

Flintshire U3A Newsletter

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Diary Dates:

Oct 11th Closing date for submission of articles for the November newsletter.

Nov 1st Open Meeting at Connah's Quay Civic Centre. John Hawley-History of Conway Tunnels.

Message from the Chair:

Firstly I would like to say thank you to all of our members who attended our summer picnic, we weren't many in number but I think it's fair to say those that did come had a great time! The weather was great and we were brilliantly entertained by 'Music Live'. Great fun! Thank you to Marie for organising the picnic (and performing), to John H for setting the equipment and John Hse and the members of 'Music Live' for their excellent performance. Also thank you to Georgina for keeping the teas and coffees flowing. For those of you that weren't able to be there we have photographs and videos on the website.

This month (September) and the lead up to the festive season is a busy time for Flintshire U3A, with the Piano recital in Theatr Clwyd and the Deeside Social event the following day this month and the planned social events for the festive season, we have a lot to look forward to. Details of both events are in this newsletter and on the website. Thank you to Marie and Stuart for everything they have done and are doing to make these events happen. The festive events will be announced later.

On a personal note, Hilary our member and current Trustee for Wales on the National Executive Committee of U3A, is now to be the Vice Chairman of U3A and I was recently elected to take Hilary's place as Trustee for Wales. I hope to continue as Chairman of Flintshire U3A for the present time.

Chris Winner, Chairman Flintshire U3A

Neges gan y Cadeirydd:

Yn gyntaf, hoffwn ddiolch i bob un o'n haelodau a fynychodd ein picnic haf. Doedd y nifer ddim yn fawr ond rwy'n credu ei bod yn deg dweud bod y rhai a ddaeth wedi cael amser bendedig! Roedd y tywydd yn wych, cawsom adloniant ardderchog gan 'Music Live' a chawsom lawer o hwyl! Diolch i Marie am drefnu'r picnic (ac am berfformio), i John H am osod yr offer ac i John Hse ac aelodau 'Music Live' am eu perfformiad rhagorol. Diolch hefyd i Georgina am gadw'r te a choffi yn llifo. I'r rhai ohonoch nad oeddent yn gallu bod yno, mae gennym ffotograffau a fideos ar y wefan.

Mae'r mis hwn (Medi) a'r cyfnod cyn y Nadolig yn gyfnod prysur i U3A Sir y Fflint, gyda'r datganiad Piano yn Theatr Clwyd a digwyddiad Cymdeithasol Glannau Dyfrdwy y diwrnod canlynol a hefyd y digwyddiadau cymdeithasol arfaethedig ar gyfer tymor yr ŵyl. Mae gennym ni lawer i edrych ymlaen ato. Mae manylion y ddau ddigwyddiad cyntaf yn y cylchlythyr hwn ac ar y wefan. Diolch i Marie a Stuart am y cyfan a wnaethant ac yn dal i wneud i drefnu'r digwyddiadau hyn. Cyhoeddir digwyddiadau'r Nadolig yn ddiweddarach.

Ar nodyn personol, mae Hilary, un o'n haelodau, sy'n Ymddiriedolwr dros Gymru ar Bwyllgor Gwaith Cenedlaethol U3A, bellach yn Is-Gadeirydd Cenedlaethol U3A. Fe ges i fy ethol yn ddiweddar i gymryd lle Hilary fel Ymddiriedolwr dros Gymru ond rwy'n gobeithio parhau fel Cadeirydd U3A Sir y Fflint am y tro.

Chris Winner, Cadeirydd Sir y Fflint U3A

Intermediate German Group

The Group celebrated its 100th meeting since its foundation on 4th March 2014. Photos and documents relating to group events and examples of the work covered were displayed and members all contributed refreshments, including some typically German foods and some delicious homemade ones.

The session began with a German Quiz for which small prizes were awarded. First prize went to Dave Baker but all participants received something for their efforts. Guest of honour was Audrey Lockyer, the only other founding member (other than myself) still alive.



Elizabeth Pettitt

Social Event On Deeside Friday 21st September

Join us for a day on Deeside between Flint and Talacre. If you are a U3A member, there's a chance to meet other members and to see what they are doing and whether their activities might appeal to you. If you are a potential new member of the U3A you are welcome to join the activities to see if you want to join us. Learn from, or take part in as many of the following activities as you wish:

- Flint to Talacre Walk
- Tour of Flint Castle
- Flora and Fauna sessions
- Music, Song and Poetry
- Shorter Walks on the Wales Coast Path
- Bird Watching
- Talacre in the Second World War
- Photography and sound recording
- Greenfield Valley Walk
- Art and 'charcoal challenge' taster
- Public Art Appreciation
- Lunch at Abakhan
- Welsh place names on Deeside
- Bagillt Community Garden tour

For more information, visit the Flintshire U3A website.

Coffee Afternoon Friday 5th October

Following on from the Social Event On Deeside is a coffee afternoon at May and Ellen Heritage Centre, Dock Road, Connah's Quay between 2.00pm and 4.00pm

Stuart Murray: 01352 740704

**Piano Recital
by the renowned concert pianist
Andrew Wilde.
Thursday 20th September.**



In the Clwyd Rooms, Theatr Clwyd. Doors open at 13:30, performance commences at 14:00. The tickets will cost £2 and are available from **Marie: 01352 752844**

Exploring Science Group

2pm on the 2nd Tuesday in the month at Mold Methodist Church Hall. £1 is charged to cover hall hire and tea/coffee/biscuits.

