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MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE ON 1ST MARCH 2011

Existing members pay £10 if paid before 31 March 2011, otherwise £12. Subscription for new members is £12 for the year commencing 1st March 2011.

Please send monies with **stamped addressed envelope** for membership card return to Membership Secretary, Woodedge, St John's Park, Rhydymwyn CH7 5HZ, **or renew in person at February's Open Meeting.**

Contributions for the **April** newsletter are welcomed by **14 March**. Please contact the Editor, **Angela Parry**, on 01352 720501 or email: ameparry@btinternet.com

↓ Musical Soirée →



Art Gallery Visit →



Display of Art Work at
↓ Open Meeting ↓



↑ Wroxeter Vineyard ↑

LOOKING
BACK AT
SOME OF OUR
ACTIVITIES IN
2010

↓ Social History Visit to Hack Green ↓



↓ London, our 1st "AwayDay" weekend ↓

↓ Wine Tasting. Cheers! ↓



GROUPS' NEWS

AWAY DAYS PROGRAMME FOR FIRST HALF OF 2011

We hope you find this programme interesting and that you will be able to support some of the events. Places on certain days will be limited so if you are interested please book early. [Judith: 01824 780221](tel:01824780221)/[Gill: 01352 713972](tel:01352713972).

DATE		DATE		DATE	
20 Jan	Liverpool Town Hall & St George's Hall with Steve Binns	26-28 Mar	3 day visit to Oxford, includes Blenheim Palace	28 May	Hay on Wye Literary Festival
22 Feb	Vauxhall Motors Plant, Ellesmere Port	14 Apr	Manchester Guided Walk including Theatre Organ Museum at Eccles	June	Local Geodiversity Walk - our Welsh Landscape
10 Mar	Potteries Heritage, Staffordshire	11 May	Attingham Park, National Trust Property	1 st week July	Eisteddfod at Llangollen

BALLROOM DANCING – PROPOSAL FOR NEW GROUP

Hi everyone – my name is Linda and I am new to Flintshire U3A. Are there any members out there who would be interested in attending a class to learn Ballroom Dancing, including Waltz, Quickstep, Tango and Cha-cha? All are tremendous fun and help keep one fit – a good way to start 2011! I will do my best to arrange a 'taster' if there is sufficient interest. Please contact me for further details. [Linda: 01352 742146](tel:01352742146).



FRIDAY DINING GROUP



Our group would welcome a few new members. We meet bimonthly on the evening of the second Friday at restaurants chosen by "hosts". As with the other evening Dining Groups, restaurants vary and give members the chance to sample different menus. Our next feast is on April 11th. If anyone is interested, please contact me for further details. [John Yates: 01352 751881](tel:01352751881)

GARDENING GROUP – PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY 2011 TO JANUARY 2012

'Indoor' meetings are the 1st Friday of each month at 2pm at New Brighton Community Centre: £2 'entrance fee'.

All FU3A members are most welcome to attend any meeting, or join any visit.

Contacts (all 01352 code): [Philip 741001](tel:01352741001). [Irene 740762](tel:01352740762). [Elisabeth 754519](tel:01352754519). [Joe 810318](tel:01352810318).

DATE	ACTIVITY	INFORMATION
4 Feb	Talk: 'Loggerheads Country Park Conservation & Creating a Wildlife Garden'	Ruth Calcraft
4 Mar	Talk: 'Top 10 Garden Pests'	Rhys Phillips
1 Apr	Ness Gardens 2pm	£6.75, includes a 1 hour guided tour Car share
6 May	Bridgmere Nursery 11am	Includes a 1½ hr guided tour Car share
3 Jun	Open Garden, Maeshafn Afternoon	Charmian & Ted hosting, with Jenny Hendy, their garden designer. Entrance fee: to be advised Car share
1 July	Croxteth Hall and Victorian Walled Garden 2pm	£2.75 – to be confirmed Car share
Saturday 13 Aug	Shrewsbury Flower Show 10.30am	£23 – to be confirmed Car share
2 Sept	Stonyford Cottage Gardens 2pm	£6 - includes a tour & cream tea Car share
7 Oct	Talk	Joe Phillips
4 Nov	Talk: 'Gardening for Butterflies & Bees'	Jan Miller Butterfly Conservation Wales
2 Dec	Christmas Social	
6 Jan 2012	Winter break	

NEEDLECRAFT GROUP has folded due to low numbers. Thanks to Catherine for coordinating this group.

SOCIAL HISTORY GROUP Many thanks to Tom for agreeing to be the new coordinator. [Tom: 01352 741719](tel:01352741719).

THEATRE GROUP PROGRAMME

Do join us if you are interested in any of the following performances. [Sue: 01352 754376](tel:01352754376).

