

## NEWPORT U3a NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2025

April gets you out of your head and into your body - we've certainly done that!

### CHOCs AWAY

A coachful of our members went on a day trip arranged by the History Group to Aerospace Bristol, home to the assembly line for the British built Concorde. Situated in a WWI hangar, we journeyed through 100 years of aviation history, exploring the vital role of aircraft during the global conflicts of the two World Wars, through the drama of the Space Race and on to the latest technological advances of today's aerospace industry. We discovered how a small, pioneering company manufactured some of the earliest aeroplanes at Filton which evolved over the decades to influence the course of aviation history.



There were hundreds of exhibits to see from small model aircrafts to helicopters, rockets and missiles. The stunning centrepiece of our visit was the guided tour of Concorde Alfa Foxtrot, the last of the iconic supersonic passenger jets to be built and the last to fly. We watched three projection shows displayed onto its fuselage telling its remarkable history before finally stepping onboard to see the stylish interior.

### LOCAL INTER-U3a QUIZ

Seven of our members took part in the above hosted by Porthcawl u3a. Nine other u3as attended and although we didn't win any prizes, we didn't disgrace ourselves, and managed to finish in 4th place. Caroline Williams, Barbara Phillips, Lyn Street, Rita Horton, Maureen Canellas, Julia Wilson and Ian Richardson shared cars and met at Pyle Garden Centre for an excellent lunch and all agreed they had a marvellous day out.



## CHRISTCHURCH CONCERT

Almost 60 members of our Choir had an enjoyable social morning at the Christchurch Centre, Malpas, before performing at the monthly meeting of their community group Legacy; an audience that for once outnumbered the Choir! The huge room doesn't have the best acoustics, but the balance between all four parts was excellent. Steve Bissex-Williams' touching solo *Roses of Picardy*



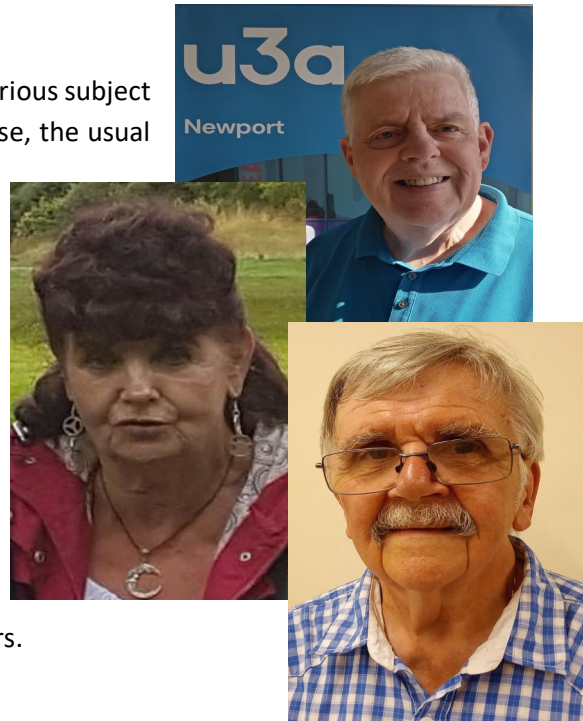
was very impressive. We received a rousing applause and many very enthusiastic compliments from members of the congregation.

## BIANNUAL QUIZ

50 of our members formed 9 teams representing our various subject groups at our recent Summer Quiz. There was, of course, the usual friendly banter and competitive rivalry that created a fun afternoon. Our host Pam Cocchiara compiled some interesting and humorous questions from a good variety of subjects and pitched them just right for us 'Third Agers,' with just enough snorters to sort out the wheat from the chaff!

The scores were close and the winners were; Third - Skittles, Second - Portia's Pets, First - In The Nick Of Time which was comprised of just 3 late entrants (Tony Jones, Margaret Henney and Derek Nash).

Drinks were served in the Cafe by our band of volunteers.



Contact Angela at [publicity.newportu3a@gmail.com](mailto:publicity.newportu3a@gmail.com) if you have any news about your group to be included in a future Newsletter.

