



Newcastle Emlyn u3a Newsletter April 2021

<http://u3asites.org.uk/newcastle-emlyn>



Chair's Ramble

Happy Easter to you all! Little did we think a year ago that we would still be under restrictions that would stop us seeing friends and family. But stay strong and safe and I believe we will meet again soon.

Marc Gordon gave us a fascinating insight into his passion for stringed instruments at the March meeting and I for one can't wait till we are allowed to visit his shop and see some more of them. Thanks to all those who managed to attend.

April's meeting is on Wednesday 7th April at 10.30am and is something completely different and more about local history and redevelopment. The Bishop's Park project is located in Abergwili, just east of Carmarthen and is at the site of the Bishop's Palace and Abergwili museum. There are records of the gardens being there as long ago as 1713 and they are now being restored and returned to their former glory. There are plans for a café and learning centre and there are walks around and from the park. So there should be something of interest for everyone. The link for the meeting is as usual in the newsletter and will be sent out on email.

Newcastle Emlyn u3a has remained active during the last year but other local u3as have found things more difficult for various reasons so the committee felt that they would like to support them and help. With that in mind we have extended an invitation to Cardigan and Carmarthen u3a members to join us on our zoom monthly meetings. So if you see a few strange faces on the zoom please welcome them and make them feel at home!

I am not sure how many of you are aware of Trust u3a. Trust u3a is an online u3a that gives you the opportunity to join groups, talks and courses. Like any u3a the activities are run by the members for the members. If there is something that you think you would like to do but Newcastle Emlyn has not got a group you may find the opportunity here. Take a look at the groups page on their website. <https://u3asites.org.uk/trustu3a/home> If you are already a member of our u3a the cost of joining from the 1st April for a year is just £5.

As long as things proceed as planned regarding Covid we may be able to start some of our outdoor groups from the 22nd April as groups of people will be allowed to meet outdoors again. Nothing definite can be planned as yet but May is looking hopeful!

Hazel

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 varies
More details contact Cyndy

Table Tennis

2nd Tuesday from 2.00pm and 4th Thursday from 10.30am at Rhydlewys 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 March we read 'A Single Thread' by Tracy Chevalier. The story is set in 1932 and follows the life of a 38 year old woman who lost her brother and then her fiancé in the Great War as she tries to find an independent life that is not as a wife or mother. She moves to Winchester and joins a broderers group making kneelers and cushions for the cathedral. The people she meets broaden her horizons, not always in an easy way.

The majority of us really enjoyed the book and were drawn into the descriptions of her friendships, of being frowned upon by her peers and of the struggle between her duty as a daughter to care for her mother in Southampton and wanting her freedom in Winchester.

Next month we will meet on Tuesday 27th April and will be discussing 'Past Caring' by Robert Goddard.

Vicky

Crafty Crafters & Patchwork and Quilting

The challenge for March's meeting was again to do something with flowers but using a different technique than last month. We had examples of quilling, parchment work, embroidery, silk painting, foundation pieced patchwork and crochet.

Card production had been popular this month with Julie and Hazel both trying out quilling. They agreed that, once you had the basic technique, it was pretty straight forward. Hazel recommended watching a YouTube video to get started. Denise had also made cards, trying her hand at silk painting for the first time.

The parchment work created by Ali, was a picture of butterflies and flowers and she'd painted some flowerheads and written messages on the stalks. In the meantime, I had finished the foundation piecing patchwork started last month making another two flower panels and to complete the challenge of using a different technique, I had then crocheted a multi colour flower 'doily'.

Last month, Michelle had agreed that she would talk about making jewellery. She first showed us a necklace of beads made from silk, the silk being stitched into narrow tubes which are filled with polystyrene beads. She then talked about making beads from paper. The paper is painted or foiled to decorate it and then three or four layers are pasted, or laminated, together. Once this is dry, it can be cut into shapes to make beads, earrings, etc.

Janet had spent her time this month making crème egg men and crocheting more tea cosies.

Hazel then told us about her experience with a Denman workshop on needle felting.

The workshop was creating a needle felted picture and had cost £5. She took part via Zoom with the tutor demonstrating the techniques and the participants working at the same time. It had lasted two hours. Hazel said it was well worth the cost. Details of all their workshops can be found at <https://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/> . You can view all courses or filter by category on the left-hand side.

The challenge for next month is to make something for Easter.

Ruth



Family History

This month's meeting was about where we had been led astray with our research, and how we had got back on the right track. We have all at some time assumed we were following the correct leads, but also something was telling us there was something wrong. Sometimes, other researchers (on Ancestry etc) had made assumptions that we could have easily followed, but we had learned how important it was to check up and verify for ourselves that the leads were correct.

Next month's meeting, and possibly the one after as well, will be about World War One. Some of us have memorabilia to share, many have stories about our ancestors who served in the armed forces. Most of us have records of some sort about that dreadful war. It should be an interesting session.

If anyone else is interested in joining the group, please contact me for details.

Margaret

Games Group

We continue to meet on zoom and enjoy a couple of quizzes on our games group morning. One of the members has suggested we have a look at Trickster Games online. The app allows you to play card games against friends or the computer online. We agreed to maybe give it a go next month. Some of us continue to play scrabble and other word games online as well.

