

# Flintshire **U3A** Newsletter

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## Flintshire U3A - Friendship & Fun through Lifelong Learning

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We ended 2013 with a very successful concert being entertained by our own members. Thanks to everyone who took part. The New Year has started well with another successful event – lunch at the Beaufort Park Hotel enjoyed by 100 of our members.

This year as well as the 5 Open Meetings and the extra meetings organised by the Gardening Group and the Science Group which are open to all members we will be holding seasonal Social events. There will be an Open Day later in the year for all members. Each of our Groups will be asked to provide a display so you can come along to learn more about what is on offer.

The 2014 AGM will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at the New Brighton Community Centre.

I look forward to meeting more of you in 2014 Chairman

### Diary Dates

**Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30am - AGM**  
**Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10am Open Meeting**  
**May 7<sup>th</sup> North Wales Study Day**

Times and details for the following will be confirmed later -  
**May 8<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Morning**  
**May 21<sup>st</sup> - New Members Meeting**  
**July 31<sup>st</sup> - Summer Social**  
**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Event**

### Newsletter

**Please submit contributions for the April Newsletter before Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

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### Save £2 if you renew your FU3A 2014 membership before March 31<sup>st</sup>

Please remember it's £10 for existing members before the end of March, or £12 to renew after that date.

Send to: **Barry Ashton, FU3A Membership Secretary, Woodedge, St. John's Park, Rhydymwyn, CH7 5HZ.**

(Please remember to enclose an S.A.E. So that your membership card can be sent to you.)

### FU3A Quilters at Claire Houe -

**Hilary Jones, Bev Kelleher, Margaret O' Hara and Carole Boneham**

We had a conducted tour round the wonderful facilities of Claire House, which are funded by voluntary donations. Claire House is for children and young adults



with life limiting illnesses, it has a marvellous positive atmosphere. They were thrilled with all we took and said that they

would be used and appreciated. It was a moving and humbling visit and it has inspired us to make more things for the Hospice.



### NORTH WALES STUDY DAY

'Myths & Legends'

will be held on Wednesday 7th  
 May 2014

at The Gallery in Caernarfon  
 Cost: £12

If you are interesting in attending

**Please Contact Hilary**

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### ~ Computing ~

Time to stop Dabbling and start Computing?

Open Meeting on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 in  
 the Theatre Clwyd Bistro Bar.

### What do you want to learn?

We will be discussing the future programme, time and place for meetings of the group. Come and discuss your interests and needs - all welcome!

**Chris and Sandra**



### St David's Day 2014 - Vera

The Welsh Learner Groups are celebrating Dydd Gwyl Dewi on 3rd March in The Queens' Head, Mold from 13:30.

**Croeso Gynnes** to anybody wishing to pop in and join us.

If anyone would like to take part please contact me on 01352756056



### Art Appreciation 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Charles

In Sept. 2003, the inaugural meeting of the Art Appreciation group took place in the home of Barbara and Charles Harrison. There were 6 people present, all clearly loved Art but none professed any expertise in Art appreciation.

A decision was taken that the meetings would consist of presentations from members of the group who would research an artist/topic that interested them. Gallery visits would also be planned. The "Pre-Raphaelites" got us started.

The original plans for the structure of the meetings have been kept. During the last 10 years there have been member presentations on 50 Artists, (from Hogarth to Picasso) 20 "Movements in Art" (from Greek pottery to Surrealism) and numerous "Themes" (for example - Art in the Radio Times to Art in Nature). The group now has 60+ members and much of the success of the group is due in no small part to the guidance and vision of Rita Newman who has coordinate the group for the last 9 years. Here's to the next 10 years!



### Reading Group 5 - Kath

This enthusiastic group currently meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month in Corlan, the FLVC building, in Mold from 10.30-12.00.

None of us are literature experts so in the long term we plan to take it in turn to act as group co-ordinator. Suggestions for suitable books are welcomed from everyone. We tend to plan about 6 months ahead giving the library time to have some copies available.

Classic novels have proved to be popular such as "Mansfield Park" and "Wuthering Heights" as well as more recent books such as "The Earth Hums in B Flat" by the Welsh writer Mari Strachan and Amitav Ghosh's "River of Smoke"

There's always plenty to talk about and a couple of times a year we've arranged to have lunch together after the meeting.



### Short Mat Bowls Group - Margaret

The group meets every Wednesday at Gwernaffield Church Hall. We now have about ten players on a regular basis. We



divide into two different teams each week and the matches are played in a friendly but sometimes very competitive spirit, especially if the scores are very close. All the members seem to enjoy the bowling and it is good exercise at the same time.

### Tenpin Bowling Christmas Lunch - Hilary

The Ten Pin Bowling group enjoyed two games and a special Christmas lunch on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at the Flint Leisure Centre where they meet regularly twice a month. The group is very active and friendly and growing fast. But there is room for more so why not come and join them.



Contact Chris on 01352 741836

### General Craft Group - Carol

The general craft group is a fairly new group within Flintshire U3A and meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 10.00 to 12.30 in the Glanrafon Centre.

We are a group of like-minded people who have an interest in crafts of all kinds. We may not be experts at some of the crafts but we do try, and we can laugh at, and admire each other's efforts! So far we have tried crochet, parchment craft for cards, painting, beading, paper folding to make boxes of all sizes and of course, Christmas crafts of varying types. There are lots more ideas for future meetings.

Members come and bring their expertise (or just interest) and we all help each other. Along the way, there are laughs and friendly banter. Any equipment needed is brought to the group if possible by members or bought using our own funds.

So if you have an interest or would like to try something new come along and meet us. We are a friendly bunch and would love to see you!

