

# FLINTSHIRE U3A NEWSLETTER

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## ART GROUP EXHIBITION

3rd–22nd  
JANUARY  
at  
Mold Library

A.G.M.  
7th FEBRUARY  
2007  
NEW BRIGHTON



*U3A members digging in to their Away Days*

The **AWAY DAYS** organised by Ken Archer and Philip Johnson have been varied, informative and very pleasurable.

The three visits to the **CASTLE CEMENT** quarry at Cadole and one to Padeswood cement works address not only the technical issues faced by the company but also the environmental and aesthetic considerations. We witnessed a controlled explosion at the rock face at Cadole, visited the wildlife pond which attracts an ever increasing variety of species and were introduced to Onslow the pot-bellied pig.

During the visit to **AINTREE** our guide covered all aspects of life at the racecourse from its history, trophy room, the past and present winners enclosures, parade ring, stables and the superb new facilities for the jockeys - even learning what is worn beneath the silks! There was an opportunity to experience the weighing-in process and to ride the wooden training horse. This was followed by an enjoyable lunch at the nearby Rocking Horse pub.

The visit to **DEE RADIO** in Chester was fascinating. Gone are the records and turntables. They are replaced by modern technology; screens display the pre-prepared programme schedules, song titles, breaks for news, sport and weather and the presenter's contributions. We had the opportunity to speak with the news and sports reporters and also the programme presenter in the studio whilst the programme was on air.

The **LOWRY** at **SALFORD QUAYS** offered something for everyone. After coffee we had a guided tour of the building and the exhibition of L.S.Lowry's paintings and then went on our way to visit the other attractions at the centre.

We had hoped to hire a coach for visits but unfortunately there was a relatively poor response which necessitated the use of members' cars. Many thanks to the drivers and to Philip and Ken for organising these most enjoyable outings.

Lyn

*I would be pleased to receive any items for the March Newsletter by the 16th February.  
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