



USK U₃A WINTER NEWSLETTER

Do you recognise this wintry local scene? It is about four miles north of Usk. See if you are correct on page 8.

Have you renewed your membership for 2025? It is not too late to join. Please contact our membership secretary, Maggie Corke at membership@usku3a.org.uk.

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LOOKING BACK AT EVENTS AT THE END OF 2024



A fabulous Christmas meal at Cwrt Blethyn Hotel and Spa

Over forty members sat down to a delicious Christmas meal at the Cwrt Blethyn Hotel and Spa on Friday, 22 November. The two-course meal was followed by coffee and a taxing Christmas quiz!

We are hoping to repeat this Christmas treat this year so make a note in your diary to book early and celebrate with other u3a members.

If you attended, can you spot yourself and friends in the photographs that follow?



Walks and events enjoyed by the Monday and Wednesday Walking Interest Groups in December 2024

On 16 December, over twenty walkers combined from the Monday and Wednesday Walking Groups, to enjoy a bracing walk and festive picnic at Cefn Ila, Usk. Starting at Usk Car Park, they walked up to the picnic area in the grounds of Cefn Ila and although muddy underfoot enjoyed a dry day for the event. The tot of sloe gin provided by Sue Wright, one of the Walking Group leaders, went down a treat, together with a huge array of delicious snacks, provided by members.

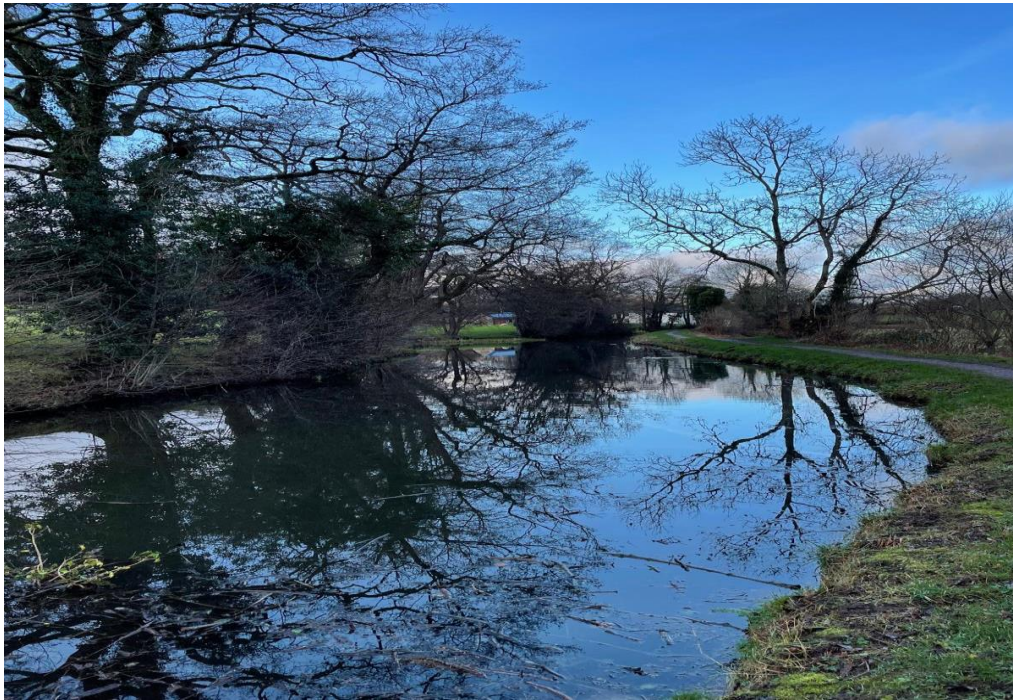




Members of the **Wednesday Walking Interest Group**, who generally tackle longer and more difficult walks also enjoyed their own celebrations with a stiff walk followed by refreshments at the Star Inn, Mamhilad. See photograph below.



And finally, to finish off 2024, a group of walkers met on 30 December to blow away the Christmas excesses. Here are some of the lovely sights they enjoyed in the Monmouthshire countryside, when they were blessed with blue skies and friendly company.



LOOKING FORWARD to 2025

Members' Meetings in 2025

Our first Members' meeting of the New Year is on Friday, 24 January at Llangybi Hall at 2pm. The speaker is Gavin Jones, a Community Engagement Officer, who will make a presentation on the history and renovation of the Newport Transporter Bridge.



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This promises to be a fascinating talk and, of course, there will be refreshments available.

You might like to make a note of future events although the programme is still provisional and speakers have not yet been agreed"

**Friday 28th March Speaker (coinciding with the AGM) at Llangybi Hall
2pm-4pm**

Friday 25th April, with a speaker at the Memorial Hall, Usk 2pm-4pm

Friday 23rd May, with a speaker at Llangybi Hall, 2pm-4pm

Friday 25th July, with a speaker at the Memorial Hall, Usk 2pm-4pm

Friday 26th Sept, our special event to be announced later 2pm -4pm

Friday 24th Oct the Usk u3a team quiz at Llangybi Hall 2pm-4pm

Friday 28th Nov, Christmas Lunch tbc 12.30pm for 1 pm

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**NOTICE OF USK u3a ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, 28
MARCH 2025**

Please note a change of time, now 2-4pm

We are planning for a short AGM before listening to an engaging speaker and enjoying delicious cakes and tea or coffee. AGM papers will be sent out well in advance to avoid the need to go through them at length at the meeting. As a Committee, we are aware that we must fulfil our responsibilities but we also do not want to over burden members with lengthy perusals of papers and information. As you would expect, there will still be an opportunity for you to raise issues or ask questions. We hope this approach meets your approval and we look forward to seeing you.

Answer to our photo puzzle from the front cover

The picture is taken from Chepstow Road looking up to Kingcoed by Treworgan Common.