

# FLINTSHIRE U3A NEWSLETTER

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**FLINTSHIRE U3A**  
**10th**  
**BIRTHDAY**  
**CELEBRATION**



**Date :**  
**23 November 2011**

**Time :**  
**10.30am - 3 pm**

**Location :**  
**Beaufort Park Hotel**

**Cost:**  
**£15.50 per head**

**Come and celebrate 10 glorious years!**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 at the Beaufort Park Hotel - 10.30am– 3.00pm**

**A special lunch with a professional entertainer, fun and a free raffle!**

**Menu details and application form from co-ordinators, September Open Meeting and the website.**

**Limited numbers - so get your form in as soon as possible.**

**Cost: £15.50 per head.**

**Don't miss this special occasion!**

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## DIARIES

U3A 2012 Diaries are now available £2

Contributions for the December newsletter are welcomed before 30 November

Please contact the Editor : **Viv Guntrip**  
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Gardening Group at Maeshafn

## SOCIAL WALKING GROUP

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct 14th July 2011

The life of a FU3A member is normally quite an uneventful one, but not always! I again led the now annual July walk over Pontcysyllte Aqueduct pre-arranging lunch at the Bryn Howel Hotel.

Firstly, the hotel goes into Administration - but did confirm the booking the day before. Then on the walk, having crossed the Aqueduct, our return was not possible due to the Police having to close the Aqueduct due to an unfortunate incident.

However the waterway only, not the path, was quickly reopened and so we asked two Skippers for a lift for the eleven of us back across the Aqueduct.

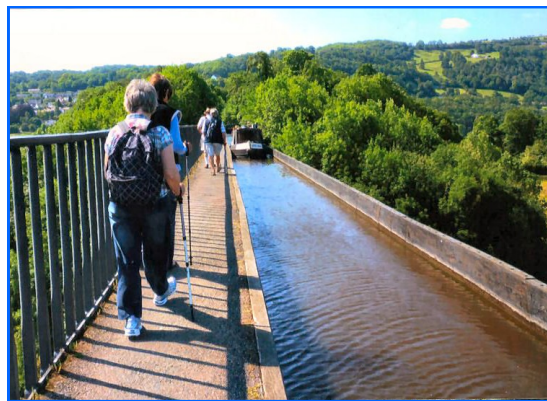
Not a pretty sight! Eleven people aged 65+, with scars from operations, sticks, bandages and hypochondria jumping on and off moving barges hundreds of feet above a river, rocks and ground.

A mobile call was made, which may have been hacked, so if you read in the Press "12 Police Officers involved at Trevor while FU3A Castaways make Breakthrough", you read it here first!

The Bryn Howel Hotel was still operating. We had a late lunch only to find that cash was required, and "Guess who?" did not have sufficient funds but was temporarily bailed out by a fellow member. We came home via Llangollen in continuing wall to wall sunshine having had a great walk with free water transport included, a nice lunch in lovely surroundings and fantastic company.

At the time of writing no one has yet asked me to lead again.

Ken Archer



## 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.

**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

**4 April 2012**

**"Surgery at the Battle of Waterloo"**  
By Michael Crumplin

## NORTH WALES STUDY DAY 2012

Interested in the Arts?

Do you have knowledge/expertise in Art/Music/Literature?  
Would you be willing to bring your ideas and add your expertise to the FU3A team that are organising the 2012 Study Day?

The proposed title/theme is

**'THE VOICE OF WALES IN THE ARTS'**

If you are - please get in touch with Hilary 01352 780324 *a s a p*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to report that Flintshire U3A membership stands at 462, although about 40 attending members have not renewed their membership for 2011-2012, so it could be higher.

May we remind members that membership runs from and should be renewed by 1 March annually and any late renewals will now cost £12.

Please send cheques to **Barry Ashton, Flintshire U3A Membership Secretary, Wood Edge, St Johns Park, Rhydymwyn, Mold CH7 5HZ** (Please include S.A.E.)



## SWASIE TURNER MBE

One of the most inspirational speakers you will ever hear. He is a relentless, dedicated and totally obsessive crusader for his charity.

Against medical advice, he performs unbelievable feats of strength and stamina in his standard issue NHS wheelchair.

