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Newsletter

PONTARDDULAIS AND DISTRICT - June 2026

Our next meeting will be held on **11th June, 7.00 pm** at Pontarddulais Rugby Club.

Speaker: Phillip Howells **Topic:** Fraud and Scam Awareness

Interest group dates for your diary:

- *Art Appreciation:** 25th Jun, 6.00 pm. Opening night of Figurative Paintings by Hannah Buddle at the Volcano Theatre, High Street, Swansea. Leaving Bont at 5.15pm, if anyone needs a lift please contact Jacqui.
- *Bird Recognition:** 5th Jun. Sandpiper Lake, Llanelli. Meet in the car park, 10.30 am.
- Creativity in Practice:** 18th Jun, 1.30-4pm at Mechanics Institute, Gilding and Colour on Glass with Lisa Burkl, please book your space with Jacqui as places are limited. Cost £15.00.
- *Garden Visits:**
 - 16th Jun, Picton Castle Gardens. See below for details.
 - 28th Jun, Llanmadoc Open Gardens, see below for details.
- Local History:** 25th Jun, 2.00 pm. Canolfan Y Bont – Series of talks on Wales and the United States of America.
- Luncheon Club:** 26th Jun, 12.30 pm. The Castle, Pontlliw. Organiser is Hilary Evans. Menus available at monthly meeting, no deposit required.
- Real Ale:** 26th Jun, 12.30 pm. The No Sign Bar, Wind St., Swansea.
- *Social Walks:**
 - 13th Jun, Lliw Valley, 4 miles easy flat walk (Mair & Val). 10.00 am from Bont Comp car park.
 - 27th Jun, planned trip to Caldey, weather permitting (Mark & June). Details to follow.
- Wine appreciation a.** 8th Sep, 2.00 pm, Pontarddulais Cricket Club.
- Wine appreciation b.** 7th Jul, 2.00 pm, Pontarddulais Mechanics Institute.

The next meeting, on **9th July, 7.00 pm** at Pontarddulais Rugby Club, will be a social evening with interactive entertainment provided by **Pen-y-Fai Folk Dancers**.

News:

A Taste of u3a – Coffee, Cake and Conversation

On **Wednesday 24 June from 1pm to 3pm** you are invited to bring your friends and neighbours to our open afternoon at **Canolfan Gwili**. There will be group co-ordinators available to talk about what we have to offer as a community organisation and free refreshments, thanks to a grant from Pontarddulais Town Council. All welcome, please bring your friends!

Picton Castle Gardens

10.00 am meet at Bont Library. Pat will take names at the monthly meeting.

Admission £12.50, 10% discount for groups of over 10 people. Castle tours available after 2pm for those that want to go around (additional cost).

[Picton Castle & Gardens | Pembrokeshire's Beautiful Attraction](#)

Put your satnavs to SA62 4AS and follow the brown tourist signs to Picton Castle & Gardens that are located on the A40, approx 3 miles East of Haverfordwest.

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Llanmadoc and Cheriton Open Gardens (various charities)

Llanmadoc, Gower, Swansea

Sunday 28th June 2026, 12.00noon to 5.00pm

Plant sales

There will be plants for sale.

Cost

£6.00 gives entry to all gardens.

How to get tickets / programmes

Buy tickets at the car park (cash or card), or from participating gardens (cash only).



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 (*).