Aprils meeting will be on Tuesday 20th April at 10.30am via zoom.

Hazel

Welsh Group

At our March meeting we took turns to describe what we could see in two photographs provided by Vicky. One was a black and white snapshot of the family walking along the promenade at the seaside and the other was a view of mountains, forest and Lake Lugano on the borders of Switzerland and Italy.

We also described the garden bird counts we had all done with a large variety of birds having been spotted. Sue came to our rescue on some of the names with a bird book in Welsh by Iolo Williams.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th April starting at 10.30am, using Zoom. In the hope that more shops will be opening soon we will be practising choosing things and paying for them. First stop will be the butcher's shop. We will also describe more photographs to be provided by members of the group.

Vicky

Wine Appreciation

In March the members enjoyed finding out more about Western Australian wines. Western Australia is home to nine vast and extraordinary wine regions, each crafting wines with worldwide appeal. There is a history of wine production in Western

Australia dating back to 1840 with the establishment of Sandalford in the Swan Valley region. The recognition of the fine wine possibilities started to be realised after the establishment of the Margaret River Region in 1967. We tried two reds and a white from the Margaret River region, a white Sauvignon Blanc from the Great Southern region and a Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon which is Western Australia's trademark wine.

Aprils meeting will be on Thursday 15th April at 7.00pm via zoom. We will tasting and finding out more about wines from South Australia.

Hazel

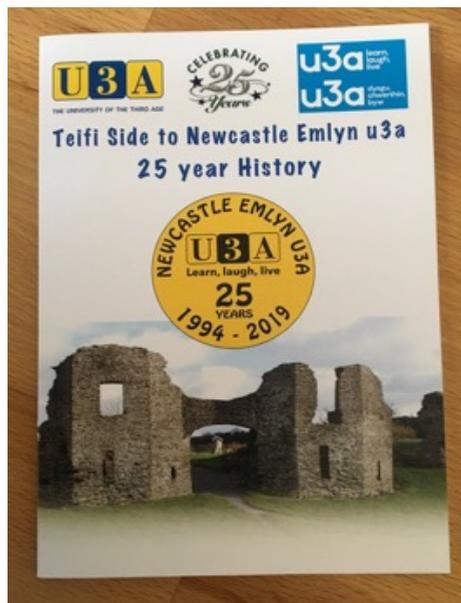
Teifi Side to Newcastle Emlyn u3a a 25 year history

We have copies of the booklet that has been written about the history of our u3a from 1994 to 2020. They are professionally printed and cost just £2. If you want me to reserve you a copy then please let me know. I am getting them out to people if I can but we may have to wait until groups get going again. If you are passing our house then feel free to call in! Ruth has copies as well if you live closer to Bryngwyn!

Alternatively we could post them out to you for another £1 if you transfer the money (£3) to Ruth via a bank transfer with your name and book in the reference.

Thanks to those who have already bought or reserved copies

Hazel



Main meeting link for April 7th at 10.30am

Newcastle Emlyn U3A is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **Newcastle Emlyn U3A's Main Zoom Meeting**

Time: **Apr 7, 2021 10:30 AM London**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7696055146?pwd=aXhXc0xmdnVoQmJXU1d1RVZxNmJQQT09>

Meeting ID: **769 605 5146**

Passcode: **NEu3a**

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What's On In Newcastle Emlyn u3a - April 2021

April

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| Thursday | 1 | Art - meets fortnightly via Zoom | 11.00am |
| Tuesday | 6 | Welsh - Zoom meeting | 10.30am |
| Wednesday | 7 | Monthly Meeting - Zoom meeting | 10.30am |
| | | Speaker: Regeneration of Bishop's Park at Abergwili, Carmarthen | |
| Thursday | 8 | Creative Writing - email | 10.30am |
| Friday | 9 | Crafty Crafters - Zoom meeting (with P&Q) | 10.30am |
| Friday | 9 | Patchwork and Quilting - Zoom meeting (with CC) | 10.30am |
| Monday | 12 | Philosophy pm - Zoom meeting | 2.00pm |
| Thursday | 15 | Philosophy am - Zoom meeting | 10.30am |
| Thursday | 15 | Art - meets fortnightly via Zoom | 11.00am |
| Thursday | 15 | Wine Appreciation - Zoom meeting | 7.00pm |
| Tuesday | 20 | Games - Zoom meeting | 10.30am |
| Monday | 26 | Science and Technology - Zoom meeting | 2.00pm |
| Tuesday | 27 | Book Club - Zoom meeting | 10.30am |
| Tuesday | 27 | Family History - Zoom meeting | 2.30pm |
| Thursday | 29 | Art - meets fortnightly via Zoom | 11.00am |
| | | Strollers - currently not meeting (lockdown) | |
| | | ICT Support Session - as required | |
| | | Activity - currently not active | |
| | | Astronomy - currently not active | |
| | | Bowls - in winter recess | |
| | | Bucket List - currently not active | |
| | | 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 | |

May

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| Wednesday | 5 | Monthly Meeting - Zoom meeting | 10.30am |
| | | Speaker: Roger Brown, humourous talk 'Not Father O'Malley' | |

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, at the latest.

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).
