

University of the Third Age

Newsletter April 2019**Chairman's Message** – Andrew Padfield

For once this will be relatively short! There are just three things to mention. First, some dates for your diary. On Thursday 11th April we shall be having our annual coffee morning. It starts at 10.30 am. In addition to the coffee, there will be quiz and a raffle- and that, of course means prizes! If you are free on that morning do come along and, better still, bring someone else with you so that they can see what wonderful people we are and then join U3A. On Wednesday 8th May is the Wales U3A conference at the Metropole, Llandrindod Wells. Apparently, in addition to featuring the Coastline and Borders project before it travels around Wales, there will be a talk by CADW about the castles in their care. To book a place go to the following website:

wales-u3aconference-2019.eventbrite.co.uk.

The third date to mention is 30th May, the date of our AGM.

One of the main pleasures of being chairman is that it allows me to give a formal welcome to new members. Last month Anne Lewis joined us. A warm welcome to Anne. Please make her feel welcome.

Last, but by no means least, if you have not yet paid your membership subscription for 2018/19 your chance has now come. Our AGM is only 2 months away and anyone who has not paid by then will be deemed not to have renewed their membership. Sandra is eagerly awaiting your money!

<p>Committee meeting Tues. April 23rd 2019</p>

Gardening – Angela Pennell

On Friday 26th April we are going to Cae Hir Gardens, Cribyn, Lampeter SA48 7NG.

Admission price is £6 and refreshments available in the tearoom.

Meet at Morrisons at 1.45pm, or at the gardens about 2.30pm.

Angela Pennell

SPRING COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 11th April 2019 from 10.30 am in the Bowling Club. Admission £2.00.

There will be a raffle and a quiz with prizes for the winners. The drinks and cakes will be free.

Please come along so that we have a chance to chat without any business to attend to. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible and do bring along any friends who would like to know more about U3A and perhaps join us.

If anyone would like to volunteer for tea-making, we would be delighted.

Marie Geary.

Art Appreciation – Marie Geary

No technical problems this month but a very small turn out due to illness, holidays etc. Our DVD was about William Dobson and most of us, including myself, had never heard of him. In fact he was a prolific portrait painter of the greater good as well as royalty. His paintings are scattered all over England in galleries and stately homes. He died at the age of 36, having been imprisoned for debt and died in poverty. It was the time of the English civil war and he had been on the wrong side. Next month we shall have a talk by Mike and a film on Edward Burra.

Digital - Peter Loughran

Last chance to borrow an iPad for a trial period. Induction and training available. Advice on other tablets also available. Individual help available at a mutually convenient location. Digital drop-in service every Tuesday at Cartref Cynnes 10.30am - 12.00 pm

History - Mike Perry

Next meeting 17th April 2pm library. 2 p.m. in the library as usual, when we will hear from Colin Rees

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Walking – Jenny & Eric Anscombe

February report from Angela as walk leader:

On Tuesday 9th February, 11 of us met for a walk along the Swansea canal. We learnt that the canal opened in 1796 and barges were used to carry goods from the industries in the area. It operated successfully until the turn of the 20th century, after which the railway took over. Along the towpath we came across a derelict barge, covered in undergrowth on the opposite bank.



We continued to the end of the towpath, where we had to cross the busy main road to join the cycle path alongside the River Tawe. We paused at the memorial to 4 miners who died in Gleision mine when it flooded in 2011. Continuing on the riverside path and under the road, we then crossed the river on the pedestrian bridge and turned right to follow the path back to our cars.

After a short drive back, we all enjoyed lunch at Pontardawe Inn.

Angel Pennell

The next walk will be on Tuesday 30th April and will be in the Llanedi area. The walk will be led by Angela and Maud. Please meet at Morrisons at 9.30a.m. or contact Angela to find out the meeting point in Llanedi at 10.15.a.m. We hope to continue the walk of the Gower coast path in May or June.

Jenny & Eric Anscombe

Discussion Group - Ray Garner

For our March meeting the topic was, **“Money can buy virtually anything, but should it?”**

We discussed many things starting with the practice from the Middle Ages of buying indulgences to speed ones way through purgatory. We moved onto bribery and ransoms. Followed by the differing attitudes throughout the world to surrogates and human

organs: some countries allow payments others forbid it. We moved onto NHS and private healthcare: does having private care release a place in the NHS system for a less wealthy person? Then there was shopping: comparisons were made between shopping in Lidl or Aldi compared to Waitrose or Marks & Spencers. Finally, the big question was, if the different walks of life don't bump into each other how can they be aware of each other's differences? If they don't meet each other how can the gulf between them be crossed? Assuming the differences are inevitable is it possible for society to share a common life without perfect equality? It apparently comes down to one's morality and conscience!

If reading that has whet your appetite for a discussion why not come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 10 April when the topic will be one suggested by a regular group member, **“Assisted suicide”**.



“The key issue we face is that there are 10 of us, but only 9 biscuits

We meet at Hanover Court SA31 1TQ. I open the doors at 1.15pm so that we can start with our discussions at 1.30pm and we wind up at 3.00pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Art - Chris Driver

Art Dates were slightly confusing this month due to prior and overlapping bookings at Cartref Cynnes all is back on line for the next few months - April 3rd and the 17th, May 1st 15th and 29th.

