

u3a Llandudno Area Newsletter August 2026



Photograph courtesy of Kathy Main

Hope you are having a lovely summer and enjoyed the sunshine.



Next Open Meeting: 1 September 2026

At: Craig y Don Community Centre, Queens Road, Craig y Don

Doors Open: 1.15 pm

Talk Title: Call of the Running Tide – Richard and Petra Haig

Please note: Due to the length of this Talk the doors will be open from 1.15 pm with the Talk starting at 1.45 pm.

The programme for the event is as follows:

Doors Open: 1.15 pm

Talk Starts: 1.45 pm

Short Break: 2.30 pm

Talk resumes: 2.45 pm

Talk Finishes: 3.15 pm

Refreshments will be served from 3.15 pm in Hall 2

This is a FREE event and includes a FREE Raffle

The July Open Meeting

The Open Meeting Event for July proved to be a great success.

The Main Hall was full with over 100 Members and every chair in the building occupied, some Members having to stand throughout the performance of Jacada and the Singing for Pleasure Group.

Sadly, very little room was left available for dancing, but the sing along proved to be very popular.

The special summer treat of strawberries and cream was very much appreciated.

Special thanks to our Strawberry Angels - Su, Karen and Ann for organising and preparing the strawberries and cream.



A big thank you goes out to JACADA for their amazing musical performance and to the Singing for Pleasure Group for their vocal support.



The Chess Group



The Chess Group has recently applied for external funding to the Gwynt y Môr Wind Farm Community Fund scheme through their 'Micro Grant' process and was successful. This has enabled us to purchase new chess sets and timer clocks for its monthly sessions for use by the Group members.

As well as the formal application form filling, some of the Chess Group members kindly supported this bid with their own comments about how the group benefits them personally and locals for social interaction, friendship, cognitive stimulation and regular contact, in a relaxed environment that supports a local business. So, a huge thank you to the Gwynt y Môr Wind Farm Community Fund scheme for their support and approval of our application.

If you are passionate about chess, or simply looking to learn, our friendly u3a chess group welcomes players of all abilities. Meet new people, improve your skills, and enjoy friendly games in a relaxed atmosphere. The sessions are:

- Monthly at the Rhos Fynach pub (at Rhos-on-Sea) from 2 pm to 4 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
- Open to all skill levels – beginners, casual players and enthusiasts
- Friendly games and a chance to meet new people or old friends
- No charge, however the pub management request that we purchase a drink from the bar (tea, coffee, soft drink or even a pint)

For more information or to join, please email via the Llandudno u3a portal.

Mark Davies
Chess Group Leader

Living Well in Conwy – Information & Community Connections Event

As part of Conwy's work towards becoming a World Health Organization Age Friendly Community, the Community Wellbeing Team is organising a Living Well in Conwy – Information & Community Connections Event, and we would like to invite the U3A to join us.

Date: Friday 18th September 2026

Time: 1 pm – 4 pm

Venue: Craig Y Don Community Centre

The event aims to bring together local organisations and services to showcase the information, advice and support available to help people stay healthy, independent and connected within their communities.

Residents will have the opportunity to speak with a range of organisations, discover local opportunities, enjoy a free creative taster session, and find out more about the support available across Conwy.

Our u3a will be taking part in this event and your support would be appreciated if you have even just a few minutes to pop along and say Hi!

Notre groupe français – Llandudno Area u3a, niveau intermédiaire / avancé

C'est en forgeant qu'on devient forgeron



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« Apprendre, Rire, Vivre » est la devise de l'U3A, et c'est précisément ce que nous faisons dans notre petit groupe de français intermédiaire/avancé. Nous nous engageons dans l'apprentissage du français tout en profitant des interactions sociales, et nous tirons le meilleur parti de la vie.

Tout d'abord, ce n'est pas mon groupe, c'est NOTRE groupe. Notre groupe n'est pas un groupe pour débutants. Pour devenir membre de notre groupe, vous devez être en mesure de parler français avec une aisance orale raisonnable. Par là, on s'attend à ce que vous ayez une bonne maîtrise de tous les temps verbaux, un vocabulaire large et une compréhension complète de la grammaire. Je n'ai aucune prétention à propos de mon niveau de français - cela dit, je fais de mon mieux. Moi aussi, j'ai besoin d'un groupe afin de pouvoir m'entraîner et de donner vie à mon français. Je me trompe souvent mais voilà, voilà. Nous sommes tous là pour nous aider mutuellement !

Les principes directeurs sont : (1) participation partagée - CHACUN doit avoir droit à un tour, (2) l'anglais est généralement interdit - ce groupe offre une heure et demie d'immersion deux fois par mois, et (3) pas de longues tirades écrites - l'accent est mis sur la conversation.

En général, c'est moi qui prépare et qui anime les séances mais de temps en temps un autre membre anime la séance. Nous avons aussi une trésorière – Priscilla Kemp - merci mille fois à toi. Nous avons déjà abordé une gamme de sujets :

Faire durer et raccommorder, activités de Noël – origami (excellent pour pratiquer l'impératif), jouer au pendu, faire du bricolage, animaux de compagnie, mots croisés, la consommation de chocolat en France, articles de journaux français...et ainsi de suite. Les possibilités sont infinies !

À noter - ***Qui n'avance pas, recule.***

Cordialement, Ruth Roberts (animatrice)



The Stamp Collecting Group Has Vacancies

Held at: The Trinity Centre, Trinity Ave, Llandudno

On: 3rd Thursday of the Month from 10 am - Noon

For information and details contact

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Upcoming Events

September

1st September - Open Meeting - Call of the Running Tide - Richard and Petra Haig

11th September - New Members Welcome Meeting - CYD - 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

17th September - Living Well in Conwy – Information & Community Connections Event. - CYD - 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

October

6th October - Open Meeting - our u3a Choir

November

3rd November – AGM

If you have any news or information you would like included in the next Newsletter, please send via email to ann.d@llandudnoareau3a.org.uk