



Newcastle Emlyn u3a Newsletter November 2021

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Chair's Ramble

What a great pleasure it was to welcome 42 members to our first face to face main meeting since March 2020. We also had four members on zoom as well. It was our first meeting at Newcastle Emlyn Rugby Club and I think it was a great success. So much more space in a lovely warm and airy room with a serving hatch for coffees etc. We have now made the Rugby Club our permanent meeting venue. Roger James, who had travelled to be with us from Newport Gwent, gave us a very interesting and informative talk about Mr Rolls and Mr Royce and the history of the Rolls Royce company. He was an excellent speaker and it was a great start to our face to face programme.

Next month the meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd November at 10.30 as usual. The speaker will be Linda Feagon who will talk about the history and work of The Dogs Trust. Again please try and bring the correct change for the raffle and coffee and if you prefer to join in via zoom let me know on neu3achair@hotmail.com.

Just a reminder that Newcastle Emlyn u3a does have a private facebook group. If you are not already a member but would like to be then please search for Newcastle Emlyn u3a and ask to join. It allows us to share photos of events and groups, let members know of events etc.

Please try and support the groups as they get going again, especially if they meet in a hall. The hall has to be paid for and the more members that attend the cheaper it becomes. Let your group leader know if you cannot attend so they have some idea of numbers. Maybe now is the time to try out some different groups and enjoy some different activities.

On your behalf I would like to thank all of the group leaders for all that they do and have done to keep the groups going over the last 18 months. The strollers group is planning to accommodate those of you who would prefer a short 2 mile stroll within the group. Everyone would set off at the same time but the route would split to allow a shorter version if needed. If anyone would like to co-ordinate a serious walking group (or any other group for that matter!) then please get in touch with Ali or myself.

Hazel

<i>Whether the weather be fine,</i>	<i>aural - oral</i>	<i>bald - bawled</i>
<i>Whether the weather be not,</i>	<i>band - banned</i>	<i>bard - barred</i>
<i>We must weather the weather</i>	<i>bear - bare</i>	<i>for - fore - four</i>
<i>Whatever the weather,</i>	<i>here - hear</i>	<i>pare - pair - pear</i>
<i>Whether we like it or not.</i>	<i>raw - roar</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 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 11.00am at Rhydlewis Village Hall
For details contact Ali

Croquet

1st Friday and every other Friday from 2.30pm at Sue's
For details contact Sue

Digital Photography

2nd Tuesday from 10.30am at Coracle Hall, Llechryd - Joint with Cardigan U3A
For temporary contact please use Dave

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
For details contact Ali

Games

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

Our Subject Groups

Gardens

1st Thursday normally at 2.00pm - venue varies

For details contact Tony or Mike

ICT Support Sessions

3rd Tuesday from 2.00pm at Hazel's

For details contact

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

1st Monday & 3rd Tuesday at King George V Park, Newcastle Emlyn

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

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 or Liz's

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

Astronomy Group

We have received an email from the Coracles Hall in Llechryd about the conditions for hiring the hall. They have now decided that people using the hall must wear masks and must be worn all the time when using the hall. They say they have asked all those that need to be asked and this is what they have come up with.

We don't think that is what we want so we'll have to look elsewhere. I'll let you know.

Malcolm

Book Club

Last month we read "The Service of Clouds" by Susan Hill. We were universal in our lack of enthusiasm for the book. Lack of story line was the main criticism. This month we will be discussing "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. If you are interested in joining the book club please contact Vicky, over the next two months we will be discussing "Meet me at the Museum" by Anne Youngson and "Notwithstanding" by Louis de Bernieres.

Vicky

Crafty Crafters

At September's meeting, we had a fun time doing quilling. For those who don't know, quilling is the art of using narrow strips of paper which are rolled, shaped and glued together to create designs. We used the designs to decorate cards and gift tags for Christmas.

This was the first of our sessions of Christmas projects. At our meeting on 10th November, we will be making felt decorations. And in December we will be making fabric covered pinecones.

Ruth

Creative Writing

We are just starting out again and would welcome any new members, we are a very relaxed, jolly group just out to enjoy our writing and improve our skills. This month we have been set a couple of tasks, to write a diary page and a poem for the U3A 40th Anniversary Quilt. In November we will be meeting in Penrhiwllan hall, on Thursday 11th at 11.00am.