Date	Performance	Theatre	Row/seat	Price	Time
8 Feb 11	My Afternoons with Marguerite	Film	H7	£ 4.50	8.00pm
14 Feb 11	American	Film		£ 4.50	8.00pm
18 Feb 11	Rosencrantz and Guildenstern ...	CR	Unres	£ 8.00	7.45pm
25 Feb 11	Guys and Dolls	AH	F17	£14.00	7.30pm
28 Feb 11	The King's Speech	Film	H5	£ 4.50	8.00pm
17 Mar 11	Rambert Dance	AH	N19	£15.50	7.30pm

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COUNTY SHOWS



It has been agreed that [Flintshire U3A](#) will be supporting the [Flint & Denbigh Show](#) by submitting entries to the relevant Show Competitions from the various Interest Groups. This will both support our County as entries are dwindling and will also give publicity for our organisation. Details are awaited of the categories and subjects which are to be included in the 2011 Programme. The Interest Groups who are likely to have the opportunity to submit entries are [Art](#), [Card Making](#), [Flower Arranging](#), [Gardening](#), [Photography](#) and [Quilting](#).

Each Group will be encouraged to make multiple entries. Each entry will identify the name of the [individual](#) (i.e., the originator) as well as [Flintshire U3A](#). The Committee has agreed that the organisation will fund all entries - so there will be no cost to any individual or to any Interest Group. All coordinators were informed and supported this proposal so I look forward to being overwhelmed with requests for entry in due course.



For more information or if you have details of other shows within our County which we may also consider supporting this year please contact [Gill Causer](#): 01352 713972.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY 12TH OCTOBER 2011

The North Wales Association of U3As' Study Day for 2011 is being held in Barmouth and the theme is 'Celebrating Age'

EMAILING SEVERAL PEOPLE

One of our members has respectfully suggested that when an email is being sent to several people it would be advisable to use Bcc rather than Cc to ensure anonymity and unauthorised access to everyone's email addresses.

ADDITIONAL OPEN MEETING

Wednesday 2nd March 2011, 10am for 10.30am, at New Brighton Community Centre.

Africa – a Continent with Problems

A personal view by **Dr Alan Yates**

Dr Yates is one of the world's leading experts on sugar cane and has travelled the world with the industry.

COMMITTEE 2010/11

Chair	Hilary Jones	01352 780324	Membership Secretary	Barry Ashton	01352 741836
Vice Chair	Gill Causer	01352 713972	Editor	Angela Parry	01352 720501
Treasurer	David Williams	01352 753819	Publicity	Sandra Hulland	01244 818384
Secretary	John Hughes	01352 754065	Other Committee Members	Jeff Green & John Yates	

FLINTSHIRE U3A's 10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

TEAM LEADER REQUIRED

You may remember from December's newsletter that this year is [Flintshire U3A's 10th birthday](#) and we are planning a celebration which will take place daytime, late November, and will replace the Christmas Lunch we usually have in the first week of December. We need someone to front the team organising the 10th birthday celebrations. They do **not** need to be a coordinator. Please contact [Hilary](#) if you can help in this way.

OPEN MEETINGS 2011 – All members welcome.

Remember the Book/CD/DVD Exchange!

All meetings are at 10am for 10.30am at New Brighton Community Centre. A charge of 50p is levied which includes refreshments and a contribution to the hire of the hall.

9 Feb 2011	Mach 2 – Flying the Lightning	by Tony Craig
	Followed by the AGM	
2 Mar 2011	Africa – a Continent with Problems	by Dr Alan Yates
	Additional meeting	
13 Apr 2011	Speeding in the Slow Lane - Life in the Public Services	by Colin Everett CEO Flintshire CC
8 Jun 2011	The History of Liverpool Airport	by Roy Marsh

NATIONAL U3A NEWS MAGAZINE

The present system of bulk delivery of the U3A News has resulted in some members not getting their copy of the magazine.

This is not acceptable so we will be reverting to the original system and the magazine will be delivered by post starting in the next few months.

I am sure all members will be glad to receive their copy on time and to their home. [Hilary](#)

