

## NEWPORT U3a NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2026

February is like a friend who shows up uninvited - but with treats!

### CHOIR CONCERT

More than 40 members of our Choir gave a performance to The Rogerstone Roses Women's Institute. We were asked to sing some songs from the musicals and we didn't disappoint - items included Memory, You'll Never Walk Alone, The Rose, and Les Miserables. In addition Yvonne Challingsworth & Diane Pring



and Ian Lumley & Steve Bissex-Williams sang duets, plus a solo from Steve. Carol Brown, Julie Davies and Stephen Berry shared the conducting and piano accompaniment. The venue had superb acoustics and a very appreciative audience. As expected from the W.I. the spread that was laid on for us was tremendous and nobody needed to go home and make supper!

The Choir sings an eclectic range of tunes in four-part harmony and is available to perform at social and charitable events.

### WHAT WE WERE DOING . . .

The Choir had an official photograph taken 10 years ago. It has doubled in numbers since then. Can you spot those who are still members now? There are at last ten.



## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR COMMITTEE

Many face retirement with concerns about losing colleagues, routine and a sense of purpose - our u3a can fulfil all these criteria by utilising members' skills and expertise.

Angela Robins has been a committee member for 9 years mostly as the Publicity Officer. I have learnt new skills whilst producing publicity brochures and leaflets detailing our subject groups and the organisation. I help to man a promotional stand at various events where I distribute them to prospective new members and partners from community agencies. Also I give talks to organisations about the history of the u3a movement and Newport u3a in particular.

I especially enjoy liaising with all our groups; I find myself dipping into a wealth of diverse subjects and their varied extra curricular activities. You are my source of inspiration and there's never a shortage of articles to send to local newspapers and community magazines. Recently I've reported on a First Aid Course for our members, the Cryptic Crossword Group's own puzzle published in the U3a Matters Magazine, our Line Dancers helping Maindee Brownies and Girl Guides achieve their dancing badges, and a Choir member arranging tours of St Woolos Cathedral for the History Group. You can read all this and more in my monthly Newsletters which I hope keeps you all informed and as integrated as I feel.

If you see me snapping photos please don't look away, give me a smile, it creates a much more friendly image.

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