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Usk u3a will be holding its AGM on 22 March 2024

We shall be holding our AGM on Friday, 22 March starting at 10.30am at the Memorial Hall, Usk. After the business of the AGM, we have a special speaker, Jim Keech, whose topic is the Congress Theatre in Cwmbran. Since 1993, the Theatre has operated as a registered charity, run primarily by volunteer members. Jim has taken a key role, and will talk about the history of the Theatre. Jim also has a fund of interesting stories to entertain us about the celebrities he has met. So, make a note in your diary and make sure you come along to support your u3a. Tea/coffee and delicious cakes will be served and there is no charge!



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GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE RETIRING CONVENOR OF BOOK CLUB 3

We would like to give our thanks to Janine Amos who is stepping down as convenor of Reading Group 3. Janine has been co-ordinating this group for several years and its members have benefited from her literary expertise.



A WARM WELCOME TO TWO NEW CONVENORS

We are very fortunate to have two new convenors to take over Book Club 3 and the Monday Walking Interest Group. Ruth Prince is taking over as convenor of the Book Club and Sue Wright is taking over the Monday Walking Interest Group following Myra France's retirement last year. It's great that both of these groups will be continuing.

We urge other members to come forward to help out with the Interest Groups and/or take a committee role. Without members stepping up to help like this we would not be able to function, so please do think seriously about lending a hand in whatever way you can.



DATES FOR THE WALKING INTEREST GROUPS

MONDAY WALKERS

JANUARY

15th - River Walk, Cwmbran – Leader Sue Wright
29th - Wentwood – Leader Myra France

FEBRUARY

12th - Snowdrop walk – Leader Lyndsey
26th - Glascoed walk 1 – Leader Sue Wright

MARCH

11th – Local walk – leader Jane Harmston
25th – Porth long walk – Leader Myra France

APRIL

8th – TBC – Leader Keith Renshaw
22nd – Bluebell walk – Leader Ann Jones

MAY

6th – Local walk – Leader Myra France
20th - Llangybi & Dale Wood – Leader Mike Powell

JUNE

3rd - Glascoed walk – Leader Sue Wright

WEDNESDAY WALKERS

FEBRUARY

21st - Newport Wetlands (RSPB) 5.5m - Leader Sue Brown

MARCH

6th - Penallt, Pentwyn & The Argoed from Redbrook (Daffodil Walk) 6.5m - Leader Keith Renshaw

20th - Skirrid from the Skirrid Inn 5.5m - Leader Myra France

APRIL

03rd - Blorenge circuit via Punchbowl 6.5m – Leader Sue Brown

17th - Coppet Hill & River Wye (from Goodrich) 5.5m - Leader Keith Renshaw

MAY

1st - Wentwood Bluebell Walk 6.5m - Leader Ann Jones

15th - Llandegfedd Reservoir Trail 6.5m - Leader Keith Renshaw

29th - Y Gaer, the Revenge Stone and Tabernacle Baptist Church 7.0m - Leader Branwen Thomas



MEMBERS' MEETINGS

With such a small Committee and few members coming forward to help organize these events, we have to advise you that it may not be possible to hold Members' meetings either as frequently as we have or even at all. We are always very grateful for members helping on the day but there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to set up these meetings, such as booking speakers and venues. We no longer have a Committee member who can undertake this. While we hope to be able to maintain some events, such as the special one we usually hold in September and the Christmas lunch, we cannot guarantee that other Members' meetings will occur.

However, in the hope that a member will step forward to help we have identified some provisional dates for this year.

Friday April 26th

Friday May 24th

Friday June 28th

Friday July 26th

Friday Sept 27th

Friday Oct 25th

Friday Nov 22nd (Christmas lunch)

If you can help in any way to resolve this situation, please contact a Committee member.