



# UPDATE!

## Wales Coastline and Border Celebration

### The first four months of 2018

The Conference in Llandrindod Wells on Wednesday 9th May will provide feedback on progress with the Wales U3A Coastline and Border Celebration and displays of some of the work contributed by U3As from across the country. There is still time to register via the Wales U3A website!!

The number of U3A members involved, either as individuals or through their own U3A, has continued to increase. The quality and range of contributions has been great, and they have come from groups as diverse as art, creative writing, social history, gourmets guide to history, photography, dining out and walking, as well as from those inspired just by the things that they have come across.

The 40 or so Facebook Group posts for April (below) pay tribute to very different people and places from around the country. Over 550 photographs have now been posted on Facebook.

We are still inviting you to contact us at:

Email: [u3acoastandborder@gmail.com](mailto:u3acoastandborder@gmail.com)

Website: [Wales U3A Cymru](http://Wales U3A Cymru)

Facebook: [Coastline and Border Celebration](https://www.facebook.com/WalesU3ACoastlineandBorderCelebration)

### Welsh World Heritage Sites



*Beaumaris Castle, from Dave Davies, Torfaen U3A*

*Pntcysyllte Aqueduct, from Stuart Murray, Flintshire U3A*



Far left: Walking alone at sunset, Caswell Bay, Gower.

Middle: Low tide and late afternoon at Abergele,

Left: Under the watchful eye of a wheatear in Powys.

## Contributions in April

During April there have been over 40 posts on the closed Facebook Group ([Coastline and Border Celebration](#)). These have included long stretches of both the Wales Coast Path and Offa's Dyke; towns and harbours; gardens and beaches; the moods of evenings and events and the joy of being out and about. They have also captured people worthy of celebration, such as:

*Jessie Ace and Margaret Wright, the Unsung Heroines of the Mumbles shipwreck disaster (top right);*

*Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, architect of the model village at Portmeirion (centre);*

*Sebastien Boyesen, a sculptor whose work includes fantastic creatures, such as the one found in Prthcawl (bottom right);*

*Henry Robertson's railways which opened up Wales;*

*The memorial to Alfred 'Centennial' Johnson's single handed crossing of the Atlantic to Abercastle;*

*Dylan Thomas', through his boathouse and writing shed;*

We even had a Commonwealth Games baton!



## How to organise everything?

We have now received many contributions related to the coast and border lands of Wales. We also know that more is being generated through activities and events that U3As and their members are involved with.

There is interest in an exhibition early next year, based on the material we will have generated by then. And the Conference gives us the chance to begin to shape what such a future event might look like.

**So if anyone has experience or expertise in organising events or exhibitions and thinks that this might be an interesting, time limited, opportunity to show and promote the work, learning and leisure pursuits of U3A Wales members please contact us know at:**

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