Programme of Speakers for 2016

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FROM THE CHAIR

I am composing this in the midst of the usual shopping lists, card writing and present wrapping which is common to this time of year; however I am keeping well away from such bizarre events as Black Friday! I hope you have enjoyed a peaceful Christmas also that the New Year has begun well for you and will bring health and happiness.

We have an exciting year ahead as we look forward to our 10th Anniversary Celebrations. At our speaker meeting on 16th February 2016 we will be delighted to welcome back local historian, Alister Williams, who will give his talk on Acton Hall. This is a repeat of his presentation given at the inaugural meeting of Wrexham U3A held on 21st February 2006 at Capel y Groes, Wrexham. Unfortunately on that occasion the various pieces of computer technology wouldn't talk to each other so we were denied the visuals! Alister, of course, more than compensated for this with his eloquent and descriptive talk. However, we are very much looking forward to seeing his presentation on the big screen at Glyndwr when he returns with this topic.

The next event we are looking forward to after this is our anniversary party on Wednesday 24th February at the Memorial Hall, Wrexham where there will be group displays, lunch, entertainment which I'm sure will be in a lively, convivial atmosphere. We are good at sociability in Wrexham U3A and there will be many other occasions in 2016 when we are able to enjoy each other's company and friendship.

With every good wish for 2016

Mary Woolley

Items for the March 2016 newsletter must be in the hands of the Editor by 25th February 2016 at the latest.

Items to <edjan2@btinternet.com>. All other correspondence to Wrexham U3A, PO Box 2257, Wrexham LL11 0DE
Coach trips for March to June 2016

4th March 2016  Lochs and Glens

Last minute cancellations lead to the following availability

1x Double and 2x Twin Rooms. Friends of U3A members welcome.

If anyone has not received an itinerary for this trip please see Margaret Hadwin Smith.

Any outstanding monies must be paid to Margaret immediately: PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO “Lochs and Glens”.

This trip will leave Wrexham from the lay-by at Wrexham Baths outside the Magistrates Court at 8.00am promptly (this is a change of pick up point)

23rd April 2016  Port Sunlight

A new exhibition and Tour of the Village. A visit to the Church is recommended. Lunch is not included.
The afternoon and early evening will be spent in Liverpool.
Coach will leave Wrexham at 8.30am from Sainsburys Bus Stop arriving home at approx. 7.00pm
Cost £12.00. For the first time we have to pay a £3.00 entrance fee to the village.

21st May 2016 Croome Court, Worcestershire

A truly amazing find. Croome was the secret war time Headquarters of the RAF. The museum and operations rooms are open to the public. These are in the hands of the National Trust.

This year is the 300th anniversary of Capability Brown’s birth and the gardens at Croome, his first commission, have been brought back from the wilderness to his vision. There will be a guided tour of the house once the home of the Earls of Coventry.

COST £15.00 including tour of the house. We leave Wrexham (Sainsbury’s Bus stop at 8.00am arriving home at approx. 7.00pm

25th June 2016 Bletchley Park

NOTE: This is now a day trip due to the unreasonably high cost of accommodation in the area.

Would everyone who expressed an interest in visiting Bletchley, please confirm they are still interested in view of the changed arrangements.
Margaret needs to confirm whether she requires two coaches for this trip.

This visit will provide a fascinating insight to the secret code breaking methods of the Second World War. One not to miss!!

COST: £30.00 including a year’s valid admission fee.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU PAY MARGARET THE MONIES DUE WHEN YOU BOOK THE TRIP(S).

Unless otherwise stated all cheques to be made payable to Wrexham U3A.

Margaret’s telephone number is 01978-310253
Notice is hereby given of the Tenth Annual General Meeting of Wrexham U3A to be held at the above time and place. Mary Woolley is standing down as Chairman and is not available for re-election. The revisions made to the Constitution at the Annual General Meeting on 18th March 2014 confirmed the ANNUAL appointment of all Officers and Executive Committee Members who are available for re-election – this is in line with Third Age Trust Model Constitution.

Nominations for all vacancies must be made on the nomination forms included in this document and must be in the hands of the Secretary by noon on 1st March, 2016. All nominations must have the signed approval of the candidate and the signature of the Proposer and Seconder and sent to Wrexham U3A, PO Box 2257, Wrexham LL11 0DE.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of the Minutes of the ninth Annual General Meeting
3. To receive the Annual Report of the Chairman
4. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report and Certified Accounts for the financial year end 31st December, 2015
5. Amendment to Constitution
6. Election of President
7. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Members.
9. Any other business as duly notified to the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting
10. Date of the next Annual General Meeting

All correspondence and nominations to:

The Secretary, Wrexham U3A, PO Box 2257, Wrexham LL11 0DE
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
Wrexham U3A

Charity Number 1115693
Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting held at 2pm on Tuesday, March 17th 2015
at Glyndwr University Mold Rd., Wrexham

Present: 127 members and officers.

