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Flintshire U3A – Friendship & Fun through Lifelong Learning

OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 22 MAY 2010 – FOR ALL MEMBERS

Daniel Owen Centre, Mold. 11am – 3pm



A warm invitation is extended to all members to attend our Open Day on Saturday 22 May 2010 to celebrate Flintshire U3A's ongoing attractions. Come and view our Interest Group stalls while enjoying a chat with other members on this social occasion.

Many Groups have vacancies so you may like to try something new. Or follow up existing interests. Maybe bring a friend to show them what we do.



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Gwernaffield Silver Band

is giving an informal concert at New Brighton Community Centre on 7th July 2010 at 7pm.

Tickets cost £2 and are available from Hilary or at Open Meetings.

For Flintshire U3A members only.

N Wales U3As' Study Day

Tuesday 14th September
10am - 4pm
Glyndwr University,
Wrexham

"Landscape & Environments in North Wales"

Cost: £10 which includes lunch.

Names to Secretary, **John Hughes**: 01352 754065, by 2nd June 2010.

Please remember to collect April's **National U3A Magazine** from your co-ordinator or at the Open Meeting.

Contributions for the **June** newsletter are welcomed by **11 May**. Please contact the Editor on 01352 720501 or email: ameparry@btinternet.com



One of the Quilting Groups has been making quillocks, some of which will go to the charity that they support, The Joshua Tree.

DATE	AWAY DAYS 2010 Contact Judith: 01824 780221 or Gill: 01352 713972
Thursday 15 th April	Manchester: A City of Culture guided walk , including a visit to the John Rylands Library and the Town Hall . After lunch there will be a visit to the Victorian Baths . Transport to Manchester will be by coach.
Wednesday 12 th May	Martin Mere Wetland Centre. The day will include a guided tour and will allow time to explore the Centre near Southport which was founded by Sir Peter Scott. A wonderful time of year to see all the new arrivals. Transport by coach.
Saturday 29 th May	Visit by coach to the Literary Festival at Hay-on-Wye in Herefordshire. A must for the members of the Reading Groups!
Thursday 3 rd June	Wine tasting at the Wroxeter Vineyard . The visit will be by coach and will include a guided tour and lunch and will be followed in the afternoon by a visit to the nearby National Trust Property Attingham Park . Transport will be by coach but remember don't have too much wine as you may have to drive home from Mold!
July	Local Geodiversity Town Walk. Details to be confirmed.
Tuesday 17 th August	Visit to the Gallery in Llangefni, Anglesey which was set up as a tribute to Kyffin Williams. Transport by coach to see the Exhibition of the Unseen Works of Kyffin Williams . Visit will include a talk about the development of the Gallery.
Thursday 30 th September	Enjoy a ride on the Severn Valley Railway and explore the area around Bridgnorth and Kidderminster.
Wednesday 27 th October	Guided Tour round Roberts Bakery in Northwich . Limited number of places.
Thursday 25 th November	Travel by coach to visit the Good Food Show NEC Birmingham .

GROUPS' NEWS

ART APPRECIATION

ALL MEMBERS are warmly invited to attend the meeting on 18 May when Sally Barrett, Chairman of Oswestry U3A, is giving a talk on "**The Bauhaus**". [Rita: 01352 757693](tel:01352757693)

ART APPRECIATION PROGRAM 2010					
20 th April	<i>Visit Theatre Clwyd Gallery</i>	20 th July	Russell Flint	19 th Oct	Angelica Kauffmann
18 th May	The Bauhaus	17 th Aug	<i>Visit Kyffin Williams Gallery, Anglesey</i>	16 th Nov	Frida Kahlo "Pain & Passion"
15 th June	Victorian Narrative Painters (part 2)	21 st Sept	Pieter Bruegel the Elder	21 st Dec	<i>To be decided</i>

BELLEPLATES



I am pleased to announce that the Belleplates Group has received a grant of £1,125 from FLVC and has spent it on a 3 octave set of belleplates. The group has now purchased some new music to suit the 3 octaves. Jeff Green and Barry Ashton are currently making twelve special music stands to allow the group to properly start again immediately after Easter. I wish to congratulate the group for keeping together until they were able to purchase the new belleplates and to thank Dave who worked hard to obtain this grant. Between them all they have achieved a lot and now will go from strength to strength. I wish them every success. I would also like to thank Rita for setting up this group originally and coordinating it for more than 200 meetings. [Hilary](#).

CROWN GREEN BOWLING

The new season starts on Thursday 15th April until the end of September, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Cost: £1.25, which includes refreshments. Usual conditions apply. [Barry: 01352 741836](tel:01352741836)



GARDENING GROUP



The allotment at the Llys Eleanor Care facility in Shotton will be ready for Easter. Our small group would welcome new members to help with some easy planting whilst enjoying good company and conversation. [Philip: 01352 741001](tel:01352741001)

MALVERN SPRING GARDENING SHOW - SATURDAY 8 MAY 2010

Departing from Mold at 8.00am, back in Mold for 6.30pm.

Bring family and friends! (You do not need to be a member of the Gardening Group).

PLACES GOING FAST! £5 deposit per person secures a place. £22.60 coach and admission, payable 4 weeks prior to departure, preferably at 7th April Open Meeting. (No refunds will be possible, although every effort will be made to fill the spaces). Please see **Philip: 01352 741001, Irene, Elisabeth or Joe.**

POTTERY

Do we have any potters out there? Would anyone be interested in coordinating a Pottery Group? We have access to two potter's wheels and a kiln. Please contact Philip if you can help.

Philip: 01352 741001

**SHORT MAT BOWLING - NEW GROUP**

I am trying to establish a Short Mat Bowling Group, meeting at Gwernaffield Church Hall on Wednesday mornings, 10.00 - 12.00, commencing 24th March 2010.

