

NEWPORTS u3a NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2023

The days maybe getting shorter but there's no shortage of things going on at Newport u3a.

WALK 'N' TALK



Our Saturday Walking Group recently went on an informative walk with guest leader Elan Wharton, a geologist who is a member of the South East Wales 'RIGS' - a Geo conservation group. The RIGS have developed the Llanbadoc Geology Trail and Elan led us on a 2.5 mile walk through the Cefn Ila site, providing us with some absorbing information about the area. 25 members attended and all agreed it was an extremely worthwhile outing.

BRUSH UP YOUR SHAKESPEARE



Our move to the Dolman Theatre and association with the Newport Playgoers Society have opened up interesting new avenues for us. Steve and Chris Bissex-Williams are long-time members of NPS and now members of our Choir or organise special events for us. This month they directed a production of 'The Shakespeare Revue' at the Dolman Theatre - a witty and enchanting collection of music and skits written by theatre's finest comic writers that were inspired by the Bard. Our members were able to purchase tickets at a reduced price.

Steven Lansdown is also a member of the Choir who has many years experience in amateur dramatics and successfully auditioned for a role through the friendship he has formed with Steve.

In addition, Pam Linton who was a u3a member for 22 years and a previous Convenor of the Choir is also the Musical Director of NPS.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Almost 60 of our members formed nine teams to compete in our Annual Charity Christmas Quiz and, of course, there was the usual friendly rivalry and competitive banter between the teams. Our hosts, Mike and Angela, compiled some interesting and humorous questions that were pertinent to our competitors' interests.

Complimentary hot drinks and mince pies were served by our Cafe's catering team whilst the Charity Raffle was drawn for the many prizes that were very generously donated by our members. We raised £161 for Guide Dogs Cymru Charity, for which our member Hilary Lester is the organiser of the Newport Fundraising Group. One of our members is waiting for a Guide Dog, so we hope this helps her to get one very soon.

The winning teams were :- 3rd - Choral Delights (Choir) 2nd - Creative Writing, 1st - Les Grenouilles (French), who also won the prize for the Most Festive Dressed Team.



Many thanks to all who helped setting up and putting away the furniture etc.

WELL DONE EVERYBODY!