Apologies: Janet Lewis, Jean Valentine, Diane Hearn, Eileen McArthur, Pat Jones, Jean Roberts and David McCluskey.

Approval of the minutes of the 8th AGM: Minutes of the 2014 AGM had been circulated through means of the January 2015 newsletter and their approval was proposed by Derrick Gwilliam and seconded by Edgar Lewis. Approved by all present.

Annual report of the Chairman: The Chairman, Terry Wales, presented his report for the past year. Copy attached.

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer, Clive Cripps presented the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2014. Copy attached.

Derrick Gwilliam raised the question of the use of the P.O. Box at a cost of £250 per year. After a brief discussion it was agreed its use was worthwhile and the hiring would continue.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Peter Beddoes and seconded by Ann Herniman. Approved by all present.

Election of President: Derrick Gwilliam – proposed by Lillian Davies, seconded by Rosemary Nichols. Approved unanimously.

Derrick gave a brief address of grateful thanks to officers, group leaders and members for their support since the formation of Wrexham U3A nine years ago. Copy attached.

Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee members:
Chairman: The retiring Chairman announced the nomination for his successor as Mary Woolley -- proposed by Judith Dolben and seconded by Barbara George. Approved unanimously.

The new Chair thanked members for their trust and accepted her new role.
Vice-Chairman: Peter Beddoes -- proposed by Barbara George, seconded by Desiree Munro. Approved unanimously.
Treasurer: Terry Wales – proposed by Humphrey Gibson, seconded by Roger Holloman. Approved unanimously.
Secretary: Gwyneth Jones – proposed by Judith Dolben, seconded by Val Johnson. Approved unanimously.

Committee members:
Pam Dean – proposed by Lillian Davies, seconded by Rosemary Nichols
Margaret Hadwin-Smith – proposed by Angela Moreton, seconded by Karen Huxley
Ann Herniman – proposed by Jenny Richardson, seconded by Linda Barnacle
Pauline Jones – proposed by Eirwen Williams, seconded by Nancy Bassett-Jones
Edgar Lewis – proposed by Eirwen Williams, seconded by Avril Griffiths
Janet Lewis – proposed by Frances Hughes, seconded by Eirwen Williams
Stan Moore – proposed by Derrick Gwilliam, seconded by Nancy Bassett-Jones

All individually approved unanimously.

Appointment of independent examiner of the accounts for the Financial Year ending 31st December 2015
Mr Eifion Jenkins has agreed to continue with this task. Approved unanimously.
A.O.B.: No issues were forthcoming.
The AGM closed at 2:30pm

The next AGM will be held on Tuesday March 15th, 2016
Chairman's Report 2015 - 2016

It has been a privilege to be your Chairman during this past year and, as I write this report, we are approaching our 10th anniversary in February 2016. There is so much to look forward to during the next year but for now I wish to concentrate on time past and time present.

At the time of writing in early December we have 401 U3A members and it is anticipated that this figure will be well exceeded by the time of the new subscription year in May. I should like to thank Ann Herniman for the hard work and efficiency in her role as Membership Secretary. Also we are continuing with the twice yearly new members' coffee mornings which have proved to be very popular. Thanks are due to Ann for liaising with the new members, to Edgar and Janet for organising the venue at Capel y Groes and to the committee members who make/bring cakes and help to welcome the new members at the event.

We have 50+ interest groups with several new ones which began during this year. These include Tap Dancing, Bowling, Cycling and there will be a Short Walks Group starting shortly. It is pleasing that there is such a range of groups which exercise the mind and the body. As it is said 'use it or lose it’ so here at Wrexham U3A there are plenty of opportunities for mental or physical activity.

At this point I should like to pay sincere thanks to Pam Dean, our Group Coordinator who works tirelessly and enthusiastically to support existing groups and to encourage the starting up of new groups. Interest groups are the lifeblood of U3A; they provide shared learning opportunities, friendship, stimulation; also they open doors to so much more. Thanks are extended to all Group Leaders for their involvement. We have some groups which are still thriving ten years after they began at the launch of Wrexham U3A in 2006. This is a testament to their leaders and members!

