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Newsletter

PONTARDDULAIS AND DISTRICT - January 2026

Our next meeting will be held on **8th January, 7.00 pm** at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

Speaker: Mr. Philip Howells **Topic:** Fraud and Scam Awareness

Interest group dates for your diary:

***Art Appreciation:** 22nd Jan. National Museum, Cardiff by train. See below for further details for both January and February events.

***Bird Recognition:** There is no plan to meet on 2nd Jan but a planning meeting is to be confirmed sometime in Jan.

Creativity in Practice: None this month.

***Garden Visits:** 20th Jan, 2.00 pm at Bont Elim Church. Meeting to plan events for 2026. Please also see details below for February visit to Wye Valley Sculpture Garden & Snowdrops, contact Jacqui or Pat if interested.

Local History: 29th Jan, 2.00 pm. Canolfan Y Bont – Wales and the Mormon Church.

Luncheon Club: 30th Jan, 12.30 pm. The Bridge, Llangennech. Organiser is Gill James.

Real Ale: 30th Jan, 12.30 pm. The Queen's Hotel, Gloucester Place, Swansea.

***Social Walks:** 10th Jan, 10.00 am (for coffee) start 10.30 am. Planning meeting at Canolfan Gwili, Hendy. See details below.

Station Gardening Please see Bob for details.

Wine appreciation a. 6th Jan, 2.00 pm, Pontarddulais Cricket Club.

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The next meeting will be held on **12th February, 7 pm** at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

Speaker: John Ashley

Topic: History of the White Rock Copper Works in Swansea

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

Art Appreciation

22nd Jan, National Museum, Cardiff. Direct return train from Gowerton station, leaving 10.34 am and returning from Cardiff Central at 16.06 pm. All welcome.

Art Appreciation / Garden Visits

5th Feb, we will be visiting Wye Valley Sculpture Garden for art and snowdrops. Please let Jacqui or Pat Gealy know if you are interested, so that lifts can be arranged. Tickets are limited, so should be purchased as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

To keep the experience peaceful and unhurried, there are two 1.5-hour visiting slots, please select the **1pm option**. **Tickets must be purchased in advance** to guarantee your visit, as this is an annual sell-out event. **The cost is £12.75**.

For more information and link to purchase your ticket see here:

<https://www.wyevalleysculpturegarden.co.uk/snowdrops>

Social Walks

Meet at 10:00 am for coffee, planning meeting to start at 10:30 am. Please come along and share your thoughts and ideas for 2026 walks. We will be need to confirm volunteers for walk leaders and conveners. There is also an opportunity to discuss the format of the group going forward e.g. long/short walks, meet for lunch etc. All ideas encouraged and will be discussed.

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>

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