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The Theatre Group discussing their future programme at Theatre Clwyd.

FLINTSHIRE U3A's 10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Next year is Flintshire U3A's 10th birthday and we are planning a celebration which will take place daytime, late November, and will replace the Christmas Lunch we usually have in the first week of December.

What form would you like the celebrations to take?

Please send your suggestions to Hilary who will pass them on to our Working Group.



A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS – SOLD OUT

Friday 17th December at 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Mold.

If you are bringing mince pies please come early at about 6.30pm so that we can prepare the venue. Freda: 01352 810557

SHARED LEARNING PROJECTS (SLPs)

Members should now have been briefed by their Group Coordinator on what is involved in taking part in a SLP.

More details of the projects are provided on our web site, or contact Philip on 01352 741001.

Christmas Message from the Chair

A Big Thank You -

to all of you for making this a most successful year for Flintshire U3A!

My special thanks to the unsung heroes of FU3A – the co-ordinators. They take on the responsibility of running our many groups quite voluntarily. Without them none of us would be able to enjoy our active association with the U3A.

Please take a moment to read the information about the forthcoming AGM on page 3 and see if there is anything you can do to help.

Wyn and I would like to wish all of you and your families a Happy Christmas and a healthy and a busy New Year. Hilary

Contributions for the February Newsletter are welcomed by 14 January. Please contact the Editor, Angela Parry on 01352 720501 or email: ameparry@btinternet.com

ADVANCE NOTICE

2011 Subscriptions are due on 1st March 2011.

Subscriptions for renewed membership for March 2011 to 2012 are welcomed from January at £10 for existing members if paid before 31 March 2011, otherwise £12. Subscription for new members is £12.

Please send monies **with stamp** for membership card return to: Membership Secretary, Woodedge, St John's Park, Rhydymwyn. CH7 5HZ.

GROUPS' NEWS

GENTLE REMINDER

Please could members submit their apologies if they are **unable to attend group meetings** and also to ask co-ordinators if they wish to **attend a group for the first time**.

ART APPRECIATION – PROGRAMME FOR 2011

Please join us if you are interested in Looking at Art – meetings are on 3rd Tuesday of month 10am – 12 noon at Glanrafon Centre, Mold. We start the proceedings sharp at 10.30am. [Rita: 01352 757693](mailto:rita@glanrafon.org)

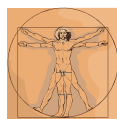
DATE		DATE		DATE		DATE	
18 Jan	Toulouse Lautrec	19 Apr	<i>Theatre Clwyd Gallery Visit</i>	19 Jul	The Magic of Trees	18 Oct	The Newlyn School of Painters
15 Feb	Aboriginal Art	17 May	Scottish Colourists	16 Aug	Subject TBA	15 Nov	Three short looks at sculpture
15 Mar	Victorian Narrative Painters (2) Pre-Raphaelites	21 Jun	<i>Gallery Visit -TBA</i>	20 Sep	Camden Town Group	21 Dec	<i>To be decided</i>

AWAY DAYS- PROGRAMME FOR FIRST HALF OF 2010

We hope you find this programme interesting and that you will be able to support some of the events. Places on certain days will be limited so if you are interested please book early. [Judith: 01824 780221](mailto:judith@glanrafon.org)/[Gill: 01352 713972](mailto:gill@glanrafon.org).

DATE		DATE		DATE	
20 Jan	Liverpool Town Hall & St George's Hall with Steve Binns	26-28 Mar	3 day visit to Oxford, includes Blenheim Palace	28 May	Hay on Wye Literary Festival
22 Feb	Vauxhall Motors Plant, Ellesmere Port	14 Apr	Manchester Guided Walk including Theatre Organ Museum at Eccles	June	Local Geodiversity Walk - our Welsh Landscape
10 Mar	Potteries Heritage, Staffordshire	11 May	Attingham Park, National Trust Property	1 st week July	Eisteddfod at Llangollen

EXPLORING SCIENCE – NEW GROUP



This new group which meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 2pm - 4pm at the Glanrafon Centre, Mold, had a very interesting first meeting discussing Earthquakes and Volcanoes. Future topics will include Astronomy, the Hovercraft and New Technology, to mention just a few. Come along and be amazed! The cost is £1 a session to cover accommodation and refreshments. [Bryan: 01352 750730](mailto:bryan@glanrafon.org).

