

Wales u3a Recommended Speakers

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This directory lists speakers who have previously given talks at a Wales u3a and which the local u3a is happy to recommend.

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To recommend a speaker who has given a talk at your u3a please provide the following details:

- *The title of the talk plus a brief description if it is not obvious from the title*
- *The name and contact details for the speaker*
- *Any comments you think would be useful to other u3as about the scope of the talk or how well the speaker was received*

Please make sure you get permission from the speaker for their inclusion in this list.

*Email your recommendations or corrections to
webmaster@u3a-llandrindod.org.uk*

Note: This list is compiled exclusively from recommendations by Wales u3as. The list is not open to individual speakers to request inclusion. However speakers already in the list are welcome to submit corrections or clarifications to their entry.

Archaeology

Topic	Under Sea Archaeology
Speaker	Dr Martin Bates m.bates@uwtsd.ac.uk
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a

Topic	Britain from Above
Speaker	Rebecca Scullion Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales Penglais, Aberystwyth SY23 3BU 01970 621200
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a <i>About conserving photographs in the Aerofilms collection dating from 1919 to 1953</i>

Arts

Topic	Pictures in Harmony
Speaker	Ian and Hilary Templeton 01694 781470
Recommended by	Newtown u3a <i>Very good photographs and presentation</i>

Topic	Pigments
Speaker	Dr Brian Davies brian.h.davies@gmail.com
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a <i>Talk includes information on how medieval manuscripts were made and inks were made to illuminate them, and how William Morris printed fabrics</i>

Topic	Art Nouveau (1890-1914): its roots, development and impact
Speaker	Ian Barclay ian.barclay@ymail.com 07940 526315
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a

Topic	Art appreciation talks: The Camden Town Group Lucian Freud
Speaker	Paul Walters chrispaulwalters@hotmail.com
Recommended by	Flintshire u3a

Topic	Art appreciation talks: Influences on the work of John Craxton Images of Winter What's the story? An explanation of a theme in narrative art. Does Art reflect life? A study of representation on Greek Pottery.
Speaker	Elisabeth Jones elisabeth.jones@live.com
Recommended by	Flintshire u3a

Topic	Sacred Geometry An illustrated introduction to the Beauty and Simplicity of Form
Speaker	Nick Marchmont 07812 335 298 dr-rock@dr-rock.biz http://www.dr-rock.biz/
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a <i>Exploration of the shapes and mathematics that underpin everything in creation.</i>

Health and well-being

Topic	'Keep it in the family' What happens when someone dies and how to sort out the financial matters
Speaker	Paul Humphreys Paul.Humphreys@asset-wealth-preservation.co.uk
Recommended by	Newtown u3a

Topic	Age Concern
Speaker	Simon Wright 01970 615151 reception@ceredigionageconcerncymru.org.uk
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	Sepsis: An experience with the hidden killer
Speaker	Terence Canning terence@sepsistrust.org
Recommended by	Cardiff u3a <i>Terence was joined by a medical doctor who spoke first on the diagnosis and treatment of the disease, followed by Terence's personal account of what killed his brother.</i>

Education

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Films

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Food

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History

Topic	A Biography of Charles Rolls Charles Rolls of Rolls-Royce – Born in Monmouth. Aristocrat. Pioneer motorist – first car in Wales. Balloonist, aviator and co-founder of Rolls-Royce.
Speaker	Bruce Lawson Hendomen Farm House, Hendomen, Montgomery SY15 6HB bruce.lawson@btinternet.com 01686 668004
Recommended by	Newtown u3a

Topic	Down Memory Lane
Speaker	Alwyn Hughes 01938 820594
Recommended by	Newtown u3a, Llandrindod u3a

Topic	Ceredigion Museum
Speaker	Carrie Canham (Curator) 01970 633087
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	Local History (Mid Wales Area)
Speaker	David Pugh 01686 627755
Recommended by	Newtown u3a

Topic	The Drovers of Wales
Speaker	Dylis Williams 016544 782312
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	Murray the Hump - about an American gangster who came from Wales
Speaker	Rod Evans 01686 688043
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	Welsh Shipwrecks
Speaker	Deanna Groom 01654 700533
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies
Speaker	Martin Lloyd 01227 454952 martinlloydauthor@gmail.com
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a <i>How passports developed into the documents we know today and how they played an influential role in the course of history. A fascinating talk.</i>

Topic	The History of the BBC
Speaker	Professor Jean Seaton University of Westminster J.Seaton@westminster.ac.uk
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a

Topic	Kindertransports
Speaker	Dr Andrea Hammel European Languages Department, Aberystwyth University anh17@aber.ac.uk
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a

Topic	Houses of Snowdonia
Speaker	Richard Suggett Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales Penglais, Aberystwyth SY23 3BU 01970 621200
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a <i>Also offers talk on his personal research on the history of witchcraft in Wales</i>

Topic	'Radio Caroline - When Pirates ruled the waves!'
Speaker	Brian Cullen briancullen199@yahoo.co.uk 07745 113633
Recommended by	Flintshire u3a

Topic	Two Ships in the Night – Titanic and Empress of Ireland Sinking two years apart, more passengers were lost on the Empress of Ireland than the Titanic but why has the Titanic story endured?
Speaker	Mike Watkins and Wilma Hayes inthesticks@aol.com 01584 711425 http://www.inthestickstalks.co.uk/
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a

Topic	Dr Livingstone, I presume?
Speaker	Fran Sandham fsandham@yahoo.co.uk http://www.traversa.co.uk/
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a

