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We will be holding our 2016 AGM on Thursday 3rd. March at New Brighton Community Centre, with a prompt 10.30 start

There will be a 30 minute talk by a very interesting speaker at the start of the meeting.

There are committee vacancies for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and for two committee members and nominations are invited from our membership. Nomination forms can be obtained from our secretary Elaine Ingman at elaine.ingman@hotmail.com, or copied from the FU3A website. Forms should be completed by 17th February 2016 and returned to Elaine by post.

Items for discussion under any other informed business must be submitted in writing before 17th Feb. and returned to Elaine at Awel y Mynydd, Cilcain Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5NJ.

Copies of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM and of the Agenda for the 2016 meeting are available on the FU3A website

Diary Dates

**Wednesday March 3rd
AGM**

**7th April Open Meeting
New Brighton CC**

**Newsletter
Please submit
contributions for the
Newsletter before
March 13th**

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FU3A Craft group have had a busy year!

Here are some of our creations. - Beverley



Poppies made in collaboration with the
Needlework group.



Christmas Event - Ken

Forty four members of the FU3A Easy Walking, Table Tennis and Scrabble groups attended a Pre Christmas lunch in December.

After an excellent a la carte lunch, twenty or more fantastic raffle prizes were won which included; unlimited free aerial flights, a full year's privileged entry to join over 1500, mainly local events, a pre paid entry and activity with a local sporting group, a world wide higher education activity staged locally, also pre paid, and lastly, an organised free chauffeur driven outing.



The winners were; Lisa – a cardboard cutout of a plane, Carole B and Ted S- FU3A £10 membership, Lesley W and Jean P – One table tennis session, (at a future Scrabble meeting in Gwernaffield,) And finally Ken F winning the free car ride to an Easy Social Walking meeting during 2016.

After successfully answering questions on the history of the FU3A everyone received a walking cane as a memento of the event.



Attention!!

FU3A Needs You!

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AFTER THE APRIL OPEN MEETING, THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A SPEAKERS' COORDINATOR, AS PHILIP WILL HAVE STEPPED DOWN FROM THE ROLE AFTER 11 YEARS.

TO ENSURE THE FUNCTION CONTINUES WILL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE COME FORWARD.

IF A TEAM CANNOT BE ASSEMBLED, THERE WILL BE NO SPEAKERS AT OPEN MEETINGS FROM JUNE ONWARDS.

PLEASE CONTACT PHILIP 01352 741001 AND/OR ALAN 01352 700062

" What a Corker! " - Barry and Chris

The January meeting of the Wine Appreciation Group 1 was attended by a smaller number of wine buffs than usual. The absent members were all away basking in the sunshine, hopefully trying other wines for future meetings.



Once again, our hosts, Joan and Dave, presented us with a glorious selection for our appraisal. No cheese was left un-sampled in the pursuit of our goal to select the best. All were very drinkable, but one rose above the others as the star of the night. For a change, it was a white wine from Sicily, "Fiano Sicilia" 2014. It was variously described by our members as; Fruity, Floral, having hints of Baked Apples and Honey, and with "criminal undertones", a reference to its Sicilian origins!!

This wine is available from Tesco for the excellent price of £5.50 so take a wheelbarrow!

As always, everybody had a great evening and many thanks to our hosts.



A Welsh first!!!! - John

On January 6th FU3A's Humour Group met for the first time. Laughter and enthusiasm abounded. Short clips of Spike Milligan, Ken Dodd, Tom Lehrer and the Barnsley U3A's brilliant comedy routine about synchronised swimming on land, went down a treat! The unexpected video about the IG Nobel prize for a patented invention, using a bra to save lives, from radioactive dust, was amazing! Google it.

Later, plans were identified and new ideas poured out from members.

Meetings will be held at 10.30 on the first Wednesday of every month, at the Drover's Arms in Mold.



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Congratulations!

PAT ARCHER won 2 Tickets for the FOUR SEASONS by CANDLELIGHT at the Liverpool Phil on 14th November through her entry to the National U3A Magazine competition.

Away Day Tatton Park – Val

On a damp November day 44 of us set off by coach to Tatton Park and the rain held off until our return journey!

We were 'greeted' by herds of red and fallow deer in the park but I was a little concerned about the venison on sale in the café and the shop – Oh deer!

After a coffee we enjoyed looking round the house which had a Christmas Carol theme. I particularly enjoyed 'The Holly & the Ivy' and 'We Three Kings' themed rooms – lots of foliage in the former and 3 Kings + camels (gold cut outs!) on the latter. My own Flora and Fauna theme perhaps...

Afterwards we had plenty to occupy us from having lunch and/or afternoon tea or even a glass of wine to shopping in the Christmas Craft Fair and looking round the gardens.



Many thanks to Judith for organising the trip and to Gill for sorting us out on the day!

All good fun and jolly good company!



THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2016
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A DOUBLE-HEADER OF TALKS
OPEN MEETING AT 10.30

PAUL KAY (MARINE WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER)
'UNDERSEA WALES'



THEN
GARDENING MEETING AT 2.00 PM
BILL WARRELL (BODNANT GARDENS SUPERVISOR)
'THE HISTORY OF BODNANT GARDENS'



£1.00 INCLUDING TEA AND CAKES

The Performing Arts group is now called 'Words, Music and Song' because this better covers what we do. - John



We feel the old name was too general and vague - and put some people off. We've had a successful first year culminating in playing at our Christmas Social.

This year we plan to develop and broaden our repertoire in music, song and drumming. Currently we tend to play folk music, blues, plus a little pop, jazz, light classical and African drumming. But anything goes.

We intend to develop 'Words' through links with the Poetry and Writing groups. Anyone is welcome to join at any time regardless of expertise. We'll encourage learning on a 'rolling basis' on guitar, ukulele and drumming.

People will move on to group playing when they're ready.

Our sessions are from 12 – 2p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at the Glanrafan Centre in Mold.

Music sessions run from 12 – 1p.m. and cost £2/hour, followed by drumming, costing £5/hour.

If you're interested please contact John House on 01352 720860 or 07917 461407 or john.house6@hotmail.co.uk



Thursford Christmas Trip - Lynda

In December, a small group of U3A members joined a Jones coach party to travel to Norwich for a few days.

We were blessed with good weather for a morning's sight seeing the town. In the afternoon we travelled to Thursford to see the traction engine displays which at Christmas are displayed in a fantastic grotto.

After exploring and participating in lunch we went into the huge auditorium to watch the spectacular show. This was the biggest stage I have ever seen and the number of dancers and singers filled it. The costumes were amazing and so many.

All in all, I would not call it a Christmas spectacular, but a spectacular extravaganza.

After the show we went out into the grounds and our breaths were taken away by the sight of so many beautiful lights decorating the trees in the grounds.

It was truly a very special way to end the day!

Next year it will be even more spectacular as it will be their 40th anniversary, so if you want to go, book early. Lynda



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