FRENCH CONVERSATION (INTERMEDIATE)

We are sorry to report that due to ill-health Sheila has decided to relinquish her role as co-ordinator of this group. However, a new group has formed, called "Rendezvous", which continues to meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2pm - 4pm, and Judith is the co-ordinator. Many thanks to Sheila for successfully raising the original group from a beginners class to an intermediate stage. We wish her a speedy recovery. [Judith: 01824 780221](mailto:judith@glanrafon.org)



GARDENING GROUP INVITATIONS

We have two talks in the New Year to which all members are welcome:

- **Friday 4 February:** 'Loggerheads Country Park conservation and creating a wildlife garden' by Ruth Calcraft.
- **Friday 4 March:** 'The Top 10 Garden Pests' by Rhys Phillips.

2.00pm at New Brighton Community Centre - £2 including tea and biscuits.

[Philip: 01352 741001](mailto:philip@glanrafon.org).



Northop Visit

SCRABBLE GROUP (2) welcomes new members. We meet in the afternoons on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 2pm - 4pm at Gwernaffield. [Lyn: 01352 740561](mailto:lyn@glanrafon.org)

SINGING FOR PLEASURE is now meeting in the Glanrafon Centre, Mold. [Freda: 01352 810557](mailto:freda@glanrafon.org)

SPANISH (INTERMEDIATE)

The group now meets fortnightly on **Fridays** from 3pm - 4.30pm in Maeshafn and has vacancies for new members. [Charmian: 01352 810607](mailto:charmian@glanrafon.org).

WRITERS GROUP



Come along and join us in our friendly discussions of each other's work. We write articles, short stories and poems on chosen topics. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 9.30am - 12 noon. **Some of our work will be on display at the December Open Meeting.** [Connie: 01352 754838](mailto:connie@glanrafon.org).

***** WINE APPRECIATION GROUP'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES *****



Barry, Dave, Joan, Ken & Sue



Joan, Dave & Ken



Paul & Jeff. Cheers!

The meeting was held at Joan and Dave's house. There were 17 people as spouses were invited. In appreciation for Joan's hard work, all the group members contributed to champagne and a flower arrangement (made by Ken Archer). Joan put on a fabulous spread and we sampled 2 different bottles of champagne and various white & red wines. Julie.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 9th FEBRUARY 2011
NEW BRIGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The AGM will follow the "Mach 2 – Flying the Lightning" talk by Tony Craig at the February Open Meeting which commences at 10am for 10.30am.

***Current committee:**

Chair:	Hilary Jones	– not due for re-election
Vice chair:	Gill Causer	– not due for re-election
Treasurer:	David Williams	– not due for re-election
Secretary:	John Hughes	– not due for re-election
Membership Secretary:	Barry Ashton	– not due for re-election
Editor:	Angela Parry	– not due for re-election
Equipment Officer:	Jeff Green	– not due for re-election
Publicity Officer:	Sandra Hulland	– co-opted member
Other committee member:	John Yates	– resigning

We have three vacancies on the committee with effect from February 2011:

1. Assistant Treasurer
2. Publicity Officer
3. Other committee member

The following have been proposed and seconded:

- Pat Davies: Assistant Treasurer
- Sandra Hulland: Publicity Officer.

Other nominations to fill the vacancies are requested, and any other informed business, to be sent **in writing** to John Hughes, Secretary, 10 Argoed Avenue, New Brighton, MOLD CH7 6QL, by **14th January 2011** please.

