



October 2005 - NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS

NEW GROUPS

We are pleased to announce that four new groups have either recently started or are due to start in the near future.

A **Quilting Group** has been started in Mold and they have been very fortunate to obtain tuition from Mrs. B. Rowley, who is the founder member of Mold Quilting Group. Three places are still available, and if you are interested please contact Maureen on 01352 758650.

Maureen is also co-ordinating our third **Reading Group** on the third Wednesday of each month and there are four places still available.

Busy lady, Maureen is also going to start a **Local History Group** and for this she is organising a meeting at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 13th October just to decide the areas to be researched. Please contact her if you would like to become involved.

Philip says that the **Fly Fishing Group** has doubled its membership in the past few months to 2!! They have the equipment, and thanks to our newest member, a stretch of water on which to practice the art. However, they need to get back to basics and would ask if anyone is prepared to instruct them during the winter months, in the techniques of casting, and the mysteries of fly selection, such that they are ready to "cast off" next spring. Philip's telephone number is 01352 741001.

OTHER GROUP NEWS

The **Philosophy Group** has been running since October 2004 and we currently have a dozen members. As with all groups, numbers attending vary due to holidays and other activities producing a clash of dates, nevertheless a lively discussion always ensues. So far we have philosophized on Whether God Exists, about What is Liberty? What is Art? What is Imagination? – to name a few. These studies are always related to the works of the great philosophers – Descartes, Hume, Kant, Rousseau and others. The session of What is Art was enhanced by the attendance of some members of the Friday Art Group. This meeting proceeded so readily that the leader had little to do! Of course, we never reach a conclusion as philosophy tends to throw up more questions than answers, but in so doing it proves to be immensely stimulating and informative. At the same time it is hoped that participation greatly affects the way in which we address the deep and puzzling questions of life and the world. We currently meet on the third Wednesday in each month from 2.30 to 4.30 at Ty'r Binwydden near Mold town centre. New members are most welcome. Tony Newman 01352 757693.

Next meeting of the **Lunch Club** is on Wednesday, 23rd November at the Bistro at Theatr Clwyd - 12.30 for 1.00. If you wish to attend please give your name to Diane on 01244 544284

The **French Group** is co-ordinated by John Lewis (01352 752508) and meets in Mold at his house. It has been decided that the group will now meet on a Monday afternoon between 3.00 and 5.00 pm. The 10th, 17th and 31st October meetings, however, will be at Charles Harrison's house. (Ring 01352 754765 for directions). From 14th November meetings will be back at John's. Each session is usually structured in three sections. Firstly open conversation about events, issues, news opinions etc. Secondly, work from the chosen text, which for most will be welcome grammatical revision. Thirdly, John prepares something to challenge and extend our spoken French.

Members of the **Art Appreciation Group**, along with their friends, visited the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool on September 20th and enjoyed an excellent guided tour of some of the sculptures and paintings.

Would anyone like to organise a drop-in coffee morning. Perhaps in a central location. Any ideas – suggestions – volunteers. Please contact Anne.

OTHER NEWS

NETBUS

Deeside College have a bus which travels around Flintshire teaching **computer related skills**. They will run sessions for Community Groups like the U3A. The sort of things you can learn about are word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentations, e-mail, desktop publishing and web publishing. If you are interested please ring Marjorie on 01987 761554 with details of the subject(s) you would like to do and she will arrange a session.

SEPTEMBER GROUPS' MEETING

Rita writes – "What a wonderful meeting I've just had! It was at the bi-monthly meeting of our U3A – not only heard an excellent speaker on an informative subject, but had a chat with so many people I'd not seen for two months – since the last meeting. I've put some more faces to names and heard about other groups' progress and caught up with all sorts of news of other members. This cross-fertilization is so productive and our U3A, instead of being a collection of groups, starts to cohere into a whole vibrant organisation. Do come next time – you'll certainly not regret it."

At this meeting, after a short business session, we had a most interesting talk from David Blainey, who is the Transportation Officer for Flintshire County Council. David gave us a short history of public transport in this area, and then opened our eyes to what is available to us at the present time, and what is projected for us in the near future.

FORTHCOMING GROUPS' MEETINGS

Due to the indisposition of Anthony Jolly, our **November 16th** speaker, a change of programme has been necessary. We are pleased to have secured, at very short notice, **Mrs. Angela Brabin – a retired solicitor – who will talk on the "Black Widows of Liverpool"** – a very popular presentation, particularly with ladies, about poisoners! It will also be a trial run for a possible new permanent venue, namely St. David's Catholic Church Hall in Mold (opposite the Job Centre), which has plenty of parking alongside. Normal start time of 10.30 am. After a very short business meeting there will be coffee and biscuits served. **DO PLEASE COME.**

On 1st February 2006 in the Daniel Owen Centre Mold our speaker will be Mark Reid of Innes Reid Investments and his talk is entitled "To the Taxman I bequeath..." Then on April 5th Alys Lewis of BBC Wales will be telling us about her website project on the History of North East Wales. This is something that everyone can get involved in and, in preparation for this, why not visit their Website at www.bbc.co.uk/wales/northeast. It is very interesting.

MILAGE RATES FOR LIFTS

Despite the increase in petrol costs, it has been decided to retain the rate that people should contribute if they are accepting a lift to 5 pence a mile.