

NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS – AUGUST 2007

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I have been attending various funding groups in the hope of raising cash to help to run a publicity campaign throughout the county and also to help groups with rent for accommodation now that Ty'r Binwydden is not able to offer additional rooms.

We have prepared a coloured poster advertising our aims and interest groups and the Library Service has very kindly distributed this throughout the county.

As you probably all know the National Eisteddfod is in Mold in August and the Flintshire Local Voluntary Service are producing a large coloured A3 poster and publicity material for us and it will appear on the FLVC's stand at the Eisteddfod. The poster incurs a cost but the publicity material will be free of charge. The leaflets will be bilingual and we have to prepare our own Welsh version.

From October Flintshire Library and Information Service will be running free 6 week Introduction to Computer classes at Broughton, Buckley, Connah's Quay, Mancot, Holywell, Mold and Flint. They will use to resources of the library and experience of tutors from Deeside College. The classes will be in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere and progress will be at the individual's own pace. There will also be IT taster sessions on the use of a digital camera, mail merge, scanning, etc. aimed at the 50 plus generation

GROUP NEWS

The **SINGING FOR PLEASURE GROUP** now meets in Carole's home, which is a great delight to us on all counts! If you want to sing but think you can't, come and join us and discover that you **can** take part in this happy and therapeutic activity. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 2 until 4 pm. Contact Rita on 01352 757693

The **THIRD READING GROUP** has changed it's meeting date; this is now the fourth Thursday of the month and more members would be most welcome. Contact Margaret on 01352 753548

The **SOCIAL HISTORY GROUP** got off to a good start with 13 people attending. They will meet on the first Monday of the month at the Gwernaffield Church Hall from 10 am to 11.30 and any member wishing to join will be welcome. Contact Anne on 01352 752881

Ian's **ANCIENT WISDOMS GROUP** has decided to discontinue but Ian is open to consider setting up another group looking at alternative ideas.

The **SECOND ART GROUP** has vacancies for new members—it meets alternate Friday mornings. So, if you have ever felt you'd like to draw or paint but have never taken the plunge, here is your chance! **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Help is at hand if you want it. If you are interested please contact Rita on 01352 757693.

Sue Brown has had to give up as the co-ordinator of the **FLAT WALKING GROUP** as she is about to go into hospital for a knee operation and we wish her well. Barbara Lowens has offered to take her place. Phone Barbara on 01352 759855 if you would like to join a walk.

Members of the **AWAY DAY GROUP** tackled the complexities of the maze at Weston Park during their visit in May.

The **CANASTA/BOLIVIA GROUP** has room for more members. This group alternates meetings between Mold and Buckley and would consider meeting in the evenings. Contact Jill on 01244 544646 if you are interested.

If you would like to keep fit in a different way, Monica is offering to run a **BELLY DANCING GROUP** starting in January. Monica can be contacted on 01978 761595

GROUP NEWS continued

I attended the short course run by Freda on **LISTENING TO MUSIC WITH UNDERSTANDING** and found it fascinating and very informative. We were helped to identify major and minor scales, become aware of rhythmic and melodic changes and gained some knowledge of more complex musical forms. What is more I was given the tools to construct a simple four bar melody which was both rhythmical and used notes within the compass of one octave—Paul McCartney watch out! *Doreen*

Freda is offering this course again. In addition, Freda is proposing a GOING TO THE PHIL group in which anyone who will be attending the Classical FM concerts in Liverpool in the Autumn can join her a few days in advance of each concert to hear and discuss the music and gain more understanding. If you are interested in either of these groups please contact Freda on 01352 810557.

Anne wonders if anyone would like to form a **CARD MAKING GROUP** – Birthdays, Christmas etc., using various media. Her number is 01352 752881.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS

One of our members, Andrea Yarnell Dakin, is performing her one-woman show on the **Life of Charlotte Bronte** at Plas Teg on the Pontblyddyn road on a Friday 14TH September at 7.30 p.m. If anyone would like to attend, tickets are available from Plas Teg on 01352 771335: they cost £10. I am sure you will enjoy her performance.

Gill Griffiths attended the **Buxton Wells Dressing** held at St Ann's Well in 2006 and was interested to see that the work of the U3A was beautifully depicted. The inscription on the top says "Ask your elders, let them enlighten you". The Wells Dressings in Buxton are held in July every year to thank God for the water.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

The North Wales Association of U3A's will be running their annual **Study Day on Wednesday, 17th October, 2007**, and the subject will be **Art and Culture in North Wales**, and it is hoped to use this event to raise the profile of the U3A in North Wales. (Further details are given under **Currant U3A News**).

GROUPS' MEETINGS

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE PRESENTATION TEAM will be at our next meeting on the 12th September at 10.30 am at the Community Centre in New Brighton.

The vital roles played by the Royal Air Force in providing security for the UK and as a force for good in the world will be explained by the Royal Air force Presentation Team. In the course of a fast-moving multi-media presentation the Team, led by Wing Commander Simon Firth, will illustrate the roles, equipment and personnel of the RAF of today. Following the presentation, there will then be the opportunity for those present to ask questions of the Team.

This is a major event and takes an hour and a half for them to assemble their equipment so do **PLEASE COME and bring your friends** to make all their efforts worth while.

To reach the Community Centre by car: from the traffic lights at New Brighton, turn toward Mynydd Isa and take the second right—Moel Famau Road—the Centre is at the bottom left hand side. It has excellent parking. If using the bus (numbers 4, X55, 111) alight at the post office (X55) or ring the bell to alight at the next stop (4, 111). It is a short walk to Moel Famau Road.

NEWSLETTERS

Now that our membership has increased it is no longer possible to put names on each Newsletter. They will be distributed through Group Leaders and, as many of you are members of more than one group, could I ask you to make sure that you receive yours. You can check with the "deadline" when your next copy is due.

*Contributions for the **NOVEMBER Newsletter** are welcome by 15th October. Contact Doreen on 01352 757309 or at Carl.Boswell@tesco.net*