Philosophy - Charles Griffin

Next Philos meeting is with a new group on April 18. Still room for a couple more if anyone fancies having fun attempting to unscrew the inscrutable

Tea Rota	
April	Welsh
May	Sunday Lunch
June	Philosophy

Musical Items - Betty Marshall

As usual we all enjoyed an eclectic choice of music in February and look forward to meeting again on the 31st of March and the 28th of April. I must admit the tea and goodies do add to the general happy atmosphere!

'NOW' Friday 12th April

Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 2
(Hopefully with all the notes in the right order!)
Schubert. Symphony No. 9

'NOW' Friday 10th May

Beethoven. Coriolan. Overture
Barton. Piano Concerto No. 3
Mozart. Symphony No. 40

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Monthly meeting

Thursday 25th April 2019
1.45pm for 2.00pm.
'A Television Quiz Show'
Sarah Jenkins

Creative Writing - Mhari Dobson

The Writing Gods are surely testing us in 2019. Yet again our numbers were decimated. By an interesting set of circumstances: one plumbing emergency, one wall falling down, one elderly relative hospitalized, one member sunbathing in Australia! Those of us who attended the meeting sent our condolences, where appropriate and recorded our envy about the sun.

Once again we had the thread of a story to complete, and five very different offerings were produced, giving us plenty to debate, helped along by Hazel's delicious birthday cake! So despite the lack of numbers we had a good and interesting meeting but hopefully look forward to a full house in April, where members have been left to develop ideas of their own.

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Sunday Lunch - Terry Cook

April's venue is the Hollybrook Country Inn, Bronwydd, on Sunday 21st April. The organiser for this month is Terry Cook who prefers to be contacted by email on

terrygcook@outlook.com

Welsh - Mike Perry

The Welsh group will meet on Wednesday 10th April at Yr Atom at 10a.m. where we will be looking again at the National Anthem and other topics. Do join us all are welcome.

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Current Affairs - Chris Driver

We were a small meeting this month due to lingering illness for the most part. We covered a range of local topics including the opening of the new road to the by pass, very handy for those entering the town from the west. A little about the latest council taxes and the rugby win for Wales. There is a new free Carmarthenshire Times, out monthly, with some wide ranging articles so far, it should be available at the library and other outlets.

From the growing interest in school children for the issues affecting the planet we moved to a little consideration of the seemingly relentless testing of all school children.

The deaths of 50 people in the latest 'terrorist' atrocity in New Zealand. Brexit of course continues on relentlessly with little or no clarity or resolution.

I am also hereby announcing I shall no longer 'lead' this group following the May meeting. I have enjoyed this role for more than 3 years having taken it on a temporary basis.

Thought of the Day - Chris Driver

"There was a faith healer from Deal
Who said , 'Although pain isn't real,
If I sit on a pin
And it punctures my skin,
I dislike what I fancy I feel."

Anonymous

Please let me have copy for the next newsletter by:
Thursday 18th April 2019.
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Carmarthen U3A Programme – April 2019

Date	Activity	Venue	Facilitator
Wed. 3 rd April }10am Wed. 17 th April }	Art	Cartref Cynnes Craft Room	Chris Driver
Mon. 8 th April 2pm	Art Appreciation	Yr Atom	Marie Geary
Tues. 2 nd April 2 pm	Creative Writing	Cwmffrwd	Mhari Dobson
Mon. 15 th April 2pm	Current Affairs	Hanover Court	Chris Driver
Wed.10 th April 1.30pm	Discussion	Hanover Court	Ray Garner
Friday 26 th April (1.45pm Morrisons)	Gardening	Cae Hir Gardens, Cribyn, Lampeter.	Angela Pennell
Wed.17 th April 2pm	History	Library	Mike Perry
Tues 9 th April 2pm	Jazz	Coronation Road	Terry Cook
Thurs 4 th April 2pm	Literature	Myrddin Cresc.	Pat Thacker
Sun. 28 th April 2pm	Musical Items	Cwmffrwd	Betty Marshall
Thurs. 18 th April 2pm	Philosophy	Pibwrlwyd	Charles Griffin
Tues.16 th April 2pm	Poetry Reading	Hanover Court	Terry Cook
Friday 5 th April 2pm	Scrabble	St John's Court	Judy Taylor
Sun 21 st Aprl.12.30pm	Sunday Lunch	Hollybrook Country Inn	Terry Cook
Tues. 30 th April	Walking	Llanedi Walk. Morrisons 9.30am or Llanedi 10.15am	Jennifer Anscombe
Wed 10 th April 10am	Welsh	Yr Atom	Mike Perry
Tues. 23 rd April 10.00am	Cttee Meeting	Pibwrlwyd	Hazel Drew
Thurs. 25 th April 1.45pm for 2pm	Monthly Meeting	St Peter's Bowling Club (Tea / Coffee 1.15pm)	Hazel Drew

Committee Members

Chair	Andrew Padfield
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Treasurer/Membership	Sandra Steel
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