

USK u3a WINTER NEWSLETTER

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Are you a crafty person? The Craft Interest Group would love you to join them.



The Craft Interest Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 2 – 4 o'clock. The usual meeting place is the Sessions House, Maryport Street, Usk, either in the Library or Court Room. Each quarter we aim to have one workshop meeting led by a member or outside craft person. The other two meetings we bring our own projects, share ideas and swap materials. Hair scrunchies and crochet flowers have been made for Christmas charity boxes. Like all good u3a groups it is very much member led. We pay a flat fee of £10 every quarter to pay for Session House rent, including tea and biscuits, and visiting workshop leaders. Are you interested? Would you like to join us? We are looking forward to welcoming new faces and new ideas. The Interest Group convenor is Sue Punnett. Please contact sue.punnett46@gmail.com.

A warm welcome to one of our members who is joining the Committee

A big welcome to Keith Renshaw who is joining Usk u3a Committee. Keith will add a important further dimension to the Committee and brings a range of expertise to the group. Keith will also become the convenor of the Wednesday Walking Interest Group in January 2024 when Myra France steps down.

The first Members' meeting of 2024

The first Members' meeting of 2024 will be held in Llangybi Hall on Friday, 26 January at 2pm. Please look out for more details about our speaker at the start of the New Year.

Members celebrated Christmas together at the Cwrt Bleddyn Hotel and Spa

Over forty members made their way to the Cwrt Bleddyn Spa and Hotel on Thursday, 23rd November to celebrate the season and enjoy a delicious two-course meal. We are sure you will agree the venue looked splendid.



Members were also treated to a raffle with prizes of wine, biscuits and chocolates. If you attended can you spot yourself? We hope everyone got into the pictures!





While members sat back and enjoyed their coffee, they were entertained by three members who are also thespians. Judith, Sue and Ruth recited Christmassy poems and stories and used some unexpected props to the great enjoyment and applause of their audience.



If you didn't come along this year, why not make sure you don't miss out next year and add a note to your diary to look out for details of our Christmas lunch in 2024.

At the meal, there was also a presentation of flowers and grateful thanks to Myra France who is stepping down as the Convenor of the Walking Interest Group at the end of the year.



Finally, the Committee would like to thank all of the members and the convenors for continuing to support Usk u3a. We hope you have a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Merry Christmas