

# Christmas newsletter



December 2021



## The welcome back tea party

The welcome back tea party, held in early autumn, was a great success. Nearly fifty members enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea together. The weather was so warm that it was held outdoors with trees providing some welcome shade. The occasion was an opportunity to thank the conveners of the activity groups for all their hard work and present them with chocolates and wine as a thank you from members.

## Special events coming up soon

- The Christmas lunch
- Monthly meetings





## An update from the activity groups

Despite some government Covid requirements still being in place, most activity groups have been able to start up again. There have been meetings of the Gardening Group, the Craft Group, the Scrabble Group, the two Book Clubs and the Cribbage Group. The conveners have ensured carefully managed arrangements for members to enjoy time and activities together safely. Where meetings have not proved possible, as in the case of the Bridge Group, members have often used Zoom to continue to meet with other members. However, it may be possible to restart Bridge in January.

The two Walking Groups have been more fortunate in being able to meet regularly. Members have enjoyed a variety of walks, benefitting from fresh air and exercise as well as the companionship of others.

With the cold and wet weather approaching and some uncertainty about Covid, decisions about how to proceed to meet safely are under discussion within each activity group. Please contact the activity convener if you wish to know more or join a group. Contact information and further details can be found on our website at <https://usku3a.org.uk>



## MONTHLY MEETINGS START UP AGAIN!

Come and join us for a cuppa and a slice of cake at  
**THE MEMORIAL HALL** on the 28th of  
January 2022 at 2pm  
A great time to catch up with old  
friends, make new ones and find out  
what's happening in  
Usk U3A in 2022

Speaker details to follow  
See you there



### A message from the Committee



The Committee would like to send a big thank you to all members and conveners for enabling Usk u3a to continue through these challenging times.

We hope you have enjoyed the activities that have been possible this year and we are looking forward to the organisation continuing to thrive in 2022.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy and active New Year.

### Have you renewed your membership for 2022?

It's time to think about 2022 and renewing your membership of Usk u3a. Membership costs only £12 a year and includes as much involvement as you wish in the eight activity groups (a small charge is usually levied for attendance at some sessions to cover room hire costs etc.). It also includes a copy of the National u3a newsletter, our own newsletters and opportunities to attend interesting monthly meetings and invitations to events, such as the Christmas meal and the AGM.

Don't delay, join today!

### The Christmas Lunch 24 November 2021

We are going to Cwrt Bleddyn Hotel and Spa for our Christmas lunch this year, as we have in previous years. The menu options are traditional Christmas fare and the hotel is very helpful in catering for individual allergy issues, like gluten free diets.

Our thanks to Reg who is running a Christmas Quiz for us, which will be a competition between tables with prizes to be won! We still have a few places left if you would like to join us.

One of the organiser's says:

"I'm really looking forward to it. I know we are all concerned about Covid but Cwrt Bleddyn are being very responsible, reducing the number of people per table to allow for social distancing and having their own protocols in place. I'm going for the turkey and the Sticky Toffee Pud while my husband will have the Blackened Salmon and the Yule Log. I'm sure we will have a great time. Hope you will be with us."