**Wednesday 5 October 2011**  
**10.30am at**  
**New Brighton**  
**Community Centre**

**GROUPS NEWS****NEW SWIMMING GROUP**

Calling all members who are interested in joining [Jane Jones Owen](#) in a swim every Thursday morning 8 – 9.00am at Buckley Leisure Centre. Coffee and a chat after at Carmellos. Please contact [Jane](#) on **01352 756703**

**NEW FRENCH GROUP** called "**Bon Chance**". They meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of the month 10.00 - 12.00 at different members' houses. Co-ordinator is [Tricia Gillespie](#) **07759757632**

**NEW BIRD GROUP** will meet on the 3rd Friday in the month and the co-ordinator is [John Taylor](#) **01352 756577**. No regular meeting place has been arranged as they will often go out on walks and visits.

**BEGINNERS SPANISH** (Tuesday) has now become **INTERMEDIATE SPANISH** and **INTERMEDIATE SPANISH** group (Friday) is now **ADVANCED SPANISH**. **THEATRE CLWYD GROUP** is now called **CLWYD THEATR CYMRU**.

**BALLROOM DANCING** *Reminder*

Classes resume on a regular basis from Thursday 29 Sep at Pantymwyn Village Hall. Cost £5 per session. The Dance teacher is [Dawn Daniels](#) from Chester. New members are welcome. Singles, married couples, also non-U3A, will all receive a warm welcome. Please phone [Linda](#) by 26 Sep to confirm attendance tel: **01352 742146**

**WELSH CONVERSATION**

We have room for more members. Some of us are Welsh learners and some of us spoke Welsh in our younger days. We meet in Mold once a month for an informal practice (*paned a sgwrs*). Contact: [Diane](#) **01244 544284**

**SEASONAL SUNDAY (MORNING) WALK**

This is open to all FU3A members. There will be a maximum of 18 walking, on a 'first come' basis. 4 walks annually, commencing at 10.00am on a Sunday morning, and finishing around 1.00pm for Sunday lunch – a light bite or traditional roast – your choice. 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](mailto:philip194johnson@btinternet.com)

**DO YOU KNOW WHICH CITY WAS THE CAPITAL OF ENGLAND PRIOR TO LONDON?**

or

**IN WHICH CENTURY DID THE DODO BECOME EXTINCT?**

If you enjoy taking part in quizzes why not consider contacting [Anne Smith](#) or [Alan Harris](#)? They are looking to set up teams of up to four people from the Interest Groups to form a Quiz League.

**QUIZ MEETING**

An inaugural meeting has been arranged for **Friday 16 Sep at the Darby and Joan Community Hall, Grosvenor St, Mold-commencing at 7.30pm.**




**THE GARDENING GROUP**  
**INVITES YOU ALL TO**  
**BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION WALES**

**A TALK BY JAN MILLER**  
**FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2.00pm AT**  
**NEW BRIGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**  
**£2.00 INCLUDING TEA AND BISCUITS**

**AWAY DAYS**

**September - December 2011**

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

<b>End of October</b>	2 Days Visit to Cardiff. Tour of National Assembly for Wales and Visit to National Museum of Wales at St Fagans.
<b>Wed 30 Nov</b>	Birmingham Xmas Market
<b>2012 Tues 26 Jan</b>	Visit to Shotton Paper 
<b>Wed 22 Feb</b>	Globe Theatre London-"The Elizabethan Experience Tour"

We propose that we start with a brief meeting when we can outline proposals of how the quiz sessions might run and receive your suggestions. A light-hearted quiz will follow with ad hoc teams.

Contact:

**Anne : 01352 752881**

**Alan : 01352 700062**

**COMMITTEE 2011/12**

<b>Chair</b>	Hilary Jones	01352 780324	<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Barry Ashton	01352 741836
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Gill Causer	01352 713972	<b>Editors:</b> Newsletter Website Manager	Angela Parry Viv Guntrip Carol Williams	01352 720501
<b>Treasurer</b>	Elen Williams	01352 752174	<b>Publicity</b>	Sandra Hulland	01244 818384
<b>Secretary</b>	John Hughes	01352 754065	<b>Other Committee Members</b>	Linda Kinsey Paul Walters	01352 742146

