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NATIONAL U3A MAGAZINE

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

U3A diaries for 2011

will be on sale at the September Open Meeting @ £2 and will be available from John Hughes from then on.

HELP YOUR CO-ORDINATOR

Please remember to inform your co-ordinator if you are unable to attend a Group Meeting, or if you are bringing a friend for a 'taster'.

Contributions for the **December** newsletter are welcomed by **12th November**. Please contact the Editor on 01352 720501 or email: ameparry@btinternet.com



Someone said that all the groups on display at our Open Day were a bit crowded. What a great complaint! We now have so many interest groups that it was a struggle to ensure that all had some space for a display! There were also crowds round many of them and it was great to see a lot of current members signing up for new groups.



We welcomed many visitors and signed up some new members. We were pleased to see our MP David Hanson, who spent a lot of time talking to members. He has put his name down for Italian, Social History, Walking and Dining for when he retires! To start with! Our AM Sandy Mewies and Mayor Owen Thomas enjoyed their visit and went away much wiser about the U3A. We certainly raised our profile in the area on that Saturday in May.



My sincere thanks to all who gave so much of their time and support for the Open Day. It was a great team effort.
Hilary

GROUPS' NEWS

ART APPRECIATION



In August Art Appreciation and Away Days joined forces to visit the Kyffin Williams's Gallery in Llangefni, Anglesey and the Royal Cambrian Summer Exhibition in Conwy.

AWAY DAYS

Are you interested in the following Away Days?

Good Food Show, NEC Thursday 25th Nov 2010

Worcester Christmas Fayre Saturday 4th Dec 2010

Please contact Judith: 01824 780221 or Gill: 01352 713972

BRIDGE

Jill is our new co-ordinator and the meetings are now held in Buckley on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 7.30pm. Many thanks to Ken for running this group so efficiently in the past. Jill: 01352 544646

CHESS

In order to avoid clashes with other Friday groups the Chess Group now meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 2pm. We look forward to welcoming more members. Barrie: 01352 752418

CROWN GREEN BOWLS

The last session this summer is on Thursday 16th September. The new season will commence in April 2011. We are arranging Tenpin Bowling during the winter months (see below). Barry: 01352 741836

GARDENING GROUP ALLOTMENT



Initially FU3A obtained the services of Groundwork (North Wales) who, with funding from the Big Lottery and the Countryside Council for Wales, and support from pupils at Shotton Learning Centre and Flint High School, prepared the site at Llys Eleanor. Thereafter we commenced a planting programme and are now managing the site.

On Wednesday 30th June 2010, the allotment was formally opened by David Heggarty, Head of Regeneration at Flintshire County Council.

Our 'plot' has now reached the productive stage and has not only started to provide salad and vegetable crops for the residents, but also a place to sit on a warm summer's evening and enjoy the scent and sight of the flowers.

We are a small team of "allotmenters" and would very much welcome other members to join us. Philip: 01352 741001



MUSIC APPRECIATION



Musical Soiree - for our August meeting Sylvia very kindly invited us to an evening of "music, wine, food and friendship" in her beautiful home and garden. We had a very pleasant time.

Please note that from **September** we will be meeting at our new venue: **Methodist Church, Wrexham Road, Mold CH7 1HQ.** Bea: 01352 752737



QUILTING

Great News! Our two Quilt Groups are combining and will be meeting every 3rd Monday of the month, 9.30-12.30, at the New Brighton Community Centre. The cost will be £1.50 a session, paying 6 months at a time, to cover hire of the hall. This new meeting place will enable us to widen our programme of activities and accommodate more members.

Our first meeting will be on **September 20th** when we will plan our programme. Refreshments will be served. So if you are a stitcher or a beginner and would like to join us do get in touch with **Margaret: 01352 753076** or **Hilary: 01352 780324.** You will be most welcome.

READING GROUP 5



This new Reading Group is going to focus on the modern classics. Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month 10.30am – 12noon at the Bryn Awel Hotel, Mold. Please contact Joan if you would like to join. **Joan: 01352 780644**

SCIENCE – PROPOSAL FOR NEW GROUP



At our Open meeting in May several members expressed an interest in forming a Science Group. If you would like to help get this group started please contact Hilary: **01352 780324**.



