Christmas as possible and that sometime next year life will be able to get back to some kind of normality.

Very best wishes to you all,

Margaret

Philosophy am

A brief philosophy report: On 17th December we had our latest Philosophy am Zoom meeting. It was a nostalgic look at past Christmases, our families traditions, the discipline of present opening, and what was in our stockings! We also discussed the community at Christmas.

Our next meeting will be on 'Our expectations of 2021'.

Best wishes to all for a better year to come,

Ali

Strollers

Friday 27th November, we met at Cwm Cou for the start of our walk, it was a cool misty morning. We followed a bridle path and then joined a footpath down to a stream crossed over a footbridge which took us past a leaning derelict Mill house within the grounds of Felin Giri, by this time the mist had lifted and the sun came out. We had a very pleasant walk along a quiet lane in the warm winter sun back to the meeting point.



Cyndy

Welsh Group

In December we revised Christmas and New Year Greetings and other seasonal expressions, ready for the festive season. We then all had a go at describing the items we could see in a photograph taken by Lesley of part of her garden. Finally we went through and translated the words of the National Anthem and two other well known Welsh songs and listened to them being sung.

In our January meeting we are each going to reveal our diary for a week and describe what we have done and where we have been (real or imaginary) to be followed by questions from the others. And we will have two more photographs taken from our houses to see what we can spot and what we can say about them.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th January, starting at 10.30am, using Zoom.

Vicky

Wine Appreciation

Despite hoping that we might be able to meet physically outside somehow in December we decided caution was called for and 10 members met again on zoom for a Christmas social gathering. We each had our favourite tipple and a few nibbles to enjoy. We enjoyed a couple of quizzes and a scavenger hunt together.

On Thursday 21st January we will meet at 7.00pm to find out about the last of the fortified wines, - Marsala. Not such a well known drink so it will be interesting to find out its origins.

Hazel

The Language of Grammar

*'I'd like to see your mother, Alice,' said the teacher
when Alice opened the door.*

She ain't here, miss, Alice replied.

*'Why, Alice, where's your grammar?' the teacher asked.
She ain't here neither, miss,' said Alice.*

from 'Have You Eaten Grandma?' by Gyles Brandreth

January monthly Zoom meeting

Newcastle Emlyn U3A is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: Newcastle Emlyn U3A's Main Monthly Zoom Meeting

Time: Wednesday 6th January, 2021 - 10:30am London

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7696055146?pwd=aXhXc0xmdnV0QmJXU1d1RVZxNmJOQT09>

Meeting ID: 769 605 5146

Passcode: NEu3a

Dial by your phone:

0203 901 7895 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 769 605 5146

Passcode: 812530

The Elves and the Shoemaker

'The Elves and the Shoemaker' is a classic Christmas fairy tale, your kids will love to hear. This tale by the 'Brothers Grimm' is about two elves that sneakily help a poor shoemaker. This story is about a shoemaker who lives with his wife in a small house. He is very poor and doesn't have any money left with him. He only has some leather left to make one pair of shoes. One evening, he cut the leather for a pair of shoes that he thought he would make in the morning, and prayed to God for a good day and goes to sleep. The next morning, the shoemaker finds a beautiful pair of shoes on the table in his shop and sells it for a hefty price.

For many days, this continues and the shoemaker turns rich by selling the shoes made by the elves. The shoemaker and his wife are pleased; they decide to find out who their helpers are and express their gratitude towards them. They make clothes for the elves in order to thank them for their service. The two little elves come at midnight and are happy to see the clothes. They wear it and go only to never return

again. The shoemaker lives a happy and prosperous life thereafter and the little elves are pleased, too. This is a remarkable story to teach your children about the importance of hard work. Hard work always reaps its rewards. It is because the shoemaker worked hard that the elves came to help him. In return, he also gave the elves wonderful new clothes made with love.

DIDN'T THEY DO WELL!!

Every comedian used to have his or her own catchphrase, some had many. Can you recognise the famous entertainers who used the following?

1	“Nice to see you, to see you...nice”.		
2	“That’s another fine mess you got me into”.		
3	“Hello my darlings”.		
4	“You’ll like this, but not a lot”.		
5	“Shut that door!”		
6	“Is that your final answer?”		
7	“You lucky people”.		
8	“I wanna tell you a story”.		
9	“Ooh, You are awful...but I like it”.		
10	“It’s goodnight from me, and it’s goodnight from him”.		
11	“Just like that”.		
12	“Before your very eyes”.		
13	“Rock on Tommy!”		
14	“Wakey, Wakey!!”		
15	“It’s all done in the best possible taste”.		
16	“Can you hear me mother?”		
17	“It’s the way I tell ‘em”.		
18	“Not a lot of people know that”.		
19	“How tickled I am”.		
20	“Hello, Good Evening and Welcome”.		

What's On In Newcastle Emlyn u3a - January 2021

January

Tuesday	5	Welsh - Zoom meeting	10.30am
Wednesday	6	Monthly Meeting - Zoom meeting Social - coffee & chat	10.30am
Friday	8	Crafty Crafters - Zoom meeting	11.00am
Friday	8	Patchwork and Quilting - Zoom meeting	11.00am
Monday	11	Philosophy pm - Zoom meeting	2.00pm
Thursday	14	Creative Writing - email	10.30am
Tuesday	19	Games - Zoom meeting	10.30am
Thursday	21	Philosophy am - Zoom meeting	10.30am
Thursday	21	Wine Appreciation - Zoom meeting	7.00pm
Monday	25	Science and Technology - Zoom meeting	2.00pm
Tuesday	26	Family History - Zoom meeting	2.30pm
Friday	29	Strollers - to be advised ICT Support Session - as required Activity - date, activity and location will vary Art - currently not active Astronomy - currently not active Bowls - in winter recess Bucket List - date, activity and location will vary Croquet - in winter recess Digital Photography - currently not active French - currently not active Gardens - in winter recess Lunch - currently not active Scrabble - currently not active Table Tennis - currently not active	10.30am

February

Wednesday	3	Monthly Meeting - Zoom meeting Speaker: Andy Smith - Musical compilation	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 wishin to attend.

Closing date for newsletter contributions will be on the 24th of the month, at the latest.

Contact John via email at: neu3anewsletter@hotmail.com

It's easy to remember - **n** (Newcastle), **e** (Emlyn), **u3a** (catching on!)
newsletter (Ithink you've got it!) - @hotmail.com (gets it to me).