Ali

Croquet

We finished 2020 with a good turnout of 7 on 15th September. Re-starting on 6th

May 2021 we had fluctuating numbers from 3 to 9 throughout the season. We enjoy playing just as much with 3 members as we can 'hone' our skills. Playing with more provides the opportunity for more challenging shots as there are more 'balls' on the pitch. I think most of us have now fully grasped the basic rules especially around roquet/croquet shots and when you can have an extra shot or not. Each time they played members kindly donated to Skanda Vale Hospice and I was pleased to be able to hand over £26.45. I'd love to know who put in the defunct coins - unfortunately they were worth zero. I look forward to seeing you all again next Spring. New members always welcome.

Sue

Family History

September's meeting was held outside at Ken's house and for the 2nd time, the heavy rain managed to stop just as we were starting – fortunately we were under cover. Thank you Ken for your hospitality for these last 3 months. For that meeting, we had done some research into the local area, trying to find out something about the houses we live in and the people who used to live in them. Many of the group have obtained the tithe maps of their area from the National Library of Wales website - <https://places.library.wales/browse>.

We shall be continuing with this theme in the October meeting and this will be held in our 'normal' location at the Church of Latter Day Saints. This will be a hybrid meeting with a Zoom link for anyone to join in virtually if they cannot or do not want to attend in person.

We shall also be talking about our attempts at looking for ancestors in countries other than England and Wales.

New members are always welcome, but please contact me before coming to a meeting in case there has been a last- minute change of plans, given the ongoing Covid situation.

The Family History group's meeting on 23rd November and hopefully from then on will be at the Church of Latter Day Saints in Newcastle Emlyn, not at Ken's. See on page 11 for information about Tithe Maps.

Margaret

French

Bonjour! We will be holding our first face to face meeting in Penrhiwllan hall on 25th October, bringing with us a short piece on some activity we have done in the last month, and having a game of "eye spy", en francais, of course! We are a small group of varying skills helping each other, trying to improve our conversational French. If you would like to join us, please do, more the merrier!

Ali

Gardens Group

For our October meeting 16 hardy gardeners braved the elements (this is becoming a theme!) and assembled at Norwood Gardens (in the car park for some reason) at Llanllwni.

New group members Helen, Diane and Nicky (unfortunately absent due to illness) were welcomed along with Teresa as a guest.

We were treated to an introductory chat by Tania Barr, assisted by her husband Stuart, who have owned the gardens since 2018 and have spent the last 3 years putting much effort into developing them (this is also becoming a theme).

We were then given a guided tour by her around the 3 acre site. Tania gushed with enthusiasm and exuded passion, wisdom and deep knowledge of her plants.

The vast array of perennial plants, shrubs and trees on display meant there was interest and colour in the garden all year round.

They try to strike a balance between natural wildness and manicured neatness which I suppose is what gardening is all about.

Tania demonstrated qualities such as dedication, commitment, sheer hard work that are required to maintain such a large diverse garden. They have worn out at least one digger during all construction work!

Several members enjoyed refreshments in the Tea Room to conclude enjoyable visit.

Our next meeting will be Pencwm, Hebron SA34 0JP on Thursday 4th November at 2.00pm.

I could not resist having plants of the month - this delicately coloured Kaffir (aka South African) and an unusual primrose on a stem.

Mike





Games Group

It was good to see more members returning in October for the games group. Sequence, Spider dominoes and Yahtzee were the favourites this time.

The next games group meeting will be on Tuesday 16th November at Penboyr Hall at 10.30am. The group has many games to choose from and always welcomes new members as the hall is plenty big enough.

Hazel

Bucket List

U3A bucket list members got creative with glass fusion, making unique decorations with expert supervision, in a 2 hour workshop. It was very enjoyable, and we were impressed with our own creativity!

Amanda

Patchwork and Quilting

In September, we welcomed back some members who hadn't been able to get to the previous meetings. It was good to see them. They showed us what they had been up to during their absence. We were all very impressed.

After spending the first 3 hours working on our current projects, we packed up an hour early and went to visit Barbara Elliott at The Old Smithy in Cenarth. Barbara is a very experienced patchworker and quilter and she had set up a display of her quilts for us.