11th September The Magnetic Pick Up Speed Measuring Device. (How It Went Wrong On The High Speed Train)-John Davies

9th October 'Dolphins, Whales and Sharks around our Coast'-Matthew Clough founder of Liverpool Bay Marine Life Trust

31st October A visit to Tata Steel in Shotton.

Chris: 01244 679800

Social History

Meetings start at 10.15am at Ewloe Social Club, Mold Road, Ewloe CH5 3AU. A fee of £1.00 is charged for accommodation and refreshments.

Mon 10th September-Note this is the second Monday. Deltiology - A further look at our area through old postcards, etc-Brian Bennett

Mon 1st October-John Butler
Faces to my Camera – Recent years of local oral history



June meeting speaker Sheila Dibnah (widow of the late Fred Dibnah TV personality/author) who gave a very entertaining and interesting talk entitled "**My Life with Steeplejack Fred**". She is photographed with Social History Group Coordinators Brian & Sonja Bennett.

Brian: 01244 544564

Walkers Head For Ynys Môn

A lovely summer and two lovely walks on Anglesey. A destination further afield than usual, but worth it. On 5th June seven of us drove to Newborough Forest and set off on our 5+mile walk. The first part took us through the forest to the beginning of Ynys Llanddwyn. The view on emerging from the trees and looking across to the Llyn Peninsula is spectacular. Ynys Llanddwyn with its nature reserve, historical buildings and fascinating geology is a gem. Footpaths weave across and around its margins until the pilots' cottages and lighthouse come into view. We had a leisurely picnic on the beach before returning along the other side of the peninsula and into the forest where we enjoyed watching fritillary butterflies feeding on the bramble flowers. For the final part of the walk we returned along the beach, paddling barefoot in the waves to cool our feet. A walk to remember.



Angela Taylor

A Fond Farewell

Flintshire U3A sadly had to say farewell to one of its longest serving members who has played a key role in its success over many years – I am talking, of course, about Barry Ashton, who, with his wife Chris, also an active FU3A member, have moved away to be nearer their family.



Barry has served FU3A in many capacities. He first became a Committee member in 2008. The following year he took over from Anne Kay as Membership Secretary and continued in this role until March 2014. At the same time he had set up and was acting as Coordinator of both the Crown Green Bowling and Table Tennis groups both of which were founded in 2008 and of which he continued to be Coordinator until his recent departure. He later also became Coordinator of the Ten-pin Bowling group during the winter months, passing the role over to Chris in the summer. He has done all this both cheerfully and enthusiastically and with the lightest of touches with the result that all these groups have not only grown and flourished but have been successful in attracting many men to join them,

something which some U3A groups seem to struggle to do. They will be very greatly missed and to show their appreciation the Table Tennis Group, which includes many members of the Crown Green and Ten-pin Bowling Groups, presented them with a card and gifts. However all FU3A members owe them a huge debt of gratitude and I am sure we all hope that they will have a long and happy life together in their new home.

Elizabeth Pettitt

Fly Fishing and Fly Tying

It is proposed to hold a monthly group covering fly tying (both practical and history of patterns) to review books, equipment, local waters and local clubs. It is also envisaged that group visits to local fisheries will be arranged. All levels of expertise welcome.

Mike: 07874638143

Enhance your Photos (Digital Image Manipulation)

The best way to turn good snaps into a great photograph is to fine-tune your image. Image manipulation is to digital photographers what the darkroom was to film photographers.

An exciting new group is set to start in September, bringing members up to speed with image enhancement. From beginners to intermediates there will be something for everyone. **Brian: 077 468 380 41**

Maths/Numeracy Group

This new group will be for a small number of members who might want to revise or further their Mathematics/Numeracy skills. The method of doing this will depend upon the group members and their confidence in the subject but I would envisage starting off by revising some fundamental numerical skills and introducing puzzles. One avenue could be for individual members to follow the new school GCSE syllabus or a course in numeracy with the possibility of progression to Higher Mathematics at some stage. The group will also consider other aspect of Mathematics such as:

- *History and Culture of the subject
- *Possible uses in everyday life / work
- *Problem solving / puzzles
- *Its applications in Science, Technology and other subjects.

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Craft Group- June Creations!

Our 'Arm Knitted' scarves- made on the hottest day of the year!!



Tricia

TWO HANDS SEXY BEAST 2016 14.1% AUSTRALIAN £18.99

Two Hands source their Cabernet Sauvignon from a range of sites throughout McLaren Vale to make this voluptuous wine. Vinified in traditional open fermentors, the wine is then matured for 14 months in French oak hogsheads. A deep and lush ruby colour, with an alluring nose of rich fruit, and subtle touches of violet, smoke, and leafy herbs. Fulsome yet elegant, the tannins are smooth and the palate tightly structured. Enjoy immediately or cellar for up to 10 years. Good with all red meats and cheese. Not suitable for veg/vegan

John-Wine Appreciation Group 2

This edition of the newsletter was edited by Martin Hampstead, Susan John and Muriel Vernon

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