

**PONTARDDULAIS AND DISTRICT - January 2024**

Our next meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 7pm at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

**Speaker:** John Richards **Topic:** The ruins of Neath Abbey

**Interest group dates for your diary:**

- Art Appreciation:** 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 11.00 am - Meet Jacqui and Pip at Swansea College of Art to see the Master's students exhibition 'ARRIVAL'. More detail at the end of the newsletter. Contact Jacqui for car sharing.
- Bird Recognition:** 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10.30 am at Kidwelly Quay
- Creativity in Practice:** NEW – see NEWS section for details
- Ffwrnes Theatre:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar - St. Davids Day concert, contact Geraldine if interested
- Garden Visits:** 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, meeting to decide itinerary for 2024. Venue and time TBC in monthly meeting or contact Lesley
- Local History:** 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2.00 pm at Canolfan Y Bont – Llanelli Riots (1911)
- Luncheon Club:** 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 12.30 pm at The Bird in Hand, Fforest, see Gill James
- Real Ale:** 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm at The Brunswick, Duke St., Swansea
- Social Walks:** 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, walk around the Swiss Valley Reservoir. 10.00 am from Bont Comp carpark or 10.30 am at the Swiss Valley Reservoir car park.

After the walk, we will discuss a programme for 2024, therefore please come with suggestions as to venues, and to this end the meeting WILL take place regardless of the weather conditions. If wet, we will meet in the Swiss Valley Garden Centre (at 10.30 am).

**Station Gardening:** 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2.00 pm. Jobs would include cutting back hellebore's foliage, further cutting back of perennials and general tidying up. Please bring suitable tools and a black sack.

**Wine appreciation a.** 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2pm, Pontarddulais Cricket Club

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The next meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

**Speaker:** Heddyr Gregory      **Topic:** Shelter Cymru

# News

## CREATIVITY IN PRACTICE

Renowned Swansea artist Lisa Burkl has agreed to come and do some 2.5 hour arty/crafty sessions with up to 12 people, on 15 February, 21 March and 18 April (time and venue yet to be decided). The 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!

Venue – TBC

## ARRIVAL

The talented Art & Design MA students are exhibiting their work. The exhibition will open again in the New Year from January 8th to 12th at Swansea College of Art, Alex Building (opposite the Glynn Vivian art Gallery).

The exhibition will feature work from the following courses:

MA Glass / MA Photography / MA Fine Art / MA Illustration / MA Product Design / MA Transport Design / MA Graphic Design / MA Textiles / MA Advertising / MA Surface Pattern Design / MA Moving Image.



# ARRIVAL

MASTERS OF ART EXHIBITION

ALEX DESIGN EXCHANGE - SWANSEA - 15TH DECEMBER 2023 - 4PM



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College of Art  
Founded 1853



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