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[www.u3asites.org.uk/
walesu3a](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/walesu3a)

The **MEMBERS** option lists all the Welsh U3As and the Welsh Networks. English U3As close to the Welsh border are also shown.

The **EVENTS** option tells you about Conferences, Study Days, Summer Schools and Outings relevant to members of Welsh U3As.

The **U3A LOGO** in the top right hand corner of the screen takes you to the Web Site of the National Organisation (called the Third Age Trust).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY-

**10 Year Birthday
Lunch Celebration
23 November 2011
at the Beaufort Park
Hotel, Mold**

ANY FUNNY STORIES OR PHOTOS?

about FU3A and
members, for the 10th
birthday celebration
presentation to
Julia Cugley:
01244 813844

Contributions for the
September newsletter
are welcomed by
20 August. Please
contact the **Editor :**
Viv Guntrip
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MANCHESTER AWAY DAY, 14 April 2011



As a Lancashire lass, my visit to the 'pictures' was often enlivened by the sound, then sight, of the theatre organ rising majestically from the depths. So what happened to them when the cinemas became nightclubs or bingo halls? Well, our visit to the Eccles Organ Museum provided the answer in a surprisingly entertaining way. Tucked away in the terraced back streets awaited a quirky nostalgic experience, some Eric and Ernie moments with curtains and fluffed jokes, and a little band of enthusiastic, friendly northern characters. The resident 'Reginald Dixon' gave a virtuoso performance on a Wurlitzer, and our guide took us into the world of the Robert Hope-Jones consoles (apparently there's one near you – at Llanrhaeadr church near Denbigh), pipe-work and relays, and the history of organs from church to cinema to pop keyboards. We chatted over tea and biscuits, laughed at the accompanied silent movies, waved flags and (yes, I can't believe it), sang along to 'Run Rabbit Run' and other wartime favourites (both World Wars!) before being waved off by our genial hosts.

This followed on from our excellent guided tour of Castlefields, from the Roman fort Mancunium (fort near the breast-shaped hill) through to the latest architectural icon, the £150 million Beetham Tower – all green and grey glass with its precarious overhang, Europe's tallest residential building; and including The Midlands Hotel where Mr Rolls met Mr Royce, the Hacienda of Tony Wilson and Factory Records fame, Bridgewater Hall, the Comedy Store, Canal Street, the grand Victorian Town Hall and all the other examples in the built environment of Manchester's vibrant social and cultural life:- canals, mills, railways and warehouses, all restored and revitalised for us to enjoy today.

Thanks again to Gill and Judith and everyone else who made the day so enjoyable.
Sue Matthias



THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION OF U3AS' STUDY DAY IN BARMOUTH

12 October 2011

**"Landscapes & People –
the Mawddach Estuary"**

**Travel to Barmouth
will be by coach from Mold.
Names to John Hughes
by the end of July please.
John: 01352 754065**



SATURDAY 13 AUGUST 2011
Bring family and friends

Departing from Mold at 9.00am
Back in Mold for about 5.30pm

£25.00 coach and admission
£10 deposit on/before 8 June
secures a place

Cheque payable to
P H Johnson

Balance payable by 16 July
No refunds will be possible,
although every effort will be
made to fill the space
Philip 01352 741001

OPEN MEETINGS 2011

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.

14 Sep 2011

“The Historic Oregon Trail”
by Ian Barclay

5 Oct 2011

“Overcoming Adversity”
by Swasie Turner

14 Dec 2011

“Butler to the Rich and
Famous”
by Donald Lodge

1 Feb 2012

“Flintshire Pubs and
Breweries”
by David Rowe

Shared Learning Projects

The small team working on the National Trust Victorian Garden project at Erddig have now completed the task. Despite searching many hundreds of documents, we were unable to find the layout of the garden in its heyday in the mid/late 19th century.

However, we did have two major successes in the Flintshire Record Office, unearthing new information about seed and plant varieties.

Firstly, ‘An account of the Gooseberrie and Currant planted in the Ground next ye Drying yard’ around 1720, which included the Old Blacksmith Gooseberrie, the Green Hedghogg and the Shampain Currant. and **Jon** deciphered these documents.

Secondly, six pages of a sales invoice dated January 1834 from Frances and James Dickson, Nurserymen in Upton, Chester.

Viv deciphered the handwritten script and over 100 different vegetable seeds have been identified. The Brown Silesian and Egyptian Cos lettuces, the Malta Turnip and the Long Prickly Cucumber are just three of the wonderfully named items.

This information is now with the National Trust and will be invaluable when the restoration of the kitchen garden progresses, as many of these varieties can still be purchased from historic seed suppliers.



We are now at the start of a new project at Mold Library looking at Tithe records for Flintshire Parishes in the 1840s and seeking to link them with their Apportionments. We will also be using Find My Past to research the family histories of the landowners and occupiers. **We would happily welcome**

GARDENING GROUP
VISIT TO NESS
GARDENS IN APRIL

two more
members in the
team. Philip
01352 741001

AWAY DAYS

June – November 2011

Please contact us if you are interested in any of the following events
Judith - 01824 780221 Gill - 01352 713972

Tuesday 21 June	Join the Art Appreciation Group Visit to Dudmaston Hall to view the display of modern and contemporary art and sculptures set in the beautiful grounds of this National Trust Property.
Wednesday 6 July	Visit to Eisteddfod at Llangollen for the Festival of Costume Music and Dance. Cost: £20 -£24 (depending on numbers). Includes coach travel and seat for the day.
Wednesday 17 August	Journey on steam railway down the Cambrian coast from Machynlleth to Pwllheli. Estimated cost including coach £49.
Wednesday 17 August (Option)	To spend day in Aberystwyth. Visit the National Library of Wales or climb Constitution Hill. Estimated cost £12 -£15 (depending on numbers).
Thursday 15 September	Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.
Wednesday 19 October	Visit to Roberts Bakery (for those who were disappointed last year!).
End November	Birmingham Xmas Market.



