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Message from The Chair

On behalf of Flintshire U3A I would like to thank all our members for their continued support over the past year. I would also like to thank the group coordinators and particularly the following people who have served on the committee and have stood down this year, Gill Causer, Sandra Hulland and Carol Williams; they still actively support Flintshire U3A and have done for many years.

Finally I would also like to say a huge thank you to Alan Harris, our previous Chair. Over the past year Alan steered Flintshire U3A onward and upwards and he will continue to sit on the committee.

I hope that I will be able to adequately fill the role of Chair, taking my lead from Alan and the other former Chairs of FU3A. Following the first meeting of the new committee, I am pleased to say that a full programme of social events and meetings are being planned for the forthcoming year. These events will include a New Members' Coffee Morning, a Summer Social event, a Literary Day, sometime in the Autumn, and a Christmas Social event. The exact dates and details of all planned events will be published on the website, in future newsletters and circulated to the group coordinators in due course.

Chris Winner, Chair FU3A

Diary Dates

**7th April Open Meeting
New Brighton**

Please note **June's** meeting
is at the
Civic Hall, Connah's Quay.

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Please submit
contributions for the
Newsletter before May
15th.



SHOP WINDOW EXHIBITION - Chris

If you are in Mold any time within the next month be sure to have a look at our 'Shop Window Exhibition' the window is opposite Poundland, in the Daniel Owen precinct.

The work in the window has all been produced by members of our art, craft groups and photography group. The display will change on April 1st when other examples of their work will be displayed. The Interest Groups that have contributed so far to the display are, Art Groups 1, 2 and 3, Card Making, Digital Photography, General Crafts, Quilting and Woodturning. The display will now be an ongoing feature and groups are asked to contribute items, photos etc that can be used in future displays. The original display ran for 4 weeks and the display is changed on April 1st.

If you are interested in joining any of the groups please contact the relevant coordinator. Their contact details are on the website."

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NEW MEMBERS COFFEE MORNING!!!

To take place at the Grosvenor Hall, Mold on Thursday the 19th of May.

10 am to 12 noon.

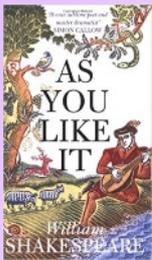
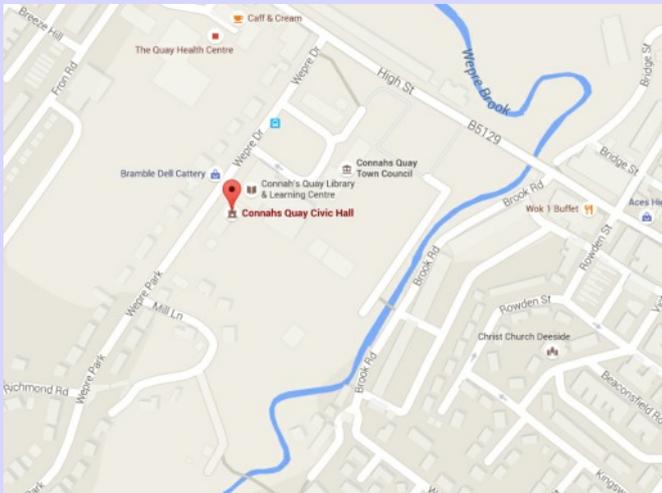
All new members and any potential new members are very welcome. We look forward to meeting you!

For further details please contact **Marie** on **01352 752844**

June Open Meeting

Please remember that our next Open Meeting will be held on June Thursday June 2nd , 10 for 10:30 am in

CONNAH'S QUAY CIVIC HALL,
Greenacres, Wepre Drive,
Connah's Quay, Deeside, Clwyd, CH5 4HA



Only 6 tickets left for **"As You Like It"** in the park in Chester on July 14th at 7.30 pm.

All seats are under cover at £23.40 each.

Absolutely final date for booking April 28th.

For information contact Jenny on 01352 713368.



THE WIDER U3A WORLD - Hilary

How much do you know about the wider U3A world? Do you care? Are you interested?

