



# Garth Olwg U3A

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## OCTOBER, 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** : This will take place on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> November. The cost is £30 and this includes a hot buffet and performance by professional actors. Numbers are strictly limited to 80 people. At the **close of the October 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting**, any tickets remaining will be offered to the general public and the **full price FOR EVERYONE must then be paid or your deposit forfeited**. Tickets will be issued at that meeting and receipt thereof will be by your signature. Note that this is a "Themed" event and, if you wish, you could dress in an Edwardian \ 1920's fashion.
- b) **A Day at The Races** : The trip to Hereford Races is 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. The final payment for this is 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. **The final payment for this must be made at our General Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October otherwise you may forfeit your deposit.**

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) Similarly, **several people have NOT COMPLETED A MEMBERSHIP FORM**. Please do so ASAP
- d) If you have not already done so, **PLEASE COLLECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS WHEN YOU SIGN IN**.
- e) 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](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.

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

The speaker this month is the ever popular **Phil Davies**. Phil presentation is “**Diverse Divas**”. Phil has been our Speaker on a number of occasions and we’ve always enjoyed his talks.

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October – 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 “Transport”.

**Contact** : Barbara Brown on 01443 201535

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 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)

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October – The Art & Architecture Group** – meeting at 2 pm in Tabernacle Chapel in Efail Isaf.

The subject will be Mary Cassatt, an American artist who spent much of her adult life in France. She was friendly with some of the Impressionists and painted scenes of domestic life, especially of women and children.

**Contact** : Beryl Keating on 01443 222637 or 07804834344

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Trustees Meeting** at the Old Parish Hall at 11am.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Enjoying Science Group** -- At this meeting we will move onto the final episode of Chris Packham's series on the development of planet Earth. This episode deals with the period following the extinction of the dinosaurs. Mammals diversify leading to the evolution of the early humans and eventually to our own species, Homo Sapiens.

**THERE ARE NOW NO VACANCIES IN THIS GROUP**

Contact John at : John Sayle on 07766 714669

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Book Club** - meeting at 11H00 but as room venues change monthly, please check with Clare first.

This month's book for discussion is "*Yellowface*" by Rebecca F Kuang

*Athena Liu is a literary darling. Juniper Hayward is literally nobody. When Athena dies in a freak accident, Juniper steals her unpublished manuscript and publishes it as her own.*

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

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November - Lunch Club:**

**THERE IS NO LUNCH CLUB THIS MONTH**

Instead, Elaine will be taking names and deposits (£10pp) for the lunch on January 14<sup>th</sup> at "Alfred's" in Pontypridd.

**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

**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

## **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.u3a.site.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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## **POINTLESS**

Five of the seven worst answers ever given to Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman on the quiz show "Pointless" :\_

- Q - Which William was the playwright who wrote Hamlet? A - William Tell
- Q - Assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas? A – JR
- Q - Name a country that ends with two consonants. A – Paris.
- Q - Name a US state with a coastline. A – Mexico.
- Q - Name a country ending with a vowel. A – Angora

As a senior citizen was driving down the motorway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, " Vernon , I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on M25. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Vernon , "It's not just one car.. It's hundreds of them!"

**OLD AGE ... IS** when you buy yourself a **SEXY** see through nightie – and then you cannot find anybody your age – that can still see through it!!

There is always an easy solution to every human problem—neat, plausible, and wrong.  
*H. L. Mencken*