



Newcastle Emlyn u3a Newsletter August 2021

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Chair's Ramble

Phew! The weather has been rather hot lately but as I write this ramble they are saying it is due to be cooler for a few days. I hope you all enjoyed the hot weather and stayed well hydrated. The gardeners amongst you will be wanting some rain! We are never happy!

Our AGM in July was well attended and went very smoothly, for which I was very grateful! We welcomed Helen onto the committee and wished Malcolm all of the best in his retirement from the committee after 15 years.

Our main meeting on Wednesday 4th August will again be on zoom at 10.30am as we welcome Colin from Chepstow u3a who will be talking about 'Tea and it's History'. Something completely different! Join us with a cup of your favourite brew!

In the afternoon of the same day we ask you to join us for a social event in Newcastle Emlyn's King George V park from 2.30pm onwards for a couple of hours. You will need to bring your own chairs, tables and picnic as you would for a concert in the park! We will be planting a tree for our 25th anniversary and giving people a chance to try out Petanque, Outdoor Bowls, Croquet and other games. It will be the first time we have been together socially since March 2020 so please try and come along and support us. Fingers crossed for decent weather!

More of our groups are gradually getting going again physically especially while we can use gardens. But we await the next round of the easing of restrictions which will hopefully mean we can meet indoors again soon. I will try to keep everyone up to date once we hear anything.

Hazel

Newcastle Emlyn u3a Picnic and Games in the Park

**Wednesday 4th August from 2.30pm
at George V Playing Fields**

**Bring your own picnic, table, chairs etc.
and join us for an afternoon of fun and games**

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 2.00pm 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

4th Monday from 10.30am at Ali's in Ponthirwaun
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
For details contact Mike

ICT Support Sessions

3rd Tuesday from 2.00pm at Hazel's in Waungilwen
For details contact Hazel

Lunch

Last Wednesday - venue varies
For details contact Tracy

Patchwork and Quilting

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

Petanque (Boules)

1st Monday, 2nd Thursday & 3rd Tuesday from 2.00pm at Newcastle Emlyn Park
For details contact John

Philosophy am

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

Philosophy pm

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

Science and Technology

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

Strollers

Last Friday of the month from 10.30am, venue varies
For details contact Cyndy

Table Tennis

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

Welsh

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

Wine Appreciation

3rd Thursday from 7.00pm - venue varies, amongst the group
For 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

Art Group

We have been meeting in the Penboyr Hall, and working at socially distanced tables, for a few weeks now. We very much enjoy catching up, and the opportunity for social contact again.

Please excuse our group photo, which isn't distanced, apologies for that, but it was very brief.

We meet every second Thursday morning, and simply bring our own materials and do our own art work. No tuition, but we all enjoy ourselves. New members are always welcome, and my contact details are in the newsletter.

Amanda



Book Club

In July we read 'The Girl Who Saved The King Of Sweden' by Jonas Jonasson. The book follows the extraordinary life of Nombeko Mayeki, a poor South African girl who survives many ridiculous situations because of her great intelligence and negotiating skills. It has a convoluted plot involving nuclear weapons, the Israeli secret service, and Nombeko's life in Sweden with twin brothers, one of whom does not officially exist and the other who wants to kill the Swedish king. The book had a mixed reception within our group. The majority enjoyed it, but thought it fell short of Jonasson's first book, The '100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out The Window and Disappeared'. Several of the group thought that the humour missed the target altogether.

Next month we are reading 'When God was a Rabbit', by Sarah Winman. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th August, via Zoom.

Vicky

Crafty Crafters

Crafty Crafters in July saw six of us meeting in Penboyr with a variety of needlework crafts. Julia spins her own wool and had brought some of this along as her knitting. She says because it's not a standard thickness (like 4 ply or double knitting) it is first essential to do a test piece to find out what tension to work to.

