



Garth Olwg U3A

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AUGUST, 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

1. WELCOME

At the risk of sounding boring, PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE DOOR for our General Meetings. This is important for two reasons – (1) we'll need to do a roll call should there be any reason to evacuate the building and (2) you are only covered by u3a insurance if you are shown to be present.

This bulletin contains some information about our future events and Interest Groups.

2. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) **Murder Mystery Evening** : As previously indicated, this will take place on Friday, 21st November. This was a very successful event last year The cost will be £30 and this includes a hot buffet and performance by professional actors. Numbers are strictly limited to 80 people. We will require a £20 deposit at our General Meeting on 17th September with the balance to be paid at the latest, by our General Meeting on 15th October. Tickets will be issued at that meeting.

In the first instance, the event will be open for **MEMBERS ONLY**. Thereafter, it will be **MEMBERS & PARTNERS** and further after, **NON-MEMBERS**.

b) **A Day at The Races** : We are investigating a trip to Hereford Races on 25th November. Such a location will enable non race-goers to go on a shopping expedition in Hereford. Early bird entry tickets to the races are £15pp. Add the cost of the coach at £20pp. so shoppers only will have to pay only the coach cost. We'll be looking for names at our General Meeting on 20th August to gauge the viability of this trip.

c) **Christmas Lunch Function** : We have booked "The Bear" in Cowbridge for our Christmas Lunch this year. This will be on **Wednesday, 10th December**. The cost of the meal plus tea \ coffee will be £39pp. Coach transport is also being investigated and this will be approximately a further £10pp. The hotel requires a deposit by 26th August and so **a £20pp deposit must be paid at the general Meeting on 20th August**. The final payment at the General Meeting on 19th November.

You will be able to sign up **separately** for **Coach transport**.

3 SUGGESTIONS

- a). At events that we cannot fill within our membership, we offer the vacancies to members of neighbouring u3a Branches. (*This would help us, for example, to fill coaches on our trips thus possibly decreasing the cost*).
- b) A trip to the Railway Garden centre at Three Cocks in Herefordshire. (*This will have to be for next Summer*).

4. GENERAL NOTICES CONCERNING OUR MEETINGS

- a) **Our Monthly Raffle** : Each strip of tickets is only £1 so please pay up !! All proceeds are ploughed back into our funds to offset future costs, However, try to use the correct money as Clare has a problem with £50 notes !!
- b) Several of our members have **NOT SIGNED** their membership form. This will be indicated on the “signing in” form at our next General Meeting. If your name is highlighted, then please see me – simply to sign off your form.
- c) If you have not already done so, **PLEASE COLLECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS WHEN YOU SIGN IN.**
- d) Non-Renewed past members and visitors must sign the “VISTORS” form as per usual.

5. INTEREST GROUPS

Should you have an interest in forming a new Interest Group then please contact our new **Interest Groups Co-ordinator – Barbara Brown on 07734 384234 or barbarabrown0550@gmail.com**

Cinema Group : We cannot guarantee that this group will meet every month as it depends on what film is on show. When it does happen, it’s usually of very short notice and the only way that we can inform members is by a last minute eMail. However, **The Group should meet at 1-45pm on Thursday, 4th September** at the Showcase Cinema to see “The Rose”.

Theatre Group -- The next theatre show will be at the New Theatre and the production will be “Fiddler on the Roof”. This is for the November 20th Matinee performance 2.30pm. The Circle seats are priced at £61.

The last date for payment to the theatre is the 15th September and so **full payment must be made at our General Meeting on 20th August** or let Jacqui know.

Contact : Jacqui on 01443 205004 or 07399719235 or eMail to j.bunnage@talktalk.net

Wednesday, 13th August - Lunch Club: meeting at 12.30pm at the Dynevor Arms, Groes Faen.

At our General Meeting on 17th May 2023, an announcement was made whereby the last opportunity for booking a lunch club lunch will be the Sunday evening following the relevant General Meeting.

Contact : Elaine Williams on williams.me.49@gmail.com

Friday 8th August – Gardening Club – The next gardening group will be held in the Spring of next year if there is an increase in numbers.

Contact : Jacqui on 01443 205004 or 07399719235 or eMail to j.bunnage@talktalk.net

Tuesday 19th August – Games Group

Calling all you board games enthusiasts – Why not join our Games Group and enjoy a couple of hours playing Rummicub and other games. which combine strategy and luck. The Group will meet in Room 19 in Garth Olwg LLC from 13.30 to 15H30. **NOTE THE NEW VENUE**

Contact : Elaine Williams on williams.me.49@gmail.com

Wednesday 20th August – General Meeting – The venue is now permanently in the Theatre at Garth Olwg at 2pm.

The speaker this month is **Robert Evans** who will be giving a presentation on the work of the Welsh Air Ambulance Service – much in the news this week. This is an all-Wales charity providing clinical care around the clock to those suffering a limb or life threatening event.

Thursday, 21st August – Poetry Appreciation Group – If you enjoy poetry, come along to the next meeting at Garth Olwg. We are a small, friendly group who enjoys sharing poems on an agreed theme. This month’s theme is “Wales”.

Contact : Barbara Brown on 01443 201535

Thursday, 28th August – **The Art & Architecture Group** – meeting at 2 pm in Tabernacle Chapel in Efail Isaf.

As announced last month, there will be **no meeting this month** – annual break.

Contact : Beryl Keating on 01443 222637 or 07804834344

Monday, 1st September – **Trustees Meeting** at the Old Parish Hall at 11am.

Tuesday 2nd September – **Enjoying Science Group -- Visit to a Renewable Energy Centre near Bridgend.**

We will be travelling by minibus to the renewable energy centre, Cenin. We will meet at 12.50pm. at the Hollybush pub on the main road, Church Village with a view to driving away at 1pm. The centre has warned us that it is a windy site and so advise people to bring warm clothing. The centre will be showing us a variety of types of renewable energy. There will be some walking on a mixture of mix of flat and rough ground, so please bring appropriate footwear.

THERE ARE NOW NO VACANCIES IN THIS GROUP

Contact John at : John Sayle on 07766 714669

Wednesday 3rd September - Book Club - meeting at 11H00 but as room venues change monthly, please check with Clare first.

The Trustees would like to record its grateful thanks to Joan West for running this successful Interest Group for the last 8 years. Joan has stepped down and Clare Thomas has taken the reins. We extend our thanks to Clare for doing so.

This month's book for discussion is "**The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue**" by V E Schwab .*When Addie La Rue makes a pact with the devil, she trades her soul for immortality. But there's always a price*

Contact : Clare Thomas on 07833 647383 or thomasnj53@aol.com

Wednesday, 10th September - Lunch Club: meeting at 12.30pm at the Miskin Arms, Hensol Road, Pontyclun.

At our General Meeting on 17th May 2023, an announcement was made whereby the last opportunity for booking a lunch club lunch will be the Sunday evening following the relevant General Meeting.

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6. And, FINALLY

Please look at our **NEW** branch website - very ably run by our own Jayne Harte. You can find this at <https://gartholwg.u3asite.uk>. This site is updated and contains information on our local history, our various Interest Groups, the various trips that we've been on as well as your photographs and links to other u3a information – well worth a look. Additionally, we've included all our Policies on the site as well as our Job Descriptions.

Bob Davies

(Business & Communications Secretary and Membership Secretary)

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- A lady inserted an ad in the classifieds: "Husband Wanted". Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

- When you've seen one shopping Centre, you've seen a mall.

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened." - *Mark Twain*