

## MAY 2007 – NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS

### APRIL GROUPS' MEETING

Captain Robin Woodall spoke to us at the April Groups' meeting. He delighted us for a full hour, without the need of colour slides, with his amusing and informative stories of his life as former Captain of the QE2.

We had a record attendance of 68, which included 18 non-members, some of whom we hope will convert to joining our "merry band" and we were able to make a donation of £170 to Hoylake RNLi for their fund raising for a new lifeboat.

### **U3A 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

2007 is, of course, the 25th Anniversary of the beginning of the U3A in Britain. The U3A nationally is planning a press campaign in May and we hope to be joining with this publicity. We are currently negotiating with the Chester Chronicle for them to run a spread regarding our own Flintshire U3A. We are also hoping to raise funding to enable us to produce posters and send out flyers to make those members of the public who are eligible more aware of what we have to offer them and what they can contribute by joining us.

We now have 136 paid-up members and often "word of mouth" is the best way to encourage new people to join and we hope that you will continue to invite friends to come along to meetings and find out more about us.

### GROUP NEWS

**Welsh Conversation Group** - Eluned writes "I am very pleased with the progress made in this group. It is amazing how these lively people have adapted to each other and are able to converse without feeling shy. We have a mixture of abilities and newcomers will be welcome on the fourth Tuesday in the month at Ty'r Binwydden. We meet from 2.30 until 4pm." Do contact Eluned on 01352 750318 if you are interested in joining her group.

**Needlecraft Group** - The Needlecraft Group is producing some delightful work and would be pleased to have new members. They are thinking of including knitters, so if that is your forte and you would like to join, please contact Catherine on 01244 538698. Meetings are held at Catherine's home in Ewloe.

**Reading Group 3** - This group meets at Ty'r Binwydden on a Thursday morning and if you would like to join them Margaret would like to hear from you on 01352 753548. If my experience of Reading Group 1 is anything to go by, you are in for a lively and enjoyable discussion.

**Writers' Group** - This group meets twice a month and will always welcome new members. Contact Connie on 01352 700410 if you are interested in joining them.

## GROUP NEWS (continued)

**Ten-Pin Bowling** - Are you interested in making up a party to go Ten-Pin Bowling? This involves a payment for each session in advance and if you would like a few hours of fun contact Anne Kaye on 01244 819104.

### Art Group 2

Rita is going to start a second Art Group which will meet the alternate Fridays to the first group. They will meet at T'yr Binwydden from 9am until noon, starting from the 11th May. If you would like to join, Rita's number is 01352 757693.

## FIRE SAFETY

### **KEN writes -**

By invitation we have today had a visit from a most helpful representative of the Fire Service who carried out a fire risk assessment of our home and fitted the necessary fire alarms in the appropriate points in our house. He also gave very useful advice on prevention of fire, etc. Should any of our members wish to take advantage of this free service you can contact James on 01352 792820 or by e-mail to james.roberts@nwales-fireservice.org.uk.

## GROUPS' MEETING

The next GROUPS' MEETING will be on **13th June 2007** and our guest speaker will be Tom Holloway who will be giving us a non-technical slide show entitled WEBWEAVING which is designed to introduce us to the wealth of learning resources to be found on the World Wide Web. Even if you are not "into" computers please come along and find out what it is all about. The use of computers is now free of charge at our local libraries and they would be pleased for you to take advantage of this facility.

Make a note in your diaries for the following Group' meetings. The **September 12th** meeting is going to be exciting as the RAF presentation team will be present and members are invited to bring along friends.

Of course **December 12th** will be our Christmas lunch.

The June and September meetings will be held at the Community Centre in New Brighton. *From the traffic lights at New Brighton, turn toward Mynydd Isa and take the second right—Moel Fammau Road—the Centre is at the bottom left hand side. It has excellent parking. If using the bus (numbers 3;4;111), alight at the post office, from where it is a 3 to 4 minute walk.*

## OTHER NEWS

The Third Age Trust is running a national **U3A photography competition** for colour photographs on the theme of "The Good Life". The closing date for entries is 31st August 2007. Full details can be obtained from Diane on 01244 544284.

Peter Hinchliffe of Huddersfield U3A runs a Web magazine called **Open Writing** which brings words written by U3A members to a world-wide audience. He is keen to receive more articles, stories and poems to include in this magazine. This website can be accessed by typing "Open Writing" into the Google searchbox. Peter's e-mail address: peter@openwriting.com