## INTEREST GROUPS – SEPTEMBER 2011

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 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month	10.00-12.00	Rita	01352 757693
Away Days		Variable		Judith *Gill	01824 780221 *01352 713972
<b>Ballroom Dancing</b>	<b>Pantymwyn</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13.00-14.00</b>	<b>*Linda</b>	<b>*01352 742146</b>
Belle plates	Buckley Church Hall	Mondays	14.00-16.00	Norma	01244 545686
<b>Bird Group</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of month</b>	<b>10.00 start</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>01352 756577</b>
Bridge	Buckley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month	19.30-22.30	Jill	01244 544646
Canasta	Mold/Buckley	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of month	19.30 start	Carole Jill	01244 544646
Card Making		2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month	09.30-11.30	Barbara	01352 751388
Chess		2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of month	14.00 start	Barrie	01352 752418
<b>Clwyd Theatr Cymru</b>	Meet every 3 months	To arrange theatre trips		Sue	01352 754376
Computers: Dabblers	Connah's Quay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month	10.00-12.00	*Sandra	*01244 818384
Crown Green Bowls	Rhydymwyn (summer)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month	10.00-12.00	*Barry	*01352 741836
Digital Photography	Mold Glanrafon Centre	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of month	14.00-16.00	Frank	01352 741416
Dining Club (Wednesday)		Bi-monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	19.00 for 19.30	Peter	
Dining Club (Thursday)		Bi-monthly, 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	19.00 for 19.30	Ken	01352 740916
Dining Club (Friday)		Bi-monthly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	19.00 for 19.30	John	01352 751881
Exploring Science	Mold Glanrafon Centre	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month	14.00-16.00	Chris	01244 679800
Flora and Fauna		2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of month	10.00 start	Joe	01352 810318
Flower Arranging	Gwernaffield	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Jenny	01244 818739
<b>French "Bon Chance"</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month</b>	<b>10.00-12.00</b>	<b>Tricia</b>	<b>07759757632</b>
French (intermediate) "Rendezvous"		1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Friday of month	14.00-15.30	Philip	01352 741001
Health and Happiness	Connah's Quay	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of month	13.30-15.30	Julia	01244 813844
Italian (Teach Yourself)		2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays of month	14.00-15.30	Freda	01352 810557
Lunch Club (Wednesday)	Theatre Clwyd	Bi-monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	12.30 for 13.00	Diane	01244 544284
Lunch Club (Sunday)	In & around Mold	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of month		Sue	01352 754376
Member Support				Sue	01352 754376
Music Appreciation	Methodist Church Mold	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Bea	01352 752737
Philosophy Group	Mold	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month	14.00-16.00	Pedr	01352 755958
Pilates	Buckley	Mondays	09.45-10.45	Mary	01244 547238
Play Reading	Mold	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month	14.00-16.00	Lesley	01978 861482
Poetry (1)	Mold	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of month	14.30-16.00	Tina	01352 753860
Poetry (2)	Mold	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of month	14.30-16.00	Angela	01352 770135
Quilting	New Brighton CC	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of month	09.30-12.30	Margaret *Hilary	01352 753076 *01352 780324
Reading Group (1)	Mold	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month	10.30-12.00	Contact	07708435105
Reading Group (2)	Buckley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month	10.30-12.30	Norma	
Reading Group (3)	Mold	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of month	10.30-12.00	Pat	01244 545893
Reading Group (4)	Mold	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of month	10.30-12.00	Tina	01352 753860
Reading Group (5)	Mold	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month	10.30-12.00	Joan	01352 780644
Scrabble Group (1)	Connah's Quay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month	19.30 start	Anne	01244 819897
Scrabble Group (2)	Gwernaffield	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of month	10.30-12.30	Freda	01352 810557
Sketching Outdoors	Loggerheads	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month	14.00-16.00	Celia	01244 550663
Social History	Gwernaffield	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of month	10.00-11.30	Tom	01352 741719
Spanish (Intermediate)	Maeshafn	Tuesdays	10.30-12.00	Charmian	01352 810607
Spanish (Advanced)	Maeshafn	Fortnightly on Fridays	15.00-16.30	Kath	01244 544451
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Buckley</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>08-00-09.00</b>	<b>Jane</b>	<b>01352 756703</b>
Table Tennis	Gwernaffield	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of month	14.00-16.00	Barry	01352 741836
Tenpin Bowling	Chester Greyhound	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of month	10.00-12.00	Barry	01352 741836
Walking Group (1)		3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of month	9.45 for 10.00	Philip	01352 741001
Walking Group (2)		1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month	10.00 start	Sue	01352 752508
Walking Group (3)	Mold, Love Lane	1 <sup>st</sup> & possibly 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of month	13.30 start	Jane	01352 756703
Walking (Easy Social)		2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month	10.00 start	Gordon	01244 812836
Walking Group (4)		3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month	10.00 start	Mike	01244 818739
Welsh Conversation	Mold	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month	14.30-16.00	Diane	01244 544284
Wine Appreciation		4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of month	19.30 start	David	01352 753819
Wood Turning & Carving	Pentre Haikyn	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of month	10.00-12.00	Wyn	01352 780324
Writers Group	Mold	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays of month	09.30-12.00	Connie	01352 754838

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