



# Garth Olwg U3A

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## SEPTEMBER, 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, 21<sup>st</sup> November. This was a very successful event last year The cost is £30 and this includes a hot buffet and performance by professional actors. Numbers are strictly limited to 80 people. As previously mentioned, ticket sales were to Members only. Those tickets will, by then, have been available for two months. The cut off point for this is at the **close of the General Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September**. At the meeting close, tickets will be offered to the “Plus Ones” of the members. Deposits (£20pp) for these must then be paid. This will continue until the **close of the October 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting**. At the close of that meeting, any tickets remaining will be offered to the general public and the **full price FOR EVERYONE must then be paid**. Tickets will be issued at that meeting and receipt thereof will be by your signature.
- b) **A Day at The Races** : We are in the midst of arranging the trip to Hereford Races on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 £27pp. so shoppers only will have to pay only the coach cost. The cost (Early Bird entry plus coach) is £42 We'll be looking for deposits of £20 at our General Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September with the final payment at our General Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October.
- c) **Christmas Lunch Function** : We have booked “**The Bear**” in Cowbridge for our Christmas Lunch this year. This will be on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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. A **£20pp deposit can be paid at the General Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September**. The final payment at the General Meeting on Final payment for this must be made at our General Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 19<sup>th</sup> November.

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

### 3 SUGGESTIONS

There were no suggestions this month

### 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.
- e) **The Wales Air Ambulance** talk last month at the August General Meeting was very generously supported by our members when £287 was donated to the cause. We have received a letter of thanks from the organisation.

### 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](mailto: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, 4<sup>th</sup> September** at the Showcase Cinema to see “The Rose”.

**Theatre Group** – As and when a suitable show is available  
**Contact** : Jacqui on 01443 205004 or 07399719235 or eMail to [j.bunnage@talktalk.net](mailto:j.bunnage@talktalk.net)

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

**At our General Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:williams.me.49@gmail.com)

**Friday– 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](mailto:j.bunnage@talktalk.net)

#### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:williams.me.49@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – General Meeting** – The venue is now permanently in the Theatre at Garth Olwg at 2pm.

The speaker this month is **Peter** will be giving a presentation on

***“RailFuture Wales – on track for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”***

This will be important information about on-going plans to develop the railway services of Wales and the Borders.

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September – 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 "School Days".  
**Contact :** Barbara Brown on 01443 201535

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September – The Art & Architecture Group** – meeting at 2 pm in Tabernacle Chapel in Efail Isaf.  
We'll be watching a DVD called Stories From Tate Britain, which explores the history of the gallery through works by iconic artists such as WMW Turner, William Blake and David Hockney.  
**Contact :** Beryl Keating on 01443 222637 or 07804834344

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Book Club** - meeting at 11H00 but as room venues change monthly, please check with Clare first.  
This month's book for discussion is "**The Girl Behind The Wall**" by Mandy Robotham "*When the Berlin Wall goes up, Karin is on the wrong side of the city. Overnight, she's trapped under Soviet rule in unforgiving East Berlin and separated from her twin sister, Jutta*".  
**Contact :** Clare Thomas on 07833 647383 or thomasnj53@aol.com

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October – Trustees Meeting** at the Old Parish Hall at 11 am.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Enjoying Science Group** -- We will return to Chris Packham's DVD on planet Earth, looking at the creation of Earth's atmosphere as we know it today. This unique mixture of gases sustains the rich diversity of life that we see all around us.  
**THERE ARE NOW NO VACANCIES IN THIS GROUP**  
Contact John at : John Sayle on 07766 714669

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October - Lunch Club:** meeting at 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm at the PennyFarthing in Southgate, Llantrisant  
**At our General Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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**

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The minister decides to do something different at his next service. "I will say a word, and then you sing a hymn that word brings to mind. He shouts "Cross" – the hymn The Old Rugged Cross. Next "Grace" – hymn Amazing Grace is sung with such passion! Then he shouts Sex – the congregation falls silent. Suddenly the 87 year old grandmother stands up and starts singing "MEMORIES ...!"

"I'm so old that my blood type is discontinued." - Bill Dana