SCRABBLE (2) – NEW GROUP

This afternoon Scrabble Group will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 2-4pm, at Gwernaffield Church Hall. The first meeting will be on 13th October. Please contact Lyn if you would like to come. **01352 740561**

SOCIAL HISTORY

Many thanks to Anne for all her hard work and dedication in running this group. Thanks to Ian and Jeff who are taking over the reins temporarily until a new coordinator can be found. **Ian 01244 813844/Jeff 01244 535249**

SPANISH (INTERMEDIATE) – NEW GROUP



This is a class for those who have some knowledge of Spanish and who wish to continue practising their conversation. We are meeting fortnightly on Mondays from 7.30pm to 9pm in Maeshafn, commencing in September. **Kath: 01244 544451**

TENPIN BOWLING – NEW GROUP - “FU3A Senior Strikers”

This Winter Tenpin Bowling Group at Chester Greyhound Retail Park will commence on Thursday 21st October but thereafter will be on the 1st Thursday of the month from 10am-12noon. The cost is £3 per head per game which includes shoe hire. This is an ad hoc arrangement – you pay on the day, but numbers are needed in advance so please register your interest with Barry. **Barry: 01352 741836**



GARDENING GROUP



On Friday 6th August, Stan and Christine, two members of the Gardening Group, invited FU3A members to visit their wonderful garden (my words) and not only enjoy the colours and planting schemes but also consume some excellent cakes and wine.

As a result, they have made a most generous donation of over £100 to the Gardening Group funds. **Philip**



GWERNAFFIELD SILVER BAND CONCERT



On Wednesday 7th July members were treated to a lovely evening of music by Gwernaffield Silver Band. There was something for everyone as the Band played a varied repertoire ranging from baroque to popular musicals, from film themes to the classic brass band marches. Many thanks to all who helped the evening go with a swing!



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – INVITATION FROM THE GARDENING GROUP



Local writer and broadcaster, Jenny Hendy, will be talking on a subject dear to all of us: **‘The Easy-Care Garden’**.

Friday 5th November 2010 - 2.00pm at New Brighton Community Centre.
£2.00 including tea and biscuits. **All members welcome.**

Philip: 01352 741001

TOP TIP FROM THE GARDENING GROUP

Water Butts & Compost Bins available at bargain price (including delivery) from Flintshire County Council 01352 703350. Good news for your garden and the environment.

From Elisabeth

**FU3A Christmas Lunch 2010**

Wednesday 1st December 2010 at 12 for
12.30pm

All members welcome

At Beaufort Park Hotel, Alltami Road, New Brighton.
Cost £15 per person

Menus and booking forms are available at the
September & October Open Meetings, or from your
Coordinator, or you can download a copy from the
Latest News page of the website.

Please return booking form with your choices and
payment to John Hughes by **13th October 2010**.

Similarly to last year there will be no speaker.



A date for your diary!

**A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS**

Evening of Friday 17th December at St Mary's
Church Hall, Mold.

Enjoy an evening of traditional and contemporary
carols & songs, Christmas readings, live music and
seasonal refreshments.

Many FU3A members are taking part including the
Belleplates and Play Reading Groups.

More details and tickets at £3 each will be available
at the September Open Meeting.

Freda: 01352 810557

One of our members, who expressed an interest in seeing how the newsletter is put together, is now thoroughly enjoying learning how this is done. Anyone else like to join us? How about some of you Computer Dabblers? Put your newly acquired skills to good use!

Call Angela: 01352 720501 or email: ameparry@btinternet.com

COMMITTEE

Chair	Hilary Jones	01352 780324	Membership Secretary	Barry Ashton	01352 741836
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OPEN MEETINGS 2010/11 – All members welcome.

Remember 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.

8 Sep 2010	Healthy Eating	by Sylvie Jackson
13 Oct 2010	Four Kimonos and a Wedding – a Japanese Journey This is an ADDITIONAL meeting	by Hilary Jones
8 Dec 2010	Adventures of a Liverpool Tour Guide	by Steve Binns
9 Feb 2011	Mach 2 – Flying the Lightning Followed by the AGM	by Tony Craig

**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 – ADDITIONS & UPDATES - SEPTEMBER 2010

GROUP	MEETING VENUE	DAY	TIME	CONTACT NAME	TELEPHONE
Bridge	Buckley	2 nd Thursday of month	19.30-22.30	Jill	01244 544646
Canasta	Mold/Buckley	1 st Monday of month	19.30 start	Jill	01244 544646
Chess		2 nd & 4 th Friday of month	14.00 start	Barrie	01352 752418
Music Appreciation	Methodist Church, Mold	1 st Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Bea	01352 752737
Quilting	New Brighton CC	3 rd Monday of month	09.30-12.30	Margaret Hilary	01352 753076 01352 780324
Reading Group (5)	Mold	3 rd Wednesday of month	10.30-12.00	Joan	01352 780644
Scrabble Group (2)	Gwernaffield	2 nd Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Lyn	01352 740561
Singing	Loggerheads	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays of month	10.30-12.30	Freda	01352 810557
Social History	Gwernaffield	1 st Monday of month	10.00-11.30	Ian Jeff	01244 813844 01244 535249
Spanish (intermediate)	Maeshafn	Fortnightly on Mondays	19.30-21.00	Kath	01244 544451
Tenpin Bowling	Chester Greyhound	1 st Thursday of month	10.00-12.00	Barry	01352 741836