Hazel and Pat had both also brought knitting to work on while Denise was trying to tack two pieces of velvet together. She was finding it living up to its reputation for shifting when stitching pieces together. Helen and I both had forms of embroidery with us. Helen's was a form of folk embroidery as she followed a pattern for a "Folk Embroidered Felt Bird" and mine was the first panel of the "Home Sweet Home" workbox started last month.

Next meeting will be on August 11th, 10.30am – 12.30pm at Penboyr village hall.

Ruth

Croquet

We've had fun playing Croquet twice a month on the first and third Friday each month at 14:30pm for a couple of hours. As the summer declines I've decided we can play every Friday afternoon at 14:30pm for a couple of hours from 6th August to end of September.

This offer is open to the whole of the NCE u3a. This is a genteel sport and something almost everyone can enjoy. We are beginning to master the rules of play but most importantly we have great fun.

I'm inviting you to join us before winter sets in. It doesn't matter how many or few are here to play - you can have some fun! Look forward to seeing you.

Sue

Games Group

The games group has managed to keep going during Covid by meeting on zoom and playing online card games but we are hoping to be able to meet outdoors in Hazel and John's garden at Ty Twt on Tuesday 17th August at 10.30am. Of course this will be weather dependant and a full risk assessment will be done.

Hazel

Garden

For our July meeting 16 members descended on the delightful gardens of Jo Hicks at Pentrecwrt.

We were amused by her quirky wooded area with its many themed enclosures, luckily we did not loose anybody in the crocodile swamp!

Other features of interest included the colourful flower beds, the rockery and stream running through.

We were impressed by the fact that the whole area (of about an acre) has been created and maintained by Jo almost single handedly.

Afterwards we enjoyed tea and cake on Jo's patio.

Our next meeting will on Thursday 5th August 2.00pm at Carol's pretty garden in Llandysul with spectacular views over the Teifi valley, then we will visit the huge Farmyard Nursery.

Plant of the month: our schizophrenic rose.

Hope you enjoy your gardening in this sweltering heat!

Mike





Family History

Six of us met in Ken's garden, despite the fact we had had heavy rain before we were due to meet. The rain stopped just as we started the meeting, although we were under cover so could have continued even in the rain.

We discussed how future meetings would be run when we can be back inside again at the Centre – probably Hybrid with anyone not wanting to attend in person able to join in via Zoom. It seems popular that we continue with the discussion of a particular topic each month, at least for part of each meeting.

Everyone present this month has a subscription to Ancestry, but the merits of other websites was talked about with the 2nd most popular being FindMyPast. When the 1921 census is published next year, I have read that it will at first only be available on a Pay per View basis on FindMyPast, even if you have a subscription at the time. I think it will not be available on Ancestry for a while yet.

Anyone researching their Welsh ancestry is advised to visit the website of the National Library of Wales – there you have free access to Welsh wills before 1858, the maps, newspaper articles and much more.

Next month's meeting will again be outside at Ken's, weather permitting, with a

Zoom meeting booked just in case. More information will be sent to all Group members in the next couple of weeks.

Margaret

Patchwork and Quilting

July's Patchwork & Quilting was another quiet session but everyone agrees it's good to be able to have 4 hours set aside to concentrate on a project. We had both patchwork and quilting happening – Denise was continuing with her table runner; Helen was hand quilting a UFO (unfinished object) having decided it was time it was finished and I was machine quilting a small quilt started about 3 months ago. Pat had brought a project she wanted to cut some fabric for and Hazel was cutting strips ready to sew together for the next row of the quilt for her grandson.

Next meeting will be on Friday 13th, August, 11.00am – 3.00pm at Penboyr village hall.

Ruth

Petanque

Another busy round of Pentanque in July. The third session was not so good for a team playing session. Four people put in apologies because of the excessive heat and six others did not turn up.

As it turned out, only two people turned up and managed a friendly hour and a half playing each other. Very close 2 games to 1. The names for the list for those attending will be distributed sometime during the coming weekend. The names for who plays each of the three sessions will be distributed in the next few days. The August dates will be on Monday 2nd, Thursday 12th & Tuesday 17th. If anyone is not available or would prefer a different date please let me know.

