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Newsletter

## PONTARDDULAIS AND DISTRICT - March 2024

Our next meeting will be held on **14<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm** at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

**Speaker:** Anthony Hughes      **Topic:** A Rock and Roll Road Trip

### Interest group dates for your diary:

- Art Appreciation:** 27<sup>th</sup> Mar, 1.30 pm at the Glynn Vivian Art Gallery. Swansea Open Exhibition. Please let Jacqui know if you would like or can offer lift.
- Bird Recognition:** 25<sup>th</sup> Mar, 10.30 am at Nort Dock Llanelli.
- Creativity in Practice:** 21<sup>st</sup> Mar, 1.30 pm at the Elim Church - workshop with Lisa Burkl. Contact Jacqui if you are interested. More details below.
- Ffwrnes Theatre:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar - St. Davids Day concert.
- Garden Visits:** 19<sup>th</sup> Mar, Slade Gardens – Southerndown. **Please see below for more details and action required for future garden visits.**
- Local History:** 28<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2.00 pm at Canolfan Y Bont – Welsh Scientists cont'd.
- Luncheon Club:** 28<sup>th</sup> Mar (\*Thursday\*), 12.30 pm at The Lewis Arms, Bynea. Deposit of £5 and meal order required at March meeting. **Please see information below for April.**
- Real Ale:** 28<sup>th</sup> Mar (\*Thursday\*), 12.00 pm at The White Horse, Llandeilo.
- Social Walks:** 9<sup>th</sup> Mar, Clydach to Pontardawe.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mar, Carreg Cennen.
- Station Gardening:** Bob will advise. Wild flower seed planting in March.
- Wine appreciation a.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr, 2pm, Pontarddulais Cricket Club  
**Wine appreciation b.** 5<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2pm, Pontarddulais Cricket Club

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

**Speaker:** Gareth Richards      **Topic:** Pontarddulais Flood Prevention

## 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 March:

Cars to leave Pontarddulais Library at 9.30 am. A possibility for lunch out might be Ewenny Garden Centre where there is no need to book.

Slade garden, Ogmore is an unexpected jewel to discover next to the sea with views overlooking the Bristol Channel. The garden tumbles down a valley protected by a belt of woodland. In front of the house are delightful formal areas a rose and clematis pergola and herbaceous borders. From terraced lawns great sweeps of grass stretch down the hill enlivened by spring bulbs and fritillaries.

Slade  
Southerndown,  
Glamorgan  
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## 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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