



Garth Olwg U3A

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Registered Charity No. 1206759

NOVEMBER, 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, 21st November. You should have received your tickets by now and please note that doors open at 6.30pm. 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 25th November. **The coach will leave the Hollybush Inn, Church Village at 10H30.**
- c) **Christmas Lunch Function** : We have booked “**The Bear**” in Cowbridge for our Christmas Lunch this year. This will be on **Wednesday, 10th December**. For those who have booked \ paid for transport, **the coach will leave the Hollybush Inn, Church Village at 1pm** and leave from The Bear at 5pm. These times have been mandated on us by the coach company who have “school run” commitments for earlier times.

3. SUGGESTIONS

We have received three suggestions this month. These are :

- a) A trip to the Hay Festival (Spring Bank Holiday time)
- b) A trip to Cegin Gareth \ Gareth’s Kitchen in Lampeter
- c) A trip to the Police Museum in Bridgend.

For each of these, a “show of hands” will be requested at our November General Meeting to gauge the interest of each.

All suggestions currently on our list will be discussed regarding the viability of each at a Trustees meeting in the New Year.

4. GENERAL NOTICES CONCERNING OUR MEETINGS

- a) **Our Monthly Raffle** : Each strip of tickets is only £1 so please pay up !!

- 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**

Cinema Group : We intend to visit the Showcase Cinema, Nantgarw – Treforest Industrial Estate on **Thursday, 13th November**. The film is “The Choral” and we will meet in in the Foyer at 1pm.

Contact : Barbara Brown on 01443 201535

Theatre Group – As and when a suitable show is available

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

Wednesday, 11th November - Lunch Club:

THERE IS NO LUNCH CLUB THIS MONTH

Instead, Elaine will be taking names and deposits (£10pp) for the lunch on January 14th at “Alfred’s” in Pontypridd.

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

Tuesday 18th November – 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 19th November – General Meeting – The venue is now permanently in the Theatre at Garth Olwg at 2pm.

The speaker this month is Simon Osborne whose talk is entitled “A Christmas Carol”. Simon will tell the story of why Dickens felt compelled to write ”A Christmas Carol” in 1834 and how it has influenced the way we look at Christmas ever since.

Thursday, 20th November – 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 “Welsh Women Poets”.

Contact : Barbara Brown on 01443 201535

Monday 24th November– Trustees Meeting at the Old Parish Hall at 11am.

Thursday, 27th November – The **Art & Architecture Group** – meeting at 2 pm in Tabernacle Chapel in Efail Isaf.

The subject will be eminent Victorian architects, including Alfred Waterhouse, whose most famous building is the Natural History Museum in London, and Edwin Lutyens, who

designed many country houses and public buildings, including Lindisfarne Castle and the Cenotaph in Whitehall. We will be watching a DVD of the BBC series from the 1970s presented by John Betjeman.

Contact : Beryl Keating on 01443 222637 or 07804834344

Tuesday 2nd December – Enjoying Science Group -- this meeting will take the form of a Christmas Quiz and “refreshments” Normal service will resume in the New Year !

THERE ARE NOW NO VACANCIES IN THIS GROUP

Contact John at : John Sayle on 07766 714669

Wednesday 3rd December - Book Club – NO MEETING THIS MONTH AS THERE WILL BE A CHRISTMAS LUNCH INSTEAD.

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

Wednesday, 10th December - Lunch Club:

CHRISTMAS LUNCH. The coach will leave the Hollybush Inn, Church Village at 1pm and returning from The Bear at 5pm

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.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.

Bob Davies

(Business & Communications Secretary and Membership Secretary)

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Good Old Lsd – The money – not the Beatles favourite snort !!

We all (well, most all) remember the “old” money – Pounds, Shillings & Pence – Lsd – but do you know why it was “Lsd”?

The answer lies in Roman times. “Libra” was the Latin name for a pound (the weight - as they didn't use £1 notes !!). So our one pound sign is an elaborate version of the letter “L”. The “s” stands for “solidus”. A “Denarius” was the Roman penny – hence the abbreviation “d” that was used. In the 13 – 15th Centuries, the common currency was the silver penny and 240 of these were made from one pound (weight) of “pure” silver (unless they were “clipped” by fraudsters) and hence the unusual number of our old pennies in the pound.

- A prospective husband in a book store: “Do you have a book called, “Husband -- The Master of the House”?”
Sales Girl: “Sir, Fiction and Comics are on the 1st floor!”
- Someone asked an old man: “Even after 70 years, you still call your wife "Darling, Honey, Love." What's the secret?”
Old man: “I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask her!”

I hold one share in the corporate earth and am uneasy about the management.

E.B. White, writer (11 Jul 1899-1985)