

NEWPORT U3a NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2025

The magic of December lies in its ability to bring people together.

CRAFT FAYRE

Members of our Craft Group were busy producing a variety of items to sell at their Annual Christmas Fayre. There was an array of textiles, jewellery, festive ornaments and cards which made unique purchases for many of our members who attended. There was also a display of tiny hats, mittens and blankets that they make for the local Premature Baby Unit.



EXTRA-CURRICULA FESTIVITIES

Our **Walking Groups** held an American Supper with entertainment and a disco; a Fish & Chip Walk; and a Mince Pie Walk. The **Skittles Group** celebrated with a half-time buffet. The **Theatre Group** attended 3 Christmas productions at the Dolman Theatre and the *Rapunzel Pantomime* at the Riverfront. The **Classical Music Appreciation** and **Listening to Music Groups** enjoyed selections of seasonal music. The **Play Reading Group** read through some festive short plays. The monthly **Quickie Quiz** and the **Cryptic Crossword Group** included many seasonally related clues, whilst the **Reminiscences Group** remembered Christmas past, and the **Spanish Group** learnt about Christmas traditions. The **Art Group** went for a meal at Drago Lounge whilst the **Sunday Luncheon Group** had a Christmas meal at



the Parc Golf Club. All this culminated in a **Christmas Party** for our members at the Glebelands

Bowls Club with dancing to a DJ, games and a visit from Santa Claus.

U3a CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Over 100 members attended our Christmas Carol Concert which was attended by The Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Newport, Councillor Kate Thomas and Peter Heathcote from the Gwent Cardiac Rehabilitation Trust Fund. Our Choir sang 5 carols in 4-part harmony and the French and Welsh groups sang



hearted seasonal songs. Refreshments were served in the interval by our Cafe volunteers.

WARM WALES

A trained energy advisor will be visiting us at 11:00-14:00 on 8th January in our Cafe to give help, advice and maybe access to grants to ensure that we have warm and safe homes.



one each in their languages.

Margaret Baker, Gwyn Havard and Julie Kennedy read the Lessons and Ian Lumley, of the Creative Writing group, recited his own poem entitled *Christmas Time*. These were interspersed with congregational singing and light-

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Contact Angela at publicity.newportu3a@gmail.com if you have any news about your group or photographs to be included in a future Newsletter.

