

MARCH 2007 – NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS

GROUP NEWS

MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP - We had a very happy celebration at Christmas in the charming home of Freda who had arranged a programme of carols and readings for us to perform. We also tried a new style of “music” with a penny-whistle orchestra. Bookings are not recommended. In the past year we have listened to a varied programme presented by a few of our members, including British light music, women composers and sacred music. In July of last year Freda arranged a trip to the Llandudno theatre to see the WNO perform Puccini’s “Tosca” and we enjoyed a good lunch in the new restaurant overlooking the promenade. If you would like to know the programme for the current month please ‘phone Bea on 01352 752737.



Members of the Music Appreciation Group enjoying their Christmas get-together

POETRY GROUP Eluned has room for more members in her poetry group. You just have to like listening to poetry to enjoy this. Unfortunately she is moving house at the moment and has no contact telephone number but Anne (01352 752881) will be pleased to pass on any enquiries.

WALKING GROUP 2 - Please note that there is a new start time of 10.00 am.

READING GROUP 3 - Margaret has vacancies in her reading group which meets at T’yr Binwydden on a Thursday morning. They read a wide selections of authors which are chosen by the members of the group. She can be contacted on 01352 753548

ART APPRECIATION - The visit of Tim Pugh (local and international environmental artist) had to be deferred until TUESDAY 15th MAY. This date remains an open invitation to all members of U3A. We meet at T’yr Binwydden, room CR2 from 10.30 until noon.

BELLEPLATE GROUP - On February 5th FLINTINNABULA (the Belleplate Group) celebrated it’s 100th meeting - sounds a lot but we do meet weekly! We were delighted that ten visitors came to listen to the ringing and at least one (and hopefully two) have decided to join our team. Anyone else interested would be most welcome any Monday afternoon (2—4 pm at Ty’r Binwydden); making music together is just wonderful and it is so good for the concentration!

FRENCH CONVERSATION FOR BEGINNERS - is proving so popular that it will now meet twice a month, on the first and third Tuesday.

PROPOSED NEW GROUPS

HISTORY GROUP - Anne Smith is hoping to start a History Group in the summer, and anyone interested in joining should contact her on 01352 752881. The new group will cover social history rather than political history: this will enable the incorporation of some local history of a social nature. It is proposed that those interested in joining the new group should adjourn to the Beaufort Park Hotel after the Groups' meeting in June for a sandwich and further discussion with Tom Holloway before he has to leave to catch his train home. Please let Anne know if you are interested, and especially if you are likely to go to the Beaufort Park after the meeting, as it may be necessary to book a table if there are more than three or four.

LISTENING TO MUSIC WITH UNDERSTANDING FOR ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS Frieda is proposing an eight week session for ABSOLUTE beginners, limited to eight people, to enable them to enjoy more fully the music that they already like. **IF YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT OR READ MUSIC THIS IS NOT FOR YOU.** This would be on either a Monday or Thursday afternoon. If you are interested please contact Frieda on 01352 8110557

SHORT MAT BOWLING - If you are interested in short mat bowling Anne Kay would like to hear from you on 01244 819104.

SNIPPETS

Committee Changes

We would like to thank retiring Committee members Janet and Marjorie for their valued services to Flintshire U3A: Janet as Secretary and Marjorie as Publicity Officer. Janet's place has been taken by Diane Sauvage, who was previously our Membership Secretary. We have three new Committee members, Anne Kay, Patricia Ledder and Carole Sandham. Carole has taken over as Publicity Officer and Membership Fees are now payable to Anne Kay, who takes over from Diane. PLEASE NOTE THAT SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE AS FROM 1ST MARCH. For members renewing BEFORE the end of March fees will be £10, AFTER the 31st March these will be £12. New members who joined and paid their subs after 31st December, 2006 are not required to pay again until March 2008.

Insurance

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