NEW MEMBERS' COFFEE MORNING



The coffee morning was attended by 30 new members who were given information about how FU3A is run and organised and were able to meet and talk to group co-ordinators. It was a successful morning and we hope to repeat it once a year.

A NEW READING GROUP is proposed for people who would like to read Proust's great novel 'In Search of Lost Time'. If you are interested please contact: [Robin Brereton](mailto:Robin.Brereton@gmail.com)
robin.brereton@gmail.com

IDEAS FOR NEW GROUPS? Cribbage, Mahjong, Bird watching, Kiting, Vegan cookery, Swimming, Craft, another Writing group? If you are interested in joining any of these, please contact Hilary 01352 780324 or hjones7491@homecall.co.uk

BALLROOM DANCING Update

A good beginning with several couples attending the 'taster' session on 14 April. Classes will resume on a regular basis from Thursday 29 Sep from 1-2pm in Pantymwyn Village Hall. Cost £5 per person per session. New members & Non U3A members are also welcome. Contact Linda for further details. 01352 742146

NEW THURSDAY WALKING GROUP

The group will commence on 16 June and then meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Walks will be up to 5 miles usually in the Mold/Ruthin area, starting at 10.00am. Lunch will generally be arranged but a picnic may be needed on some occasions. To set the group off, we will lead the first few walks but it is hoped that members will contribute walks following that. Contact details Mike and Jenny Stelfox 01244 818739

NEW TREASURER

I am delighted to inform you that Elen Williams has offered to take on the job of Treasurer. There will be an extraordinary meeting of FU3A at the end of the open meeting on 14 September when her appointment will be formally voted on by the members.

On behalf of all FU3A members I would like to thank Dave for the work he has done during the last five and a half years as our Treasurer. It is the most responsible job in our organisation and he has done it to the highest standard. Our finances are in excellent order to hand over to Elen and I am sure she will carry on with the same high standard.

Thank you also to John Lewis who has agreed to take on the role of Equipment officer. If you require to use any FU3A items please contact John tel: 01352 752508
Hilary

SEASONAL SUNDAY (MORNING) WALKS



This is not a new Group – it is open to all FU3A members. I am proposing to lead 4 walks annually, commencing at 10.00 am on a Sunday morning, and finishing around 1.00 pm for Sunday lunch – a light bite or traditional roast – your choice.

There will be a maximum of 18 walking, on a 'first come' basis.

The initial walk will be around 5.5 miles from The Raven, Llanarmon yn Ial, on Sunday 25 September 2011.

If you are interested, please contact me.

Philip 01352 741001 philip194johnson@btinternet.com

FOR SALE! A floor standing light useful for craft work and reading.



As new, still in the box. It also has a magnifying lens and is from the Daylight Company.

Price: **£50** AND

A Yamaha PSR-275 keyboard, with carrying case, power supply and instruction manual. Price: **£50**

Both items are purchased assets belonging to FU3A but are now surplus to requirements. All monies will go back into funds.



Contact: Hilary: 01352 780324. or hjones7491@homecall.co.uk

COMMITTEE 2011/12

Chair	Hilary Jones	01352 780324	Membership Secretary	Barry Ashton	01352 741836
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Secretary	John Hughes	01352 754065	Other Committee Members	Lynn Moyes Linda Kinsey	01352 742146

INTEREST GROUPS – JUNE 2011

Additions & Updates in red

* Committee member

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>MEETING VENUE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
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	Carole 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	Mold Glanrafon Centre	2 nd & 4 th Monday 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	Chris	01244 679800
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 (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
Philosophy Group	Mold	4 th Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Pedr	01352 755958
Pilates	Buckley	Mondays	09.45-10.45	Mary	01244 547238
Play Reading	Mold	2 nd Thursday of month	14.00-16.00	Lesley	01978 861482
Poetry (1)	Mold	4 th Thursday of month	14.30-16.00	Tina	01352 753860
Poetry (2)	Mold	4 th Thursday of month	14.30-16.00	Angela	01352 770135
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	01244 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)	Connah's Quay	2 nd Wednesday of month	19.30 start	Anne	01244 819897
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	Tom	01352 741719
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 2 nd & 3 rd Wed 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	9.45 for 10.00	Philip	01352 741001
Walking Group (2)		1 st Tuesday of month	10.00 start	Sue	01352 752508
Walking Group (3)	Mold, Love Lane	1 st & possibly 3 rd Sun of month	13.30 start	Jane	01352 756703
Walking (Easy Social)		2 nd Thursday of month	10.00 start	Gordon	01244 812836
Walking Group (4)		3 rd Thursday of month	10.00 start	Mike	01244 818739
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	*01352 753819
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

Email enquiries to Flintshire U3A Groups' Co-ordinator : flintshireu3a@yahoo.co.uk