

Usk and District u3a

Newsletter – Jan 2022

Happy New Year from Usk and District u3a.

The last u3a meeting in 2021, for Usk and District members, was over a tasty Christmas Lunch at the Cwrt Bleddyn Hotel. This was followed by a challenging seasonal quiz. After saying goodbye to last year, members are now busy in their groups and looking forward to another year of learning, laughing and living.

New members are always welcome, so, if you fancy doing something different this year and are interested in any of their groups - Bridge, Craft, Cribbage, Gardening, Reading, Scrabble, Gentle walking and Longer walks please get in touch - see contact details below. If you have just moved to the area then this could be a way of helping you to settle in and making new friends. Membership is low cost, social, friendly, and open to all.

This year is the 40th anniversary of u3a. Lots of activities are planned across the country including the planting of 5,000 trees. You can read more on the national website <https://www.u3a.org.uk>. Why not take a look; the site offers lots of activities. There is a weekly maths challenge, an online art gallery, helpful tips on using pastels, acrylics and water colours, recipes from cuisines around the world, advice on crochet and knitting, garden bird watch and weekly quizzes to name but a few.

You may be interested to know some members from 'Trust u3a Countdown to COP' took part in the fringe climate change talks at COP 26 in Glasgow. They included members who have worked in environmental industries and those who became passionate about climate change through family. They were determined to contribute by sharing their personal stories and discussing how the generations can work together to make a difference.

A few quiz questions –

Can you spot the TV programmes?

1. "Evenin' All".
2. Breakfast in the Nick.
3. Beaujolais finished by September .
4. William Hartnell was the first.
5. Double or drop, a cabbage for a wrong answer.

If you'd like to **join Usk and District u3a**, or just find out more, please call or email: Mel, Membership Secretary, 01495 76900, Membership@usku3a.org.uk

Answers to the TV Memory Lane quiz

1. Dixon of Dock Green
6. Porridge
7. Last of the Summer Wine
8. Doctor Who
9. Crackerjack