If you are interested please contact me: **Frank: 01352 741416**

SOCIAL HISTORY

We are planning a visit to the **HACK GREEN SECRET NUCLEAR BUNKER** probably on Monday 6 September commencing at 5pm and members from other groups are welcome to join us. The visit is for a special curator's evening tour which offers a more detailed behind the scenes experience. The cost is £8 per head and we need to take 20 plus members, or pay for at least 20 members. If there is enough interest I will make a booking. When we get to the booking stage I will have to ask for your money up front to secure the visit. **If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible: Anne: 01352 752881**

THEATRE GROUP

Please contact Sue if you would like to attend any of the performances.

Sue: 01352 754376

DATE	PERFORMANCE	THEATRE	TIME	COST
20 April	The History Boys	AH	7.30pm	14.00
21 April	44 Inch Chest	Film	8.00pm	4.50
1 May	John Redbourne etc	CR	8.00pm	10.00
7 May	Pieces	EW	7.45pm	10.00
13 May	A Bout de Souffle	Film	8.00pm	4.50
14 May	A Small Family Business	AH	7.30pm	14.00
17 May	Lovely Bones	Film	8.00pm	4.50
24 May	Precious	Film	8.00pm	4.50
28 May	Bright Star	Film	8.00pm	4.50



David Lloyd George recently visited the Social History Group at one of their meetings!

At the AGM on Feb 10th Gill Causer was elected as Vice Chair, John Hughes was elected as Secretary and David Williams was re-elected as Treasurer. Following the meeting, concern was expressed by members that the appointment of Frank Buxton, as a committee member, was unconstitutional and so, therefore, has been declared null and void.

COMMITTEE					
Chair Hilary Jones 01352 780324					
Vice Chair	Gill Causer	01352 713972	Membership Secretary	Barry Ashton	01352 741836
Treasurer	David Williams	01978 761824	Editor	Angela Parry	01352 720501
Secretary	John Hughes	01352 754065	Other Committee Members	Sue Brown, Jeff Green & John Yates	

OPEN MEETINGS 2010 – All members welcome.

Don't forget 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.

7 April	Shropshire Union Canal & Taylor's Boatyard	by Geoff Taylor.
2 June	Not Just a Pretty Place - Survival in Snowdonia	by Huw Jenkins
8 September	Healthy Eating	by Sylvie Jackson
8 December	Adventures of a Liverpool Tour Guide	by Steve Binns

Open Meetings at New Brighton Community Centre

Would members please arrive **after 10am** as we need time to set up the hall for the meeting.

INTEREST GROUPS

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>MEETING VENUE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONTACT NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
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
Belleplates	TBA	Mondays	TBA	Norma	01244 545686
Bolivia	Mold/Buckley	1 st Monday of month	19.30 start	Jill	01244 544646
Bridge	Pantymwyn	2 nd Thursday of month	19.30-22.30	Ken	01352 740916
Card Making		2 nd Monday of month	09.30-11.30	Barbara	01352 751388
Chess		1 st & 3 rd Friday of month	14.00 start	Barrie	01352 752418
Computers: Beginners				Sandra	01244 818384
Computers: Dabblers	Connah's Quay	2 nd Monday of month	10.00-12.00	Sandra	01244 818384
Crown Green Bowls	Rhydymwyn	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
Flower Arranging	Gwernaffield	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Jenny	01244 818739
Flora and Fauna		2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays of month	10.00 start	Joe	01352 810318
French for Beginners	Mold	Alternate Tuesdays	14.00-16.00	John	01352 715873
French Conversation (intermediate)	Gwernaffield	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of month	14.00-16.00	Sheila	01352 740607
French Conversation (advanced)		Bi-weekly on Mondays	15.00-17.00	John	01352 752508
Gardening Club - indoor season	New Brighton Community Centre	1 st Friday of month from October to March	14.00-15.30	Philip Irene Elisabeth Joe	01352 741001 01352 740762 01352 754519 01352 810318
Gardening Club - outdoor season	Variable	Normally 1 st Friday, but some Saturday outings, Apr to Sept			
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 Monday 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		1 st Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Bea	01352 752737
Needlecraft Group	Ewloe	1 st Thursday of month	14.00-16.00	Catherine	01244 538698
Philosophy Group	Mold	4 th Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Charles	01352 754765
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 (1)	Mold	1 st Thursday of month	10.00-12.00	Margaret	01352 753076
Quilting (2)	Pentre Halkyn	3 rd Monday of month	10.00-12.00	Hilary	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	Margaret	01352 753548
Reading Group (4)	Mold	4 th Thursday of month	10.30-12.00	Tina	01352 753860
Scrabble Group	Mold	2 nd Wednesday of month	19.30 start	Carole	
Scrapbooking		Alternate Fridays		Barbara	01352 751388
Short Mat Bowling(new group)	Gwernaffield	Wednesdays	10.00-12.00	Frank	01352 741416
Singing	Looking for new	coordinator			
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	Anne	01352 752881
Spanish for Beginners		Tuesdays	10.30-12.00	Charmian	01352 810607
Table Tennis	Gwernaffield	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Barry	01352 741836
Tai Chi	Gwernaffield	Thursdays (12 session courses)	10.00-11.30	Wendy	01824 780266
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	01978 761824
Wood Turning & Carving	Pentre Halkyn	3 rd Monday of month	10.00-12.00	Wyn	01352 780324
Writers Group	Mold	2 nd & 4 th Monday of month	09.30-12.00	Connie	01352 754838
Yoga	Gwernaffield	Tuesdays (6 session courses)	11.30-13.00	Karen	01352 759333