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Newsletter

## PONTARDDULAIS AND DISTRICT - September 2025

Our next meeting will be held on **11<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00 pm** at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

**Speaker:** Phil Treseder **Topic:** Swansea to Mumbles Railway

### Interest group dates for your diary:

**\*Art Appreciation:** 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1.00 pm. Tides Gallery, 45 Uplands Crescent, Uplands, Swansea. Contact Jacqui for more information and a lift if required.

**\*Bird Recognition:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10.30 am. Meet at Rhossili NT Car Park.

**Creativity in Practice:** 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1.00 pm. Mechanics Institute. Please let Jacqui know if interested, as numbers are limited.

**\*Garden Visits:** 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11.00 am. National Botanic Garden of Wales, Llanarthne, SA32 8HN.

**Local History:** 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2.00 pm. Canolfan Y Bont – Methodist revival in Wales.

**Luncheon Club:** 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 12.30 pm. The Castle Inn, Pontlliw. Organiser is Lesley Davies. X13 bus stop is just outside.

**Real Ale:** 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 12.30 pm, location tbc at the monthly meeting.

**\*Social Walks:** 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, SA1 Swansea. Bus leaves Bont Bus Station at 09.51 am.  
13<sup>th</sup> Sept, Caldey Island. Meet at Bont Comp car park at 09.00 am.

**Station Gardening:** See Bob Badger for more information.

**Wine appreciation a.** 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2.00 pm, Pontarddulais Cricket Club.

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The next meeting will be held on **9<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 pm** at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

**Speaker:** Major(Rtd) Kenneth John Burton. CStJ. JP.FCITD.

**Topic:** The Roll of The Royal British Legion

# News

## Website:

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

## Station Gardening:

Pontarddulais u3a members featured in the Transport for Wales, “Adopt a Station Volunteer Newsletter – Summer 2025”, please see below:-

### **Raised beds spruced up at Pontarddulais**

**Volunteers from the Pontarddulais U3A recently got together at the town's railway station to cut back and clear space for new plants in three large raised beds.**

Installed in 2010 and manufactured from sleepers, the raised beds align the driveway to the station, while others form a backdrop in a woodland setting behind the single platform.

A selection of perennial shrubs including Hydrangea, Verbena and Lavatera were planted to give more colour and height to the beds. Native wildflowers were also planted to provide seasonal colour. These will provide interest year after year, while also benefitting pollinators such as bees, butterflies and moths.



## **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.

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.