Our next meeting will be 12th November, 11.00am – 3.00pm. We are hoping to try free motion quilting using quilting rulers.

Ruth

Crafty Crafters Quilling



Petanque

Petanque has had a mixed attendance over the last few months. Some have been down to “being too hot” and others the opposite - “being too wet”. We have decided to drop the 2nd Thursday and possibly will be reinstated next spring. In the meantime, the first Monday and 3rd Tuesday will continue - weather permitting.

John

Philosophy am

Unfortunately this month’s meeting was cancelled, so our first face to face meeting will be on November 18th at 11.00am in Penrhiwllan hall. Please join us if you’re interested in friendly discussion on interesting topics.

Ali

Philosophy pm

Here’s a report from our Philosophy Group meeting held on Tuesday 19th October.

Our subject was “kindness” prompted by the tragic murder of Sir David Ames. We started with one definition of kindness, which is to see all with same loving and caring attitude, treating all with a generous heart, irrespective of eligibility.

But then there’s the press and social media – how would that work, our discussion became deeper and more diverse. i.e. where does altruism fit, being kind to yourself, is it an attitude, an action, a thought, or an intention. We all enjoyed the session, but no real conclusion was reached.

Sue

Science & Technology

My apologies again but I will be away for our next meeting on the 25th October. So our next Meeting will be on 29th November (and the last of the year).

With the cancellation of the Astronomy Meeting, the science offerings are depleted. At the last Astronomy meeting Colin wanted to know why there are no green stars. To add to that I was going to ask are there any green planets? Homework ??

Perhaps we could look at vision for the November meeting. Do you have a picture that quickly relaxes you or frightens. How accurate is your colour vision?

See you in November,

Jim

Table Tennis

The table tennis group is very popular, we are having a very enjoyable time improving our skills and fitness. Table tennis is very good for eye and hand co-ordination, with good bending and stretching exercise when we miss! We meet twice a month in Rhyd Lewis Village Hall.

Ali

Welsh Group

Five of us met in October, again with three people face to face and two joining via Zoom.

We looked through the Welsh vocabulary for parts of the body, then talked about and described our bodies, our faces and our hair. We described how we used to look, how we look now and how we would like to look. We are going to extend this discussion next time to describe what we wear in various weather conditions.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd November, again with the option of face to face and zoom participation.

Vicky

Wine appreciation

Fifteen members met in October at Pauline and Malcolm Browns house in Penparc. It was a really good night when we tasted 6 different wines from South Island New Zealand. There are 5 different wine regions on the island and we had wines from three of the regions. The four whites were all Sauvignon Blanc but actually tasted quite differently depending on the region they were from. The favourite was The Ned from Marlborough. The two reds were both Pinot Noir with one being quite smokey from the Otago region and the other being lighter and we felt more palatable. Novembers meeting will take place at Vicky and Brian's in Capel Iwan on Thursday 18th November starting at 7.00pm. We are each going to take a wine for a blind tasting to see if our knowledge has improved at all!