We have much enjoyed the monthly speaker meetings which continue to attract a good audience. Janet Lewis, our Speaker Meeting Secretary, has arranged a programme of high quality speakers on diverse topics and we are greatly indebted to her for carrying out this exacting and important role over the past few years. Also we are most appreciative of Glyndwr University's support in making available the William Aston Hall or Nick Whitehead Theatre for these meetings.

Many thanks are due to Margaret Hadwyn Smith who has organised some memorable day trips and weekends away to Bristol, Ironbridge, Ludlow, Derbyshire, Devon, The Cotswolds and others. We also enjoyed lunches at Coleg Cambria, the Treasure Hunt, Christmas Lunch at Llyndir Hall and other social occasions.

An effective committee is so crucial to the success of an organisation and I wish to acknowledge the integrity, professionalism and teamwork that your officers and committee members have demonstrated during this year to ensure the smooth running of Wrexham U3A. There are specific roles such as Terry Wales (Treasurer), Gwyneth Jones (Secretary), Newsletter Editor (Edgar Lewis), Peter Beddoes (Vice Chairman) and Anne Wales (Webmaster), however sincere thanks are also due to everyone on the committee and to others who help willingly and quietly behind the scenes.

I will be retiring from the committee this year after an enjoyable and interesting ten year long involvement with Wrexham U3A; it will be good to step back from responsibility but I hope to appreciate all the benefits of belonging to this wonderful organisation for some time to come and will continue my involvement in a less formal way.

Success and good fortune is wished for Wrexham U3A and its members for the future.

Hwyl fawr!

Mary Woolley

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT AND THE OTHER AGM PAPERS WITH YOU TO THE MARCH MEETING.
### NOMINATION FORMS
(You may Photocopy if you wish to retain your Newsletter)
Must be returned to the Secretary by Noon on 2nd March, 2016.

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Musical Appreciation Group

Two interest groups combined in our November meeting when members of the Recorder group came to illustrate a talk by their leader Valmai Wyn-Jones on the history of the Recorder. The well rehearsed ensemble played examples of music from the 13th Century to the present day and examined many illustrations and early instruments collected by Valmai during the course of her studies. The Music Group expressed their thanks to the Leader for the lecture and the players for their performance—this their first before an audience!

The Music group met up ‘for coffee’ in December and arranged the following programme for 2016:

JANUARY: 20 Classical works you should know (Part 4)
FEBRUARY: The symphony (Part 3) according to Beethoven
MARCH: Film Music
APRIL: Songs of the Sea—This will be a meeting open to all groups when the Deeside Singers will illustrate a talk. The Singers from the Wirral perform for a chosen charity. A small charge of £2 will be made for visitors from other groups
MAY: A Musical Journey (Derrick Gwilliam)
JUNE: The Piano
JULY: NO MEETING
AUGUST: 20 Classical Works you should know (Part 5)
SEPTEMBER: Private Passions
OCTOBER: The Oratorio
NOVEMBER: The Talents of Gilbert and Sullivan
DECEMBER: Coffee/Plan the programme for 2017

Gwyneth Jones

German Group

I have been asked to remind members that the German group meets as follows:
Tesco Community Room on second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 2.00pm as noted in the 2015-16 handbook.
Any enquiries should go to Elizabeth Pettitt on 01978-854519

Tap Dancing

One of our new-interest

Possible New Groups

Please contact me or sign up at the next Main meeting if you are interested in any of the following groups:-

Singing Cycling Short Walks.

Leaders are needed for Majhong, Welsh, Cycling and Short Walks. This does not mean that one person leads the group, it can be a shared task. If no one is prepared to volunteer then the Groups are none viable, so please help if you can, every assistance will be given to organise times, venues etc.

Thank You. Pam Dean
Walking Group

2015 was a good walking year for the group, we completed twelve walks with no rain!!

The November walk at Kelsall and Delamere Forest took in parts of the Eddisbury Way and the Sandstone Trail. After the walk we had our usual tea room visit, this time at the renovated Walk Mill, Waverton. They grind their own flour which is then used to bake delicious bread, cakes and scones.

Our Christmas walk in December was a four mile morning walk to Gwernymynydd, starting and finishing at the Plas Hafod Hotel, Mold where thirty members enjoyed a Christmas lunch.

We look forward to the New Year and another twelve months of walking.

Future Walks: 28th January  Hope Mountain
25th February  Nannerch and Lixwm

If you would like to walk in pleasant country and coastal areas please contact

Peter and Jenny Richardson on 01978-312546

Pic 1  At Walk Mill, Waverton
Pic 2  Christmas Walk

Wrexham U3A Christmas Lunch at Llyndir Hall Hotel