Topic	Gardens of the Edwardian Era
Speaker	Andrew Wyton andrewwyton@hotmail.co.uk 01597 851677
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a <i>The gardens and the social context that gave rise to them.</i>

Topic	The Beachley / Aust Ferry: A Journey through the Pas
Speaker	Tim Ryan freefalltim@hotmail.com
Recommended by	Cardiff u3a <i>A well delivered, interesting and humorous talk - all in all very entertaining.</i>

Topic	Another Man's Shoes
Speaker	Ellie Targett ellie.targett@hotmail.com
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a <i>A personal view of WWII</i>

Language and Communication

Topic	The Cambrian News
Speaker	Julie McNicholls Vale julie@cambrian-news.co.uk
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	Handwriting through the Centuries
Speaker	Dr Susan Davies sud@aber.ac.uk
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a

Topic	Frame Spotting Changing how you look at things changes how you see them.
Speaker	Lawrence Matthew and Wilma Hayes http://www.framespotting.com/ hi@framespotting.com
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a <i>Important subject presented with great clarity and humour.</i>

Literature

Topic	Whodunnits
Speaker	Geraint Evans post@garnwen.org.uk
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a <i>By the author of Welsh detective novels</i>

Music

Topic	Music in Wales
Speaker	Dr. Rhian Davies 2 Castle Terrace, Montgomery SY15 6PB 07932 063 563
Recommended by	Newtown u3a

Topic	Music Theatre Wales
Speaker	Michael McCarthy http://musictheatrewales.org.uk/
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a <i>Making new opera, the insights of a director, dramaturg and commissioner</i>

Topic	The Tenor, David Lloyd (1912-1969)
Speaker	Dr Rhidian Griffiths rhcgriffiths@btinternet.com
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a

Topic	Music before the Microchip
Speaker	Hugh Parry Gilfach, Llanddewi Brefi, Tregaron, Ceredigion SY25 6SB 01974 298081 woolgathererinwales@operamail.com
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a

Topic	The Historical Harpsichord and its Modern Revival
Speaker	Andrew Wooderson 01322 558326 andrew.wooderson@btinternet.com http://www.woodersonharpsichords.co.uk/
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a <i>Talk interspersed with live performance of pieces for Harpsichord and Recorder</i>

Topic	Rock 'n' Roll Tour
Speaker	Anthony Hughes 01792 363923 or contact via Swansea u3a
Recommended by	Bridgend u3a <i>Anthony spoke about his journey from Chicago to Memphis visiting places/recording studios of artists of the 50's/60's. He showed pictures and played some music of the artists which had our members toe tapping and reminiscing. Our members enjoyed Anthony's talk so much we've booked him for 2023.</i>

Nature and Environment

Topic	Down the Wye and other rivers and places of interest along the way
Speaker	Brian Draper 01886 821369
Recommended by	Newtown u3a <i>We have had him several times so he must be good!!</i>

Topic	The Osprey Project
Speaker	Kim Williams 01654 781414 kim@montwt.co.uk
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	The Gardens and Trees of Japan
Speaker	Johnny Easterby 01654703661 mail@johnnyeasterby.co.uk
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	Butterflies and Reptiles
Speaker	David Anning 01654 761481 davidanning@rspb.co.uk
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	The Story of Cader Idris
Speaker	Jack Grasse 01654 761382 jackgrasse@gmail.com
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	COBWEB (Citizens Observatory Web) Collecting environmental information
Speaker	Chris Higgins 01654 700393 chrishiggins@ed.ac.uk
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	River Systems
Speaker	Dr John Gee hjhg@aber.ac.uk
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a

Topic	Offa's Dyke – A Journey in Words and Pictures
Speaker	Jim Saunders jim@jimsaunders.co.uk http://www.jimsaunders.co.uk/
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a <i>Stunning photographs</i>

Topic	Palaeontology What makes Mid-Wales globally unique for fossils?
Speaker	Joe Botting acutipuerilis@yahoo.co.uk
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a <i>The area is world-famous for trilobites, but recent discoveries show that this is the tip of the iceberg.</i>

Philosophy & Psychology

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Religion

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Science & Technology

Topic	Keeping Secrets – 4000 years of codes and ciphers
Speaker	Mark Baldwin mbaldwin2@btinternet.com
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a <i>Entertaining and very informative – from the Rosetta Stone to Enigma machines.</i>

Social Sciences

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Travel

Topic	A journey around the world, following a friend flying a small plane
Speaker	Carolle Doyle Red House, Trefnanney, Y22 6XX 01938 590328
Recommended by	Newtown u3a <i>She was very interesting and well remembered - no equipment used.</i>

Topic	Travel (various topics)
Speaker	Roger Foulkes Merrington, Severn Lane, Welshpool SY21 7BB 01938 553352
Recommended by	Newtown u3a <i>We've had him more than once ... he was a fine speaker</i>

Topic	12,000 mile cycle ride through North America
Speaker	Tony Morgan 01650 511652
Recommended by	Dyfi u3a

Topic	Central Asia
Speaker	Thomas Brian Morgan bmorgan925@aol.com
Recommended by	Aberystwyth u3a

Topic	A Solo Walk across Africa
Speaker	Fran Sandham fsandham@yahoo.co.uk http://www.traversa.co.uk/
Recommended by	Llandrindod u3a

Topic	An Insight into Japanese culture Talk includes an opportunity to have a go at origami and take part in a chopstick competition as well as access to a free copy of a published article, 'Talking about Japan'
Speaker	Derek Beddow delandsun@yahoo.co.uk 07429 469256
Recommended by	Penmaenmawr u3a <i>An extremely informative, interesting talk which was very well received.</i>