

NEWPORT u3 a NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2023

As usual our groups have been arranging some extramural activities for our pleasure; there's never a dull moment for us. Here's a summary of what we've been up to recently.

CLUED UP FOR THE QUIZ

Sixty members formed ten teams representing various groups to compete in our recent Summer Charity Quiz and, of course, there was the usual friendly banter and competitive rivalry that created a fun afternoon.

Our host Pam Cocchiara compiled some interesting and humorous questions from a good variety of subjects and pitched them just right for us 'Third Agers' with just enough snorters to sort out the wheat from the chaff!

Pam (who is convenor of a French group) created some hilarity when she asked. . . "Which language uses the same word for nine and bridge? And lo and behold any of my group that get this wrong!" Yes, you guessed rightly - we all had that correct. Refreshments were served by the 'Cafe Crumpets' team, and there was a Raffle for prizes that were donated by our ever-generous members that raised £133 which was donated to Out & About Newport's Appeal for Ukraine.

The scores were very close and the winners were . . . 3rd - Ladies That Lunch, 2nd - Odds & Bods and 1st - Skittaddled!



RAISING PLANTS AND CASH FOR UKRAINE



'Out and About Newport,' with help from our Gardening & Wildlife Group, organised a plant sale to raise money for the Dignity Charity who are continuing to work in Ukraine to help the beleaguered residents. Over the past months many of our members have been planting seeds, propagating cuttings and dividing plants from their garden and house plants in order to contribute dozens of specimens to the sale, which on the day raised a whopping £300!

Our Cafe was popular with members that socialised there before the group's regular meeting at which we were entertained with a 'Pot Pourri' of presentations; Plants and places which hold special memories for members, A trip down memory lane, A display of our photos of past excursions, and a video of Nocturnal Wildlife that was taken by a member's garden camera.

Last year Out& About Newport raised money for refugees from Ukraine, but this year they are supporting those who are remaining in Ukraine. All donations will be used to supply desperately needed essential goods, in particular generators and power banks. So far they have raised £1000 this year.

BLOOMING LOVELY DAY OUT



Many members went on a day trip (arranged by Out & About, Newport) to the 44th Annual Open Garden Event at Ashton- Under-Hill. This quintessential Cotswold village lies in the shadow of Bredon Hill and had over 25 gardens to explore. The theme this year was 'The Pollinators' with planting to encourage bees and butterflies etc, which are crucial for the future of our gardens and the food chain.

We saw interesting and unusual plants in a variety of pretty properties including humble cottages, modern semis, a churchyard, community centre, primary school, and thatched houses with extensive landscaped gardens - all against a backdrop of glorious countryside. These were interspersed with craft stalls, exhibitions, garden products and plant sales.



Some took the weight off their feet by using the shuttle bus and there were plenty of places to meet up for a light lunch or a cream tea or kick off our shoes, relax and listen to some live music. Though it looks as though the Gin Fizz Bar was very popular - well it was a warm day

NEW! - QUICKIE QUIZ

Starting on 7th September, Mike Brown and Angela Robins will be convening this new group. A short quiz of 30 questions will be held on the first Thursday of each month in the Jubilee Room at 12.00-12.45. If anyone would like to host the quiz occasionally, get compiling in the Summer Recess!

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