INTEREST GROUPS – FEBRUARY 2011

Additions & Updates in red

* Committee member

GROUP	MEETING VENUE	DAY	TIME	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
Art (1)	Mold, Daniel Owen	Alternate Fridays	09.00-13.00	Anne	01352 752881
Art (2)	Mold Glanrafon Centre	Alternate Fridays	09.00-12.00	Rita	01352 757693
Art Appreciation	Mold Glanrafon Centre	3 rd Tuesday of month	10.00-12.00	Rita	01352 757693
Away Days		Variable		Judith *Gill	01824 780221 *01352 713972
Belle plates	Buckley Church Hall	Mondays	14.00-16.00	Norma	01244 545686
Bridge	Buckley	2 nd Thursday of month	19.30-22.30	Jill	01244 544646
Canasta	Mold/Buckley	1 st Monday of month	19.30 start	Jill	01244 544646
Card Making		2 nd Monday of month	09.30-11.30	Barbara	01352 751388
Chess		2 nd & 4 th Friday of month	14.00 start	Barrie	01352 752418
Computers: Dabblers	Connah's Quay	2 nd Monday of month	10.00-12.00	*Sandra	*01244 818384
Crown Green Bowls	Rhydymwyn (summer)	1 st & 3 rd Thursday of month	10.00-12.00	*Barry	*01352 741836
Digital Photography	Gwernaffield	4 th Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Frank	01352 741416
Dining Club (Wednesday)		Bi-monthly, 3 rd Wednesday	19.00 for 19.30	Peter	
Dining Club (Thursday)		Bi-monthly, 1 st Thursday	19.00 for 19.30	Ken	01352 740916
Dining Club (Friday)		Bi-monthly, 2 nd Friday	19.00 for 19.30	*John	*01352 751881
Exploring Science	Mold Glanrafon Centre	2 nd Tuesday of month	14.00-16.00	Bryan	01352 750730
Flora and Fauna		2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays of month	10.00 start	Joe	01352 810318
Flower Arranging	Gwernaffield	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Jenny	01244 818739
French (beginners)	Mold	Mondays	14.00-16.00	John	01352 715873
French (intermediate) "Rendezvous"		1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays of month	14.00-16.00	Judith	01824 780221
French (advanced)		Bi-weekly on Mondays	15.00-17.00	John	01352 752508
Gardening Club	New Brighton CC	1 st Friday of month	14.00-15.30	Philip	01352 741001
Health and Happiness	Connah's Quay	1 st Thursday of month	13.30-15.30	Julia	01244 813844
Italian (Teach Yourself)		2 nd & 4 th Mondays of month	14.00-15.30	Freda	01352 810557
Lunch Club (Wednesday)	Theatre Clwyd	Bi-monthly, 3 rd Wednesday	12.30 for 13.00	Diane	01244 544284
Lunch Club (Sunday)	In & around Mold	1 st Sunday of month		Sue	01352 754376
Member Support				Sue	01352 754376
Music Appreciation	Methodist Church Mold	1 st Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Bea	01352 752737
Philosophy Group	Mold	4 th Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Pedr	01352 755958
Pilates	Buckley	Mondays	10.00-11.00	Mary	01244 547238
Play Reading	Mold	2 nd Thursday of month	14.00-16.00	Charles	01352 754765
Poetry	Mold	4 th Thursday of month	14.30-16.00	Tina	01352 753860
Quilting	New Brighton CC	3 rd Monday of month	09.30-12.30	Margaret *Hilary	01352 753076 *01352 780324
Reading Group (1)	Mold	3 rd Thursday of month	10.30-12.00	Contact	07708435105
Reading Group (2)	Buckley	3 rd Wednesday of month	10.30-12.30	Norma	
Reading Group (3)	Mold	4 th Thursday of month	10.30-12.00	Pat	01352 545893
Reading Group (4)	Mold	4 th Thursday of month	10.30-12.00	Tina	01352 753860
Reading Group (5)	Mold	3 rd Wednesday of month	10.30-12.00	Joan	01352 780644
Scrabble Group (1)	Mold	2 nd Wednesday of month	19.30 start	Carole	
Scrabble Group (2)	Gwernaffield	2 nd Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Lyn	01352 740561
Scrap booking		Alternate Fridays		Barbara	01352 751388
Short Mat Bowling	Gwernaffield	Wednesdays	10.00-12.00	Frank	01352 741416
Singing for Pleasure	Mold Glanrafon Centre	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays of month	10.30-12.30	Freda	01352 810557
Sketching Outdoors	Loggerheads	3 rd Thursday of month	14.00-16.00	Celia	01244 550663
Social History	Gwernaffield	1 st Monday of month	10.00-11.30	Tom	01352 741719
Spanish for Beginners	Maeshafn	Tuesdays	10.30-12.00	Charmian	01352 810607
Spanish (intermediate)	Maeshafn	Fortnightly on Fridays	15.00-16.30	Kath	01244 544451
Table Tennis	Gwernaffield	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Barry	01352 741836
Tenpin Bowling	Chester Greyhound	1 st Thursday of month	10.00-12.00	Barry	01352 741836
Theatre Clwyd	Meet every 3 months	To arrange theatre trips		Sue	01352 754376
Walking Group (1)		3 rd Friday of month	09.45 for 10.00	Philip	01352 741001
Walking Group (2)		1 st Tuesday of month	10.00 start	Sue	01352 752508
Walking (Easy Social)		2 nd Thursday of month	10.00 start	Gordon	01244 812836
Welsh Conversation	Mold	4 th Wednesday of month	14.30-16.00	Diane	01244 544284
Wine Appreciation		4 th Thursday of month	19.30 start	*David	*01352 753819
Wood Turning & Carving	Pentre Halkyn	3 rd Monday of month	10.00-12.00	Wyn	01352 780324
Writers Group	Mold	2 nd & 4 th Mondays of month	09.30-12.00	Connie	01352 754838
Yoga	Gwernaffield	Tuesdays (6 session courses)	11.30-13.00	Karen	01352 759333