

Local Beacon for March issue

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As well as morning talks, Brecon U3A has interesting Special Interest Groups. One is the popular Gardening group; with a range of aspects of horticultural topics whose talks highlight individual plants or families of plants but also the story of historic gardens, gardeners, and landscapers. These talks are illustrated by photographs and images of paintings of gardens or plants. A large number of artists were keen gardeners. This isn't surprising as gardening is an art form.

One session in March answered gardening Q&As, covering the need for cold to prep seeds for growing, the value of beetroot for health, a new garden which was described as a 'blank canvas'. Ideas flowed.

The membership also enjoy visiting gardens. There is a planned talk on 'The Crawshays of Cyfartha Garden' followed by a visit to the Garden with the Guest Speaker. A visit is being planned at Aberglasney Gardens in its 25th Anniversary Year; options for participating members include a guided tour with the Head Gardener. Other visits are being considered. The planters at Theatr Brycheiniog last summer were planted and cared for by members of the Gardening SIG; This Spring visitors will enjoy a variety of bulbs, our aim is to seek sustainable enjoyment for visitors to the Canal Basin.

Brecon u3a is open to anyone who is not in full time employment. You can attend for three sessions without joining. The cost would be £2 per session, to cover Theatr Brycheiniog's lovely canal-side facilities. If you would like to join, membership is £35 for the year. For more information visit Brecon.u3asite.uk