

AUGUST 2006 – NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS



AWAY DAYS

Hard hats were in evidence at the inaugural Away Day visit to **Castle Cement** works and quarry. A thoroughly interesting and enjoyable time was had by all those who attended. A second Away Day visit has been planned for the 11th August where members can enjoy the **"Grand National Experience"**.

Philip and Ken have two outings left to organise before they hand "the baton" over to others. There will be a visit in the early Spring to a **UK vineyard**. Prior to that there is an opportunity for a limited number of people to "tour" **Dee Radio 106.3** in Chester for an hour to see their activities. This will take place on Friday 10th and 24th November at 3 p.m. The numbers are limited to 6 people on each occasion. **Reservations will not be taken until Monday the 21st August and these will be on a "first come, first served" basis.** To go along Email Ken at Archerkp39@aol.com or phone 01352 740916 or Email Philip at philip@johnson5184.freemove.co.uk or phone 01352 741001.

We are also exploring a trip to **Salford Quays on Wednesday 15th November**, departing Mold at 09.30 and returning from Salford at 16.00. We need 21 people to fill a small coach, with the transport cost for the day being around £9 per head. At Salford Quays there is a choice of activities -

The Lowry (free admission) where a guided tour can be arranged if 10 to 15 people are interested at a cost of £3 per head.

The Imperial War Museum North (free admission) where in addition to their normal range of Exhibits they are staging "Against the Odds" the story of Bomber Command in WW2.

Designer Outlet Village which offers an extensive range of stores.

If you would like to go please contact Philip. Reservations will be taken from **4th September, first come, first served**. If you would like a guided tour of the Lowry Philip needs the information at the same time. To secure the transport he needs replies **no later than 22nd September**.

GROUP NEWS

French Conversation for beginners

Sheila Blundell has very kindly agreed to coordinate this group. Before she retired Sheila used to teach French, and has continued to refresh her conversational skills during various visits to France. Sheila is hoping to make arrangements for the group to start in September and asks that anyone interested should contact her as soon as possible before then. Sheila's number is 01352 740607. Her group will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at Ty'r Binwydden from 2 pm until 4 pm.

Third Reading Group

Our reading groups have proved very popular and a third group has started. It will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Ty'r Binwydden from 10.30am until 12.30. Margaret Webster has agreed to act as coordinator and can be contacted on 01352 753548.

Quilting Group

Margaret O'Hara has kindly offered to take over the coordination of the Quilting Group and her telephone number is 01352 753076.

Singing for Pleasure

9 members attended the first "Singing for Pleasure" group meeting. Fortnightly dates for the rest of the year are as follows (Thursdays):- Aug 10, 24; Sept 7,21; Oct 5, 19; Nov 2, 16, 30; Dec 14. We are not a Choir - don't worry if you haven't sung for years -just turn up if you are free at any time and join in! (2 -4 p.m. at T'yr Binwydden) Contact Rita 01352 757693.

The Belleplate Group held a workshop on July 3rd when Tegwen and Richard Manton of Handbell Ringers of Great Britain (HRGB) kindly gave up a day to instruct and encourage us. It was great fun -as usual! We welcome anyone wishing to have a go at making music together - no previous musical expertise is necessary! Contact Rita 01352 757693.

Art Appreciation Group

Part of the Queen's Birthday Gift to the nation is a touring exhibition of the extensive royal holdings of Leonardo's drawings. We plan to visit the Leeds City Art Gallery on October 15th to view them and would welcome anyone who wishes to join our party. Contact Elisabeth for further details on 01352 700432.

The Writers' Group has been active for several years and has just come under the umbrella of the U3A. We meet every two weeks on a Monday morning from 9-30 am - 12.00 noon. It's fair to say that we don't aspire to the Booker Prize!! - but we have fun and anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome. Contact Connie on 01352 700410

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER STEWARD AT THE U3A CONFERENCE/AGM TO BE HELD IN CHESTER ON SUNDAY TO TUESDAY 3RD-5TH SEPTEMBER 2006?

Volunteers are needed to help out at this event. You can do as little or as much as you want on any or all days. It is being held at the University of Chester and starts at lunch time on the Sunday. Travel expenses will be paid and if you are working over a meal break, this will be provided also. I have information packs which I will send to you if you want to volunteer. Janet 01352 758321

The conference is being held in Chester this year from Sunday 3rd September until Tuesday 5th September. The conference is on Sunday afternoon, Monday morning and Tuesday morning; the AGM is on Monday afternoon. The AGM is free but the conference has a day charge of approx £15-£20 per day. The venue is at the University College in Chester. If you want to go you must register.

Please contact Janet on 01352 758321 or Anne on 01352 752881 for an application form.

FORTHCOMING GROUPS' MEETINGS

6th September Bernard Wright will speak to us on Barn Owls. He will be supported by Flintshire Wildlife and Pet Rescue, who will have owls on show and also a hedgehog.

6th December This meeting has been moved from November to enable us to enjoy a Christmas lunch and listen to Professor Bruce Ing who will talk about plants and animals at the festive season. Bookings may be made for this event **AFTER** further Details are circulated in September.

7th February Marion MacNicoll who is the assistant County Organiser for Denbyshire and Colwyn National Gardens Scheme will show her wonderful collection of slides.

4th April Captain Woodall who joined Cunard in 1960 and became Captain of the QE2 in 1987.

These will be held at the **New Brighton Community Centre** at 10.30 am. From the traffic lights at New Brighton, turn towards 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 near the post office, from where it is a 3-4 minute walk.

SNIPPETS

HOW TO REDUCE UNWANTED MAIL, PHONE CALLS ETC

If you are being troubled by "Junk", the following contact may be of use: Mailing Preference Service (MPS): This service is run by the Direct Marketing Association. You can opt for only certain categories of marketing letters to your address - or none at all. Covers about 95% of Direct mail.

DMA House, 70 Margaret St, London, W1W 8SS tel. 020 7291 3310 Complaints 020 7291 3321
www.mpsonline.org.uk or www.dma.org.uk

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MAKING A WILL

The U3A has a Will Information Pack which is available free of charge. If you want a free pack, please email or telephone National Office. Tel. 020 8466 6139 Email: national.office@u3a.org.uk

HEYDAY is a not-for profit membership organisation in cooperation with Age Concern that gives you everything you need for a modern retirement. It gives you expert information on many topics and you can save money on exclusive offers and promotions. Their website is www.heyday.org.uk

DIARIES

Diane will have a limited number of U3A diaries available from September at £2 each.

ASSISTING OLDER HOMEOWNERS TO REMAIN IN THEIR OWN HOMES IN COMFORT, WARMTH AND SECURITY.

Anne has received leaflets and a DVD from George Adams relating to this and if anyone would like to have a sight of them please contact her on 01352 752881,

Contributions for the OCTOBER Newsletter are welcomed by 15th September.

Editor