

**PONTARDDULAIS AND DISTRICT - March 2025**

Our next meeting will be held on **13<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00 pm** at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

**Speaker:** Brendon Davies

**Topic:** My journey to the top of the world : Climbing Mount Everest

**Interest group dates for your diary:**

**\*Art Appreciation:** 21<sup>st</sup> Mar, 11.00 am at the Glynn Vivian. Another chance to see the Swansea Open 2025. See the news section for more details.

**\*Bird Recognition:** 7<sup>th</sup> Mar, 10.30 am at Kidwelly Quay.

**Creativity in Practice:** 21<sup>st</sup> Mar, 11.00 am at the Glynn Vivian. Another chance to see the Swansea Open 2025. See the news section for more details.

**\*Garden Visits:** 18<sup>th</sup> Mar, 10.30 am from Bont Library Car Park. Willowbrook Gardens, Mayals, Swansea. See the news section for more details.

**Local History:** 27<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2.00 pm at Canolfan Y Bont – Y Wladfa (The Welsh of Patagonia).

**Luncheon Club:** 28<sup>th</sup> Mar, 12.30 pm at The Welcome Inn, Llangyfelach. Organiser is Pat Gealy.

**Real Ale:** 28<sup>th</sup> Mar, 12.30 pm at The Red Lion, Llandybie, SA18 3JA.

**\*Social Walks:** 8<sup>th</sup> Mar, Burry Port. 10.00 am from Bont Comp carpark.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Mar, Felindre. 10.00 am from Bont Comp carpark.

**Station Gardening:** None this month.

**Wine appreciation a.** 11<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2.00 pm, Pontarddulais Cricket Club.

**Wine appreciation b.** 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2.00 pm, Pontarddulais Cricket Club.

The next meeting will be held on **10<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 pm** at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

**Speaker:** Syd Howells **Topic:** Highlights of Egypt Centre, Swansea

# News

## Website

Here is a link to the new website :- <https://pontarddulais.u3asite.uk/>

## Art Appreciation & Creativity in Practice

We are excited to announce that a piece of art made collectively by the Creativity in Practice Group has been accepted into this year's Swansea Open Exhibition – 'Come As You Really Are' at the Glynn Vivian Art Gallery. We called our piece 'A Gilded Vasculum'.

Following the successful opening event in February, this is an opportunity to visit the exhibition at a quieter time. Everyone is welcome to join us.

## Garden Visits

9, Willowbrook Gardens, Mayals, Swansea, SA3 5EB

Entrance fee £5 per person. Informal, half acre mature garden with natural effect and with balance of form and colour. Refreshments available to pre-order at next meeting. We are expected there at 11.15 am for those going straight there. Carparking spaces limited, car-sharing necessary. Please let Jacqui know if you require or can offer a lift.

See <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/31938/9-willowbrook-gardens> for more details of this stunning spring garden.

## Partnership with Llanelli u3a

With your Pontarddulais and District u3a membership card, you are welcomed by Llanelli u3a to selected events. If you haven't got a membership card, let Jacqui know.

For March we are welcome to attend the events on their webpage:

<https://llanelli.u3asite.uk/events>

Take a look around their website for other events you would like to attend and contact the leader to let them know your interest. Like us, they do have a few groups that are full, but in the main they are open access and looking forward to us joining in.

**Members from Llanelli u3a are welcome to attend our monthly meeting and the groups marked with an asterisk (\*).**

Let's make some new friends and attend some events and activities we wouldn't normally get to do.