The craft group costs £1.50 per person per meeting payable three months in advance in order to pay the rent for the hall.

**Contact: Maureen Hemming on 01244 543291) or helper Carol Boneham on 01352 758984.**

**Some 2014 dates for you diary.  
Gardening Group and Science Group open talks.**

**Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 14:30**

Lorna Jenner  
Author/travel Writer  
'From Flint to Bagillt ( Flora, Fauna and History)'



**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 14:30**

Paul Kay  
Marine Conservation Officer  
'Undersea Wales'



**Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 14:30**

Non Owen  
Medical Herbalist  
'Balancing Health Naturally'

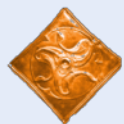


**Each talk is £2 including TEA and CAKE  
All talks will take place at the New Brighton  
Community Centre.**

The **Archaeology Group** invites members of FU3A to the following open talks -



**24<sup>th</sup> February, 10:00**  
**The Ancient City of Petra by Kendal Down**



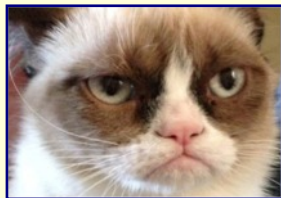
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00**  
**The work of the Clwyd Powys Archaeology  
Trust in the Mold Area by Jeff Spencer**

CPAT

We meet at the **New Brighton Community Centre**. There will be a £2 charge for each talk.

**Please contact Dave on 01352 752817 for further information.**

**Grumpy Old Men  
\*New Arrangements\***



Our meetings are held on the last Friday of each month, 1.00pm at the Queens Head in Mold, to debate topics of an irritating nature over a light lunch. Do come along for a taster on 28 February.

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**~ MEMBERS' CORNER ~**

**What is Special About FU3A?**

When a colleague told me that many Rotary Clubs were struggling for members, I told her that FU3A was thriving and growing. She paused and asked me - **"WHY IS FU3A SO SUCCESSFUL?"**

It took me by surprise but in about 3 minutes I gave her my answer. Later on I decided it would be good to ask you all the same question.

**So what is your answer ?**

Put it in rhyme, bullet points, plain text or whatever you like. Let your mind roam free, be not constrained by convention, sock it to me !!!

Send it to me, John Yates, at [johnyates8@icloud.com](mailto:johnyates8@icloud.com) by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

Whichever is judged "the best and most interesting" by Gill and Chris, will get a super bottle of wine (recommended by our Wine Appreciation Group) as my treat.

The winners entry will be published in the Newsletter and others may follow. We will submit an article for "Third Age Matters".

**Music Appreciation - Terry**

Thanks to the Methodist Church in Wrexham Street, we now have more space to welcome new members to the Music Appreciation Group. Not only more space but but the use of modern audio equipment to play our music. We play not only classical music but cover folk music, film music, songs from the shows, opera and even a spot of jazz.

It's a great opportunity to meet new friends. So come along and join us, we even provide tea and biscuits!

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 2pm.



**Terry: 01352 741508**  
**Music, the beautiful disturber of the air!**

**~ Simple Science Morning ~**

**Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 to 13:00,**  
**New Brighton Community Centre**



**A talk by KEN CLARK** will start the morning.  
Followed by -



**An audience with - CHARLES DARWIN**

**Tickets will be £5 and this will include a buffet lunch.**  
**Tickets will be on sale at the Open Meeting or from**  
**CHRIS (01244 679800): [chris@christopherhill.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:chris@christopherhill.fsnet.co.uk)**  
**PHILIP (01352 741001): [Philip194johnson@btinternet.com](mailto:Philip194johnson@btinternet.com)**

**“When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour. That’s relativity.” Albert Einstein**

### Away Day to Thursford - Ken



Another a fantastic Away Day trip! This time 31 FU3A members visited Thursford.

The driver, coach, hotel accommodation and food were just great however the show, by consensus, was just FANTASTIC. Personally I cannot find adequate words to justify and describe an unbelievable experience, which everyone, who enjoys theatre and music should see. The stage was over 50 yard wide! We were entertained by 130 highly professional performers in a show which lasted over 3 hours. Everything was perfection personified, from the music, lighting, costumes and content, to the venue both inside and out, it was a truly one off. Las Vegas and London's West End eat your heart out! Thank you Judith.



### Film Club - David

**4th March - Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal  
in What's Up Doc?**

**18th March - May Robson and Guy Kibbee  
in Lady For A Day**

**1st April - Helen Mirren and Celia Imrie  
in Calendar Girls**

**15th April - Jeffrey Hunter Robert Ryan  
in King of Kings**  
**Contact: David 07803162230**

### Sunday Walking Group - Jane

This takes place every Sunday afternoon (weather permitting). We start at 13:30 - for around 2 to 3 hours walking in the local area. Our walks take place within around 10 mile radius of Mold. A car share from Mold can be offered.



Contact Jane on **01352 756703** for details.

### ~ A New Group for Ladies! ~

No we are not being sexist - we are starting the ladies version - of the Grumpy Old Men!

A discussion group for those with opinions. A preliminary meeting will be held in the Bistro, Theatre Clwyd on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10.30am.

**Contacts:** Mary and Hilary



### Away Day and Stay Programme 2014

Date	Place	Cost	Organiser
Wednesday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Liverpool Maritime Museum and Old Dock	£7	Judith
19 <sup>th</sup> March	National Media Museum, Bradford	£10.50	Mary
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Glasgow 2 night stay	£147 per person Single supplement +£48	Gill
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Shrugborough, includes guided tour of the house	£20	Judith
June /July/August Overnight stay, date to be confirmed, subject to availability of tickets.	Highgrove	Estimate - £115	Mary

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