Hazel

Family History at the Church of Latter Day Saints

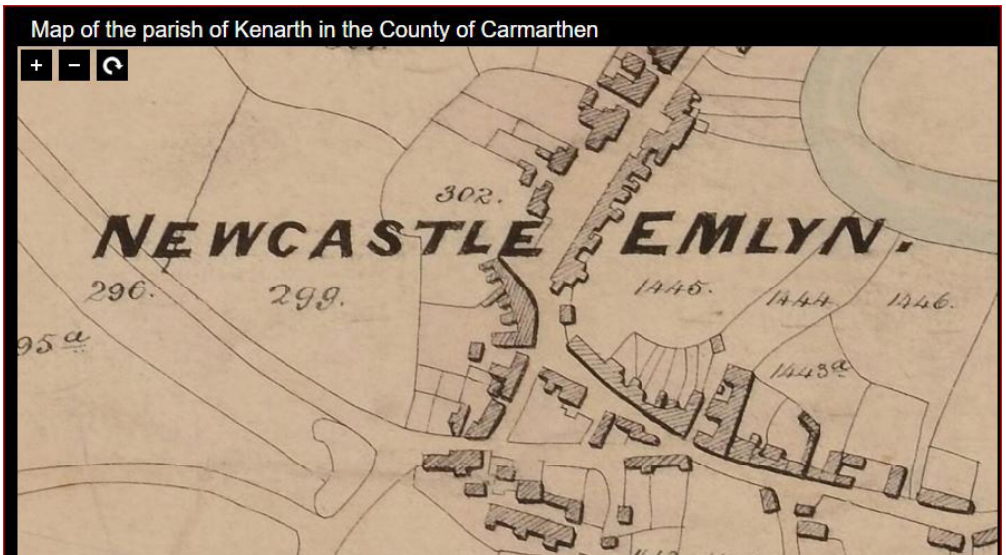


What are tithe maps?

Tithes were payments charged on land users. Originally, payments were made using commodities like crops, wool, milk and stock. Tithe maps were produced between 1838 and 1850 to ensure that all tithes were paid with money rather than produce.

These are the most detailed maps of their period and they cover more than 95% of Wales. The apportionments accompanying each map list the payable tithes, the names of the landowners and land occupiers, the land use, and in most cases (75%) the field names.

The almost complete set of the tithe maps for Wales is held in the National Library of Wales of the diocesan records of the Church in Wales, who kindly consented to them being digitised as part of the Cynefin project. A complete set of accompanying tithe apportionments was supplied in digital form by The National Archives in London, who had digested these documents before the start of the project.



There is no such thing as 'the Queen's English'. The property has gone into the hands of a joint stock company and we own the bulk of the shares! . . . Mark TWAIN

In my sentences I go where no man has gone before. . . .George W. BUSH

The English language has a deceptive air of simplicity: so have some little frocks; but they are not the kind that any fool can run up in half an hour with a machine. Dorothy L. SAYERS

If you've got something you want to rap about, just rap about it, man. . . YELAWOLF

Extracts from "Have You Eaten Grandma?" by Gyles BRANDRETH

What's On In Newcastle Emlyn u3a - November 2021

November

Monday	1 Petanque - meet King George V Park, Newcastle Emlyn	2.00pm
Tuesday	2 Welsh - Hybrid meeting at Vicky's in Capel Iwan	10.30am
Wednesday	3 Monthly Meeting - Linda Feagon, History & work of the dogs trust	10.30am
Thursday	4 Art - meet fortnightly at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	4 Gardens - meet at Pencwm, Hebron SA34 0JP	2.00pm
Monday	8 Philosophy pm - at Sue's in Pontgarreg	2.00pm
Tuesday	9 Table Tennis - meet Rhydlewys Village Hall	2.00pm
Wednesday	10 Crafty Crafters - meet Penboyr Village Hall	10.30am
Thursday	11 Creative Writing - meet at Rhydlewys Village Hall	11.00am
Friday	12 Patchwork and Quilting - meet Penboyr Village Hall	11.00am
Tuesday	16 Games - meet at Penboyr Village Hall	10.30am
Tuesday	16 Petanque - meet King George V Park, Newcastle Emlyn	2.00pm
Tuesday	16 ICT Support Session - as required, contact Hazel	2.00pm
Thursday	18 Art - meet fortnightly at Penboyr Village Hall	10.00am
Thursday	18 Philosophy am - at Penrhiwllan Village Hall	11.00am
Thursday	18 Wine Appreciation - at Vicky & Brians, Capel Iwan	7.00pm
Monday	22 French - at Penrhiwllan Village Hall	11.00am
Monday	22 Philosophy pm - at Sue's in Pontgarreg	2.00pm
Tuesday	23 Book Club - Zoom meeting	10.30am
Tuesday	23 Family History - at the Church of Later Day Saints	2.30pm
Wednesday	24 Lunch Club - at TBA	12.00pm
Thursday	25 Table Tennis - meet Rhydlewys Village Hall	10.30pm
Friday	26 Strollers - at TBA	10.30am
Monday	29 Science and Technology - at Sue's in Penrhiwllan	2.00pm
	Bowls - Into their Winter maintenance recess	

Groups currently not active: [Activity](#), [Astronomy](#), [Bowls](#), [Croquet](#), [Digital Photography](#)

December

Wednesday	1 Monthly Meeting - Twas the week before Christmas (now I'm in the u3a)	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, 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).
