

Borderlines

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The Magazine of Llandrindod Wells and District U3A



Introduction from the Editor.

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Borderlines.

My thanks, as always, to our contributors. Without their hard work there would be no Borderlines. I am especially grateful to those who responded within hours to my cries for help.

The Film Group programme has arrived minutes before I send this to the printers and this is the only place I can put it. So a very short message from me! With best wishes, Margaret

The Film Club. Meets at the Dance Centre, Arlais Rd.

Jean de Florette	September 21
Touch of Evil	October 26 (note date)
Ladies in Lavender	November 16

For further details contact Roger Malvern at roger@u3a-llandrindod.org.uk

New Members.

The following new members have recently joined Llandrindod U3A. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Margaret Bevan; Elizabeth and Patrick Derwent and William Jameson

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Cover: The weeping window at Hereford Cathedral. Photo John Mason

Nearly 200,000 people visited Poppies: The weeping window, when it was displayed at Hereford Cathedral in the Spring. The artwork, a collaboration between artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper, was part of the 14-18 NOW UK tour.



Church Visiting Group

13 members of the group made the trip to Kilpeck Church in July and enjoyed the summer sunshine as well as the marvellous stone sculpture in this renowned Herefordshire church – recognized as one of the finest in the whole of the U.K.

They then enjoyed their usual convivial lunch at the Kilpeck Inn where Chairman Berwyn claimed that the sticky toffee pudding had reached a standard by which all subsequent puddings shall be judged!

Photo and text by Adele and Robert Bevan

Rosemary Maling Lecture Day

Brecon U3A's annual Rosemary Maling lecture day will be held in Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon on Thursday 11th October.

The speakers are:

Morning Speaker: "Fake News" with Professor Kevin Williams

Keynote Speaker: Lieutenant-Colonel Rodney Ashwood on the legacy left by the Great War

The day is open to any U3A member at a cost of £10 (or £2 for Brecon U3A members) which includes coffee and tea but not lunch.

U3A Open Day by Stephen Ashley, Interest Group Coordinator

Did you know that there are 29 Interest Groups embedded in the Llandrindod U3A? The attendance at these groups totals far more than for the monthly meeting at the Met. Some would say that the Interest groups are what the U3A is all about.

However, not everyone trawls through the internet pages for the Llandrindod U3A looking to see what groups exist or what they do. And so.... we have a U3A Open Day event at the Metropole on Monday 24 September 10.00 till 12.00.

Here is a chance to explore. Each (or at least most) of the groups will have a table and a display showing what they do and when.

The range of activities is awe-inspiring. You can exercise, read books, visit churches, go walking, delve into art history or do your own art. You can sing, play the recorder, go to the theatre or to Sunday lunch. There is a film group, a Welsh history group, a Welsh language group, a travel group... the list goes on and on.

Some of our members have been known to attend 8 of these groups in a month (do they have time to eat or sleep?). Most people attend just one or two depending on their interests and their time. The numbers of people attending any particular group ranges from just a few to 25 or more.

Do come to the Met on Monday morning, 24 Sept. You will be surprised and, you never know, you might just discover something special.

See you there.

The Trefonen Rural Protection Group Presents : 28th September, Trefonen Village Hall, SY10 9DY at 7.00pm

'Jack-of-all-Trades': the many occupations of Icelander Andri Snær Magnason

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andri_Snær_Magnason

Andri Snær Magnason is an internationally acclaimed novelist published in over 30 languages, award-winning poet, film producer and actor; he is considered to be one of the foremost environmental activists in Europe. In 2016, he ran for President and came in third place.

Andri will discuss politics & anti-politics, contemporary literature & historic folklore, poetry, environmental activism, and climate change.

Entry fee - £5.00 (Complimentary light refreshments provided .

Tickets limited - please reserve from : TRPG events@trefonen-rpg.co.uk

Please note this is Trefonen Montgomeryshire, not the local community hall.(Ed)



Above: The Singing for Fun Group at Rock Park.