You may be surprised to learn that there are 56 U3As in Wales and almost 1000 in the UK. There are 13,000 members in Wales and almost 400,000 in the UK. So you are in good company. Especially in Flintshire U3A where we have a reputation of being a busy, enthusiastic and friendly U3A. As Trustee for Wales, this is music to my ears, I wish all Welsh U3As were the same. How do I know they are not? I don't – but I look on their websites and I meet U3A members in my travels across Wales – and so hear different stories. I have met some lovely people, most of whom are enthusiastic about the U3A and what a difference it has made to their lives. Have you looked at other U3As' websites? You will find a link to all of them on the All Wales website. Have you looked on that site? You could find out what is going on across Wales, in your Network and even the U3As local to Flintshire. Maybe one of them has an Interest group that you fancy, you can join more than one U3A, you know. Have you looked at the National website? There is lots on there that you could find useful, interesting and surprising. I know you have guessed by now – I'm asking you to look a little further than your own U3A world – check the websites, and see what you can find out. We are a learning organisation after all. If you are someone who does not 'do websites', no problem – ask a friend who does. Get them to tell you a bit more about the wider U3A family. Try www.u3asites.org.uk/walesu3a Click on www.u3a.org.uk Check out www.flintshire-u3a.co.uk See what you can learn!
Hilary Jones Flintshire U3A and U3A Trustee for Wales

Reminder to ALL FU3A Group Coordinators

A meeting has been arranged for all group coordinators to take place on

Thursday April 28th, 10:00 am, in the Methodist Church, Mold

Members of Flintshire U3A are invited to to attend Heswall U3A's

THE LIFE OF SHAKESPEARE (1564 -1616) FACTS AND PROBLEMS

Thursday 26th May from 1.30pm - 3.30pm, at Heswall Hall, Room B

Arthur Maltby, author of "The Alternative Shakespeare" and "Shakespeare as a challenge for literary biography" will speak about Shakespeare's life and what we know (and still seek to know) about him, with relevant biographical material on display.

After a talk of about 40 minutes and light refreshment, there will be opportunity for discussion and questions.

£3.00 per person (payable on the day) to include light refreshments.

To book a place please contact Tricia Harrison: [click to email Tricia Harrison](mailto:tricia.harrison@flintshire-u3a.co.uk)



SUNDAY AFTERNOON WALKING GROUP - JANE

The Sunday afternoon group will be walking to view places of historical, geological, architectural and Welsh heritage interest within the Clwyd geographical area. The walks are 4 to 5 miles and last between 2 and 3 hours.

Ring Jane for details on 01352 756703

DYDD GWYL DEWI SANT, ST DAVID'S DAY- MEG



The Welsh Group celebrated Dydd Gwyl, Dewi Sant on Monday 7th March. The Drover's Arms kindly allowed us to decorate with flags, banners, rugby shirts and of course daffodils!! In addition, they also provided us with the sounds of Welsh singers, including Bryn Terfel, Max Boyce etc, which we enjoyed as background music whilst we ate and to finish our outing.



We enjoyed Cawl Cennin, Brechdanau and Sglodion Trwchus, blasus iawn!!!!. (leek soup, sandwiches and very tasty, chunky chips!!

This year we invited Kevin Matthias as a Guest Speaker. The subject was Yr Wyddgrug's famous author, Daniel Owen. Kevin gave a bilingual talk and to the delight of, "us learners," spoke slowly and clearly!!!!

As well as exploring Daniel's family life, his work and writings, we also learnt a great deal about Mold itself.

It was an excellent and very interesting talk, which was much appreciated by us all. Diolch yn fawr iawn, Kevin.

Now, we have much to look forward to. Soon we have a trip to Bala to see the famous, Mary Jones' Bible which will be at the Mary Jones' World Centre for a few days on loan from Cambridge. We also intend visiting Ynys Llanddwyn, to discover the history of Santes Dwynwen, (Wales'Valentine Day,) which is celebrated on January 25th.

And also, we shall look forward to a guided tour of Rhydymwyn Valley site, as well, of course, continuing to improve our CYMRAEG!!!!

AWAY DAYS

May – September 2016

Please contact the respective Organiser if you are interested in any of the following events

Gill - 01352 713972 Judith - 01824 780221 Jo – 01824 780906

All costs are ESTIMATED

Date	Place	Costs Estimate only	Organiser
Wednesday 25th May	Little Moreton Hall (Including guided tour) Silk Museum Macclesfield	Estimate N/T member £22 Non N/T member £30	Gill
Tuesday 21st June	Much Wenlock Priory & Benthall Hall	Estimated NT Members £15 Non N/T members £20	Gill
Wednesday 20th July	Royal Welsh Show (includes Entrance Ticket)	Estimate £37.50	Jo
Tuesday 12th July Friday 19th August Monday 22nd August	Mostyn Hall & Gardens (Numbers limited to 30 per day)	Tbc	Gill
Wednesday 17th August	Yewbarrow House Gardens Cartmel Cumbria	Estimate £22	Gill
Friday 9th September	Ludlow Food Festival (including entrance ticket)	Estimate £17	Jo

Full payment must be paid **by cheque** by the date requested and no refund will be guaranteed

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