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Newsletter

## PONTARDDULAIS AND DISTRICT - April 2024

Our next meeting will be held on **11<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm** at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

**Speaker:** Gareth Richards & Scott McMurray **Topic:** Pontarddulais Flood Prevention

### Interest group dates for your diary:

**Art Appreciation:** None this month. See below for May event.

**Bird Recognition:** 29<sup>th</sup> Apr, plan to visit Rhandirmwyn. Details TBC in monthly meeting .

**Creativity in Practice:** 18<sup>th</sup> Apr, 1.30 pm at the Elim Church - workshop with Lisa Burkl.  
\*\*Please note, this will be rescheduled to a later date.

**Garden Visits:** 16<sup>th</sup> Apr, Clyne Gardens. Meet in Clyne car park at 10.45 am. **See below for more details and action required for this visit and future garden visits.**

**Local History:** 25<sup>th</sup> Apr, 2.00 pm at Canolfan Y Bont – Wales and Silent Film.

**Luncheon Club:** 26<sup>th</sup> Apr, Pibwrlwyd Carmarthen Catering College.

**Real Ale:** 26<sup>th</sup> Apr , 12.30 pm at The Buck, Pontlliw.

**Social Walks:** 13<sup>th</sup> Apr, Waterfalls, Glynneath. 10.00 am from Bont Comp carpark.

**Station Gardening:** None this month.

**Wine appreciation a.** 9th Apr, 2pm, Pontarddulais Cricket Club

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The next meeting will be held on **9<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm** at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

**Speaker:** Deborah John **Topic:** Amy Dillwyn, Welsh novelist, businesswoman, and social benefactor, born in Sketty, Swansea.

## Art Appreciation for May :

On Monday 13th May, 1.00 pm, we will go to the Sew Far, Sew Good Exhibition by the Stitching Botanical Group at the National Botanical Garden of Wales. Contact Jacqui for a lift if required.

## Creativity In Practice :

Renowned Swansea artist Lisa Burkl has agreed to come and do three 2.5 hour art sessions with up to 12 people, on 15th February, 21st March and 18th April (1.30-4pm at the Elim Church). These sessions are for everyone, no matter what your level of skill and will cost £15 per session which will cover room hire, materials and teaching. Each session will be different, so you can come to as many as you wish, numbers allowing. Please do let Jacqui know if you would like to join us, come and be creative!

## Garden visit for April :-

Meeting Teifion, the head gardener at 11.00 am (donation £5 pp on day). If you would like lunch in the Woodman, please phone ahead to book. Tel: 01792 402700. If parking in the Woodman car park, register your car in the pub when you arrive.

## Garden visit for May:

**May 21<sup>st</sup> : Picton Castle & Saundersfoot** – Coach price approximately £15. Entrance to Picton Castle Gardens, including castle tour is £15.50. Coach will leave Pontarddulais at 9.30 am. Names to Lesley in U3a meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Payment for entry and bus required in April meeting, as needs to be pre-booked.

## Garden visit for June:

**June 18<sup>th</sup> : Dyffryn Gardens & Cowbridge** – Coach price approximately £20. Group entrance £11.40 (pay on the day) – National Trust members free. Payment for bus required at May meeting.

## Luncheon Club for April:

**26<sup>th</sup> April at Pibwrlwyd Carmarthen Catering College.**  
£20 for a 3 course meal. Money to be collected at April meeting.  
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