Photo: Jane Stevens.

U3A at Victorian week.



The Recorder Group entertain at Holy Trinity Church.

Photos: Humphrey Morgan



The Theatre group – Stratford trip. Text by Gill Wall.

The coach arrived at Stratford at around noon giving us time to have some lunch and visit the loos. Those of us attending the theatre had to be there for 1.45pm leaving little opportunity to loiter. We enjoyed a modern production of Macbeth in which three little girls played with our imagination as they portrayed the unlikely witch characters. Those who didn't have tickets for the play spent time enjoying other interesting activities, whether that be a river boat trip, relaxation in the beautiful warm sunshine in the shade of the trees or a spot of retail therapy. Whatever took your fancy on this hot sunny day certainly managed to paint a smile on everyone's face.

Many thanks to Ann and Ewart for arranging the trip (when's the next?)

The Photography Group

During June members and friends of the Photography Group paid a visit to Ralph Court gardens near Bromyard.

There were many photographic opportunities in this unusual, even quirky garden with its variety of themed sections ranging from the Mad Hatters Tea Party to an African Jungle.

The sun shone and the food was good too!



Freda and Berwyn.

Photo by Tesga Davies

The Italian Garden.

Photo and text by Adele Bevan



Clive Barrett profiles THE WALKING GROUP

If I remember correctly the 'Walking Group' was one of the first of the interest groups to be established. Although I enjoy walking myself, due to a lack of time in writing this article I have been unable to join one of the group's hikes (to see what happens!!!!) which take place on the fourth Monday of the month. Therefore I am indebted to group leader Elsa Harflett for information about the walks. As a matter of interest I will describe briefly the walks which took place this year. In January they went around the Cwm Aran, Castel Pen, and Far Hall area, from Dolau Station the route containing lots of muddy farm tracks. February saw Elsa Harflett lead a walk in the Beulah area, which was an easy walk, with no stiles and masses of snowdrops. In March the Rhogo area near Howey was the destination for a linear walk on gravel tracks with glorious views. April meant a walk in the Aberedw area, although a hilly route plenty of time was spent for stops to admire the views, making it well worth the climbing effort.

The May walk to Llanstephan, near Boughrood appeared particularly interesting. This was a gentle walk, but there was an option of a climb to look at Ciliau Farmhouse, which dates from the first half of the 16th Century. Just as the U3a walkers were preparing to move on, the owner came out and after chatting to the group for a while, he kindly invited them to come in for a personal guided tour. Members described the farmhouse as a fabulous old place, with wonderful wall paintings and some of the original furniture, including a bed which was used for laying out the dead--- it had a series of holes for candlesticks all around the frame!!!! In June Hergest Ridge at Kington, a popular fairly flat walk following the contour around, and there were lovely views across Radnor Forest and into Herefordshire. In July because of the Royal Welsh Show the walk was taken around the hills of Llandrindod Wells, but there was the compensation of always having time to stop catch one's breath and marvellous views to admire. The August walk took place on late Bank Holiday Monday in the Newbridge and Llysdinam, with lunch following at the New Inn. The future September walk takes place on Monday 24th to The Begwns, near Painscastle, The Roundabout and Monks Pond. The walk across rolling grassland will include spectacular views of Hay Bluff, The Brecon Beacons and the Black Mountains in Carmarthenshire. It is hoped to come across herds of wild ponies which roam the grasslands.

There are usually between six and ten U3A members going on individual walks, and those interested in joining(new walkers always welcome) should contact the group leader Elsa Harflett on 01597860894. Walkers meet at the Lake, Llandrindod at 10—00am to car share to the start of the walks, which are approximately 5 miles long, and are taken at a pace to suit the group. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing. At the end of the walk the group usually go to the local pub for lunch.

For photographs please see over page, (Ed)



The Walking Group.



Above and left:

Llandrindod Wells.

Photos by Elsa Harflett

Below: Ciliau Farmhouse