***Committee members' contact details are on page 4**

"HOUSE PROUD"

For those of you who live in Flintshire and are over 60 you may like to take advantage of the "House proud" scheme whereby you can get information and advice on how to find a reputable builder for minor alterations etc, and check the work (at no extra cost to you). Contact telephone: 0800 7837569.
Howard

FIRE SERVICE

Having recently moved we have again taken advantage of the FREE Fire Service Survey and supply of items where applicable and necessary. The visiting Fire Officer has offered their services to ALL members of the FU3A and any member wishing to accept this offer should contact the COUNTY SAFETY OFFICER on 01352 792820. **Ken**

North Wales Association of U3As Study Day – 14 September 2010, Glyndwr University, Wrexham - by Sue Matthias

When someone asked me what the study day was about, I exclaimed 'It was great! It was about ... well, stones and rocks, bogs and mosses, heather and hill forts, old industries, ...you know, all that sort of thing'. I found myself unable to encapsulate articulately how wonderfully inspiring it had been. You had to be there. The speakers were all excellent, entertaining experts. Isabel Markham (who had stepped in last minute) brought together geology, history and architecture; Joan Davies showed us the importance of managing landscape from her long experience at Fenn's and Whixall Mosses; Fiona Gale brought to life the ancient hill forts that surround us in this area; and Ray Jones continued with our industrial heritage. **To see the diverse influences of geology, botany, biology, archaeology and history on the natural and built environment was a joy.** I for one will look afresh at this landscape that we take for granted. May I, on your behalf, also give many thanks to the organisers, the genial hosts, Arnold Jones and Derrick Gwilliam, and Glyndwr University for providing an excellent study environment and buffet lunch.

OPEN MEETINGS 2010/11 – All members welcome. Remember the Book/CD/DVD Exchange!

All meetings are at 10am for 10.30am at New Brighton Community Centre. A charge of 50p is levied which includes refreshments and a contribution to the hire of the hall.

8 Dec	2010	Adventures of a Liverpool Tour Guide	by Steve Binns	
9 Feb	2011	Mach 2 – Flying the Lightning	by Tony Craig	Followed by the AGM
2 Mar	2011	Africa – a continent with problems	by Alan Yates	This is an ADDITIONAL meeting