John

Welsh Group

This time we looked at and talked about two photographs provided by Hazel. One showed the Bucket List Group expedition down the River Teifi from Llechryd to Cardigan in canoes. The other was a photograph of Hazel's garden taken in February, when it was blanketed in snow.

We then looked through a restaurant menu and practised ordering a three course dinner with drinks and adding up the bill.

Next time we will look at and describe two more pictures and then order food from a lunch and snacks café menu. The August meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd, starting at 10.30am, via Zoom.

Vicky

Wine Appreciation

The weather was very kind to us in July when we had our annual social barbecue at Hazel and John's house. Ten members were able to get together including two new members.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19th August at 7.00pm in the garden of Lesley and Les Groves in Blaenwenllan. We are starting tasting wines from the wine regions of New Zealand starting with the Northlands and Auckland areas of the North Island working our way south!

Hazel

August monthly Zoom meeting on Wednesday 4th August at 10.30am

**Newcastle Emlyn u3a is inviting you to a
scheduled Zoom meeting**

Topic: Tea and it's History by Colin Andrew

Time: 10:30am Wednesday 4th August, 2021

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7696055146?pwd=aXhXc0xmdnVoQmJXU1d1RVZxNmJOQT09>

Meeting ID: 769 605 5146

Passcode: NEu3a

Dial by your phone:

+44 208 080 6591 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 769 605 5146

Passcode: 812530

What's On In Newcastle Emlyn u3a - August 2021

August

Monday	2 Petanque - meets King George V Park, Newcastle Emlyn	2.00pm
Tuesday	3 Welsh - Zoom meeting	10.30am
Tuesday	3 Bowls - meets Newcastle Emlyn Bowling Club	2.00pm
Wednesday	4 Monthly Meeting - Zoom meeting	10.30am
Wednesday	4 Monthly Meeting - Picnic and games in the Park	2.30pm
Thursday	5 Art - meets fortnightly Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	5 Gardens - at Carol Ferguson's garden	2.00pm
Friday	6 Croquet - meets at Sue's in Penrhiwllan	2.30pm
Tuesday	10 Philosophy pm - meets at Sue's in Pontgarreg	2.00pm
Tuesday	10 Table Tennis - meets Rhydlewis Village Hall	2.00pm
Wednesday	11 Crafty Crafters - meets Penboyr Village Hall	10.30am
Thursday	12 Petanque - meets King George V Park, Newcastle Emlyn	2.00pm
Friday	13 Patchwork and Quilting - meets Penboyr Village Hall	11.00am
Monday	16 Bowls - meets at Newcastle Emlyn Bowling Club	2.00pm
Tuesday	17 Games - Hazel's in Waungilwen	10.30am
Tuesday	17 Petanque - meets King George V Park, Newcastle Emlyn	2.00pm
Wednesday	18 Astronomy - meets at Coracles Hall, Llechryd	2.00pm
Thursday	19 Art - meets fortnightly Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	19 Philosophy am - Zoom meeting	10.30am
Thursday	19 Wine Appreciation - Lesley's in Bryngwenith	7.00pm
Friday	20 Croquet - meets at Sue's in Penrhiwllan	2.30pm
Monday	23 French - Venue to be advised or Zoom meeting?	11.00am
Monday	23 Science and Technology - Zoom meeting	2.00pm
Tuesday	24 Book Club - Zoom meeting	10.30am
Tuesday	24 Philosophy pm - meets at Sue's in Pontgarreg	2.00pm
Tuesday	24 Family History - meets at Ken's in Trebedw	2.30pm
Thursday	26 Table Tennis - meets at Rhydlewis Village Hall	2.00pm
Friday	27 Strollers - To be advised	10.30am

ICT Support Session - as required

Groups currently not active: Activity, Bucket List, Creative Writing, Digital Photography, Lunch

September

Wednesday **1 Monthly Meeting** - Roger James - Mr Rolls & Mr Royce 10.30am

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).