

Flintshire U3A Newsletter

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Diary Dates:

January 16th New Year Lunch

January 21st Closing date for submission of articles for the February newsletter

February 7th Open Meeting Connahs Quay

Message from the Chair:

This is my final report as Chairman of Flintshire U3A and by the time you read this, I will have stood down from the role. As you will all know I am now the U3A Trustee for Wales, a role which requires my full attention. My term as Chairman of FU3A would have naturally ended at the AGM in March 2019, so I am leaving the role just a few months earlier than planned. The past, almost three years, have flown by and during that time we have seen a growth in membership, an increase in the number of interest groups, the creation of a newsletter team. During my last year in office we have been required to modify our constitution and GDPR has impacted on how we collect, hold and use data. With the support and understanding of our members, FU3A have come through it all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for their support over the past years. I will continue to be an active member of Flintshire U3A. I wish all of our members, our coordinators and John and the committee, well in the future and look forward to seeing Flintshire U3A go from strength to strength as the vibrant organisation it is.

Chris Winner, Chairman Flintshire U3A

Neges gan y Cadeirydd:

Dyma fy adroddiad terfynol fel Cadeirydd U3A Sir y Fflint ac erbyn i chi ddarllen hyn, byddaf wedi ymddiswyddo o'r rôl. Fel y gwyddoch i gyd, rwyf bellach yn Ymddiriedolwr U3A dros Gymru ac mae angen rhoi fy amser llawn i'r gwaith hwnnw. Byddai fy nhymor fel Cadeirydd FU3A wedi dod i ben yn y Cyfarfod Blynyddol ym mis Mawrth 2019, felly rwy'n gorffen ychydig fisoedd yn gynharach na'r hyn a gynlluniwyd. Mae'r dair blynedd wedi hedfan ac yn ystod y cyfnod hwnnw gwelwyd twf mewn aelodaeth, cynnydd yn nifer y grwpiau diddordeb a chrewyd tîm i gynhyrchu'r cylchlythyr hwn. Yn ystod fy mlwyddyn ddiwethaf yn y swydd roedd yn ofynnol i ni addasu ein cyfansoddiad gan effeithio ar y modd yr ydym yn casglu, cadw a defnyddio data. Gyda chymorth a dealltwriaeth ein haelodau, mae FU3A wedi dod dros hyn. Hoffwn fanteisio ar y cyfle hwn i ddiolch i'n holl aelodau am eu cefnogaeth dros y blynyddoedd diwethaf. Byddaf yn parhau i fod yn aelod gweithredol o U3A Sir y Fflint. Dymunaf i'n holl aelodau, ein cydlynwyr a John a'r pwyllgor yn dda at y dyfodol ac edrychaf ymlaen at weld U3A Sir y Fflint yn mynd o nerth i nerth fel y sefydliad bywiog sydd gennym.

Chris Winner, Cadeirydd Sir y Fflint U3A

The Welsh translation was provided by Jane Owen

Christmas and New Years Special Events

Several members have expressed their gratitude for the good work of the Social Events Committee, for their efforts over the past twelve months which have given great pleasure to the majority of our members, and also their thanks for the following future socials:

Christmas Singalong

Tyddyn St Church in Mold, Tues 11th December at 2.30pm.
An enjoyable selection of Christmas songs and readings with audience participation followed by seasonal refreshments. A free but ticketed event. Tickets will be available in November.



Post Christmas Coffee Morning

Grosvenor Hall in Mold, Friday 28th December 10 am till 12 noon
Everybody welcome to pop in any time for a chat and refreshments - free event



New Year Lunch

Wednesday 16th January 2019 at The Celtic Arms, Northop, CH7 6WA
Doors Open at 12 noon. Lunch served at 12.30 pm. £19 includes tip.

Our sincere thanks to the three volunteers whose support has allowed this lunch to be held. The menu and booking form can be downloaded from our website. Hard copies will be available at the open meeting on 1st November, and Social History on 5th November. Payment is **ONLY** by cheque. This can be made at the venues above, or sent by post to Philip Johnson or John Tiplady (details on booking form). Please note numbers are limited to 120 persons. The closing date for bookings will be 7th December, although this may close much sooner.

Film Group

Tuesday 13th November. Imelda Staunton, Joanna Lumley and Celia Imrie in "Finding Your Feet."
Tuesday 27th November. Joan Crawford, Jack Palance and Gloria Grahame in "Sudden Fear."
Tuesday 11th December. Christopher Plummer in "The Man Who Invented Christmas."

Deeside Special Social Event

It was a wonderful day, a real showcase for Flintshire U3A. The day captured the essence of what the U3A movement is all about. It was so good to see many of our members there and joining in with the activities. My sincere thanks must go to Stuart Murray who planned and organised the whole day of events and activities and also to Marie who worked with Stuart to make sure the day went smoothly. Of course the day would not have happened without the participation of many many of our groups who planned and led their own sessions for people to join in. I would also like to acknowledge and thank all the external organisations and people that participated. Thank you everyone.

Chris Winner



Success For Welsh Learners



Congratulations to both Angela Taylor and Diane Sauvage who did well in competitions this year. Diane came 2nd and Angela 3rd in a competition set by Merched y Wawr to write a diary for a week by the sea. More recently Angela achieved success at the National Eisteddfod Cardiff with her piece of 200 words entitled Fy Hoff Ap (My Favourite App). Angela wrote about BBC iPlayer. Angela said the eisteddfod is a fantastic cultural event with something of interest for everyone. She was thrilled to be able to take part. The picture shows Angela receiving her award.

Flintshire U3A Treasurer

Our treasurer Kate is standing down from the role effective from the AGM next March (2019). If Flintshire U3A is to continue it is imperative that we find someone to fulfil this essential role. We need someone to come forward now, so that Kate can work with them prior to her standing down. Kate has offered to support anyone that comes forward for as long as necessary. If you or anyone you know would be interested in taking on this vital role please contact me on 07545019179 or by email fu3achair@gmail.com

Chris Winner

ASDA EXTRA SPECIAL DOURO 2015 13.5%. Red from Portugal. £5.99

Aroma dominated by ripe fruits, blackberries, prunes and cassis, with some spices aromas from the oak barrels. Full bodied, with well-balanced acidity. A tasty partner to roast pork and winter casseroles.

John Tiplady-Wine Appreciation Group 2

Flintshire U3A YouTube Channel

Our YouTube channel features interviews with some of our group members and group coordinators. We are hoping to build up a bank of videos with interviews with members of our many different groups. The videos will give the viewer an idea of the wide range of opportunities Flintshire U3A has to offer. Subscribe to the channel to be notified of the latest uploads.

Wednesday Dining Group (bimonthly 3rd Wednesday)

We have spaces in the group and would be pleased to welcome new members. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday November 21st. If you are interested in joining our group please contact us on voicep-j@tiscali.co.uk or telephone 01352754060.

Philip and Judith Voice

Social History Group

The Group goes from strength to strength as regards numbers and popularity. Our October meeting was attended by 140 plus members and guests and were rewarded with a wonderful presentation entitled "Faces to My Camera" when local business man and historian, Mr John Butler, gave a very interesting and humorous talk with lots of local cine/movie clips from the past decades. Our next meeting takes place at Ewloe Social Club on Monday 5th November 2018 at 10.15 am when Mr Gavin Hunter will give a presentation entitled "Wirral's Historic Dee Coastline". Gavin is a well known and respected authority on the subject and it promises to be an enlightening and informative session.

Brian Bennett - FU3A Social History Group Coordinator