INTEREST GROUPS – DECEMBER 2010

Additions & Updates in red

* Committee member

GROUP	MEETING VENUE	DAY	TIME	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
Art (1)	Mold, Daniel Owen	Alternate Fridays	09.00-13.00	Anne	01352 752881
Art (2)	Mold Glanrafon Centre	Alternate Fridays	09.00-12.00	Rita	01352 757693
Art Appreciation	Mold Glanrafon Centre	3 rd Tuesday of month	10.00-12.00	Rita	01352 757693
Away Days		Variable		Judith *Gill	01824 780221 *01352 713972
Belle plates	Buckley Church Hall	Mondays	14.00-16.00	Norma	01244 545686
Bridge	Buckley	2 nd Thursday of month	19.30-22.30	Jill	01244 544646
Canasta	Mold/Buckley	1 st Monday of month	19.30 start	Jill	01244 544646
Card Making		2 nd Monday of month	09.30-11.30	Barbara	01352 751388
Chess		2 nd & 4 th Friday of month	14.00 start	Barrie	01352 752418
Computers: Dabblers	Connah's Quay	2 nd Monday of month	10.00-12.00	*Sandra	*01244 818384
Crown Green Bowls	Rhydymwyn (summer)	1 st & 3 rd Thursday of month	10.00-12.00	*Barry	*01352 741836
Digital Photography	Gwernaffield	4 th Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Frank	01352 741416
Dining Club (Wednesday)		Bi-monthly, 3 rd Wednesday	19.00 for 19.30	Peter	
Dining Club (Thursday)		Bi-monthly, 1 st Thursday	19.00 for 19.30	Ken	01352 740916
Dining Club (Friday)		Bi-monthly, 2 nd Friday	19.00 for 19.30	*John	*01352 751881
Exploring Science	Mold Glanrafon Centre	2 nd Tuesday of month	14.00-16.00	Bryan	01352 750730
Flora and Fauna		2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays of month	10.00 start	Joe	01352 810318
Flower Arranging	Gwernaffield	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Jenny	01244 818739
French (beginners)	Mold	Mondays	14.00-16.00	John	01352 715873
French (intermediate) "Rendezvous"		1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays of month	14.00-16.00	Judith	01824 780221
French (advanced)		Bi-weekly on Mondays	15.00-17.00	John	01352 752508
Gardening Club	New Brighton CC	1 st Friday of month	14.00-15.30	Philip	01352 741001
Health and Happiness	Connah's Quay	1 st Thursday of month	13.30-15.30	Julia	01244 813844
Italian (Teach Yourself)		2 nd & 4 th Mondays of month	14.00-15.30	Freda	01352 810557
Lunch Club (Wednesday)	Theatre Clwyd	Bi-monthly, 3 rd Wednesday	12.30 for 13.00	Diane	01244 544284
Lunch Club (Sunday)	In & around Mold	1 st Sunday of month		Sue	01352 754376
Member Support				Sue	01352 754376
Music Appreciation	Methodist Church Mold	1 st Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Bea	01352 752737
Needlecraft Group	Ewloe	1 st Thursday of month	14.00-16.00	Catherine	01244 538698
Philosophy Group	Mold	4 th Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Pedr	01352 755958
Pilates	Buckley	Mondays	10.00-11.00	Mary	01244 547238
Play Reading	Mold	2 nd Thursday of month	14.00-16.00	Charles	01352 754765
Poetry	Mold	4 th Thursday of month	14.30-16.00	Tina	01352 753860
Quilting	New Brighton CC	3 rd Monday of month	09.30-12.30	Margaret *Hilary	01352 753076 *01352 780324
Reading Group (1)	Mold	3 rd Thursday of month	10.30-12.00	Contact	07708435105
Reading Group (2)	Buckley	3 rd Wednesday of month	10.30-12.30	Norma	
Reading Group (3)	Mold	4 th Thursday of month	10.30-12.00	Pat	01352 545893
Reading Group (4)	Mold	4 th Thursday of month	10.30-12.00	Tina	01352 753860
Reading Group (5)	Mold	3 rd Wednesday of month	10.30-12.00	Joan	01352 780644
Scrabble Group (1)	Mold	2 nd Wednesday of month	19.30 start	Carole	
Scrabble Group (2)	Gwernaffield	2 nd Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Lyn	01352 740561
Scrap booking		Alternate Fridays		Barbara	01352 751388
Short Mat Bowling	Gwernaffield	Wednesdays	10.00-12.00	Frank	01352 741416
Singing for Pleasure	Mold Glanrafon Centre	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays of month	10.30-12.30	Freda	01352 810557
Sketching Outdoors	Loggerheads	3 rd Thursday of month	14.00-16.00	Celia	01244 550663
Social History	Gwernaffield	1 st Monday of month	10.00-11.30	Ian *Jeff	01244 813844 *01244 535249
Spanish for Beginners	Maeshafn	Tuesdays	10.30-12.00	Charmian	01352 810607
Spanish (intermediate)	Maeshafn	Fortnightly on Fridays	15.00-16.30	Kath	01244 544451
Table Tennis	Gwernaffield	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Barry	01352 741836
Tenpin Bowling	Chester Greyhound	1 st Thursday of month	10.00-12.00	Barry	01352 741836
Theatre Clwyd	Meet every 3 months	To arrange theatre trips		Sue	01352 754376
Walking Group (1)		3 rd Friday of month	09.45 for 10.00	Philip	01352 741001
Walking Group (2)		1 st Tuesday of month	10.00 start	Sue	01352 752508
Walking (Easy Social)		2 nd Thursday of month	10.00 start	Gordon	01244 812836
Welsh Conversation	Mold	4 th Wednesday of month	14.30-16.00	Diane	01244 544284
Wine Appreciation		4 th Thursday of month	19.30 start	*David	*01978 761824
Wood Turning & Carving	Pentre Halkyn	3 rd Monday of month	10.00-12.00	Wyn	01352 780324
Writers Group	Mold	2 nd & 4 th Mondays of month	09.30-12.00	Connie	01352 754838
Yoga	Gwernaffield	Tuesdays (6 session courses)	11.30-13.00	Karen	01352 759333